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A Congregation Affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

# GAME DAY EXTRAVAGANZA

**AT CBI**

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION

**FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**  
**1:00PM-4:00PM**

**SNACKS AND DRINKS**

COST IS FREE, BUT VOLUNTARY DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

**THESE GAMES AND MORE:**

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THERE WILL BE PEOPLE TO TEACH THE GAMES IF YOU ARE NOT FAMILIAR. ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!

RSVP's are required. Contact the CBI office at 419-517-8400 or email [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org) by Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

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## Remembering Not to Forget to Wipe Out the Memory

While we often associate Purim with fun and frivolity, and perhaps think of it as a holiday for children, in fact, the core of the story of Megillat Esther deals with serious and concerning issues: antisemitism, genocide, and also: Esther doesn't become queen through a "beauty contest" (as unfortunately, too many of us were taught), but through a decree where she is forcibly taken, brought into the king's harem and then his bed, and finds herself the recipient of more of the king's attentions than the other young women - hardly a children's story. It's unfortunately not hard to see how these things still manifest themselves in our world today.

Given the persistence of these ills, along with the desire to acknowledge and celebrate the miracle of our survival, our Sages wisely saw fit to make it obligatory for every one of us to hear the Megillah read on Purim, both men and women. This is despite the fact that they normally exempted women from any obligation that had to be performed at a specific time. The Talmud says this special situation is because women were a part of the miracle, but I think also because women were particularly victimized - Esther could hardly have been the only Jewish woman in the "beauty contest" (and one that once you entered, you likely remained for life).

Being that women are obligated in the Megillah, many significant traditional authorities (including Rashi, the Meiri, and Yosef Karo, author of the Shulchan Arukh) say that women can read the Megillah for both men and women. Thus, even in Modern Orthodox circles, it has increasingly been put into practice in recent decades that women may read the Megillah and even count in a minyan for the Megillah reading. Joining me in reading the Megillah in Hebrew this year (on March 2, at 5:30 pm) will be a number of congregants (both male and female) who have taken the time to learn a section of the Megillah using its special trope. We will also be seeing what I mentioned put into practice, because we have been invited to join Congregation Etz Chayim the morning of Purim (March 3 at 9:30) for the daytime reading, in which our readers (male and female) will reprise their reading there, followed by breakfast. Both readings should be something special to see and participate in, so I hope you will join us and support our congregants' efforts to learn this skill.

February 28 is also Shabbat Zakhor, the Shabbat that precedes Purim. This special Shabbat is named for a passage we read from a second Torah scroll which is unique in that it is a *mitzvah* for all of us to hear or read this passage at least once a year. Reading the Torah each week is normally a *communal* obligation, but in this case, there is a separate and stronger personal obligation on each and every one of us. Why is this passage so much more important to hear than the rest of the Torah? Because it says so in the passage. It is only three verses:

*"Remember what Amalek did against you on the way during your Exodus from Egypt; How, undeterred by fear of God, he surprised you on the march, when you were famished and weary, and cut down all the stragglers in your rear. Therefore, when the LORD, your God, has given you rest from all your surrounding enemies, in the land that the LORD, your God, is giving you as territory to inherit, you shall wipe out the memory of Amalek from underneath the sky; do not forget."*

It's an interesting turn of words: Remember: don't forget to wipe out the memory - but isn't "wiping out a memory" forgetting? So don't forget to forget?

We read this required passage on this *particular* Shabbat because it is directly connected to the Megillah. Haman, we are told, is an Agagite, the descendant of King Agag of the people of Amalek who was executed by the prophet Samuel (see the haftarah on this Shabbat for the fuller story). By reading these three passages all within a week, we connect together the three parts of the Tanakh (the Jewish Bible): the Torah, the Prophets, and the Writings, but doing so also puts things into perspective and gives us a bigger picture: By not wiping out these enemies who hated us and sought to wipe us out, they lived on to do us harm again and again, even across centuries. But is the Torah advocating for us to commit genocide? Do the people of Amalek even still exist literally? Or if not, is the "memory of Amalek" not a thought, but a category of people? And if so, how are we to deal with them? Or perhaps the message is about ourselves: not to become Amalek.

Please join us on Shabbat Zakhor, as we confront some of these issues. Consider this your reminder to remember not to forget about forgetting the memory of Amalek by joining us on February 28.

**Rabbi Aaron Marsh**



## Torah, Torah, Torah – Part 2

You read about Torah Scroll diversity last month. So what makes a Torah kosher and what repairs do our scrolls need?

Torah scrolls are kosher for use if they meet five main conditions: 1) The Scribe (Sofer in Hebrew) must be religiously observant and well-trained in the detailed laws for writing Torah; 2) The Torah must be hand-written, letter by letter with quills, from a certified kosher example (can't be printed or digitally produced); 3) The parchment must be properly treated (per my last column); 4) The ink must be black and organic (more on that coming); and 5) The lettering must follow precisely defined rules (if even one letter is improperly formed, the scroll is *pasul*, Hebrew for unfit/disqualified).

