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# CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

157 Years of Consecrated Service to God, Torah & Israel

A Congregation Affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

## HAVDALAH "Have Fun" Night!

Games • Dinner • Fun

After a meaningful Havdalah service,  
join us for an evening of fun, games,  
great food & drinks

Saturday evening, February 24, 2024  
at 6:45 pm

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? Canasta?  
Trivia? Poker? Bingo? Maj?  
You'll find that and lots more.  
Bring your friends & family!

**\$15 per adult for this  
FUN Evening!**

*Please RSVP to the office  
or [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org)  
by February 16, 2024.*

**OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF  
ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS**



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## What's In Store for 2024

This article is based on a drash/sermon I delivered on December 30th, the last Shabbat of 2023. This alliterative title is from a statement made by Jacob to his children in the last Torah Portion of Genesis, Parshat Vayechi 49:1. Jacob, sensing he is about to die, tells his children, *"hei'asfu v'agida lachem – gather around and I will tell you what will happen with you in the future"*

In the face of prognostications of gloom, I offered our congregation this strongly positive outlook. My Hebrew name Yitzchak literally means *'to smile, to be happy and optimistic'*. In Judaism we say *'kishemo ken hu – like your name so you are.'* The Torah portion begins *"Vayechi Yaakov – Jacob lived..."* despite Jacob's demise soon after. Similarly, in the Torah portion Chayey Sara, meaning *'The Life of Sarah'*, in the second sentence we read of Sarah's demise. (Genesis 23).

From these we learn that Jacob and Sarah are alive and well. We are all their descendants. They live on through us, the Jewish People who follow their righteous ways. Jacob, after all, is called Israel. We all are the People of Israel. Not just the country, nor the land. All of us!

Despite Israel's problems, which have exacerbated anti-Semitism throughout the world, let us bear in mind that we are the generations that, after almost two thousand years, have witnessed in our own lifetimes the miraculous resurrection of Israel. After seventy-five years Israel, though threatened, is a free and independent, thriving Jewish democracy. It is no coincidence that our tradition calls it *'resheet tsemichat ge'ulateinu – the first dawning of our redemption.'* Israel will overcome her present crisis and re-emerge stronger, once again to be the proud beacon of our People. She has one of the strongest defense forces in the world, is one of the world's most technologically advanced countries, and her population will soon surpass ten million. Is Israel perfect? Who is? Is America a perfect democracy? Just look around you.

As we completed the reading cycle of Genesis, we should bear in mind that this great Book of Judaism introduced Monotheism to the world through a God Who demands *tsedaka/righteousness* of humanity. This is demonstrated by God's choice of Noah, described in the Torah as *'ish tsaddik' – a righteous man*, around whom to rebuild a world which has succumbed to evil. This is the God Who exacts an accounting of Cain over his brother Abel's blood, Who similarly demands a reckoning of Sodom and Gommorah, and Pharaoh and all perpetrators of evil.

But, Genesis is also the Book which describes our Covenant with God as eternal, and Israel the land, the country as our Jewish eternal possession. In the Prophetic Haftorah of Vayechi, the elderly King David imparts his ethical will to his son Solomon who becomes King, urging him, *'v'chazakta v'hayita l'ish... v'shamarta et mishmeret Hashem Elokecha – Be strong and be a man...and keep the Torah of the Lord your God...!'* (1 Kings 2:2-3) Similarly, in the Torah portion Jacob blesses Joseph, saying, *'v'haya Elokim imachem – may God be with you.'* And Jacob blesses Judah, saying, *'uch'lavee mee yekimenu... lo yasur shevet mi'yehudah – (Judah is) like a lion, who dares rise against him...from whom the scepter shall never depart.'*

We concluded the Book of Genesis by rising and exclaiming out loud, *'chazak chazak v'nitchazek – be strong, be strong and let us strengthen each other.'* I pray all these predictions come true for 2024.

