



# Ha-Kol

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### CEEBJ Brotherhood Challah Giveaway A Big Hit!



The Temple Brotherhood organized a Shabbat Challah Give Away Program on Friday, October 30, offering a free challah from Hannah's Kitchen. We anticipated this event would result in a big response. We weren't disappointed. On a beautiful day, we distributed 120 challahs, which included five delivered to the Guest House.

The idea for this program came from my son, Rabbi Daniel Plotkin, who is the Rabbi Educator at Temple Isaiah located in Fulton, Maryland. Dan helped organize this program successfully at his synagogue in August. I believed our congregants would embrace this event too.

Many thanks to all who helped make this program such a success. Those Temple Brotherhood members who volunteered were Mark Holland, Allen Lavine, Chuck Lerner, Bruce Resnick, Lorry Stein and Dan Wilkinson. We are grateful to the clergy and staff for their hard work and support, including Andrew Appel, Rabbi

Marc Berkson, Susan Cosden, M'Johno Foster, and Tiffani Zahradnick. We thank Cindy Rasansky for delivering challahs to the residences of congregants unable to drive to the synagogue.

The world is sustained in part by deeds of loving kindness (Pirke Avot). Given the Covid-19 pandemic we live with daily, Temple Brotherhood decided a free challah for Shabbat dinner would not only be a food item we all love, but a way to express an emotional connection with our congregants.

Just being able to see and speak with so many congregants who picked up their challahs at the main entrance of our building was special and a reminder how important it is to just see one another, although from a safe distance. We hope to be together in our building soon.

*Jerry Plotkin*  
Temple Brotherhood



**From Rabbi  
Marc  
Berkson**

I have often spoken about our American civil religion, the Biblical story which

I once thought so strongly embedded deep within our national identity. As posited by famed American sociologist Robert N. Bellah in his seminal essay entitled "Civil Religion in America" 53 years ago, our God is the God of our Founders—Jefferson's Creator, who endows inalienable rights; Washington's Great Author, who guides the affairs of nations; and Lincoln's Lord, whose judgement is true and just. This civil religion endows American history with a truly religious, distinctly Biblical dimension. For that matter, Jefferson's words from the Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights..." could never have emanated from the Greek or Roman world. Is this self-evident? Only when one looks at our Jewish foundational texts. For those words are the foundation story of Genesis. Created in God's image, we are all, all of us, equal, and we are all, all of us, children of God. Therefore, as God's children, we have obligations to God, our parent, and to all others. I am my brother's—and sister's—keeper.

And our unique American story—of people fleeing oppression and injustice to seek freedom, crossing a huge sea and wilderness to build a Promised Land—where else does that come from but our story, from the Book of Exodus. Our story provided images for Benjamin Franklin and words for the bell which now sits in Philadelphia.

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## From Our President

Shalom, congregants and friends.

It is my honor to remind you that the second half of Rabbi

Berkson's sabbatical begins on January 1, 2021. After twenty-two years of dedicated service to our congregation, and a year of unprecedented challenges, the second six months of Rabbi Berkson's *shemita*, or 'year of release,' is about to commence.

As the fields are traditionally to lie fallow in the seventh year in order to be renewed by God, we sincerely hope this period will be one of renewal for our beloved Rabbi. The pressure and strain of providing pastoral care, more or less around the clock, is intense in normal times. We can only imagine how it has been magnified by the current situation. So what better way to affirm our sacred partnership with Rabbi Berkson, than to 'release' him from his daily round. To see to his own needs for rest and reflection, and desire for uninterrupted study. Rabbi, we join in wishing for you six months of spiritual, intellectual, and physical restoration. And we look forward to you returning to us enriched and invigorated.

It is my pleasure to inform you that, once again, we are blessed to have Rabbi Jessica Barolsky preparing to be our Sabbatical Rabbi. Rabbi Barolsky is no stranger to CEEBJ. She served as our Rabbi-Director of Lifelong Learning for five years, our Sabbatical Rabbi in 2019, and she and her family have been members at CEEBJ and deeply engaged in our programming and activities since 2011. This intimate familiarity makes Rabbi Barolsky uniquely suited to this task.

Her experience working directly with Cantor Barash, Susan Cosden, and Andrew Appel, as well as Rabbi Berkson and our support staff, means she will be up to speed on Day 1.

Whether you are reconnecting with Rabbi Barolsky, or connecting for the first time, I know she is looking forward to engaging with you as our clergy. Please join me in extending the warmest of welcomes.

Michael Grinker



## From Our Cantor

### A Note from the Cantor

#### Hanukkah Happenings at CEEBJ

As Hanukkah quickly approaches, please join us for many happy online experiences!!

