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Seeing the Light

If you ask your average American to name a Jewish holiday, they're likely to name Ḥanukkah first. Actually, Ḥanukkah is a pretty minor Jewish holiday, but it gets great press — and from a Jewish perspective, this is a good thing. Why? Because the core religious obligation of the holiday is to light the menorah with the purpose to publicize the miracle that occurred in the 2nd century BCE, when a little bit of ritually-fit oil lasted eight times longer than it should have. We have been so successful at this, that many non-Jews in America (and Jews too!) think this is an important holiday.

To fulfill our obligation, we are supposed to place our menorah in a publicly-visible place. Originally, that was by the side of the front door, but today it is usually in a street-facing window. This, however, has not been the actual practice during a significant amount of Jewish history. Jewish law

says that during a time when Jews are in danger, to instead place the menorah on an indoor table where it can be "publicized" to other family members without "outing" a home as being Jewish.

Since the war in Gaza began, this has left Jews with a dilemma. There has been a huge rise in antisemitism in America and around the world. Should we hide our menorot this year or display them publicly?

I have actually heard about some Jews removing all Jewish symbols from the outsides of their houses; about people hiding or removing their star-of-David necklaces or other Jewish-identifying clothing or jewelry. Is this what it has come to here in America?

I don't think this is the right response. Terrorists want people to be afraid to live their lives normally. Instead, we should be standing up to hate, displaying our symbols proudly in defiance and solidarity. And the message to our non-Jewish neighbors should be: please try to understand the anxiety your Jewish friends and neighbors are feeling this year – your solidarity against the hate would be greatly welcomed to help bring a little more light into the world this Ḥanukkah.

Rabbi Aaron Marsh

Toledo Museum Snaps Up Medieval Jewish Treasure for Record-Setting \$4 Million

Article by Richard Whiddington November 6, 2025 Reprinted from artnet.com

The Ohio museum has made roughly 1,300 acquisitions over the past five years.

The Toledo Museum of Art in Ohio has bought a Medieval Kiddush cup at Sotheby's for \$4 million, a record for a ceremonial object of Judaica.

The small cup dates from the 11th or 12th centuries and was used by members of a Jewish community in eastern Khorasan, modern-day Afghanistan, to sanctify the Shabbat and religious holidays. It's an artifact of a lost world, one of cultural exchange and cooperation between Jewish and Muslim communities that thrived off the Silk Roads that wove through Central Asia.

Ahead of reinstalling its galleries in 2027, its first in 40 years, the Toledo Museum of Art has been reassessing a collection that spans 6,000 years and six continents. Over the past five years, it's quadrupled its curatorial staff and addressed gaps in its collection with an acquisitions endowment that has doubled in size. The Kiddish cup, which museum director Adam Levine called an "aggressive pursuit," fills one such gap.

"Judaica and medieval metalwork were underrepresented in our collection," Levine said over email. "We are installing the galleries chronologically so visitors will be able to understand how the world has been connected over time. The Kiddish cup is the type of bridge object that will help us to tell this story and visitors should expect it to be displayed in a gallery looking at trade and exchange in the Middle Ages."

The artifact is a rare survivor from a region that experienced great upheaval under the hooves of Genghis Khan's army that swept the region in the early 13th century. In fact, until the discovery of a multilingual cache of letters, legal documents, and prayers in the caves of Afghanistan in the 2010s, there was little historical proof of these Jewish communities ever having occupied the region.

The Kiddush cup neatly embodies the exchange of language, ideas, and cultural practices that passed between Jewish and non-Jewish communities. It's a fine work of hammered silver that is characteristic of the luxury arts of Seljuq, a Turkic dynasty that merged Persian, Islamic, and Central Asian elements.



By the Numbers

With the holidays behind us, I first need to thank every Kol Nidre contributor. This year's campaign brought in a whopping \$17,000 over last year, which is great news. Unfortunately, the numbers are against us long-term.