**Am Yisrael Chai!**

**Hazzan Ivor Lichterman**



## Considering the Future

With rumors of Hazzan Lichterman's retirement starting to circulate, I am forced to discuss our clergy plans earlier than planned. Ivor has been with Congregation B'nai Israel for nearly 13 years. We have been without a Rabbi for the past 11 years during which our beloved Hazzan has filled both roles with grace and style. It's also a lot of work. With Ivor celebrating his 70th birthday last year, the time has come to consider the future.

In consultation with the board, past presidents, many congregants, and Cantor Lichterman, we have decided to begin a search for a rabbi. This will be a long and careful process taking well over a year. The composition of the search committee is not yet final and will be the subject of future announcements. It is also likely to change over time if we need to enlarge the group or replace members who bow out due to life changes and other obligations. Their first task will be completion of an in-depth congregational questionnaire. The questionnaire serves two purposes: to help us understand our needs and priorities for a new rabbi, and then to help prospective candidates consider how well their experience and interests match the needs of our community. This is the first of several points in the search process where honest input from the congregation is essential.

Starting our search now puts us on track for bringing on a new Rabbi in mid-2025, but it may take longer to find a truly suitable candidate. Ivor is fully on board and has offered to stay on as long as needed in whatever capacity is needed to assure a smooth transition. So yes, Hazzan Lichterman is retiring ... eventually. But we will continue to enjoy his voice and spiritual leadership for some time to come.

Mike Tamor, CBI President

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## Larry Johnson Retires from CBI

*by Bruce Post*



Approximately 12 years ago, B'nai Israel reached out to Toledo Building Services due to the challenges of maintenance, upkeep and cleanliness of our facilities. Larry Johnson was the man recommended and we were so lucky for his years of service.

Larry had a presence at B'nai. His work ethic, how he handled himself, his respect for our religion and culture spoke directly to his character. Clergy, office managers, staff, and the congregation were well aware of his importance, his competence, and his dedication.

Thanks to Larry, we had a clean, well-functioning kitchen and restrooms, an awesome Sukkah, and beautiful grounds.

For any event at B'nai Israel, Larry always knew the correct arrangement and number of tables and chairs needed, which was not an easy physical task.

Larry Johnson was an asset to B'nai Israel and is greatly missed. Thank you for everything, Larry. May you enjoy your retirement, and continue to live and be well.

## Support organizations that support Israel

If you would like to make a donation, the following are links to vetted/trusted organizations:

**The Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo**

<https://www.jewishtoledo.org/>

**American Friends of Magen David Adom**

*Supports EMT's, paramedics, and first responders*

<https://afmda.org/>

**Friends of the IDF** <https://www.fidf.org/>

**Israel Bonds** <https://online.israelbonds.com/>

**Additional resources can be found at the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism website:**

[USCJ.org](https://www.uscj.org/)

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## 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 that is not possible, please find our gabbai, Jack Katz, at services on Saturday morning.



## February Special Birthdays



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

Bonnie Ross	February 7
Sarna Dorf	February 10
Deborah Orloff	February 11
Jim Wilson	February 23
Tobi Kipling	February 27

## February Special Anniversaries

Susan & Norton Kale	February 2	40 Years
Ruth & Frederic Mahler	February 2	50 Years

*Special Birthdays & Anniversaries reflect the '0' or '5' year of the occasion.*

## Todah Rabah

### HANUKKAH CELEBRATION VOLUNTEERS

Emmie Brody	Kim Brody	Hope Davis
Greg Davis	Angie Katz	Jack Katz
Beverly Koslen	Fran Weinblatt	

## Condolences

### OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY MOURNS THE LOSS OF

#### RABBI HAZZAN ISRAEL BARZAK

Husband of Rhoda and father of Tsafira (Tsafi). Rabbi Hazzan Barzak was preceded in death by son Zev, A"H.

#### ELIZABETH (BETTY) LEIZERMAN

Wife of E.J., mother of Joshua (Megan) Leizerman, Jessica Leizerman, grandmother of Sam, Noah, and Caleb.