Our synagogue has 13 Torah scrolls. During an October Shabbat morning service with Cantor Lichterman attending, Rabbi Marsh discovered a rubbed out letter while chanting Torah. The two spoke afterwards. In perusing the Torah together, they found a whole *yeriya* (a parchment section usually comprising five *amudim* or columns) that was seriously damaged, with partially or completely worn-off letters from frequent use over time.

The Cantor said that he might be able to make repairs. Why and how? He is a calligrapher who was taught scribal arts by his late father, who was the official scribe for South Africa's southern region. Though not a documented scribe, the Cantor kept several quills that his father hand carved. (Some have the written dates of when they were carved and put to use.) He also gave Rabbi Marsh the name of a Detroit Sofer who could provide "kosher" ink.

Specific Torah ink formulas were developed millennia ago and use only natural ingredients. The seven main ones are Water, Oak Gall Nut, Gum Arabic, Soot, Logwood, Copper Sulfate or Iron Sulfate. Those sulfates are very controversial among Soferim for two reasons. First, there's the commandment that anything used for war, like iron and copper, can't be used in Torah writing. Then there's the issue of scroll decay over 150 years (maximum) due to iron gall ink degradation, which the sulfates cause. (The Gum Arabic is also problematic, causing ink to crack and fall off letters.) Many Soferim are going back to a soot base ink. Now back to the story.

Sparked by what he'd learned, our Rabbi reviewed the records on the state of our Torahs. Most were last examined in 1999 by the Machon Ot Institute in New York City. The documents showed only four were kosher, while eight needed (or might need) repairs and one was a unusable partial scroll. The problems: cracked, broken, missing, or white-spotted letters and dirty parchment. Worse yet, the 1999 repair costs ran from \$3500 - \$4200 per Torah.

Rabbi Marsh contacted the Sofer in early December, who agreed to examine our wooden-cased Sephardic Torah from the chapel, along with a second previously-evaluated Torah found to be *pasul*. He also sold us ink. Cost: \$500 (to review only), plus the ink. The Rabbi thought about burying the partial scroll, but the Sofer said it can remain in the sanctuary's ark. (It's the one to the lower right.) You can carry it on Sukkot, but you can't read from it. Bruce Post graciously volunteered to drive the Torahs to Detroit and brought back the ink. (That's a great story, but he can tell it.)

Cantor Lichterman tested the ink on a few letters as sometimes overwriting worn letters can worsen deterioration. Now the good news: He repaired all the letters! He was even able to decipher some missing letters as he's been chanting Torah since childhood and is well versed in its words. He is deeply gratified to have saved our congregation a great expense. He hopes his work allows us to use this fifth kosher Torah for a long while.

The Sofer reported in early January that sadly both scrolls are irreparable. We discuss their future once Bruce returns them. (Thanks!) Final scroll status: five kosher, three *pasul*, two possibly *pasul* (from 1999 records) and three never evaluated.

Got volunteers to thank! Josh Sherman deserves special commendation for handling the Lourdes Planetarium Havdalah by himself. In the Kabbalah Shabbat kitchen: Miriam Beckerman, Jan Kasle, Dena Zack, Angie Katz & Cathy Sperling. For **Connecting Kids**: Mark Wexler, Ann & Howard Rosenberg, Janet Erickson, Fran Weinblatt, Jeff Bauer, Tom Buehl & Jan Kasle. For the **January bulletin prep**: Janet, Fran, Jerry Russell, Sue Richards, Joel Scheinbach, Elana Lauber & Alice Applebaum. Those last three are new volunteers (at least since my term began). New is good!

**Tom Kasle, CBI President**

## February Special Birthdays



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

Selma Master	February 9
Robert P. Ravin	February 18
Tracy Schusterman	February 19
Steve Sperling	February 26
Ellice Niejadlik	February 27

## February Special Anniversaries

Karen & Dale Levy	February 17	35 Years
Sarna & Michael Dorf	February 20	45 Years

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

## Todah Rabah to...

### CBI KABBALAT SHABBAT DINNER COORDINATORS & VOLUNTEERS:

Miriam Beckerman, Jan Kasle, Cathy Sperling, Dena Zack

## CBI "Coat of Many Colors" Coat Drive

A sincere thank you to all of the people who donated coats to the homeless of Toledo. **56 coats were collected and brought to Jewish Family Service** to be distributed to the homeless of Toledo. In an email, JFS thanked the "generous members of CBI". These coats along with warm food, personal items and other warm items, will be distributed to those in need in partnership with Grace Lutheran Church.

*- Elliot Eisenberg & Ann Rosenberg*

**From JFS ...**"First let me thank you for your help in coordinating the donations of winter coats from the generous members of CBI. The last weekend of every month Jewish Family Service partners with Grace Lutheran Church in preparing and distributing a warm lunch along with snacks and various personal care items such as toothbrushes, band aids, etc. to the needy in Toledo. This project is called Burrito Blessings. Following cooking, and preparing the burritos in the kitchen at Grace Lutheran, a group of dedicated volunteers from the Jewish community take a load of burritos downtown to distribute along with clothing donations including coats, shoes, blankets, and other items. Stacy initiated this project."

*- Liz at Jewish Family Service*

## The CBI office will be CLOSED

Monday, February 15, 2025

President's Day

## Condolences

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY MOURNS THE LOSS OF

### HARVEY B. MALONE

Husband of Esther (Kezur) and father of Brian (Rachel) Malone, Steven (Claire) Malone and Cindy.