Our Kol Nidre Appeal covers just 9% of our yearly expenses. Dues cover only about 42%. Community grants (which offset Security expenses and Religious School) cover another 15%. Some of these grants are short-term and don't necessarily renew each year. We are fortunate to benefit from Federation/Foundation and outside trust funds, but they are tied to the stock market, so distributions to CBI vary from year to year. If a trust underperforms, CBI does not receive the distribution that year.

Last month, your CBI board approved two significant motions. The first was for the 2025-26 projected budget, which shows a potential \$110,000 shortfall. Last year's projection was a negative \$157,000, but due to careful spending and other cost-saving measures, we ended the fiscal year just \$37,000 "in the red", primarily because CBI had no sudden large expenses. Sadly, that's not the case this year. Our building is almost 20 years old and costly repairs are inevitable. In October, CBI replaced the compressor for our walk-in cooler at a cost of \$10,500 and a few weeks later, spent \$1800 to replace the digital controller unit for the walk-in freezer. But wait, there's more. The bearings on the freezer fan unit (on the roof) are on their last legs, which will cost another \$1000. Gabi will tackle that project in spring. I thank her for being extremely diligent in spending.

There's no need to panic. Our doors won't be closing any time soon. Our fiscal year runs from August 1st to July 31st. Our cash flow from August through December with dues and Kol Nidre funding is very healthy. Beginning in January, however, we bump down a terraced slope, where expenses slowly rise above income. (FYI: CBI does not make money by charging \$10, \$15, or even \$18 per person in program fees. We try to break even but regularly we do not.)

My point is that without significant intervention to increase income, this budget shortfall will increase year after year. That brings me to your CBI Board's second action: Creating a Fundraising Committee, headed by Treasurer Joshua Leizerman. The goal will be to help cover the budget deficit and ensure long-term stability for CBI. As the committee formulates funding strategies, we will communicate them to our congregation. Got fundraising or event ideas? Email Joshua at cbitreasurer@cbitoledo.org. But remember: He needs your ideas and time. You can't give one without the other.

Now from the potentially bad to the definitely good, I want to thank the congregants (and employees) who behind the scenes made our holiday programming so successful and enjoyable. Our Sukkot Dinner volunteers were Kim & Emmie Brody, Julia Chessler, Jan & Tom Kasle, Jack & Angie Katz, Fran Weinblatt and Jim Wilson. Behind the Simchat Torah dessert celebration were Emmie (again), Stacy Oswald and David Jefferies, who don't volunteer, but do stand 100% behind our synagogue. Thank them when you see them, please. Thanks also to our Sukkah de-constructors: Mike Mallin, Michael Tamor, Greg Davis, Stu Goldberg, David Jeffries.

Kudos as always to our Connecting Kids volunteers. October: Fran Weinblatt (again), Julia Chessler (again), Janet Erickson, Jan Kasle (again), Sue Richards (again), Ann Rosenberg (again), and (wait for it) Rabbi Aaron Marsh. November: Miriam Beckerman (again), Julia Chessler (again), Janet Erickson (again), Sandi & Michael Grohnke, Jack Katz (again), Jan Kasle (again) and Sue Richards (again).

I sincerely appreciate my Vice President of Administration, Paul Causman, who - under time pressure and duress - created the logo designs for the CBI-branded T-shirt/Sweatshirt for sale through Jupmode's website. Thanks for November's fabulous and funny Trivia Night go to Howard & Linda Moskowitz, Miriam Beckerman (again), Trudy & Elliot Eisenberg, Jan & Tom Kasle (again) and Cathy Sperling. Yes, it's weird thanking yourself and I hate repeating the word 'again' so many times, so how about YOU join them??

Finally, please consider buying Ḥanukkah presents at our incredible gift shop, ably staffed by Roanne Katzman and Linda Moskowitz, whom I thank for their efforts and continued presence. I'm hopeful they'll see numbers of congregants.

Wishing everyone a Happy Ḥanukkah!