#### MIRIAM WETZLER

Mother of Michelle (David) Bader, wife of Cantor Bruce Wetzler z"l, and grandmother of Kyle and Alexa Bader.

#### SHIRLEY FRANCES DRUBE

Mother of Philip (Kaela) Drube, Cynthia (Bernard) Bujakowski, and Janice (Barry) Drube, grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

#### HOWARD ROSENBAUM

Husband of Karen z"l, mother of Steven (Mamatha) Rosenbaum, and Lisa (Mark) Soverinsky, sister of Natalie Julius, and five grandchildren.

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

A Very Special "Todah Rabah" to

**SUE WILSON**

For her very generous donation to Congregation B'nai Israel.  
Such donations ensure the financial stability of CBI.

## Mazal Tov to...

- Naomi & Sol Zyndorf have been blessed with four new grandchildren!



*Granddaughter Abigail Sylvia Nouri. Proud parents are Jaqueline & Bobby Nouri.*



*Granddaughter Riley Chava Zyndorf. Proud parents are Daniel & Chelsea Zyndorf.*



*Grandsons Maxwell Hudson Steinhauer and Wesley Graham Steinhauer. Proud parents are Marissa & Justin Steinhauer.*

- Shelley & Tom Helberg on the marriage of their daughter Taylor to Jason Krawetz.
- Sharon & Bobby Kripke on the birth of grandson Jordan Nathan Kripke. Proud parents are Abby & Brad Kripke.
- Debbie Katz & Jon Liebenthal and Lisa & Neal Intrater on the engagement of their daughter Rachel Intrater to Mike Rinker.
- Robin Isenberg on being named Vice President of Operations at The Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.

## Todah Rabah & Special Thanks

- On November 20, 2023, volunteers John Zabowski and Chris Link of the Oak Openings chapter of Wild Ones brought tools and herbicide to help clean up previously cleared areas and remove additional tall vegetation to improve security along the west side of CBI property. Wild Ones is a national organization that promotes native landscapes through education, advocacy and collaborative action. They were assisted by CBI Sacred Grounds gardeners Deb Perlmutter, Mary Lou Dorf and Helen Michaels. These areas will be seeded and planted with native, short stature plants by the Sacred Grounds Garden group this spring to improve appearance of the area and increase habitat for pollinators.

## Howard Rosenbaum's Special Birthday on Hanukkah

*This article was written shortly before Howard's passing on January 13, 2024. Howard was beloved by CBI members and friends and his presence will be sorely missed. May his memory be a brachah.*

On December 14, 2023, our beloved Howard Rosenbaum, CBI Honorary Board Trustee, Minyan Leader, and Gabbai, celebrated his 90th birthday. Mazal Tov and happy birthday to you, Howard! The photo depicts Howard with Jan Lacker-Lichterman, and Cantor Ivor Lichterman (taking the photo) celebrating the 7th night of Hanukkah on Howard's birthday.

Howard wishes to thank our congregation for their outpouring of good wishes and life-long friendships with CBI members.



## Sisterhood 2.0 Yoga & Dinner

On December 3, 2023, a group of Sisterhood 2.0 Women of CBI experienced a yoga class at Toledo Yoga and dinner at Paddy Jack's. With gentle encouragement, the teacher allowed everyone to participate at their own level resulting in a relaxing and enjoyable class. The next Yoga class & Dinner will be on Sunday, February 4th, at 4:00 PM. Contact Kim Brody at [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org) to RSVP.



## CBI "Knishes" in the Kitchen



On December 4th, Women of CBI and friends joined with Cathy Sperling and Miriam Beckerman in the CBI kitchen for a hands-on tutorial on how to make that heavenly Jewish delicacy, potato knishes! Office "taste-testers" confirmed that the knishes were indeed delicious!

