



MARCH 2026: ADAR - NISAN 5786

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# CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

160 Years of Consecrated Service to God, Torah & Israel

A Congregation Affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

*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 & 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.

This event has been generously sponsored by the E.J. Leizerman Family in memory of Elizabeth Leizerman

Reservations required.  
RSVP to Kim Brody at  
kbrody@cbitoledo.org  
or call the office at 419.517.8400 by  
February 23rd.

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

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## Scrolling Down Memory Lane

While we associate "the Megillah" with the Book of Esther that we read on Purim, there are in fact a total of five books of the Tanakh (Jewish Bible) that the term "megillah" (which just means scroll, based on the root for "roll") applies to today. In our own synagogue practice, we read all or part of each of these on different holidays. This is not, however, a universal practice, and there are a number of variations as to exactly when some of these megillot are read on the holiday.

There is also the question of "why?". Reading Esther on Purim is self-explanatory - it's the main focus of the whole holiday, and the obligation to read it goes back at least 2000 years, if not back to the time of Esther itself. The Talmud does not refer to any other megillah reading on other days, but it does mention that the book of Eikha (Lamentations) is one of the texts allowed

to be studied/read on Tisha B'Av (the date of many Jewish tragedies including the destruction of the Temple).

At some point in the centuries after the Talmud was completed (roughly the 5th-8th centuries), it seems like a reading of Eikha became customary, as it is mentioned in the midrashic text Eikha Rabba, and the post-Talmudic Masechet Sof'rim. Unfortunately, we do not know exactly when those were written. This development seems likely to have been earlier than the remaining three megillot. Eikha consists of poetry written about the aftermath of the destruction of Jerusalem, so its connection to Tisha B'Av when we mourn the destruction of the Temple, is quite straightforward. Purim and Tisha B'Av are also diametrically opposite on the calendar and in character, so contrasting megillah readings also make sense. (Indeed, Megillat Esther does not mention God, but God's influence is felt, while Eikha mentions God, but in the context of God's presence being estranged from the Jewish people.)

Of the remaining megillot, it seems that customs regarding reading Shir haShirim (Song of Songs) and Ruth on Pesach and Shavuot, respectively, also had developed by the time of Masechet Sof'rim. It describes each of them being broken into two parts and read over the course of two days, and indicates that a b'rakha is said before reading (which is not the common practice today). It is not clear if this is intended to be a public reading like Esther or an individual reading. It also says that some have the custom of reading at night and some during the daytime. Apparently, reading the fifth megillah, Kohelet (Ecclesiastes), on Sukkot came even later, probably as an obvious extension so that we read a megillah on each of the three pilgrimage festivals.

What these early references do not, however, explain is the connection of these three megillot to the holidays, so we do not know for certain the reason each was selected, and this has been the subject of much speculation over the centuries. (Although, lots of rabbis like to give "definitive" answers that conflict with each other.) With Pesach coming, let's take a look at Shir haShirim as an example.

Although the plain-text of Shir haShirim is clearly love poetry, the Sages understand it as an allegory for the relationship between God and Israel. If it were not for this, it probably would not have much claim to be a sacred text. The main collection of midrashim (rabbinic extrapolations and speculations) that we have on this book is appropriately named Shir haShirim Rabba, and may well be a composite that developed over a number of centuries, but is probably roughly contemporaneous with the aforementioned Masechet Sof'rim. Early in this text (2:1), it asks the question "'Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth' - where was this stated?", as if the verse (and perhaps the entire megillah) must be connected to a particular historical event.

Four rabbis then share four theories, which boil down to: at the crossing of the Sea of Reeds, at Sinai, in the Mishkan (portable sanctuary in the wilderness), and in the (Jerusalem) Temple. (Note that all but one of these precede Solomon (who traditionally is the author) by centuries, but the Midrash is not concerned by anachronism.)

I think the first of these is the most probable connection between Pesach and Shir haShirim that led to the megillah reading on Pesach: that in the rabbinical imagination, this book named "Song of Songs" is inherently linked to the "Song at the Sea" in the Torah that was sung at the crossing of the sea. This would also explain why the original custom described in Masechet Sof'rim involved reading the megillah over the course of specifically the last two days of Pesach, when we commemorate the crossing of the Sea of Reeds, a week after the departure from Egypt. Like many practices, it's to help take us back in time and commemorate historical events, imagining ourselves as if we were there.

Over time, lots of other variations of when on Pesach to read it have arisen, such as reading it at the end of the seder, at mariv at shul on the first two nights, before mincha of the last day, and the familiar one of reading it publicly on the Shabbat that falls in the middle of the holiday. Our congregation modifies this by reading only excerpts of this long megillah. Because it is a matter of custom which already has a lot of variants, I think there is a lot of leeway to do this.

Other proposed connections between this megillah and the holiday include:

- \* both being set in springtime
- \* the mention of "Pharaoh's chariots"



## Reflections on India

Recently, CBI board president, Tom Kastle, asked if I might write something for the synagogue bulletin about my recent trip to India to teach MBA students (topic: **Strategic Management**). At first, I thought “what context would my visit have to do with CBI bulletin material?” After giving this some thought and reflection, I am reminded that Jewish core values and Indian cultural values, while emerging from distinct historical and religious contexts, seemingly converge in their emphasis on several common values: communal responsibility, reverence for learning, and honoring parents.

First, some background. Located in the South-Central region of India, the city of Coimbatore was designated a “sister city” of Toledo by the Toledo Sister Cities International (TSCI) organization.

TSCI’s mission is to “... foster international activity for world peace and global concerns in education, culture and business in an atmosphere of understand and mutual respect.” The University of Toledo (UT) has had a longstanding partnership with the premier educational institution in Coimbatore India (PSG Institute of Management). This initiative was formed by two UT business professors, Dr. Subba Rao and Dr. Ragu-Nathan. Students from Coimbatore complete their UT MBA by taking courses at their home University (UT Professors travel to India) while they complete their second year of the MBA program at the University of Toledo.

During my 3-week teaching tenure at the PSG-IM campus, I was able to experience the culture (both on and off campus) which brings me to reflect how some Jewish core values and Indian Cultural values intersect.

### **Communal Responsibility:**

Judaism emphasizes collective responsibility, expressed in the Talmudic teaching, “All Israel is responsible for one another” (Shevuot 39a). During my class sessions with my students, I noted that they seemed very protective of one another. During (attendance) roll call, they would make of point of telling me that “s/he is on the way” (rather than risk allowing a classmate to be marked tardy). In one instance, a student from the afternoon class attended the morning session (an additional 4-hour block) so that she could mentor another student who had fallen behind in the course. Notably, they preferred to be physically close to one another. Although, tables were spacious enough to spread out (6-rounds), they tended to huddle in spaces – by our standards – only fit for two.

### **Learning, Wisdom, and Study:**

Jewish tradition elevates study as a sacred act, stating, “The study of Torah is equal to all other commandments” (Mishnah Peah 1:1). I found that my students revered knowledge passed through the teacher-student relationship. When I entered the classroom, all students present would stand (a ritual I was quite uncomfortable with). Interactions with individual students were thoughtful and respectful. It took me some time to get used to the custom of shaking the head to show understanding (as opposed to disagreement). Virtually all conversations ended with a very polite “yes, sir” ... even when the outcome wasn’t what they had hoped for.