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

## WCBI Honor Roll 2025-2026

(from Dec. 16, 2025 - Jan. 15, 2026)

Special thanks to the women listed below who financially support the Women of CBI, allowing for innovative and interesting programming throughout the year. Without their financial support, these programs would not be possible.

Alice Applebaum	Sheila Odesky
Linda Beren	Diane Perlman
Hope Davis	Sheila Post
Sarna Dorf	Rona Rothschild
Luann Garber	Rene Rusgo
Roanne Katzman	Patti Tuschman
Shirley Kohler	Judy Weinberg
Elana Lauber	Fran Weinblatt
Gabrielle Mallin	Dena Zack
Helen Michaels	Nancy Zerner
Linda Moskowitz	Meira Zucker

## LET US KNOW IF A CBI MEMBER IS ILL OR IN THE HOSPITAL

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

## MINYAN TEXT TREE

Occasionally In-Person and Zoom minyans are short 1-2 people. We are in need of volunteers who are available to be on "standby" and would be willing to attend services as needed to make the minyan. Communication will be by text message.

**To volunteer, please contact Miriam Beckerman at [mesb@bex.net](mailto:mesb@bex.net)**

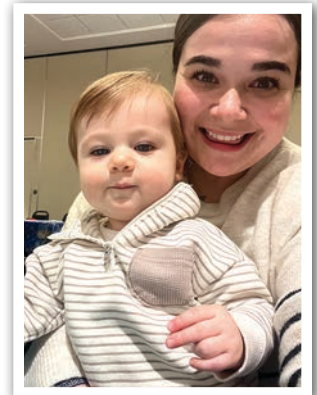
## Find Exciting Jewish Programs on the FJMC Website

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/>

**CBI Hanukkah Celebration on December 14, 2025**

On December 14th, CBI members and friends celebrated the beginning of Hanukkah in the social hall. The children in attendance lit the first candle with Rabbi Marsh, as the blessings over the candles were recited, followed by the singing of *Mah O Tsur*. Delicious homemade latkes, soup, and mini *sufganiyot* were served and devoured by all. Activities included holiday game sheets, and dreidel cookie decorations. The fun continued with a scavenger hunt, games, and "The Price Is Right" game with prizes! **Special thanks to our volunteers: Miriam Beckerman, Fagie Benstein, Jan Kasle, Joshua Leizerman, Sheila & Bruce Post, Sue Richards, Dena Zack.**



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 February  
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**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:  
Demo & Devour: Rugelach!**



**Wednesday, March 18, 2026 1:00 PM at CBI**

*Details will be published in the March CBI Bulletin*

**Toledo Jewish Community  
Purim Carnival**

**Sunday, March 1, 2026 10:30 AM  
Temple Shomer Emunim**

The ENTIRE Jewish community is invited to celebrate together with food, games, prizes, hamantaschen, crafts and more!

Children aged 4 & under are free. By Feb. 20th, cost is \$10 per person. After Feb. 20th, cost is \$15 per person.

**For tickets, go to [https://jftoledofcsuite.com/erp/donate/llst/event?event\\_date\\_id=1596](https://jftoledofcsuite.com/erp/donate/llst/event?event_date_id=1596) or contact Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org)**

## Ongoing Adult Education Classes

All classes are in-person at CBI & on Zoom. Contact the office if you need the Zoom link and passcode.

**Megillah Reading Class:** We need extra help reading the Megillah this Purim - even if you only read 3 verses; help us by learning how with this class.  
**Monday Evenings at 7:30 PM until Purim**

**Hebrew Reading:** We will be learning a few letters/vowels each week and doing reading exercises; when we've learned all the letters, we will re-announce this as "Intermediate Hebrew Reading". The class is for those who know their letters and want to improve their ability.  
**Wednesday Evenings at 7:40 PM**

**Judaism & Modernity: New Scientific/ Technological Developments:**  
What does Judaism have to say about new developments such as AI, genetic engineering, etc. How do they help us? Create challenges for us? Different topics each week.  
**Sundays at 10:30-11:30 AM**  
*This class will run on Sunday mornings when there is not a monthly Adult Ed Series program*

**Tefillah Talk - Musaf:** Where did the prayers come from? What is their purpose? How do we related to them? What is the "choreography"? Learn to sing them.  
**Monday Evenings at 8:00-9:00 PM**

**Intro to Judaism:** The Basics of Judaism on a variety of topics. Suitable for conversion students, non-Jewish family members, and those who missed out on the basics in one area or another (you can attend specific sessions).  
**Wednesday Evenings at 8:00-9:00 PM**

**If you missed a class, recordings are available. Contact Rabbi Marsh at [rabbi@cbitoledo.org](mailto:rabbi@cbitoledo.org)**

RSVP to the office by calling 419-517-8400 if you'd like to join. Open to the members of all local congregations and guests with RSVP. Contact Rabbi Marsh with any questions at [rabbi@cbitoledo.org](mailto:rabbi@cbitoledo.org).