## New Members

**OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

Megan & Joshua Leizerman

## SIMCHA TREE

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



Leaves:  
\$125 Donation

Stones:  
\$1,000 Donation

IN HONOR OF THE 70TH BIRTHDAY OF  
**MIRIAM BECKERMAN**

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Judy Weinberg, Cathy Sperling,  
Sharon Stein, Nancy Goldberg,  
Sandy Traugott

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**MIRIAM BECKERMAN**

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Carol & Bill Richmond, Ellie & Bill Niejadlik,  
Angie & Jack Katz, Rhoda Miller,  
Ellen Federman

## CBI Office HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Monday, February 19, 2024

President's Day

We are sad to announce the passing of

**LORRIE OBERLIN DAUBE**

Her parents, Miriam, z"l and Stanley Oberlin z"l, established a fund at B'nai Israel to insure our building is always handicap accessible. Lorrie was proud to maintain her family's legacy.

## Women of CBI Honor Roll 2023-2024 (as of January 4, 2024)

Anne Bauer	Nancy Goldberg	Rene Levy	Sheila Post	Sharon Stein
Miriam Beckerman	Norma Kalniz	Karen Lieberman	Susan Richards	Shirley
Linda Beren	Jan Kasle	Kathryn Linver	Carol Richman	Tochtermann
Eva Bernblum	Angela Katz	Diana Lipszyc	Nora Romanoff	Sandy Traugott
Elaine Buehl	Roanne Katzman	Gabrielle Mallin	Ann Rosenberg	Patti Tuschman
Nancy Danziger	Susan Kaufman	Barbara McGrew	Bonnie Ross	Andrea Urie
Harriet Davis	Ann Kisin	Rhoda Miller	Cheryl Rothschild	Judy Weinberg
Mary Lou Dorf	Beverly Koslen	Joyce Moran	Rona Rothschild	Fran Weinblatt
Sarna Dorf	Jill Kripke	Linda Moskowitz	Jean Rubin	Ellie Williams
Ellen Federman	Gail Kwait	Sheila Odesky	Rene Rusgo	Sue Wilson
Lori Friedes	Harriet Lacker	Deborah Orloff	Arlene Russell	Jolene Yourist
Luann Garber	Jan Lacker-Lichterman	Diane Perlman	Marlene Russell	Dena Zack
Judith Gersz	Elana Lauber	Debbie Perlmutter	Bobbie Shall	Meira Zucker
Sheryl Gold	Lois Levison	Darlene Portnoy	Sandy Soifer	Kelly Zyndorf



DOCUMENTARY & FILM SERIES AT CBI



Cost is \$5 per movie  
SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

RSVP to Kim Brody at  
kbrody@cbitoledo.org.



WED., FEBRUARY 14, 1:00 PM

### "OY MAMA"

RSVP by Monday, February 12, 2024

Run time: 50 minutes

"Oy Mama" is a touching film that tells the story of 95-year-old Holocaust survivor Fira, who is not only Noa Maiman's grandmother but also the adopted grandmother of 4-year-old Firita. Set in modern-day Israel, this moving documentary explores two entwined storylines that converge in Fira's life. "Oy Mama" is a powerful and emotional journey that highlights the importance of intergenerational relationships, resilience, and the power of human kindness.



WED., FEBRUARY 7, 1:00 PM

### "LOVE IT WAS NOT"

RSVP by Monday, February 5, 2024

Run time: 1 hour, 24 minutes

A superbly documented, creatively executed tale about a taboo romance at Auschwitz between a Jewish prisoner and her SS captor. The pair met again 30 years later ... at his war crimes trial.

*Limited to 30 attendees*



WED., FEBRUARY 28, 1:00 PM

### "REINVENTING ROSALEE"

RSVP by Monday, February 26, 2024

Run time: 1 hour, 20 minutes

Rosalee Glass, a 101-year-old Holocaust survivor, transformed her destiny and lives her dreams. In her late 80's, she began an acting career, won a senior beauty pageant, starred in a Super Bowl commercial, and dared to ride Alaskan sled dogs at the age of 100.





TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

Join us each Friday morning to discuss and learn the weekly Torah portion with Miriam Beckerman & other CBI members

**Friday at 11:00 AM In-Person at CBI**  
**February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024**

**NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**  
**A KNOWLEDGE OF TORAH IS NOT REQUIRED**

**Let's all learn together!**

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

## Sisterhood 2.0 Yoga and Dinner

**Sunday, February 4, 2023**  
**4:00 - 5:00 PM at Toledo Yoga**  
4324 Central Avenue, Toledo

**Dinner will follow at Paddy Jack's**  
6725 Central Ave, Toledo



This is a Sisterhood 2.0 program for Women of CBI, aged 60's or under.

**Cost is \$10 for Yoga**

Each attendee will pay for her own dinner at Paddy Jack's

*RSVP by Monday, February 2nd by contacting Kim Brody at [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org).*

Limited to 18 women



## A Night of Stars!

**Havdalah & a visit to the Planetarium**

**Saturday Evening, February 3, 2024 at 7:00 PM**  
**Lourdes Appold Planetarium**  
6832 Convent Blvd, Sylvania, OH 43560

Get ready to explore the universe and the outer galaxies after Havdalah at the planetarium. We will view the one-hour show, "Compass, Calendar, Clock" with Carl Holas of Lourdes University.

Cost is \$6 for adults,  
\$4 per child aged 12 and under.

Havdalah will begin at 7:00 PM, and the Planetarium show will start at 7:15 PM until 8:15 PM.

**Please RSVP as soon as possible.**

*To RSVP, contact Kim Brody at [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org).*

## Volunteer to Help Hungry Children in Toledo



**Thursday, February 8, 2023**  
**10:30 AM - 12:30 PM**  
**at the Cherry Street Mission Building**  
**1501 Monroe Street**

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

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

**Please RSVP by February 2, 2024.**  
*Please contact Kim Brody at [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org) to add your name to the volunteer list.*



## Women of CBI celebrate

### Rosh Chodesh Adar I

**Join the Women of CBI when we celebrate  
Rosh Chodesh Adar I**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024  
11:00 am in-person at CBI**

**We will hear a presentation from Jason Kucsma, Director of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, who will speak about intellectual freedom and the challenges facing libraries today.**

**A delicious lunch will be served.**

The Tikkun Olam for this program will benefit "Austin's Book Club," a local nonprofit organization dedicated to providing parents and children at the Toledo Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit with new children's books for parents to read to their child and take home with them.

Austin's Book Club has provided us with a list of books that you may purchase for the Tikkun Olam project. We will send you the list after you register for the program.

Please contact Sharon Stein at (419) 841-3013 if you have any questions.

**RSVP to Sharon Stein at [sstein100@gmail.com](mailto:sstein100@gmail.com) by February 14, 2024.**

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**



SAVE

THE

DATE:

**Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 6:45 PM at CBI****Mincha, Seudah Shlishit, & Traditional Megillah Reading****CBI Purim Shpiel Celebration & Luncheon****Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 11:00 AM at CBI****Mark your calendar for this exciting and joyous holiday event and luncheon!**

- Purim Schpiel
  - Homemade hamantaschen
  - Mishloach manot
  - Walking taco bar
  - Ice cream bar
  - Hear the Megillah
- ...and much more!

*Watch for more details in the March bulletin***WE NEED YOU!****Calling all CBI performers & performers at heart!**

Join fellow congregants for a fun-filled production of this year's Purim Shpiel written and directed by our incredible Shpiel creator, Meira Zucker!

If you would like to sign up to be in the Shpiel, email Meira at [meirazucker419@gmail.com](mailto:meirazucker419@gmail.com).

# We Stand with Israel



The horrific war in Israel is ongoing. As a Toledo community we have been asked to direct funds to Jewish Federations of North America to support Israelis who are in harm's way. You can donate to the Israel Relief Fund.

[Donate now with debit or credit card or PayPal here](#)  
or scan the QR code or go to [www.jewishtoledo.org](http://www.jewishtoledo.org)



## Notes from our Principal

With January winter storms and snow, our Cleveland Shinshinim from Israel, Maya and Yonatan, were unable to attend January 21st, Saturday morning Shabbat services at CBI, and the interactive programming with our combined religious schools on Sunday morning, January 22nd. We are looking forward to hosting them here again in April.