### **Family, Elders, and Generational Continuity:**

Judaism commands honoring parents (Exodus 20:12) and emphasizes transmitting tradition across generations (Deuteronomy 6:6–7). Across 83 students, there were boundless instances where parental and family duties interfered with schoolwork. I learned that when a family member passes, there is a 30-day mourning period (Pitru Paksha) – not as strict as a Jewish Shivah but it does involve a daily memorial ritual. Note: before granting the assignment extension, I had to look this up. Many students live in a multi-generational home, so anecdotes and stories about siblings, parents, and grandparents were abundant. Missing class to care for a sick family member was considered an excused absence.

The experience was enlightening, both from an educational and cultural perspective. Yes, I missed my family during my three-week visit and it might be some time before I do it again. But the experience helped me to better understand how our Jewish cultural values translate to the cultural beliefs that I witnessed while teaching in India. In the end, I think I was the real student.

**Michael Mallin, Professor, The University of Toledo, CBI Board of Trustees**

## March Special Birthdays



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

David Zack	March 2
Charlotte Kominars	March 4
Sue Wilson	March 7
Cynthia Robertson	March 11
Fagie Benstein	March 20
Peter Hendel	March 24
Kati Gale	March 29

## Condolences

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY MOURNS THE LOSS OF

### ALLEN SAMUEL ZACK

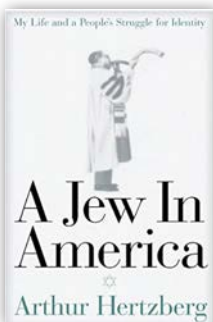
Father of David (Dena) Zack, grandfather of six grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

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



## 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.



### ***A Jew In America My Life and a People's Struggle for Identity*** by Arthur Hertzberg

Throughout his life this world-renowned rabbi, activist, author, historian, public servant, and confidante to the powerful has advocated that a true Jew is not an ethnic Jew who makes central his support for Israel or his fight against anti-Semitism, but rather a person deeply tied to the religion and its principles. Hertzberg traces his own self-discovery, confronting the choices he has made and offering a history of American Jews and their struggle for identity.

Hertzberg's life is a window onto the forces that have buffeted and strengthened Jews in our times, and his compelling story is an important portrait of the history and culture of the twentieth century, including his dealings with such luminaries as Golda Meir, Martin Luther King Jr., and Henry Kissinger.

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

## Todah Rabah to...

- Bruce Post, for driving to Detroit to deliver and pick up two CBI Torahs for evaluation by the Torah Sofer.

### CBI & ETZ CHAYIM TU BISHVAT SEDER COORDINATORS & VOLUNTEERS:

Rabbi Marsh, Adam Davis, Mary Bilyeu, Judy Weinberg, Helen Michaels, Nancy Jacobson, Hope Davis, Greg Davis, Miriam Beckerman, Michelle Smith, Steve Smith, Ellen Hively, Fagie Benstein



Don't forget to **SPRING FORWARD!**  
Set your clocks **FORWARD 1 HOUR** before bed on **SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH**  
Daylight Savings Time begins on **SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH** at 2 AM

## Mazal Tov to...

- Lois Levison on the bat mitzvah of her granddaughter, Caitlin Sullivan. Proud parents are Ilana & Shawn Sullivan.



- Sue & Joel Zanville on the birth of great grandchildren, William Baas, and Charlotte Barber. Proud parents are Lucy & Jimmy Baas, and Halley & Brandon Barber.
- Jerry Lemieux, husband of Carolyn Zanville-Lemieux, on receiving the 2026 USGA Joe Dey Award.

## New Members

### OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Judy & Roland Hansen

## 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/>

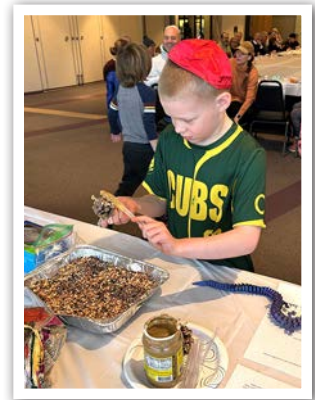
## CBI & Etz Chayim Tu biShvat Seder & Celebration on Sunday, February 1, 2026

On Sunday, February 1st, CBI hosted a fantastic Tu biShvat Seder & Celebration in honor of the Jewish New Year for the trees. This interactive Tu biShvat seder was led by Rabbi Marsh and planned jointly with Congregation Etz Chayim and a fabulous committee of members from both synagogues. Both students and guests participated in the lovely seder while enjoying various traditionally-eaten fruits, nuts, and juices in honor of the holiday. Parents also made a beautiful fruit mandala for all to taste.

Nearly 70 participants attended, including our entire Religious school and parents, CBI congregants, Etz Chayim congregants and 15 friends from the Multifaith Council of NW Ohio. The committee compiled a beautiful Tu biShvat Haggadah to use for the occasion. Hands-on activities included making bird feeders from pine cones, bird seed, and sunflower butter, as well as a tree with participants writing why we are grateful for trees.

We are looking forward to making this joint program an annual celebration and want to thank the committee for all of their hard work to make this event such a success.

*Coordinators and volunteers for this special event can be found on page 4.*



## Ongoing Adult Education Classes

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

### **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 - see calendar

**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**

**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).*

**2026**

**PURIM**

**EVENTS:**

## **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://jftoledo.fcsulte.com/erp/donate/llst/event?event\\_date\\_id=1596](https://jftoledo.fcsulte.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)**

## **Purim Morning Megillah & Brunch at Cong. Etz Chayim**

**Tue., March 3, 2026 9:30 AM**

**Congregation Etz Chayim, 3853 Woodley Road**

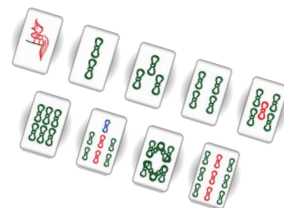
CBI members and our friends at Congregation Etz Chayim will join together to hear the megillah by Rabbi Marsh and others. A delicious brunch will follow the service.

**RSVP to the CBI office at 419-517-8400 or [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org) if you plan to attend.**



## **Canasta at CBI Tuesdays at 12:30 PM**

**Contact Rhoda Miller at [rmiller@cbitoledo.org](mailto:rmiller@cbitoledo.org) to RSVP**



## **Mahjong at CBI Thursdays at 1:00 PM**

All skill levels welcome!

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

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

## **ATTENTION: FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS GRADUATING SPRING 2026**



We will again be featuring our CBI family graduates in the June bulletin. Please send us the student's name, parents' names, where they are graduating from, and what they will be doing next. We need all information by Wednesday, May 13, 2026. Please email your info to [gmallin@cbitoledo.org](mailto:gmallin@cbitoledo.org).



## **CBI 2026 Summer Camp Scholarship Information**

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

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



## A NIGHT OF STARS RETURNS!

### HAVDALAH & PLANETARIUM SHOW

Join us at 7:30 PM for a meaningful Havdalah service, snacks, and schmoozing and at 7:45 PM the Planetarium show "Earth from the Universe".