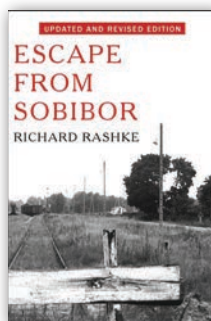
## CBI Library Books to Read or Re-read

Many thanks to Tom Kasle for donating the following books to our CBI Library. They can be found on the "New Additions" shelf in the Library Lounge. Please remember to sign out all books you borrow so we are able to track our collection.



***Saving Israel: The Unknown Story of Smuggling Weapons and Winning a Nation's Independence***  
by Boaz Dvir

As it prepared to ward off an invasion by five well-equipped neighboring armies in 1948, newborn Israel lacked the weapons to defend itself. Enter Al Schwimmer, an American World War II veteran who feared a repeat of the Holocaust. He created fictitious airlines, bought decommissioned airplanes from the US War Asset Administration, fixed them in California and New Jersey, and sent his pilots—Jewish and non-Jewish WWII aviators—to pick up rifles, bullets, and fighter planes from the only country willing to break the international arms embargo: communist Czechoslovakia. Schwimmer and two others risked their lives, freedom, and US citizenship to prevent what they viewed as an imminent genocide.



***Escape From Sobibor: The Heroic Story of the Jews Who Escaped from a Nazi Death Camp***  
by Richard Rashke

Sobibor, a Nazi death camp in Poland where more than a quarter of a million Jews were annihilated, was also the site of the largest prisoner escape of World War II. Based on years of research, this book tells the story of the heroic uprising that took place in Sobibor where six hundred Jews revolted against their guards. It movingly portrays how three hundred of them made it into the Polish forests and ultimately to freedom. In this edition of *Escape from Sobibor*, fully updated in 2012, Richard Rashke tells their stories, based on his interviews with eighteen of the survivors. It vividly describes the biggest prisoner escape of World War II. A story of unimaginable cruelty. A story of courage and a fierce desire to live and to tell the world what truly went on behind those barbed wire fences.

**If you are interested in borrowing items from the library, contact Cathy Sperling at (419) 344-2501 to assist you in checking them out.**



JOIN US AS WE HONOR THE JEWISH NEW YEAR FOR THE TREES

## TU BISHVAT

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CONGREGATION ETZ CHAYIM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026 AT 10:30 AM AT CBI

Enjoy an exciting, intergenerational Tu biShvat seder filled with interactive activities, holiday snacks, and a sweet celebration of nature and renewal.

**Cost is FREE, but voluntary donations are greatly appreciated.**

*RSVPs are required. Contact the CBI office at 419-517-8400 or email Kim Brody at [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org).*

**OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS & GUESTS WITH RSVP**



### Superbowl Sunday World Wide Wrap

**Sunday, February 8, 2026, 9:00 AM**

**Tefillin wrapping demo at 9:00 AM, Services at 9:30 AM**

Join us at CBI on Superbowl Sunday as we unite with men and women around the world celebrating the mitzvah of wrapping tefillin! This is a unique opportunity to put on tefillin in a non-intimidating setting amongst friends. Tefillin will be provided and we will help you wrap. Women are encouraged to join!

**OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS & GUESTS WITH RSVP**

*RSVP to Kim Brody at [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org) or call the office at 419.517.8400 by 2:00 PM, Feb. 5th.*

### Jewish American Series on Zoom

**3-Part Series**

**Wednesdays, at 7:30 AM on Zoom  
February 11, March 11, 18, 2026**

This Zoom series will examine **American Jewish life in the US from 1924-1945**. The speaker and presenter of the series is Dr. Joellyn Kollman, Professor of Jewish Studies at San Diego State University.

**Cost is \$18 for all 3 sessions.**

**OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS & GUESTS WITH RSVP**

*Contact Dale Levy to RSVP to the series and for direct payment at 614-205-9994 or email [dlevy82@gmail.com](mailto:dlevy82@gmail.com). Zoom links will provided near the time of the sessions.*



### Nosh & Knowledge: CBI Adult Education

**Adult Ed with New JCRC Director, Roy Buchler**

**Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 10:30 AM**

**OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS & GUESTS WITH RSVP**

*RSVP to Kim Brody at [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org) or call the office at 419.517.8400 by Friday, Feb. 20th.*



## CBI Kabbalat Shabbat Service

**Friday, February 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM**  
In-Person & Live Stream

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

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

**RSVP to Kim Brody at [kbrody@cbltoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbltoledo.org).**

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

**Mark your calendar with upcoming dates:**

**March 13th: In-Person Service & Dinner**

**April 10th: In-Person Service**

**May 8th: In-Person Service & Dinner**

**June 12th: In-Person Service**



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## Rosh Chodesh Adar

**Wed., February 18, 2026**  
**11:00 am at CBI**

**Join us for a lovely Purim lunch and program.**

The Tikkun Olam for this program will be a monetary donation to Hillel 419 serving students at the University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University.