On Friday, December 11, at 6:15 pm, we will have a special evening Hanukkah service welcoming our new members and our new consecrants. We will feature several new Hanukkah videos of our youth and adult choir singing Hanukkah songs!

This year, we will have a community-wide Cantor collaboration for Hanukkah! On Sunday, December 13, at 7:00 pm, there will be an online concert, Cantors

#### Rabbi Berkson, *continued from page 1*

And our story provided the words and the hope and the power to impel those we unjustly oppressed on or those we forced to these shores to seek that same freedom our story impels.

Americans have our sacred rituals and ceremonies, our sacred texts, even our sacred days—the 4th of July celebrating the value of liberty; Memorial Day, the value of sacrifice; and Veterans' Day, the value of service. And our most important American holy day? Thanksgiving, of course. In fact, Thanksgiving remains *sui generis* among all American holidays. It is the holy day par excellence of the American civil religion, the only American holy day that is not only civic but also fully religious. Thanksgiving has also become the national holiday that, within each generation, is recast and reinterpreted by all Americans—those recently arrived and those whose families have been here for centuries, those forced to this land and those whose families are native to these shores. And it, too, has its roots in our Jewish story connected to our festival of Sukkot wherein we gave thanks for the harvest.

And I write these words as Thanksgiving approaches, a Thanksgiving unlike any other in my lifetime, a Thanksgiving we will spend perhaps not gathering with

& Friends Celebrate Hanukkah – an online collaboration of Cantors & Friends from Madison and Greater Metropolitan Milwaukee singing together. Online link: <https://bit.ly/CantorsFriends>.

During Hanukkah, Chai Point will present its annual Festival of Cantors online, featuring a different local Cantor each day of Hanukkah. On Thursday, December 17, at 1:30 pm, I will be presenting a Hanukkah concert online, featuring beautiful and wide-ranging Hanukkah songs with recorded musical accompaniment by Dan Dance and Scott Finch... and we will showcase new Hanukkah videos of our youth and adult choirs singing as well. An on-line link to follow for this program, please check your email in early December.

Wishing you a wonderful eight days of Hanukkah,  
Cantor David Barash

our families, a Thanksgiving in the midst of a pandemic, a Thanksgiving where it seems our government has not done enough to protect us, and a Thanksgiving wherein we wonder whether the story we have told ourselves about America (yes, even that part of the story that includes "the city on the hill") is the story that still informs most of us as Americans.

Still, we offer thanks. That is what being Jewish is all about; in fact, it is rooted in our name as Yehudim. Thus, as we gather at Thanksgiving to offer thanks unto God for the bounties of the harvest and our blessings as Americans, we also look forward to our celebration of Hanukkah. For we also offer thanks on Hanukkah, thanks once more to God for the strength God gave unto us. In the words from Zechariah that the rabbis have us read on Hanukkah, "Not by might and not by power but by My spirit alone says the Eternal One." May that strength bless all of us, as Jews and as Americans. And may we still do all we can to ensure that the American story which still informs us becomes the American story which informs most of us—of a land with liberty and justice for all, of a country welcoming those seeking freedom, of that more perfect union, of a community recognizing that we are stewards of God's gifts and showing our thanks by sharing those gifts with others, offering our thanks by giving.



## December Worship Schedule

All services are online-streaming on our website, on Facebook Live, YouTube, and through Zoom.

### Friday, December 4

#### Kabbalat Shabbat Service/

#### Early Shabbat Worship 6:15 pm

Dr. Betsy S. Stone, psychologist and Adjunct Lecturer at the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City, will speak on “Wrestling Without Respite.”

### Saturday, December 5

#### Shabbat Morning Study Minyan 9:00 am

Torah Reading: Vayishlach,  
Genesis 32:4-36:43

Prophetic Reading: Obadiah 1:1-21

#### Havdalah Together 6:30 pm

### Friday, December 11

#### Kabbalat Shabbat Service/

#### Early Shabbat Worship 6:15 pm

New Member Consecration

New Student Consecration

Birthday blessings for all those with birthdays in December

### Saturday, December 12

#### Shabbat Morning Study Minyan 9:00 am

#### Shabbat Afternoon Service 4:30 pm

William Elliott Sandler will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Torah Reading: Vayeshev,

Genesis 37:1-40:23;

Special reading for Shabbat Hanukkah:

Numbers 7:18-29;

Prophetic Reading: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

### Friday, December 18

#### Kabbalat Shabbat Service/

#### Early Shabbat Worship 6:15 pm

In Honor of Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute, OSRUI Community Outreach Associate Julianne Schwartz will join us.