**SATURDAY EVENING,  
MARCH 7, 2026, 7:30 PM**

Lourdes Appold Planetarium, 6832 Convent Blvd.

Cost: Adults \$10, Children (12 & under) \$5

RSVP to Kim Brody at [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org) or call the office at 419.517.8400 by Mar. 3rd.

OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATION & GUESTS WITH RSVP

A Lucas County Sheriffs Officer will be on site to provide security at the event.



"Shabbat Across America" at CBI Evening Service & Dinner

**Fri., March 13, 2026  
at 6:00 PM  
In-Person & Live Stream**

Join us on March 13th for a special Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner as we unite with Jews all over the USA and Canada for "Shabbat Across America".

We will usher in Shabbat with Ma-ariv services in the sanctuary, candle lighting, the singing of festive z'mirot, and a delicious chicken dinner.

**Special guests will attend!**

**Cost: Adults: \$18**

**Children under 13 & CBI RS Students: FREE**

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

*Reservations required. Email [gmallin@cbitoledo.org](mailto:gmallin@cbitoledo.org) or call the office at 419.517.8400 by Friday, March 6th.*

**Mark your calendar with upcoming In-Person Kabbalat Shabbat dates:**

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

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

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

### Nosh & Knowledge: CBI Adult Education



**Adult Ed: Global Warming from a Bird's Eye View**

with speaker, Mike Tamor

**Sun., March 15, 2026 at  
10:30 AM**

Join us as we continue the discussion about global warming from Rabbi Marsh's class in February.

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

RSVP to [gmallin@cbitoledo.org](mailto:gmallin@cbitoledo.org) or call the office at 419.517.8400 by Friday, Mar. 20th.



**Demo & Devour  
Cooking Class:  
Rugelach!**



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

Join us for the third "Demo & Devour" cooking class where we will bake and then enjoy everyone's favorite Jewish pastry - RUGELACH!!

**Cost: \$10 - Cash only will be collected at the program.**

RSVP to Miriam Beckerman at [wcbi@cbitoledo.org](mailto:wcbi@cbitoledo.org) by March 15th. Space is limited to the first 15 people who RSVP. Open to all CBI members.



## CBI Family Bowling Day!

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**

**1:00 PM**

**Bowlero Lanes Fun Center,  
4398 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio**

Join us for a fun afternoon of bowling with CBI members and friends. All ages and skill levels welcome!

**Cost: \$6 per Game & \$4 Shoe Rental**

*Attendees will pay for their own shoe rentals, bowling, arcade games, and snacks.*

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

**RSVP to Fran Weinblatt by emailing [programming@cbitoledo.org](mailto:programming@cbitoledo.org)  
by Tuesday, March 17th.**



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 March  
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**

## 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 in-person Morning Services and/or on Zoom for Evening Services as needed to make the minyan. Communication will be by text message.

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

**PESACH BEGINS THE EVENING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st**

## **Pesach Essentials & Gifts in the CBI Gift Shop**

New Seder Plates, Matzah Covers, Haggadahs, Afikomen Bags, Passover Serveware & gifts items are available for purchase in the Gift Shop at CBI.

To see the full Pesach gift assortment, please call 419.517.8400 to make an appointment.  
The gift shop is open during Sunday School 9:30 - 11:30 AM.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

**CBI Pesach Seder: Second Night**

**Thursday, April 2, 2026 6:30 PM**  
**In-Person at CBI**



Join us at the seder table on the second night of Pesach!  
 This interactive CBI Seder will be led by Rabbi Aaron Marsh  
 with attendee participation.  
 There will a prize for finding the Afikomen!

The catered meat meal will be glatt kosher for Pesach and  
 includes all of the required traditional holiday food.

**Due to a generous anonymous contribution towards the Seder, the reduced cost per person is as follows:**

- CBI Members (13 years & above) - \$45**
- Children (6-12 years old) - \$20**
- Non-CBI Members (13 years & above) - \$50**
- Children (5 years & under & CBI Rel School Students) - FREE**

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

*Reservations required. Email [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org) or call the office at 419.517.8400 by Monday, March 16th.*

**PASSOVER BEGINS THE EVENING OF  
 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026**

*See page 10-12 for Pesach candle lighting & services  
 information and page 17 for the form to sell Hametz*

**Toledo Jewish Cemeteries  
 PESACH HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

**Beth Shalom, Oregon**  
 420 Otter Creek Rd., Oregon, Ohio 43616  
**Eagle Point, Rossford**  
 515 Eagle Point Rd., Rossford, Ohio 43460

**The CBI Office will be  
 CLOSED for Pesach:**

Wednesday, April 1, 2026	Noon	Erev Pesach
Thursday, April 2, 2026	Closed	1st Day of Pesach
Friday, April 3, 2026	Closed	2nd Day of Pesach
Wednesday, April 8, 2026	Closed	7th Day of Pesach
Thursday, April 9, 2026	Closed	8th Day of Pesach

Wednesday, April 1	Erev Pesach	Closed
Thursday, April 2	1st day of Pesach	Closed
Friday, April 3	2nd day of Pesach	Closed
Tuesday, April 7	Erev 7th day Pesach	Closed at 4 PM
Wednesday, April 8	7th day of Pesach	Closed
Thursday, April 9	8th day of Pesach	Closed

**Regular hours are:**  
*Sunday through Thursday 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.*  
*Closed at 4 p.m. Friday for Sabbath Eve • Closed Saturday for Shabbat*

## CBI PESACH CANDLE LIGHTING & SERVICES SCHEDULE 5786

### Wednesday, April 1

#### Siyyum Bechorim (Fast of the First Born)

- Morning Service - *In-Person/Zoom* 8:00 AM
- Erev Pesach (1st Seder after dark)**
- Evening service - *Zoom* 5:45 PM
- *Light Holiday Candles* 7:42 PM

### Thursday, April 2: 1st Day Pesach (2nd Seder after dark)

- **CBI OFFICE CLOSED**
- Holiday Morning Service of Reaffirmation  
- *In Person/Live Stream* 9:30 AM
- **NO EVENING SERVICE**
- **CBI Pesach Seder** 6:30 PM
- *Light Holiday Candles from existing flame* 8:33 PM

### Friday, April 3: 2nd Day Pesach

- **CBI OFFICE CLOSED**
- Holiday Morning Service - *In Person/Live Stream* 9:30 AM
- Afternoon service - *In Person/Live Stream* 12:45 PM
- *Light Shabbat Candles from existing flame* 7:44 PM

### Saturday - Tuesday, April 4 - 7 Chol Hamoed Pesach

#### Saturday, April 4

##### Shir HaShirim/Song of Songs

- Shabbat/ Chol Hamoed Morning Service  
- *In Person/Live Stream* 9:30 AM
- Mincha service - *In Person/Live Stream* 12:45 PM
- *Shabbat Ends* 8:38 PM

#### Sunday, April 5

- Morning Service - *Zoom* 9:30 PM

#### Monday, April 6

- Morning Service - *In Person/Zoom* 8:00 AM
- Afternoon Service - *Zoom* 5:45 PM