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

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

**RSVP to Miriam Beckerman at [wcbi@cbltoledo.org](mailto:wcbi@cbltoledo.org) by Wednesday, Feb. 11th.**

## Mahjong at CBI Thursdays at 10:00 AM

*On the Thursdays where Connecting Kids is scheduled, the time will shift to 1:00 PM All skill levels welcome!*

**OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS & GUESTS WITH RSVP**

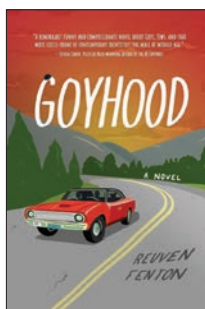
**Contact Miriam Beckerman at [mesb@bex.net](mailto:mesb@bex.net) with any questions or to RSVP.**

## WOMEN OF CBI BOOK CLUB SELECTION:

### *Goyhood*

by Reuven Fenton

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026**  
**10:30 AM In-Person at CBI**



A book club darling, this is a brilliant debut about a devoutly Orthodox Jewish man who discovers in middle age that he's not, in fact, Jewish, and embarks on a remarkable road trip to come to grips with his fate; it's Chaim Potok's *The Chosen* meets *Planes, Trains and Automobiles*.

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

*The Toledo Library has no physical copies in print and 1 audiobook. 5 libraries have copies on SearchOhio. No copies on OhioLink.*

**Please RSVP to Ellen Federman at [efederman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:efederman@sbcglobal.net) by Sunday, Feb. 22nd.**

## Parshat Tetzaveh:

*"... you shall instruct all who are skillful... to make Aaron's vestments..."*

**Saturday, February 28, 2026**  
**beginning at 9:30 AM**

On Saturday, February 28th we will be reading the description of the headdress of Aaron, the High Priest. **To commemorate this reading, we invite the Congregation to wear headdresses of their choice. Whether the Headdress is chic, funny or a facsimile of the High Priest's headdress.** All are welcome.

**RSVP to the office at 419-517-8400.**

**THIS SERVICE 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, Feb. 29th.

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DATE:

*The Beach Boys Book of Esther***CBI Purim Sing-Along Celebration***Megillah Reading. Purim Shpiel. Delicious Dinner***Monday, March 2, 2026 5:30 PM at CBI**

Ma-ariv at 5:30 PM sharp, followed by Megillah reading: In-Person &amp; on Live Stream

*Show your support for the CBI members reading Megillah!*

- GROUP KARAOKE SING-ALONG TO BEACH BOYS SONGS!
- HOMEMADE HAMANTASCHEN • MISHLOACH MANOT
- DELICIOUS DINNER & YUMMY DESSERT
- HEAR THE MEGILLAH... AND MUCH MORE!

**Cost for the event is \$18 per person.**

Religious School Students and Children under 12 FREE.

*Reservations required. RSVP to Kim Brody at  
kbrody@cbitoledo.org or call the office at 419.517.8400.***OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL  
CONGREGATIONS & GUESTS****Mishloach Manot Making & Purim  
Goodie Bag Prep: CBI Volunteer Event****Wed., February 25, 2026 1:00 PM at CBI**

Join us as we assemble Mishloach Manot bags for the CBI Purim Celebration and to give to CBI members at local senior living facilities.

*RSVP to the CBI office at 419-517-8400 or kbrody@cbitoledo.org  
by Feb, 23rd if you are able to assemble and help deliver bags.***Purim Morning Megillah  
& Brunch at Cong. Etz Chayim****Tue., March 3, 2026 9:30 AM****Congregation Etz Chayim, 3853 Woodley Road**

CBI members and our friends at Congregation Etz Chayim will join together to hear the megillah by Rabbi Marsh and others. A delicious brunch will follow the service.

*RSVP to the CBI office at 419-517-8400 or kbrody@cbitoledo.org  
by Feb, 25th if you plan to attend.*

## Volunteer to Help Hungry Children in Toledo



**Thursday, February 12, 2026  
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 Kim Brody at [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org) by Feb. 11th**



From Tina at the CBI January Connecting Kids: *'Congregation B'nai and friends helped pack 250 weekend bags, helped prep milk for meal service, shredded old paper work, reorganized stock, cleaned coolers, and dried totes.'*

**Special thanks to the volunteers!**

## David S. Stone Religious School February 2026 Calendar

Sun	2/1	<b>9:30-10:30 AM Religious School Classes 10:30-11:30 AM Tu biShvat Seder</b>
Wed	2/4	4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School
Sun	2/8	<b>9:30-11:30 AM Religious School</b>
Wed	2/11	4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School
Fri	2/13	<b>Kabbalat Shabbat Service</b>
Sun	2/15	NO Religious School - President's Weekend
Wed	2/18	4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School
Sun	2/22	<b>9:30-11:30 AM Religious School</b>
Wed	2/25	4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School

## Notes from our Principal

We are looking forward to starting off our month with a festive Tu biShvat Seder with our fellow CBI congregants on Sunday, February 1st, for the second half of our religious school morning.

There will be activities for younger children as well during the program. The program is open to everyone, please RSVP if you will be there with your students. This program is an exciting, intergenerational Tu biShvat seder filled with interactive activities, holiday snacks and a sweet celebration of nature and renewal.

Student participation in Kabballat Shabbat services are scheduled for Friday, February 13th. Every time the students participate, they get more comfortable on the bimah and we are grateful to have them participating in the service. Rabbi Marsh has changed the morning minyan on Sundays to a learning service. Parents are always welcome to join us for this short morning service to help us to make a minyan and see their students learning the prayers.