Tom Kasle, CBI President

December Special Birthdays



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

Esther Kezur	December 2	91st Birthday
Janet Steinberg	December 8	91st Birthday
Ernest Loeb	December 11	91st Birthday
Murray Guttman	December 18	91st Birthday

Rachel Chernow December 7
Elana Lauber December 8
Paul Goldner December 12
Stuart S. Brody December 30

December Special Anniversaries

Mindy & Ruslan Slutsky December 9 25 Years Carol & Bill Richman December 19 55 Years

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

CBI Office Closings

Thursday, December 25, 2025 Christmas
Thursday, January 1, 2026 New Years Day

Condolences

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY MOURNS THE LOSS OF

DAVID HENRY WEINBERG

Husband of Judy, father of Rachel (David) Chernow and Josh Weinberg, grandfather of Hannah and Sophia Chernow, brother of Rita Tessler, brother-in-law of Deborah Washofsky.

BEN HARRISON BADER

Nephew of David (Michelle) Bader, cousin of Alexa and Kyle Bader.

BONNIE ROSE (SCHULMAN) ROSS

Mother of Cheryl, Julie, and Michelle.

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

Additional 5786 Kol Nidre Appeal Donors

as of November 14, 2025

FAGIE BENSTEIN COREY RUSSELL

ANDY & VICKI MAHLER ANDY & LYNETTE SATTLER SELMA MASTER STEVE & CATHY SPERLING

TED & KAY MILLER



Meijer Simply Give Program to Benefit Jewish Family Service Food Pantry

Due to the lack of SNAP funding, our food pantry has been inundated with appointment requests and has a wait list.

Please consider buying Meijer Simply Give Cards at only the Central Ave. Meijer as it is the only location that supports our pantry.

Cards are located near the cashiers. Tell the cashier the donated cards are for the Jewish Family Service Food Bank and they will set the cards aside to be collected later by JFSS. JFSS has volunteer shoppers who make the best use of those cards, which can be used only for food products. (That's why JFS always asks for non-food donations.)

Meijer will <u>triple</u> match the SG cards on Saturday, 12/13, but double matches all other days of the event, meaning a \$10 card becomes \$20. Benefits to JFSS go through 12/27.

Find Exciting Jewish Programs on the FJMC Website

The FJMC, formerly know as the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, has rebranded. While the FJMC remains the Men's Club, our initials now refer to Friendship, Judaism, Mentorship and Community. The FJMC mission remains to involve Jewish Men in Jewish life. The FJMC is affiliated with the Women's League, The USCJ and the Masorti Movement among many other organizations. The FJMC provides Adult Education opportunities online for members and non-members. Go to the website below for more information.

https://fjmc.org/initiatives/affinity-groups-webinars/

Mazal Toy to...

- Grandparents Kim & Stuart Brody, great-grandparents Gail & Lee Kwait, and aunt, Emmie Brody, on the birth of Laila Adiela Brody. Proud parents are Meira & Josh Brody.
- Diana & Jack Lipszyc on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Benjamin Forti. Proud parents are Sarah & Matthew Forti, and sister Emily.
- Matt Kripke for being named to the University of Toledo Board of Trustees through July 31, 2031 by Governor Mike DeWine.

WANTED: Latke Makers! NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

Sunday, December 14, 2025 10:00 AM in the CBI Dairy Kitchen

Help us make homemade latkes for the CBI Hanukkah Celebration & Program later that day at 5:30 PM.

To volunteer, contact Miriam Beckerman at wcbi@cbitoledo.org by December 11th.

Todah Rabah to...

- Many thanks to Tom Kasle & Yuval Zaliouk for the donation of several books to our CBI library. New books can be found in the Library Lounge on the "New Arrivals" shelves. Look for reviews of these books in future bulletins. If you wish to check them out please fill out an index card and place it in the provided box.
- Sue Wilson for her generous contribution to Congregation B'nai Israel. Donations such as Sue's ensure the financial stability of our synagogue.