### Tuesday, April 7: Erev 7th Day Pesach

- Afternoon Service - *Zoom* 5:45 PM
- *Light Holiday Candles* 7:49 PM

### Wednesday, April 8: 7th Day Pesach

- **CBI OFFICE CLOSED**
- Holiday Morning Service - *In Person/Livestream* 9:30 AM
- Afternoon Service - *In Person/Live Stream* 5:45 PM
- *Light Holiday Candles from existing flame* 8:42 PM

### Thursday, April 9: 8th Day Pesach/Yizkor

- **CBI OFFICE CLOSED**
- Holiday Morning Service - *In Person/Live Stream* 9:30 AM
- Yizkor 10:45 AM
- Afternoon Service - *In Person/Live Stream* 5:45 PM

Passover ends at 8:43 PM

*Please allow 1 hour for Rabbi Marsh to buy back Chametz.*

## Siyyum Bechorim - Fast of the First Born Wednesday, April 1 at 8:00 AM In-Person & Zoom Join us for minyan and study

Join Congregation B'nai Israel for a Siyyum Bechorim. First-borns who participate are exempted from fasting. We will join Rabbi Anderson and the congregation of Temple Israel in Albany, New York on Zoom for a joint service and Rabbi Anderson's talk, "A Festival Offering: Siyyum on Chagigah."

The Zoom connection to Albany will be set up by CBI. For those participating from home, do not use the usual CBI Zoom, but **instead use the Albany Zoom: meeting ID: 596 239 9825**  
**<https://tinyurl.com/minyanalbany> passcode: TI**

**All are welcome; it is not limited to the first-born.**

Because the first-born of the Israelites were saved from the tenth plague, tradition requires that all first-born Jewish males fast on Erev Pesach until the Seder. The fast is called Taanit Bechorim. However, the law states that when any Jew hears the completion of a tractate of Rabbinic Literature, it is cause to celebrate and cancels the fast.

## Service of Reaffirmation

### Thursday, April 2 at 9:30 AM In-Person & Live Stream

Since Pesach is exactly six months from the High Holidays, we are afforded the opportunity to reaffirm our connection to God, to Judaism and to Torah, not just once, but at least twice a year. Pesach, when we became a free nation, is the most appropriate time other than the High Holy Days to reaffirm this connection.

Our special service of Reaffirmation will be on the first day of Pesach, Thursday, April 2nd, during Pesach Morning Services.

## Eiruv Tavshilin

There is a tradition to make an Eiruv Tavshilin for Shabbat when it falls right after Yom Tov. Since we do not cook on Yom Tov for the next day of Shabbat and we cannot cook meals on Shabbat, we make an Eiruv Tavshilin by setting aside two cooked items on Erev Yom Tov, Wednesday, April 1st, such as a hard boiled egg, matzah, meat or fish, and make the following declaration:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו  
וצונו על מצות עירוב

Baruch ata Ado-noi Elo-heinu melech ha-olam, Asher kid-shanu bi-mitzvo-tav Vi-tzee-vanu, al mitzvot eiruv.

*'We bless You our God, Creator of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with Your commandments, and taught us concerning the observance of the eiruv.'*

By means of this eiruv, may we be permitted to bake, cook, keep dishes warm, light candles, and prepare during the Holiday for Shabbat.

Note: This allows you to prepare food on Friday for Shabbat. It does not allow cooking on Shabbat, nor cooking on the first day of Yom Tov for consumption on another day.

## "Shir HaShirim" - Song of Songs

Saturday, April 6, 2026

9:30 AM In-Person & Live Stream

Join us to hear Rabbi Marsh explain and chant excerpts from "Shir HaShirim" in English and Hebrew.

"Shir HaShirim" otherwise known as the "Song of Songs" or "Song of Solomon", is a romantic love poem from the Tanakh that is also interpreted as a love song between God and the People of Israel.

## "Shevet Achim Gam Yachad"

### Share Your In-Person or Virtual Seder

In most years, friends and family gather to celebrate the Passover Holiday, enjoy a festive Seder meal and the retelling of our ancient Exodus. If you would like to welcome a visitor, student or neighbor as an in-person or "virtual" guest, or if you are able to host CBI members at your Seder, please contact Rabbi Marsh at [rabbi@cbitoledo.org](mailto:rabbi@cbitoledo.org).

## A Guide to Passover Observance 2026

Rabbi Marsh has compiled a general guide on how to observe Passover in 2026. Please note that this eight-page Passover guide isn't able to cover every single detail or case. You are encouraged to contact Rabbi Marsh for additional information or if you have specific questions.

The guide is available for download on the CBI website, or you can contact the office at 419-517-8400 to request a copy be sent to your email address.

## Memorialize Your Loved Ones

### Come to the Yizkor Service

Thursday, April 9: Services begin at 9:30 AM

Yizkor at 10:45 AM In-Person & Live Stream

Yizkor is a brief service held four times a year, during which individuals ask for Gd's blessing and formally recall the memories of their loved ones who are no longer alive. It is appropriate to quietly recite the names - Hebrew names particularly, or in English, of the loved ones we recall. It is recited for immediate family, but also for grandparents, cousins, and dear friends. It is also customary to light a yahrzeit candle from an existing flame the previous evening in memory of your deceased relatives.

## Mehirat Ḥametz: The Selling of Ḥametz

The ceremony of removing leaven (**Bedikat Ḥametz**) is to take place **Tuesday evening, March 31, 2026**. Ḥametz may be eaten until 11:32 AM on Wednesday, April 1, 2026. The Passover home atmosphere is created each year by the traditional practice of thoroughly cleansing the home, and by the removal of ḥametz, or leaven, in preparation for Pesach, as well as throughout the Passover days, both at home and away.

The term ḥametz is applied not only to foods, but also to the dishes and utensils in which the foods are prepared or served during the year. "Any manner of ḥametz (leavened food or utensils) owned by a Jew during the Passover holiday is forbidden to use." - even after the holiday.

Since conditions make it impossible to literally fulfill the Biblical command to destroy all leavened products, our sages instituted a practice called *Mehirat Ḥametz*, the selling of ḥametz. We are reminded of the necessity to divest ourselves of ownership of ḥametz, and make our home ritually ready.

The sale of ḥametz is conducted between a representative of the synagogue and a non-Jew. After Passover the ḥametz is

repurchased by the Jewish community.

**If you would like Rabbi Marsh to sell your ḥametz, please fill out the form on page 17 and return it by mail or in-person to the CBI office no later than Monday, March 30th. You may also give the filled out, signed form in-person to Rabbi by 9:00 AM, Wednesday, April 1st.**

**PLEASE FILL OUT AND SIGN THE ḤAMETZ FORM (page 17) COMPLETELY BEFORE SUBMITTING TO CBI OR RABBI MARSH.**

### Don't Sell All your Ḥametz!

When cleaning out your cupboard and pantries in preparation for Pesach, consider donating unopened packages of ḥametz and canned goods to a food pantry. Items such as crackers, noodles, cookies, jarred sauces, tuna, and peanut butter will be gratefully accepted by these organizations and passed on to those whose cupboards are empty.

Let those who are hungry this Passover season share in your celebration by receiving food that you might otherwise "sell" or dispose of.

**When to Count the Omer:** The counting of the omer begins on the second night of Passover. Jews in the Diaspora generally integrate this counting into the second seder. The omer is counted each evening after sundown. The counting of the omer is generally appended to the end of Ma'ariv (the evening service), as well.