This school year is going quickly, and we have so many more exciting events happening soon!

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



*Rabbi Marsh teaches B'nai Mitzvah students in the Chapel  
L-R: Shoshanah Feldman, Henry Hively, Rabbi Marsh, Sam Smith*

## SNOW BIRDS.....

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

## 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
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*All contributions listed  
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### Harry Gometz Fund

#### Yahrzeit:

- CHAI -  
Nicholas Goldhammer  
Harriet Davis
- SILVER -  
Marshall Shapiro  
Hilda Siegle  
Ann Waldman      Roanne & Lannie Katzman
- GOLD -  
Frances Gometz      Harriet Davis  
Oscar Soldinger      Roanne & Lannie Katzman

### Harris/Williams Fund

#### Yahrzeit:

- GOLD -  
Leona Harris  
Alfred Harris      Adrienne & Harold Harris

### Hiddur/Kiddush Fund

#### IN HONOR OF:

- B'NAI MITZVAH -  
Carol & Bill Richman, Special Anniversary  
Ellie & Bill Nijadlik

#### IN MEMORY OF:

- CHAI -  
Harvey Malone      Rhoda Miller
- CHAI -  
Ida Stein  
Nicholas Rubin  
Mary Rubin      Sharon & Sanford Stein  
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Harriet Goldberg      Jo-Jo & Stu Goldberg & Family
- SILVER -  
Jacob Friedes      Lori & David Friedes  
David Greenbaum      Ann & Howard Rosenberg

### Hiddur/Kiddush Fund (cont.)

#### Yahrzeit:

- DOUBLE CHAI -  
Shirley Sattler      Lynette & Andy Sattler
- GOLD -  
Joseph Fingerhut  
Louis Fingerhut      Esther & Barry Sherman
- PLATINUM -  
All Our Loved Ones      Nancy & Stephen Goldberg

### Cal & Art Katz Sanctuary Fund

#### Yahrzeit:

- SILVER -  
Deena Kaufman, Beloved Mother  
Susan & Steve Kaufman

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#### IN MEMORY OF:

- CHAI -  
Marvin Odesky      Alison & Bryan Ahrens
- DOUBLE PLATINUM -  
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#### Yahrzeit:

- GOLD -  
Sylvia Brauer, Beloved Mother, Grandmother &  
Great-Grandmother  
Eleanor Golding & Family

### Marian & Stanley Oberlin Fund

#### Yahrzeit:

- PLATINUM -  
Lorrie Daube      Jeff Daube & Family

### Michael & Renee Quiroga Fund

#### Yahrzeit:

- B'NAI MITZVAH -  
Garry Schuster      Louise Schuster

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

#### IN APPRECIATION OF:

- DOUBLE CHAI -  
Rabbi Marsh, In Appreciation  
Steve Federman

### Religious School Fund

#### IN HONOR OF:

- B'NAI MITZVAH -  
Stuart Brody, Special Birthday  
Fran & Chuck Weinblatt
- B'NAI MITZVAH -  
Sharon Perry  
Elizabeth Robbins      Andrea & Gary Urie

### Safety & Security Fund

#### IN HONOR OF:

- CHAI -  
Eli & Emily Kaufman's Baby Daughter Cameron  
Anne & Jeff Bauer

### Safety & Security Fund (cont.)

#### SPEEDY RECOVERY:

- DOUBLE CHAI -  
Howard Rosenberg, Speedy Recovery  
Jan & Tom Kasle

#### IN MEMORY OF:

- CHAI -  
Harvey Malone      Debbie Katz &  
Jon Liebenthal
- DOUBLE CHAI -  
Harvey Malone      Jan & Tom Kasle
- CHAI -  
Barbara Edellstein, Beloved Aunt  
Maxwell Lampert, Beloved Father  
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#### Yahrzeit:

- CHAI -  
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#### Yahrzeit:

- B'NAI MITZVAH -  
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### Tribute Fund

#### IN HONOR OF:

- B'NAI MITZVAH -  
Harry Nistel Special Birthday  
Nora Romanoff &  
Eli Abramson

#### IN MEMORY OF:

- B'NAI MITZVAH -  
Bonnie Ross      Sandy Bookman &  
Mark Bookman

#### Yahrzeit:

- B'NAI MITZVAH -  
Yvette Levin      Michael Levin &  
Barbara Levin
- Jerome Levison      Sandy Bookman &  
Mark Bookman

- Birdie Meyers  
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- CHAI -  
Isaac Mizrachi      Gabi Mallin

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**Feb. 1: 14 Shevat**

Eva Friedmar  
Miriam Meyers Barrack  
Albert Friedman  
Selma Zimmerman  
Judith Fleischer  
Anna Kaminsky  
Harold Friedman

**Feb. 2: 15 Shevat**

Betty Fogel  
Sheldon Goldstein  
Maurice Kripke  
Sarah Mozen

**Feb. 3: 16 Shevat**

Shirley Bader  
Myer Liber  
Jay Harvey Post  
Fay Aronoff  
Ted Helberg  
Norman Podolsky  
Grace Laderman  
Selma Guttenberg