SIMCHA TREE STONE

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



Stones: \$1,000 Donation

IN HONOR OF

SUSAN & JOEL ZANVILLE

60th ANNIVERSARY • NOVEMBER 14, 2025
With love, Carolyn Zanville-Lemieux & Jerry Lemieux

HANUKKAH BEGINS THE EVENING OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

Hanukkah Essentials & Gifts in the CBI Gift Shop

Hanukkah candles, chocolate gelt, dreidels, menorahs, wrapping paper, & gift items are available for purchase in the Gift Shop at CBI.

To see the full Hanukkah gift assortment, please call 419.517.8400 to make an appointment.

The gift shop is open during Sunday School 9:30 - 11:30 AM.

HANUKKAH 2025 ~ **5786**

1st candle lit: December 14, 2025 8th candle lit: December 21, 2025

KINDLING THE ḤANUKKAH LIGHTS:

- The candles in your Menorah should be on the same level, since no day of Ḥanukkah is superior to another. Only the Shamash, used to kindle the others, should stand at a different height than the others or separate. The Hanukkah lights should be kindled after dark (except on Friday night).
- This is the proper way to kindle the lights: On the first night place one candle in the Menorah at the extreme right. On the other seven nights, place the candles from right to left, adding one each night. Light the Shamash. With it, light the candle on the left first.
- On Shabbat Ḥanukkah, the Ḥanukkah lights are kindled before the Shabbat candles. It is customary to use extra-long Ḥanukkah candles, since the fulfillment of the mitzvah requires that the Ḥanukkah lights burn for at least one half hour after dark. At the end of Shabbat (twilight), Havdalah is done before the Ḥanukkah lights.
- Before lighting the candles each night, two b'rachot (blessings) are recited, except for the first night when all three b'rachot are recited.

On all nights, light the Shammes and recite:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיו וְצִוְּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה: (אָמֵן)

Barukh attah Adonai, Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik neyr shel Ḥanukkah.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with Your commandments, and commanded us to kindle the lights of Hanukkah. בְּרוּף אַתָּה יִיְ אֶ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶּף הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָמִים הָהֵם בַּזְּמֵן הַזֶּה: (אָמֵן)

Barukh attah Adonai, Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, sheh-asah nissim la-avoteinu ba-yamim ha-heim ba-z'man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has performed miracles for our ancestors in days of old, at this season. The following blessing is added and recited on the first evening only (or whenever candles are lit for the first time):

בְּרוּף אַתָּה יִיָ אֶ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶּף הָעוֹלֶם שֶׁהֶחֲיָנוּ וְקִיְּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזִּמַן הַזֵּה: (אָמֵן)

Barukh attah Adonai, Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, she-he-che-yanu, v'ki-y'-manu, v'hi-gi-anu, la-z' man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life, and sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.



CBI Mezuzah Project

Many of the doorways in the CBI building don't have Mezuzahs

We are asking and encouraging congregants to remedy this by donating mezuzahs and kosher scrolls.

Step One: Purchase a mezuzah case. The style of mezuzah is up to you. There are many beautiful mezuzah cases available in our CBI Gift Shop and online. Choose from traditional styles, hobbies, sports, floral, modern, art glass, abstract designs, and more. Some online vendors can personalize the case to honor or memorialize a friend or family member. You can also contact Adam Davis at adamhd31@gmail.com. He can make personalized ceramic mezuzah cases.

Step Two: Purchase a kosher mezuzah scroll from the CBI Gift Shop. The cost for the kosher scroll is \$45 plus tax.

Step Three: After the mezuzah case and scroll have been purchased, bring to CBI. Rabbi Marsh will plan a ceremony with donors to install (with brachot) the mezuzahs on the doorways at CBI.

If you would like to view the available mezuzah cases in the CBI Gift Shop or purchase a mezuzah scroll, the gift shop is open Sunday mornings from 9:30 -11:30 AM when Religious School is in session. During the week, contact the CBI office during business hours M-F, 9am - 3pm at 419-517-8400 to make an appointment.