**What to Say:** One stands when counting the omer, and begins by reciting the following blessing: *Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu Melekh ha'Olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tizivanu al sefirat ha'omer.* "Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who has sanctified us with your commandments and commanded us to count the omer." After the blessing, one recites the appropriate day of the count. For example: *Hayom yom echad la'omer.* "Today is the first day of the omer." After the first six days, one also includes the number of weeks that one has counted. For example: *Hayom sh'losah asar yom, she'hem shavuah echad v'shisha yamim la'omer.* "Today is 13 days, which is one week and six days of the omer."

## Congregation B'nai Israel Sefirat Ha'Omer Chart 2026 : 5786

ברוך אתה ה' אלקינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו על ספירת העומר	
Ba-ruch ah-tah Adonai Eh-lo-hay-nu meh-lech ha-o-lam ah-sheer ki-de-sha-nu be-mits-vo-tav ve-tsi-va-nu al se-fir-at ha-o-mer	
Hayom yom echad la-omer	Thursday Eve., Apr. 2
Hayom shnay yamim la-omer	Friday Eve., Apr. 3
Hayom shloshah yamim la-omer	Saturday Eve., Apr. 4
Hayom arba'ah yamim la-omer	Sunday Eve., Apr. 5
Hayom chamishah yamim la-omer	Monday Eve., Apr. 6
Hayom shishah yamim la-omer	Tuesday Eve., Apr. 7
Hayom shiv'ah yamim shehaym shavuah echad la-omer	Wednesday Eve., April 8
Hayom shmonah yamim shehaym shavuah echad veyom echad la-omer	Thursday Eve., April 9
Hayom tish'ah yamim shehaym shavuah echad ushnay yamim la-omer	Friday Eve., Apr. 10
Hayom asarah yamim shehaym shavuah echad ushloshah yamim la-omer	Saturday Eve., Apr. 11
Hayom ahad asar yom shehaym shavuah echad ve-arba'ah yamim la-omer	Sunday Eve., Apr. 12
Hayom shnaym asar yom shehaym shavuah echad vechamishah yamim la-omer	Monday Eve., Apr. 13
Hayom shloshah asar yom shehaym shavuah echad veshishah yamim la-omer	Tuesday Eve., Apr. 14
Hayom arba'ah asar yom shehaym shnay shavuot la-omer	Wednesday Eve., Apr. 15
Hayom chamishah asar yom shehaym shnay shavuot veyom echad la-omer	Thursday Eve., Apr. 16
Hayom shishah asar yom shehaym shnay shavuot ushnay yamim la-omer	Friday Eve., Apr. 17
Hayom shiv'ah asar yom shehaym shnay shavuot ushloshah yamim la-omer	Saturday Eve., Apr. 18
Hayom shmonah asar yom shehaym shnay shavuot ve-arba'ah yamim la-omer	Sunday Eve., Apr. 19
Hayom tish'ah asar yom shehaym shnay shavuot vechamishah yamim la-omer	Monday Eve., April 20
Hayom esrim yom shehaym shnay shavuot veshishah yamim la-omer	Tuesday Eve., April 21
Hayom echad v'esrim yom shehaym shloshah shavuot la-omer	Wednesday Eve., April 22
Hayom shnayim v'esrim yom shehaym shloshah shavuot veyom echad la-omer	Thursday Eve., April 23
Hayom shloshah v'esrim yom shehaym shloshah shavuot ushnay yamim la-omer	Friday Eve., April 24
Hayom arba'ah v'esrim yom shehaym shloshah shavuot ushloshah yamim la-omer	Saturday Eve., April 25
Hayom chamishah v'esrim yom shehaym shloshah shavuot ve-arba'ah yamim la-omer	Sunday Eve., April 26
Hayom shishah v'esrim yom shehaym shloshah shavuot echamishah yamim la-omer	Monday Eve., April 27
Hayom shiv'ah v'esrim yom shehaym shloshah shavuot veshishah yamim la-omer	Tuesday Eve., April 28
Hayom shmonah v'esrim yom shehaym arba'ah shavuot la-omer	Wednesday Eve., April 29
Hayom tish'ah v'esrim yom shehaym arba'ah shavuot veyom echad la-omer	Thursday Eve., April 30
Hayom shloshim yom shehaym arba'ah shavuot ushnay yamim la-omer	Friday Eve., May 1
Hayom echad ushloshim yom shehaym arba'ah shavuot ushloshah yamim la-omer	Saturday Eve., May 2
Hayom shnayim ushloshim yom shehaym arba'ah shavuot ve-arba'ah yamim la-omer	Sunday Eve., May 3
Hayom shloshah ushloshim yom shehaym arba'ah shavuot vechamishah yamim la-omer	Monday Eve., May 4
Hayom arba'ah ushloshim yom shehaym arba'ah shavuot veshishah yamim la-omer	Tuesday Eve., May 5
Hayom chamishah ushloshim yom shehaym chamishah shavuot la-omer	Wednesday Eve., May 6
Hayom shishah ushloshim yom shehaym chamishah shavuot veyom echad la-omer	Thursday Eve., May 7
Hayom shiv'ah ushloshim yom shehaym chamishah shavuot ushnay yamim la-omer	Friday Eve., May 8
Hayom shmonah ushloshim yom shehaym chamishah shavuot ushloshah yamim la-omer	Saturday Eve., May 9
Hayom tish'ah ushloshim yom shehaym chamishah shavuot ve-arba'ah yamim la-omer	Sunday Eve., May 10
Hayom arba'im yom shehaym chamishah shavuot vechamishah yamim la-omer	Monday Eve., May 11
Hayom echad v-arba'im yom shehaym chamishah shavuot veshishah yamim la-omer	Tuesday Eve., May 12
Hayom shnayim v-arba'im yom shehaym shishah shavuot la-omer	Wednesday Eve., May 13
Hayom shloshah v-arba'im yom shehaym shishah shavuot veyom echad la-omer	Thursday Eve., May 14
Hayom arba'ah v-arba'im yom shehaym shishah shavuot ushnay yamim la-omer	Friday Eve., May 15
Hayom chamishah v-arba'im yom shehaym shishah shavuot ushloshah yamim la-omer	Saturday Eve., May 16
Hayom shishah v-arba'im yom shehaym shishah shavuot ve-arba'ah yamim la-omer	Sunday Eve., May 17
Hayom shiv'ah v-arba'im yom shehaym shishah shavuot vechamishah yamim la-omer	Monday Eve., May 18
Hayom shmonah v-arba'im yom shehaym shishah shavuot veshishah yamim la-omer	Tuesday Eve., May 19
Hayom tish'ah v-arba'im yom shehaym shiv'ah shavuot la-omer	Wednesday Eve., May 20

## Notes from our Principal

We are looking forward to the Annual Community Purim Carnival coming up on March 1st. This event will be fun for the entire family. The carnival runs from 10:00-11:30 am at Shomer Emunim. This event is in lieu of Religious School at CBI on March 1st.

The Shinshinim representatives will be back to visit our community religious school students on March 15. This is a joint program with students from Shomer Emunim and we are very much looking forward to an exciting interactive program led by the young adults. They will also be special guests at our Kabbalat Shabbat dinner on March 13. We hope to see you all there.