**Feb. 4: 17 Shevat**

Irving E. Shore  
Eva Joseph  
Rose Friedman  
Esther Schulak  
Esther Goldberg  
Isadore Marcus  
Morris Neiberg  
Dora Meyers Levin  
Charles Rabinowitz  
Max Manoff

**Feb. 5: 18 Shevat**

Charles Shapler  
Marie Odenheimer  
James M. Levison  
Sean David Schroeder

**Feb. 6: 19 Shevat**

Miriam Lubow  
Margaret Goldner  
Theodore Torchin  
Bernard Saxon  
Hayim Leizerman

**Feb. 6: 19 Shevat (cont.)**

Harry Yaffe  
Edith Rose Kramer  
Rae Jacobs  
Elsie Berkowitz

**Feb. 7: 20 Shevat**

Morris Freimer  
Lori Kremer  
Immergluck  
Sam Stohl  
Bertha Treuhaft  
Hettie Berenson  
Hyman Auslander  
Rebecca Fishman  
Margaret Jablonski  
Belle Swartz

**Feb. 8: 21 Shevat**

Marilyn Swartz  
Rivka Leah Kesselman  
Mary Pintis  
Freda Cohen  
Rose Swolsky

**Feb. 9: 22 Shevat**

Benjamin Braveman  
Miriam Leeper-Kende  
Alexander Louis Kramer  
Shirley Kirshner  
Celia Polson  
Abraham Joseph Shall  
Inge Horowitz

**Feb. 10: 23 Shevat**

Betty Katz  
Ernest Damrauer  
Mendel Tochtermann  
Evelyn Gayle Schall  
Harry Levison  
Max Sack  
Edna Tannenbaum  
Peggy Struening

**Feb. 11: 24 Shevat**

Phil Hening  
Pauline Vetensky  
Rose Levison  
Mary Rubin

**Feb. 11: 24 Shevat (cont.)**

Martin Alexander  
Pearl Segall  
Anna Cohen  
Alex Fishbein

**Feb. 12: 25 Shevat**

Simon Karp  
Celia Marcus  
Julia Brookenthal  
Alex Waldman  
Maxwell Lampert  
Harry Malkin  
Sarah Neiberg

**Feb. 13: 26 Shevat**

Frank Katz  
Abraham Smith  
Annabelle Garfinkel  
Harriet Goldberg  
Sylvia Brauer  
Harry Chabler  
Isadore Fingerhut  
Robert B. Schuller  
Harry Rosenblatt

**Feb. 14: 27 Shevat**

Beatrice Kaplan  
David Reuben Goldberg  
Marjorie Jacobs  
Libba Friedman  
Deena Kaufman

**Feb. 15: 28 Shevat**

Meyer Shall  
Sander Simon  
Karen Springer

**Feb. 16: 29 Shevat**

Richard K. Friedman  
Lilly Levinson  
Fannie Kahn  
Rose Drube

**Feb. 17: 30 Shevat**

Jeremy Connor  
Henry Schwartz  
Benjamin Rubin  
Roger Green  
Jerald Gale

**Feb. 18: 1 Adar**

Freda Hallem  
Warren Bookman  
Samuel Ruddle  
Arthur H. Edelstein  
Lea Steinberg  
Ida Rubin  
Sarah Thelma Rosenthal  
Evelyn Frankel

**Feb. 19: 2 Adar**

Lillian Save  
Jacob Katz  
Abe J. Levine  
Samuel Bransdorf

**Feb. 20: 3 Adar**

Charlotte Goldhammer  
Fannie Ravin  
Janette Rabinowitz  
Esther Schwartz  
Lillian Sitzmann Vogel

**Feb. 21: 4 Adar**

Hugh Friedman  
Irving Kart  
Milton Waldman  
Larry Kripke  
Abraham Altman  
Barbara Liber  
William Rothman  
Lisa Feilhardt  
Sofa Miloslavskaya  
Lillian E. Marenberg

**Feb. 22: 5 Adar**

Wolf Nistel  
Leah Miriam Saks  
Leonard Thal  
Robert Ringer  
Jack Garfinkel  
Rosa Rosenberg  
Schwartz  
Ann Cohen

**Feb. 23: 6 Adar**

Erma Zerner  
Mollie Kahn  
Edward Minsky

**Feb. 23: 6 Adar (cont.)**

Patricia Kaminsky  
James Oberlin  
Jack J. Remer

**Feb. 24: 7 Adar**

Joel Rosen  
Nathan Weinstein  
David Frankel  
Joseph Diamond

**Feb. 25: 8 Adar**

Bernice Goldstein  
Irene Ida Rosenberg  
Jacob E. Lieberman  
Anna Fink Shoffer  
Sarah Applebaum

**Feb. 26: 9 Adar**

Bernard Baker  
Barbara Karp  
Erwin Katz  
Gary Schuster  
Julius Skaletzky  
Barry Liber

**Feb. 27: 10 Adar**

Rose Klein  
Abraham Mindel  
Joseph Krawetz  
Manuel Goldman  
Irv Rosen  
Wilfred Williams  
Sylvia Applebaum  
Chase Brown  
Alix Greenblatt  
Abraham Millsberg  
Anne Rowen

**Feb. 28: 11 Adar**

Helen Goldhammer  
Jacob Torchin  
Steve Kupper  
Silka Engel  
Gladys Becker



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## 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

**Saturday Morning Shabbat**  
9:30 AM - In Person/Live Stream  
**Shabbat Mincha** 12:30 PM - 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 [gmallin@cbitoledo.org](mailto:gmallin@cbitoledo.org) with your request.*



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## How to access CBI Live Stream Services

On your **Computer, Tablet or Cell Phone:**

- Go to the CBI website, [cbitoledo.org](http://cbitoledo.org).
- At the top of the home page click on "Live Stream".
- 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.