Direct any questions to Dena Zack or Jan Kasle by emailing wcbi@cbitoledo.org.



Rosh Chodesh Kislev

Our 25th Rosh Chodesh Program



Join us for a festive Hanukkah lunch and then create your very own Hanukkah keepsake



Wednesday, December 10, 2025 11:00 am at Peace Love & Pottery

6750 W Sylvania Ave, Sylvania

Lunch will be provided.

A registration fee of \$15 in cash or check (made payable to "Women of CBI") will be collected at the door when you arrive.



The Tikkun Olam for this program is a monetary donation to Swaddlers, a local program that provides clothing and other basic essentials for infants and children.

RSVP to Mirlam Beckerman at wcbl@cbltoledo.org by Thursday, December 4th.







SHABBAT SHALOM



Bring a Guest to Shabbat at CBI

Saturday, December 6, 2025 beginning at 9:30 AM

On Saturday, December 6th, we read the Parashat "Vayishlach" which describes Esau's unexpected welcoming of Jacob back to the land of Israel.

Let's learn from our forefathers and foremothers and invite a friend, relative, neighbor, or even a B'nai Israel member you would like to see more often at Shul to join us at CBI on December 6th. Even if you don't bring someone, we hope to see you at services to help welcome our guests to CBI.

Please notify the office with the name of the person that you are bringing so their name can be added to the guest list.

RSVP to Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org.

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS & GUESTS WITH RSVP

If you are not a member of CBI and would like to attend, please contact the office before 2 pm, Friday, Dec. 5th.

CBI Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Friday, December 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM, In-Person & Live Stream

Join us on Friday evening as we usher in Shabbat at in-person Kabbalat Shabbat services

RSVP to Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org.

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS & GUESTS WITH RSVP

If you are not a member of CBI and would like to attend, please contact the office before 2 pm, Friday, Dec. 12th to be added to the guest list.

Mark your calendar with upcoming dates:

January 9th April 10th February 13th May 8th

March 13th June 12th

"DRESS IN TECHNICOLOR" for a Special Torah Portion

Saturday, December 13, 2025 at Shabbat Morning Services beginning at 9:30 AM



On Saturday, December 13th, we will read Parashat Vayeishev. This Torah portion recounts the story of when Jacob gives his best loved son, Joseph, the "coat of many colors".

Join us at services by dressing in many colors to commemorate that event.

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS & GUESTS WITH RSVP

If you are not a member of CBI and would like to attend, please contact the office before 2 pm, Friday, Dec. 12th.

CBI "Vayeishev" Winter Coat Drive

Drop off days/times at CBI:

December 8 - 12, 2025 &

December 14 - 19, 2025

M-F 9 AM - 3 PM, Sun., 9:30 -11:30 AM

Please bring coats to CBI <u>only</u> during the dates and times listed above. Place the coats in the barrel in the hallway.

We respectfully ask that you do not bring coats for donation on Shabbat.

To commemorate the spirit of Joseph's "Coat of Many Colors" mentioned in Parashat Vayeishev, we will be collecting new and slightly used clean coats, of all sizes, for The Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo to distribute to the homeless.

If you are unable to drop off during office hours Rabbi Marsh has offered to pick up coats. To make arrangements, please contact Rabbi Marsh by emailing rabbi@cbitoledo.org or call the office at 419-517-8400 to leave the rabbi a message.



TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

Join us each Friday morning to discuss and learn the weekly Torah portion with fellow CBI members and friends

Friday Mornings in December at 11 AM -12 PM, In-Person at CBI

unless otherwise notified

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 & GUESTS WITH RSVP

December 6: Parashat Vayishlach

Jacob reconciles with Esau after wrestling with a "man." The prince Shechem rapes Dinah, whose brothers sack the city of Shechem in revenge. In the family's subsequent flight, Rachel gives birth to Benjamin and dies in childbirth.