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

## David S. Stone Religious School March 2026 Calendar

<b>Sun</b>	<b>3/1</b>	<b>Community Purim Carnival at Shomer</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>3/2</b>	<b>5:30 PM CBI Purim Sing-Along Shpiel, Celebration &amp; Dinner</b>
Wed	3/4	4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3/8</b>	<b>9:30-11:30 AM Religious School</b>
Wed	3/11	4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School
<b>Fri</b>	<b>3/13</b>	<b>6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service &amp; Dinner "Shabbat Across America"</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3/15</b>	<b>9:30-11:30 AM Religious School &amp; Shinshinim visit</b>
Wed	3/18	4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School
Sun	3/22	NO Religious School - SPRING BREAK
Wed	3/25	NO Hebrew School - SPRING BREAK
Sun	3/29	NO Religious School - SPRING BREAK

## Volunteer to Help Hungry Children in Toledo



**Thursday, March 12, 2026 10 AM-12 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](mailto:programming@cbitoledo.org) by Mar. 11th**

## Donate to CBI Confirmation Project

Cecilia Bringman is a confirmation student in the CBI David S. Stone Religious School. For her confirmation project, she has chosen to collect donated supplies and assemble **"Cancer Care Kits"** to deliver to patients at Fostoria Hospital. Her goal is to make 10 or more kits.

**Cecelia is requesting the following supplies:  
Socks, Coloring Books, Word Search Books, and other Activities (that can be used for bed-ridden patients),  
Lotions, Lip Balms, Water Bottles, and Hard Candy.**

If you would like to donate items to help with her project, please contact Kim Brody at [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org) and bring your donations to CBI now through March 15th (by 11:30 AM). *We respectfully request that donated items not be brought into the synagogue on Shabbat.*



*CBI Religious School students, congregants, and clergy participated in the World Wide (Tefillin) Wrap at CBI on Sunday, February 8, 2026.*

## 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
Sapphire Contribution	\$250
DbI Platinum Chai Contribution	\$360
Ruby Contribution	\$500
Emerald Contribution	\$750
Diamond Contribution	\$1000+

*All contributions listed  
were made on or before  
February 15, 2026*

### Camp Ramah Fund

#### SPEEDY RECOVERY:

**- B'NAI MITZVAH -**  
Richard Schroeder, Speedy Recovery  
Kathryn Linver

#### IN MEMORY OF:

**- B'NAI MITZVAH -**  
Ethel Foster  
Gail Mirrow                      Kathryn Linver

#### YAHZRZET:

**- DOUBLE CHAI -**  
Arthur Berkowitz              Kathryn Linver

### Harry Gometz Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF:

**- CHAI -**  
Harvey Malone              The Greg Davis Family  
Ethel Foster                      Harriet Davis

#### YAHZRZET:

**- CHAI -**  
Charlotte Goldhammer  
Helen Goldhammer  
   Harriet Davis

### Harris/Williams Fund

#### YAHZRZET:

**- CHAI -**  
Wilford Williams              Debbie & David Perlmutter

**- GOLD -**  
Wilfred Williams              Paula & Ronald Creed

Ralph Harris  
Beryl Harris                      Adrienne & Harold Harris

**- PLATINUM CHAI -**  
Ralph Harris, Beloved Brother  
Sheldon Harris

### Hiddur/Kiddush Fund

#### IN HONOR OF:

**- B'NAI MITZVAH -**  
Selma Master, Special Birthday  
   Fran & Chuck Weinblatt

#### IN APPRECIATION OF:

**- PLATINUM -**  
In Appreciation              Joe Wittenberg

#### SPEEDY RECOVERY:

**- DOUBLE CHAI -**  
Speedy Recovery, Jack Lipszyc  
   Cathy Gordon

#### IN MEMORY OF:

**- B'NAI MITZVAH -**  
Ethel Foster                      Carol & Bill Richman  
Harvey Malone                  Fran & Chuck Weinblatt

**- CHAI -**  
Ethel Foster                      Rhoda Miller  
   Ellie & Bill Nijjadlik  
   Fagie Benstein

**- SILVER -**  
Ethel Foster                      Luann & Bill Garber  
   Anne & Jeff Bauer  
   Fran & Chuck Weinblatt

**- DOUBLE CHAI -**  
Ethel Foster                      Diane & David Truehaft  
   Sue & Mark Weinberg  
   Cathy Gordon  
   Cheryl & Jeff Levin

**- GOLD -**  
Ethel Foster                      Gayle & Bob Retske  
Harvey Malone                  Ann & Howard Rosenberg

#### YAHZRZET:

**- CHAI -**  
Clara Shuer                      Luann & Bill Garber  
Esther Garber

Dora Katz                          Angie & Jack Katz

**- DOUBLE CHAI -**  
Jay Harvey Post                  Sheila, Bruce, Jordon &  
   Brynna Post

**- PLATINUM -**  
Anna Jordon                      Dolores Alexander

### Sherwin & Naomi Kripke Fund

#### YAHZRZET:

**- CHAI -**  
Rose Levison                      Gail & Leon Kwait  
Belle Swartz                      Bonnie & Jim Swartz

**- GOLD -**  
Larry Kripke                      Joanie Kripke

### Marian & Stanley Oberlin Fund

#### YAHZRZET:

**- GOLD -**  
James Oberlin                      Jeff Daube & Family

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

#### IN APPRECIATION OF:

**- DOUBLE CHAI -**  
In Appreciation                  Shantel Light

#### IN MEMORY OF:

**- SILVER -**  
Harvey Malone                  Janet Erickson

#### YAHZRZET:

**- B'NAI MITZVAH -**  
Barbara Liber                      Tracey Liber

**- DOUBLE CHAI -**  
Steve Kupper                      Karen Lieberman

### Safety & Security Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF:

**- B'NAI MITZVAH -**  
Ethel Foster                      Susan Richards

**- CHAI -**  
Ethel Foster                      Jan & Tom Kasle  
Harvey Malone                  Selma Master

#### YAHZRZET:

**- CHAI -**  
Barbara Straus                  Katie Gale  
Ralph Kwait                      Gail & Lee Kwait

**- GOLD -**  
Esther Goldberg                  Dorothy & William Goldberg  
Rose Scheer                      Marianne Scheer & Family

### Sam Schwartz Minyan Fund

#### YAHZRZET:

**- CHAI -**  
Garry Schuster                  Cary Hersh & Mary Novie

### Abe & Dorothy Steinberg SKIP Fund

#### IN HONOR OF:

**- CHAI -**  
Lois Levison, Bat Mitzvah of Granddaughter  
   Betty Goldstein

### Tribute Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF:

**- DOUBLE CHAI -**  
Harvey Malone                  Karen McQuade

#### YAHZRZET:

**- CHAI -**  
Charles Liber, Beloved Father  
   Judy & Joel Scheinbach

Roggie Siegel, Beloved Mother  
Doris Goldberg, Beloved Mother  
   Jo-Jo & Stuart Goldberg

Anne Kalmanson, Beloved Mother  
   Rita & Marty Katcher

Harriet Traugott                  Sandy & Chuck Traugott

**- DOUBLE CHAI -**  
Alix Greenblatt                  Dick Greenblatt

**David Weinberg Education Fund**

IN MEMORY OF:

- **B'NAI MITZVAH** -
- Ethel Foster            Arlene & Jerry Russell
- Harvey Malone        Mark Friedman
- **CHAI** -
- June Truehaft         Judy Gersz & Family
- David Weinberg        Katie Gale
- Ethel Foster           Nancy & Nate Danziger
- **SILVER** -
- Ethel Foster           Diana & Jack Lipszyc
- **GOLD** -
- David Weinberg        Ellen Federman
- **PLATINUM** -
- David Weinberg        Ann & Howard Rosenberg

**David Weinberg Education Fund (cont.)**

Yahrzeit:

- **B'NAI MITZVAH** -
- Abraham Altman, Beloved Grandfather
- Freida Russell, Beloved Grandmother
- Leland Rubenstein, Beloved Brother-In-Law
- Arlene & Jerry Russell
- James M. Levison     Lois Levison
- **CHAI** -
- Mary Pintis            The Kohler Family
- Deena Kaufman
- Inge Horowitz
- Miriam Leeper-Kende
- Jerald Gale
- Joe Diamond
- Alix Greenblatt       Kati Gale

**David Weinberg Education Fund (cont.)**

Yahrzeit:

- **CHAI** -
- Morris Gersz           Judy Gersz & Family
- Barry Liber
- Jean Liber
- Marcia Greenspoon Liber
- Goodman Liber        Cathy & Steve Sperling
- **GOLD** -
- Fred Okun
- Leonard Fruchtman
- June Fruchtman       Shelly & Gary Fruchtman
- **PLATINUM** -
- Martin Alexander     Dolores Alexander

**Scrolling Down Memory Lane** *(cont. from pg 2)*

- \* the Exodus being the "beginning" of God's love affair with Israel
- \* the midrash links many verses in the megillah to verses in Exodus
- \* the idea that Solomon first recited it to the people on Pesach
- \* a link with the four stages of redemption mentioned in the Haggadah in connection with the Four Cups
- \* a broad theme of songs on Pesach

This year, as we read this megillah on the Shabbat in the middle of the holiday, instead of just following along (or perhaps zoning out), I encourage you try to find our own connections between this text and the holiday, and add a new layer of meaning to this centuries-old custom that speaks to you.

Wishing you all a Chag Pesach Sameach v'Kasher!

**Rabbi Aaron Marsh**

**I would like to make the following donation to Congregation B'nai Israel:**

- In Honor of             In Memory of             In Appreciation             Speedy Recovery             Yahrzeit

Of: \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select a fund to which you would like to direct your contribution:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Camp Ramah - Yale B. Roberts              | <input type="checkbox"/> Lily E. Baron            | <input type="checkbox"/> Samuel Schwartz Minyan          |
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Linda Penkower  
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Rose Bloom  
Jean Bame

**Mar. 2: 13 Adar**

Dave Perlman  
Lois Young Eisner  
Irma Rothschild  
Marcia Greenspoon Liber  
Anna Jordon  
Minnie Bateman  
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Hyman B. Davis  
Irene Steinberg  
Annette Greenspoon  
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**Mar. 3: 14 Adar**

Betty Fine  
Sandra Remer  
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Gertie Pinsky  
Jeanette Rosen  
Samuel Gallis  
Nachoma L.  
Lichtenstein  
Goodman Liber  
Florence Bransdorf  
Anna Ciralsky

**Mar. 4: 15 Adar**

Susan Weinman  
Harriet Traugott

**Mar. 5: 16 Adar**

Sam Litwin  
Mildred M. Friedman  
Max Rabinowitz  
Irving Scheinbach  
James Fox  
Freida Russell  
William Palman  
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**Mar. 6: 17 Adar**

Marvin Max Karp  
Anna Schuller

**Mar. 6: 17 Adar (cont.)**

Hyman Wallick  
Sondra Gallis  
Ida Salzman  
Mollie Goldberg  
Mary Liber

**Mar. 7: 18 Adar**

Morris Gersz  
Estelle Berns  
Julius Barry

**Mar. 8: 19 Adar**

Rabbi Morris Adler  
Theodore Resnick  
Ralph Harris  
Bess Perry  
Erwin Hoffman  
Gerald Getz  
Lillian Petler  
Claire Schall  
Monroe Marcus

**Mar. 9: 20 Adar**

Usher Markowicz  
Jean Liber  
Oscar Soldingier  
Max Hersh  
Adolph Katz  
Adele Federman

**Mar. 10: 21 Adar**

Albert Burg  
Jennie Bloom  
Manuel Tarschis  
Joe Nemo Wexler  
Isador Berkowitz  
Jacob Cohn  
Fannie Benjamin  
Margaret Goodman

**Mar. 11: 22 Adar**

Arnold Sells  
Marion H. Manoff  
Dave Shall  
Yevgenya Melamed  
Dora Dalesman  
Joseph Goldberg

**Mar. 12: 23 Adar**

Celia Harris  
Hazel Stahl  
Julius Boxenbaum  
Rose Arnovitz  
Boris Meylakhov  
Mollie Jaffee

**Mar. 12: 23 Adar (cont.)**

Barbara Ellen Hochberg  
Rose Scheer  
Leon Michael Williams  
Rose Cooperman  
Joanne Guttman

**Mar. 13: 24 Adar**

Dora Katz  
Joel Siegel  
Diane Markowicz  
Doris Goldberg  
Ruth Berenson  
Anna Friedmar  
Helen Wilk  
Sam Levison  
Sadie Aiduss

**Mar. 14: 25 Adar**

Anne Kalmanson  
Sam Goodleman  
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**Mar. 15: 26 Adar**

Harmon Rusgo  
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**Mar. 16: 27 Adar**

Sam Goodman  
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Gerald Singer  
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**Mar. 19: 1 Nisan**

Ruth Walker  
Sadie Greenspoon  
Ruth Smith  
Lawrence Berman  
Evelyn Zohn  
Arthur Berkowitz

**Mar. 20: 2 Nisan**

Clara Shuer  
Jacob Braveman

**Mar. 21: 3 Nisan**

Clara Weinblatt

**Mar. 22: 4 Nisan**

Arthur Blank  
Marvin Yaffe  
David Roth

**Mar. 23: 5 Nisan**

Ruth Dorf  
Harry Lasky  
Saul Zimble  
Jennie Lieberman  
Anna Levitin  
Phillip Katz  
Bernard I. Green  
Samuel Friedman

**Mar. 24: 6 Nisan**

Julian Roberts  
Ruth Sitzmann  
Iris J. Miller

**Mar. 25: 7 Nisan**

John Clavenna  
Julius Hess  
Harry Liebes  
Samuel Parnes  
Nancy Clavenna  
Blossom Jacoby  
Edward Waldman

**Mar. 26: 8 Nisan**

Betya Spivak  
Edward Meyer  
Ceil Silverman  
Rose Blumberg  
Yakov Tenzer  
Golda Gelzina

**Mar. 27: 9 Nisan**

Isadore Schuller  
Elizabeth Prostic  
Norton Goldstein  
Samuel Cohen  
Ervin C. Epstein  
Murray Joseph Kerper  
Rabbi Alan Sokobin