### Saturday, December 19

#### Shabbat Morning Study Minyan 9:00 am

#### Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 am

Andrew Jack Berg will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Torah Portion: Miketz, Genesis 41:1-44:17

Prophetic Reading: 1 Kings 3:15-4:1

#### Havdalah Together 6:30 pm

### Friday, December 25

#### Kabbalat Shabbat Service/

### Early Shabbat Worship 6:15 pm

### Saturday, December 26

#### Shabbat Morning Study Minyan 9:00 am

Torah Portion: Vayigash,

Genesis 44:18-47:27

Prophetic Reading: Ezekiel 37:15-28

### Friday, January 1

#### Kabbalat Shabbat Service/

#### Early Shabbat Worship 6:15 pm

### Saturday, January 2

#### Shabbat Morning Study Minyan 9:00 am

Torah Portion: Vayehi,

Genesis 47:28-50:26

Prophetic Reading: 1 Kings 2:1-2:12

*Happy Hanukkah  
from the  
Officers, Trustees,  
Clergy, and Staff  
of CEEBJ*

## Hanukkah at Home

For eight days, starting on the evening of December 10, our homes will be aglow with the festive commemoration of Hanukkah. It is the Festival of Lights, and the Hanukkiyah is the center of the observance. The Shamash candle is used each night to kindle the Hanukkah candles; one on the first night, two on the second night, etc.

Hanukkah is also a time of gift giving, so consider giving yourself a gift on the first night:

*On the Doorposts of Your House*, our Reform Movement's prayer book for the home. There, on pages 113-119, you will find blessings and songs for Hanukkah. You may adapt it to your wishes.

The order of celebration is also found in *Mishkan T'filah* on page 572.

The candles are placed in the Hanukkiyah from right to left and kindled left to right, as the following blessings are said:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.

*Ba-ruch A-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam,*

*A-sheer ki-de-sha-nu be-mits-vo-tav ve-tsi-va-nu, le-had-lik ner shel Ha-nu-kkah.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, by Whose mitzvot we are hallowed,  
Who commands us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

*Ba-ruch A-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam,*

*She-a-sa ni-sim la-a-vo-tei-nu ba-ya-mim ha-hem ba-ze-man ha-zeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who performed wondrous deeds  
for our ancestors in the days of old, at this season.

And on the first night only we welcome the holiday with the Shehechyanu:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

*Ba-ruch A-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam,*

*She-he-che-ya-nu ve-ki-ye-ma-nu ve-hi-gi-ya-nu la-ze-man ha-zeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, for giving us life,  
for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

## Virtual Veterans Shabbat Service Honors Our Veterans!

Our congregation held a virtual Shabbat service dedicated to veterans from our synagogue who either served in the armed forces or their family members served, whether living or deceased on Friday, November 13. About 150 people attended the service, which began with "Hine Ma Tov" (how good it is for all of us to dwell together in peace) and ended with the Irving Berlin favorite, "God Bless America."

Rabbi Berkson in his sermon stated: "We honor those who have ensured the continuation of this American journey. They have blessed us and we thank them and honor their memories this Shabbat."

Temple Brotherhood President, Robert Jacobs introduced our guest speaker, Kim Queen, current commander, Department of Wisconsin, Jewish War

Veterans of the U.S.A. Kim spoke of the military contributions Jews have made to our nation, along with a summary of the Jewish War Veterans chartered in 1896 by the United States Congress.

The honoring of our veterans included 53 military biographies currently on our website. Some of the stories are longer, others are short, and many include photos.



Norman L. Blumberg\*



David Brazner\*



Sam Brazner\*



Jack Chemin



Joseph Chudnow\*



Robert A. Cohen\*



Harry Donerkiel\*



Sheldon (Shelly) Dorf\*



Eli Frank



Philip S. Freund\*



Melvin Godshaw\*



Irving Marcus\*

**\*Of blessed memory**



But all are compelling and meaningful biographies covering a wide range of military service over many generations. You will be fascinated and find yourself emotionally captivated by reading each story. The historical richness of Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun is evident in these biographies and should make each of us a proud member of our community.

Many people made this Veterans

Shabbat a meaningful service. We thank Rabbi Berkson and Cantor Barash for leading us in prayer and song. Andrew Appel coordinated the technology side of the service, along with proofing the biographies. Thank you to Jean Lauterbach for proofing the stories. Bob Brazner created the biography form emailed to all our congregants, which resulted in so many submissions. Tiffani Zahradnick placed all 53 stories on our

website, which included beautiful graphic design for each biography.