December 13: Parashat Vayeishev

Jacob favors Joseph, and this angers Joseph's brothers. Joseph has dreams in which he predicts reigning over his brothers, provoking them further. They decide to sell Joseph into slavery in Egypt.

December 20: Miketz/Hanukkah Holiday Reading

Pharaoh has two troubling dreams, and at the suggestion of his cupbearer, who remembers Joseph from prison, Pharaoh brings Joseph to interpret them. Pharaoh is so impressed by Joseph that he makes him his adviser.

December 27: Parashat Vayigash

Joseph's brothers refuse to return to Canaan without Benjamin, whom Joseph has falsely accused of theft. Joseph reveals his true identity and invites his brothers to return for their father, Jacob, and bring him and their families to Egypt to live.

"Adding to the Miracle of Light" Making Hanukkah Goodie Bags! CBI Volunteer Event

Join us as we assemble Hanukkah goodie bags to donate to CBI members at local seniior living facilities and to Jewish Family Service. We will also need volunteers to deliver the bags.

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 10:30 AM at CBI

RSVP by Monday, December 8th.

Contact the office or Fran Weinblatt at programming@cbitoledo.org to add your name to the volunteer list to assemble bags and/or to deliver them to local senior living facilities and JFSS.



WOMEN OF CBI BOOK CLUB

The Love Flixir of Augusta Stern

by Linda Cohen Loigman

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 10:30 AM In-Person at CBI



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

The Toledo Library has 8 physical copies in print, 6 ebooks and 5 audiobooks. 36 libraries have copies on SearchOhio. No copies on OhioLink.

Please RSVP to Ellen Federman at efederman@sbcglobal.net. by Sunday, Dec. 14th.

Sue Richards will lead the discussion. It is not necessary to have read the book to join the discussion.

It's never too late for new beginnings. On the cusp of turning eighty, newly retired pharmacist Augusta Stern is adrift. When she relocates to Rallentando Springs-an active senior community in southern Florida-she unexpectedly crosses paths with Irving Rivkin, the delivery boy from her father's old pharmacy-and the man who broke her heart sixty years earlier. As a teenager growing up in 1920's Brooklyn, Augusta's role model was her father, Solomon Stern, the trusted owner of the local pharmacy and the neighborhood expert on every ailment. But when Augusta's mother dies and Great Aunt Esther moves in, Augusta can't help but be drawn to Esther's curious methods.

As a healer herself, Esther offers Solomon's customers her own advice-unconventional remedies ranging from homemade chicken soup to a mysterious array of powders and potions. As Augusta prepares for pharmacy college, she is torn between loyalty to her father and fascination with her great aunt, all while navigating a budding but complicated relationship with Irving. Desperate for clarity, she impulsively uses Esther's most potent elixir with disastrous consequences. Disillusioned and alone, Augusta vows to reject Esther's enchantments forever. Sixty years later, confronted with Irving, Augusta is still haunted by the mistakes of her past. What happened all those years ago and how did her plan go so spectacularly wrong? Did Irving ever truly love her or was he simply playing a part? And can Augusta

reclaim the magic of her youth before it's too late?

Volunteer to Help Hungry Children in Toledo



Thursday, December 11, 2025 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

at the Cherry Street Mission Building 1501 Monroe Street

We are in need of 8-12 volunteers.

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

RSVP to Fran Weinblatt at programming@cbitoledo.org by Nov. 5th

YOU HAVE SUPPORTED CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL DURING YOUR LIFETIME. PLEASE CONSIDER B'NAI ISRAEL IN YOUR WILL AND OTHER ESTATE PLANNING.