## Process for Funeral Arrangements and Other Life Cycle Events

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.

*Please bear in mind the Rabbi does not have his phone on him during Shabbat and Yom Tov, but he will respond as soon as he is able after Shabbat or Yom Tov ends.*

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.

## 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. The deadline to submit is the 15th of the previous month. Please call the office at 419-517-8400.

## YAHREZIT NOTICES...

If you are not receiving a yahrzeit notice for a friend or relative and would like one sent annually, please call the office at 419-517-8400. We will need the English date of death.



## 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.*

# February 2026

KEY: IP = In-Person Services LS = CBI Live Stream Services ZM = Zoom Services

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM IP/ZM Morning Service 9:30-11:30 AM IP Religious School 10:30 AM IP Tu b'Shvat Celebration	2 8:00 AM IP/ZM Morning Service 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service 7:20 PM IP/ZM Megillah Reading Class 8:00 PM IP/ZM Tefillah Talk Class	3 12:30 PM IP Canasta 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service	4 4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School @ Chabad 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service 7:40 PM IP/ZM Basic Hebrew Reading Class 8:00 PM IP/ZM Intro to Judaism Class	5 8:00 AM IP/ZM Morning Service 10:00 AM IP Mahjong 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service	6 11:00 AM IP Parashat Hashavuah: Torah Portion of the Week 5:45 PM ZM Kabbalat Shabbat Service 5:38 PM Light Candles	7 9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Yitro 12:30 PM IP/LS Mincha 6:33 PM Shabbat Ends
8 9:00 AM IP/ZM World Wide Wrap 9:30 AM IP/ZM Morning Service 9:30-11:30 AM IP Religious School 10:30 AM IP/ZM Judaism & Modernity Class	9 8:00 AM IP/ZM Morning Service 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service 7:20 PM IP/ZM Megillah Reading Class 8:00 PM IP/ZM Tefillah Talk Class	10 12:30 PM IP Canasta 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service	11 4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School @ Chabad 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service 7:30 PM ZM Jewish American Series 7:40 PM IP/ZM Basic Hebrew Reading Class 8:00 PM IP/ZM Intro to Judaism Class	12 8:00 AM IP/ZM Morning Service 10:00 AM Cherry St. Mission Connecting Kids to Meals 1:00 PM IP Mahjong 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service	13 11:00 AM IP Parashat Hashavuah: Torah Portion of the Week 6:00 PM IP/LS In-Person Kabbalat Shabbat Service 5:47 PM Light Candles	14 9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Mishpatim 12:30 PM IP/LS Mincha 6:41 PM Shabbat Ends
15 9:30 AM ZM ONLY Morning Service NO Religious School President's Weekend 10:30 AM IP/ZM Judaism & Modernity Class 1:00 PM IP Game Day Extravaganza	16 PRESIDENT'S DAY - Office Closed 8:00 AM IP/ZM Morning Service 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service 7:20 PM IP/ZM Megillah Reading Class 8:00 PM IP/ZM Tefillah Talk Class	17 12:30 PM IP Canasta 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service	18 11:00 AM IP WCBI Rosh Chodesh Adar Event 4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School @ Chabad 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service 7:40 PM IP/ZM Basic Hebrew Reading Class 8:00 PM IP/ZM Intro to Judaism Class	19 8:00 AM IP/ZM Morning Service 10:00 AM IP Mahjong 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service	20 11:00 AM IP Parashat Hashavuah: Torah Portion of the Week 5:45 PM ZM Kabbalat Shabbat Service 5:56 PM Light Candles	21 9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Terumah 12:30 PM IP/LS Mincha 6:50 Shabbat Ends
22 9:30 AM IP/ZM Morning Service 9:30-11:30 AM IP Religious School 10:30 AM IP Adult Ed: Roy Buchler, New ICRC Director	23 8:00 AM IP/ZM Morning Service 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service 7:20 PM IP/ZM Megillah Reading Class 8:00 PM IP/ZM Tefillah Talk Class	24 10:30 AM IP WCBI Book Club: Goyhood 12:30 PM IP Canasta 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service	25 1:00 PM IP Purim Mishloach Manot/Goodie Bags 4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School @ Chabad 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service 7:40 PM IP/ZM Basic Hebrew Reading Class 8:00 PM IP/ZM Intro to Judaism Class	26 8:00 AM IP/ZM Morning Service 10:00 AM IP Mahjong 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service	27 11:00 AM IP Parashat Hashavuah: Torah Portion of the Week 5:45 PM ZM Kabbalat Shabbat Service 5:56 PM Light Candles	28 9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parashat tetzaveh "Wear a Headress!" 12:30 PM IP/LS Mincha 6:58 PM Light Candles

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