Maya Lichtenstein and Yonatan Winraob are spending the year in Cleveland, as delegates of this amazing program through the Jewish Agency. They engage in programming with youth throughout the Ohio Jewish communities and we are grateful for this opportunity to host them this year.

**Kim Brody, Principal, David S. Stone Religious School**

## Remembering former Religious School Teachers, Betsy & Steve Fried



Former CBI Religious School teacher, Betsy Fried, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, December 24, 2023. She was the mother of current Religious School teacher, Megan Van Dyke.

Betsy taught Religious School at Congregation Etz Chayim for many years before her tenure at CBI. She joined the staff at David S. Stone Religious School and was instrumental in the transition when the Sunday schools of Etz Chayim and Congregation B'nai Israel merged. She was loved by her students and staff alike.

Betsy's husband, Steve, also dedicated many years to teaching Religious School. He tragically passed away prior to Betsy.

We cherish the memories we have of Betsy's dedication to our students and send our deepest condolences to Megan Van Dyke and her family. May their memories be for a blessing.

## David S. Stone Religious School February 2024 Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/4</b>	<b>Religious School - 9:30-11:30 AM</b>
Wednesday	2/7	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/11</b>	<b>Religious School - 9:30-11:30 AM</b>
Wednesday	2/14	Hebrew School - 4:15-5:45 PM
Sunday	2/18	<i>NO RS - President's Weekend</i>
Wednesday	2/21	Hebrew School - 4:15-5:45 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/25</b>	<b>Religious School - 9:30-11:30 AM</b>
Wednesday	2/28	Hebrew School - 4:15-5:45 PM

## CONSECRATION: December 10, 2023



*Consecrants, L-R: Isaac Levi Feldman, Eleanor Lane Bringman, Ellen Rose Katz*

*Cantor Ivor Lichterman, and Religious School teacher, Megan Van Dyke*



*Consecration families work together to create beautiful Hanukkah menorahs.*

## December Teen Havdalah & Program with Israeli Shinshinim

*Cayden Greenblatt, Danni Mallin, and Esther Goldstein participate in Havdalah during the teen program with local Jewish teens and our Cleveland Shinshinim at the Sekach building on December 2nd.*



*Israeli Shinshinim, Maya Lichtenstein and Yonatan Winraob involve the teens in fun games, bonding activities, and meaningful discussions.*





# DECEMBER/JANUARY CONTRIBUTIONS

## CONTRIBUTION LEVELS:

* 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
Dbl Platinum Chai Contribution	\$360
Ruby Contribution	\$500
Emerald Contribution	\$750
Diamond Contribution	\$1000+

*All contributions listed  
were made on or before  
January 15, 2023*

## Building Beautification Fund

### IN MEMORY OF:

Miriam Wetzler Bonnie Berland\*\*

### Yahrzeit:

Sean David Schroeder  
Dorothy Schroeder Richard Schroeder\*

## Camp Ramah Fund

### IN MEMORY OF:

Marge Goldstein  
Steve Markman Kathryn Linver\*

### Yahrzeit:

Viola Lewis Kathryn Linver\*\*

## Cantor's Discretionary Fund

### IN HONOR OF:

Harry Nistel, Special Birthday  
Jan Steinberg\*\*\*

### IN MEMORY OF:

Miriam Wetzler Barbara, Joel, Eliza & Lauren  
Topolosky\*\*

Betty Leizerman Karen Lieberman &  
Steven Kupper\*\*\*\*

### Yahrzeit:

Max Davis Bonnie Ross\*  
Max L. Cohen  
Jacob Cohen  
Cecelia Cohen Sandy Bookman\*  
Marjory Rusgo Rene & Rich Rusgo  
& Family\*\*  
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Judy Erd Ron & Steve Erd\*\*  
Sadie Russell Corey Russell\*\*\*  
Kirsten Alexander Dolores & Ken Alexander\*\*\*  
Rudy Ertis Janet Steinberg & Family\*\*\*