The kids will be referred to the program by the following agencies:

Jewish Senior and Family Social Services Lucas County Juvenile Court's CASA program

All holiday gifts should be dropped off, <u>unwrapped</u>, at Temple Shomer Emunim, 6453 Sylvania Ave., by

4pm on Wednesday, December 3

For more information call Julie Romanoff at 419-297-3029 or email at sprmom88@aol.com

Learning Expluss Toys Gifts

Don't feel like shopping? We have a charity box of gift items at Learning Express. Simply visit the store and purchase an item or two from our box. Staff is ready to assist you in choosing age appropriate gifts. Make a difference. Shop local!

Notes from our Principal

It is hard to believe that it is almost Ḥanukkah again! We are looking forward to celebrating the festive holiday with all of our CBI congregants on December 14th. Let's celebrate the first night of Ḥanukkah with a delicious dinner, including sufganyot and homemade latkes. There will be Ḥanukkah crafts, scavenger hunts, games, and cookie decorating!

Our students are making beautiful Ḥanukkah cards to be delivered to our congregants in assisted living and nursing homes. The cards will be delivered with special Ḥanukkah items for our beloved congregants.

David S. Stone Religious School students had the opportunity to participate in a lovely Kabbalat Shabbat service last month, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner. We are so proud of our students for learning a new part of our service for this special occasion. We hope to have many more Kabbalat Shabbat services for our incredible students to participate in.

I hope everyone has a restful Winter Break and Happy **H**anukah!

Kim Brody, Principal, David S. Stone Religious School

David S. Stone Religious School December 2025 Calendar

Wed.	12/3	4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School
Sun.	12/7	9:30 -11:30 AM - Religious School
Wed.	12/10	4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School
Sun.	12/14	9:30 -11:30 AM - Religious School 5:30 PM CBI Hanukkah Celebration
Wed	12/17	4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School
Sun.	12/21	NO Religious School - Winter Break
Wed.	12/24	NO Hebrew School - Winter Break
Sun.	12/28	NO Religious School - Winter Break
Wed.	12/31	NO Hebrew School - Winter Break
Sun.	1/4	NO Religious School - Winter Break

SHARE YOUR SIMCHA...

if you have a simcha or special news that you would like to share with our congregation, we will happily post details in the CBI bulletin, if space allows. Deadline is the 15th of the previous month.

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For motifs, it features peacocks drawn from royal Sassanian iconography and vine leaves that reference the cup's intended contents—wine—and connect it to the metal workshops of Balkh, northern Afghanistan. It's inscribed in Hebrew with the first owner's name, "Simcha son of Salman," followed by a series of blessings in Arabic. Here, the word surur, joy in Arabic, is written twice. It's a reference to Simcha's name and has led to the artifact being called the Cup of Joy.

Although Kiddush cups are essential for performing Jewish traditions, neither their form nor material is prescribed by Jewish writings. As with the Cup of Joy, this has led to Kiddush cups taking on a range of styles, often reflecting the environment in which they were made.

The Kiddush cup continues something of a busy spree at the Toledo Museum of Art, Levine said, citing the roughly 1,300 acquisitions it had made through gift and purchase over the past five years. This has included a 2,000-year-old South Arabian sculpture, a 16th-century German chandelier, and a Joseon moon jar.

"Quality is truly egalitarian, singular artworks are made in every culture across history," Levine said, noting that the goal was "to tell a truer world history."

The Toledo Museum of Art made news over the past year after it emerged that the institution was providing guarantees for artworks it wanted to acquire at auction. As of this month, the museum has generated around \$2 million through the practice, as in cases that the guarantor is outbid, it receives a percentage of the hammer bid.

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 Shabbat Mincha 12:30 PM - In-Person

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If a death occurs and you need to make funeral arrangements, your first call should be to the funeral director to begin making arrangements. The funeral home will contact the CBI staff to make the necessary arrangements, including notifying the rabbi. The rabbi will then contact you to set up a meeting to gather information and plan the funeral so that he can officiate.

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To schedule and plan other life cycle events, you should call the synagogue office at 419-517-8400 during office hours (M-F, 9-3). Staff members can give you the Rabbi's number or will give the Rabbi your information and he will return your call.

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