**Mar. 28: 10 Nisan**

Dorothy Dorf  
Zelick Simon  
Leonard Gallis  
Ida Garfinkel  
Minnie Hersh

**Mar. 29: 11 Nisan**

Joan Katz  
Harry Shoffer  
Sheldon Frankel  
David Eisen

**Mar. 30: 12 Nisan**

Milton Tarloff  
Eva Touran  
Helen G. Cohen  
Leo Hoffman  
Jessie Becker  
Clara Sherman

**Mar. 31: 13 Nisan**

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## Authorization for Sale of Ḥametz

*Note: If possible, all ḥametz - food not acceptable during Pesah (Passover), or materials containing such unacceptable food should be destroyed or given away before the holiday begins. Should this be impossible, the ḥametz may be stored in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday and its actual ownership is transferred to a non-Jew until the holiday ends. Please complete the form below and return to **Congregation B'nai Israel, 6525 Sylvania Ave., Sylvania, OH 43560** either in-person or by mail to be in the CBI office no later than Monday, March 30, 2026.*

### **BE SURE TO SIGN THIS CONTRACT**

KNOW ALL PEOPLE BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, the undersigned do here by make and appoint Rabbi Aaron Marsh my true and lawful representative to act in my place and stead, for me and in my name and in my behalf, to sell all ḥametz owned and possessed by me, knowingly or unknowingly, as stated in the Torah and defined by the sages of Israel (e.g., ḥametz; ḥashash ḥametz—suspect ḥametz; and all kinds of ta'aromet ḥametz—ḥametz mixtures); also, ḥametz that tends to harden and to adhere to the surface of pans, pots, or other cooking or eating utensils, of whatsoever nature, and to lease all places wherein the aforementioned ḥametz owned or possessed by me may be found, especially in the premises located at

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List on the line above address(es) and location(s) where ḥametz is stored

Rabbi Aaron Marsh has the full authority and power to sell said ḥametz and to lease said place or places where in said ḥametz may be found, upon terms and conditions as discretion dictates. Rabbi Aaron Marsh has the full power and authority to assign or appoint a substitute or substitutes to act in my behalf with all the same powers and authority that I have invested in Rabbi Aaron Marsh, and I do hereby ratify and confirm all that Rabbi Aaron Marsh or a rabbinic substitute lawfully does or causes to be done by virtue of these presents. And to this I hereby affix my signature on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year **2026**.

(date)

(month)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSOLUTE DEADLINE: 9:00 AM • Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

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Please allow Rabbi Marsh one hour after the holiday ends at 8:43 pm on Thursday, April 8, 2026 (approx. 9:45 pm) to reobtain ownership of your *chametz* for you to use.

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There is no fee required to sell your ḥametz, however if you would like to make a donation to help needy families see below:

**Your contributions to assist families in need to properly celebrate the Passover holiday (maot chittim) are greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to the "CBI Clergy Discretionary Fund" and enclose with this completed form. The funds will be distributed to aid those less fortunate. Thank you kindly & *Chag Kasher V'Sameach!***

## CBI Weekly Services Schedule

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

**Monday ~ Thursday Evening Minyan 5:45 PM Zoom**  
**Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 PM Live Stream**  
or 6:00 PM when In Person & Live Stream

**Saturday Morning Shabbat**  
9:30 AM - In Person/Live Stream  
**Shabbat Mincha 12:45 PM - In-Person/Live Steam**

**\*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.*

# March 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 ZM ONLY Morning Service 9:30 AM IP Shomer 10:30 AM IP Shomer Community Purim Carnival	2 8:00 AM IP/ZM Morning Service 5:30 PM IP/LS CBI Purim Beach Boys Sing-Along Shpiel, Celebration & Dinner	3 9:30 AM IP Cong. Etz Chayim Purim Morning Megillah & Brunch 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 1:00 PM IP Mahjong 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service	6 11:00 AM IP Parashat Hashavuah: Torah Portion of the Week 5:45 PM LS Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM IP Lourdes Planetarium Havdalah & Planetarium Show 7:06 PM Shabbat Ends	7 9:30 AM IP/LS Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Ki Tisa 12:45 PM IP/LS Mincha 7:30 PM IP Lourdes Planetarium Havdalah & Planetarium Show 7:06 PM Shabbat Ends
8	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 9:30 AM IP/ZM Morning Service 9:30-11:30 AM IP Religious School NO Judaism & Modernity Class	9 8:00 AM IP/ZM Morning Service 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service NO 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 NO Basic Hebrew Reading Class NO 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 "Shabbat Across America" In-Person Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Dinner 7:21 PM Light Candles	14 9:30 AM IP/LS Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Vayak'hel-Pekudei 12:45 PM IP/LS Mincha 8:14 PM Shabbat Ends
15	9:30 AM IP/ZM Morning Service 9:30-11:30 AM IP Rel. School 10:30 AM IP Adult Ed: Global Warming from a Bird's Eye View	16 8:00 AM IP/ZM Morning Service 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service 8:00 PM IP/ZM Tefillah Talk Class	17 12:30 PM IP Canasta 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service	18 1:00 PM IP Demo & Devour: Rugelach! 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 ROSH CHODESH NISAN 8:00 AM IP/ZM Morning Service 1:00 PM 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 7:29 PM Light Candles	21 9:30 AM IP/LS Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Vayikra 12:45 PM IP/LS Mincha 8:22 Shabbat Ends
22	9:30 AM ZM ONLY Morning Service NO Religious School SPRING BREAK 10:30 AM IP/ZM Judaism & Modernity Class 1:00 PM IP Bowlero Lanes CBI Family Bowling Day!	23 8:00 AM IP/ZM Morning Service 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service 8:00 PM IP/ZM Tefillah Talk Class	24 12:30 PM IP Canasta 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service	25 NO Hebrew School @ Chabad - SPRING BREAK 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 1:00 PM 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 7:36 PM Light Candles	28 9:30 AM IP/LS Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Tzav 12:45 PM IP/LS Mincha 8:38 PM Shabbat Ends
29	9:30 AM ZM ONLY Morning Service NO Religious School SPRING BREAK 10:30 AM IP/ZM Judaism & Modernity Class	30 8:00 AM IP/ZM Morning Service 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service 8:00 PM IP/ZM Tefillah Talk Class	31 12:30 PM IP Canasta 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service	April 1 EREV PESACH First Seder after Dark NO Hebrew School - PESACH 8:00 AM IP/ZM Siyum Bechorim (Fast of 1st Born) 5:45 PM ZM Evening Service 7:42 PM Light Holiday Candles	2 PESACH - Day 1 CBI Office Closed 9:30 AM IP/LS Holiday Service of Reaffirmation NO EVENING SERVICE 6:30 PM IP CBI PESACH SEDER: 2nd Night 8:33 PM Light from pre-existing flame	3 PESACH - Day 2 CBI Office Closed 9:30 AM IP/LS Holiday Morning Service 5:45 PM IP/LS Afternoon Service 7:44 PM Light from pre-existing flame	4 PESACH CHOL HAMOED - Day 3 9:30 AM IP/LS Shabbat/Holiday Morning Service Holiday Reading - Shir HaShirim 12:45 PM IP/LS Mincha

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*\*when Religious School classes are held  
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