## Cantor's Discretionary Fund (cont.)

### Yahrzeit:

Sadie Katz Angela & Jack Katz\*\*\*  
Charles Lacker Ivor Lichterman & Jan  
Lacker-Lichterman  
& Family\*\*\*\*  
Frances Penkower Sheila, Bruce, Jordon,  
& Brynna Post\*\*\*\*  
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Lois Steinberg The Dan Steinberg Family

## Harris/Williams Fund

### IN HONOR OF:

Miriam Beckerman, Special Birthday  
Blair Grubb, Special Birthday  
Debbie & David Perlmutter\*

### Yahrzeit:

Alfred Harris  
Ralph L. Harris  
Leona Harris Adrienne & Harold  
Harris\*\*\*

Wilfred Williams, Beloved Father  
Debbie & David  
Perlmutter\*\*\*\*

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Leona & Alfred Harris  
Sheldon Harris

## Harry Gometz Fund

### Yahrzeit:

Ann Waldman Roanne & Lannie Katzman\*  
- GOLD -  
Frances Gometz Harriet & Martin Davis  
- GOLD -  
Anne Davis Harriet & Martin Davis  
- GOLD -  
Leonard Davis Harriet & Martin Davis

## Hiddur/Kiddush Fund

### IN HONOR OF:

Ron Cousino, Special Birthday  
Arlene & Jerry Russell\*  
Anne Bauer, Special Birthday  
Linda & Alan Linsky\*\*\*  
Miriam Beckerman, Special Birthday  
Ann & Howard  
Rosenberg\*\*\*  
- PLATINUM -  
Julius & Anna Nitzberg z"l, 100th Anniversary  
Andy Sattler

### IN APPRECIATION OF:

In Appreciation of CBI  
Paul Kramer\*\*  
Yahrzeit:  
Sadie Russell, Beloved Mother  
Abraham Russell, Beloved Grandfather  
Frieda Russell, Beloved Grandmother  
Abraham Altman, Beloved Grandfather  
Arlene & Jerry Russell\*

## Hiddur/Kiddush Fund (cont.)

### Yahrzeit:

Sadie Russell Marlene Russell\*  
Peggy Struening  
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Ida Stein  
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1	Shevat 22	Benjamin Braveman, Inge Horowitz, Shirley Kirshner, Alexander Louis Kramer, Miriam Leeper-Kende, Celia Polson, Abraham Joseph Shall
2	Shevat 23	Ernest Damrauer, Betty Katz, Harry Levison, Max Sack, Evelyn Gayle Schall, Peggy Struening, Mendel Tochtermann
3	Shevat 24	Martin Alexander, Anna Cohen, Alex Fishbein, Phil Hening, Rose Levison, Mary Rubin, Pearl Segall, Pauline Vetensky
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5	Shevat 26	Sylvia Brauer, Harry Chabler, Isadore Fingerhut, Annabelle Garfinkel, Harry Rosenblatt, Robert B. Schuller, Abraham Smith
6	Shevat 27	Libba Friedman, David Reuben Goldberg, Marjorie Jacobs, Beatrice Kaplan, Deena Kaufman
7	Shevat 28	Meyer Shall, Sander Simon, Karen Springer
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9	Shevat 30	Jeremy Connor, Jerald Gale, Roger Green, Henry Schwartz
10	Adar I 1	Warren Bookman, Arthur H. Edelstein, Freda Hallem, Samuel Ruddle
11	Adar I 2	Abe J. Levine, Lillian Save
12	Adar I 3	Charlotte Goldhammer, Janette Rabinowitz, Fannie Ravin, Esther Schwartz, Lillian Sitzmann Vogel
13	Adar I 4	Abraham Altman, Lisa Feilhardt, Hugh Friedman, Irving Kart, Barbara Liber, William Rothman, Milton Waldman, Sofa Miloslavskaya
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29	Adar I 20	Max Hersh, Jean Liber, Usher Markowicz, Oscar Soldering

## CBI Weekly Services Schedule

**Mon. & Thurs. Morning Minyan**  
**8:00 AM - In Person/Zoom**

**Monday ~ Thursday Evening Minyan &  
Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 PM - Zoom**

**Saturday Morning Shabbat**  
**9:30 AM - In Person/Live Stream**

**\*Sunday Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - In Person/Zoom**  
***\*when religious school is in session***

*The link and passcode for weekday Zoom services is included in  
the Wednesday Update email sent to all CBI members.*

*If you need the information resent to you, email  
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- Go to the CBI website, [cbitoledo.org](http://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.



## 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

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Saturday

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4	9:30 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 9:30-11:30 AM Religious School 4:00 PM Toledo Yoga <b>Sisterhood 2.0 Yoga &amp; Dinner</b>	5	8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	6	5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	7	1:00 PM In-Person <b>CBI Israeli Movie Festival: "Love It Was Not"</b> 4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School @ Chabad 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	8	8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 10:30 AM Cherry St. Mission <b>Connecting Kids to Meals Volunteer Activity</b> 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	9	5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service  <i>5:53 PM Light Candles</i>	10	9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Yitro 12:45 PM Mincha 7:00 PM Lourdes Planetarium <b>Havdalah &amp; Planetarium Show</b> 6:36 PM Shabbat Ends	3	9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Yitro 12:45 PM Mincha	
11	9:30 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 9:30-11:30 AM Religious School	12	8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	13	5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	14	1:00 PM In-Person <b>CBI Israeli Movie Festival: "Oy Mama"</b> 4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School @ Chabad 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  <i>5:51 PM Light Candles</i>	17	9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Terumah 12:45 PM Mincha			
18	9:30 AM <b>Zoom Only</b> Morning Service NO Religious School - President's Weekend	19	PRESIDENT'S DAY <b>Office Closed</b> 8:00 AM <b>Zoom Only</b> Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	20	5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	21	11:00 AM In-Person <b>WCBI Rosh Chodesh Adar I Program</b> 4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School @ Chabad 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  <i>5:51 PM Light Candles</i>	24	9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Tetzaveh 12:45 PM Mincha 6:45 PM In-Person <b>"Havdalah Have Fun" Game Night</b> 7:00 Shabbat Ends			
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## 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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\*Sundays 9:30 AM - 11:30 PM

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

## CBI Hanukkah Celebration & Luncheon

CBI celebrated Hanukkah on Sunday, December 10th with a group of almost 70 congregants, Religious School families, and friends.

After the lighting of the Hanukkah menorah (*see pics below*), our Consecration students received certificates symbolizing the start of their formal Jewish education at Congregation B'nai Israel.

Children and adults alike sang festive Hanukkah songs, while enjoying a delicious lunch of traditional latkes, applesauce, and sour cream. Mini quiches, pasta with marinara sauce, and salad

were also served. Dessert was a selection of yummy donuts.

While everyone enjoyed their meal, entertaining Hanukkah videos from the Jewish acapella group "Six13" were projected on the large screen. Videos of how Hanukkah gelt and sufganiyot are made were also shown.

Many who attended commented on what a wonderful time they had at this event. Our next fun-filled holiday program will be on Purim, Sunday, March 24th. Hope to see you there!



*All of the younger children, including Religious School students, Elle Katz, Elle Bringman, Isaac Feldman, and Shoshana Feldman, gathered to say the brachot for lighting the Hanukkah menorah.*



*Cantor Ivor Lichterman, and Jan Lacker-Lichterman's grandchildren, Akiva, Eitan, Levi, and Miri Lichterman, were also in attendance. Akiva helps his Sabah (grandfather) light the menorah.*



*Akiva, Eitan, and Levi Lichterman sing festive Hanukkah songs with their grandfather, Cantor Ivor Lichterman.*