Temple Brotherhood plans on repeating the Veterans Shabbat Service in 2021. We hope and pray the service will take place in our sanctuary.

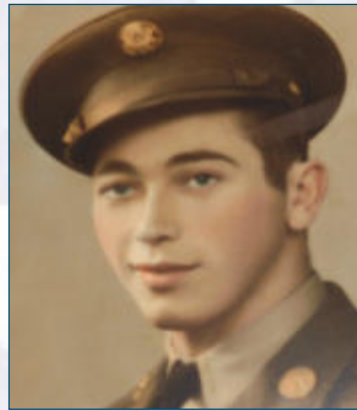
*Mark Holland  
Bruce Resnick  
Temple Brotherhood*



Jack Meyers\*



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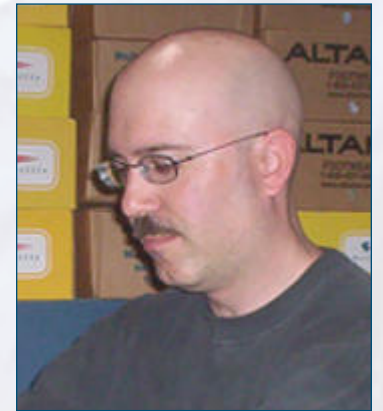
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Dr. Peter Townsend\*



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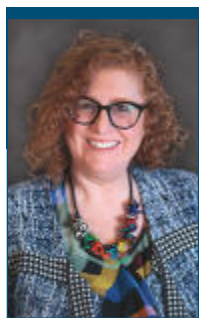


James F. Wilkinson



Philip Zuckerman\*

**\*Of blessed memory**



## Director of Lifelong Learning

As you are hopefully aware by now, late last summer the Lifelong Learning committee decided that the entire

congregation would focus on five *middot* (Jewish values): *sukkat shalom* (shelter of peace), *ometz lev* (inner strength), *g'vurah* (courage), *k'hillah* (community), and *hesed* (radical kindness). You may also know that these five *middot* are the core of our *Romemu* Sunday *yachad* curriculum for K4 through sixth grade. The curriculum we are using is called *labriut* – to our health and wellness and was developed by a team of curriculum writers led by Nachama Skolnick Moskowitz, the Senior Director and Director of Curriculum Resources for the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland with the generous support of both the JECC and the Covenant Foundation. This talented group of curriculum writers chose these five *middot* based on an article entitled, *Five Essential Elements of Immediate and Mid-Term Mass Trauma Intervention: Empirical Evidence*, by Stevan E. Hobfoll et al in “Psychiatry: Interpersonal and Biological Processes.” Vol. 70, No. 4, pp.

283-315. They read this article looking for guidance for how parents and teachers as caregivers to children could help children deal with the mass trauma the world has been facing since March. As the abstract describes, the researchers identified five empirically supported intervention principles that should be used to guide and inform intervention and prevention efforts at the early to mid-term stages. These are promoting: **1)** a sense of safety, **2)** calming, **3)** a sense of self and community efficacy, **4)** connectedness, and **5)** hope. It is directly from these five that the curriculum developers chose the five *middot* for the *labriut* curriculum and why the Lifelong Learning committee chose to have the entire congregation study these five *middot* this year, so together we could help each and all of us cope with the trauma.

This month we continue and conclude our study of the second *middah* (single Jewish value), *ometz lev*, inner strength. We are using the term in the sense of using our inner strength to feel our feelings, identify our feelings, pause, use our toolbox when needed to calm ourselves, and then choose how to best proceed. Our *Romemu* learners have focused on seven tools for their toolboxes:

- Taking deep breaths
- Closing one's eyes
- Finding a quiet space
- Asking for advice

- Praying to God
- Making a list of three good choices
- Thinking about the problem

There are many resources on our online learning page of the [ceebj.org](http://ceebj.org) website to help you learn more about *ometz lev*. Personally, one of the tools I go to is music so on the online learning page is a link to an *Ometz Lev* CEEBJ Spotify playlist. There are even calming audio music tracks for your pets. We are thrilled to announce that the weekend of December 4-6, there will be two opportunities to study with Dr. Betsy Stone of HUC-JIR to help us with our *ometz lev*. Specifically, Dr. Stone will be addressing how trauma impacts our brain and our bodies and then what we can do about it. To learn more about our weekend with Dr. Betsy Stone, please see page seven. Then on Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00 pm we will have our next *Tiyul* (virtual field trip) in Israel with Shira and Susan. Please see page seven for more information. I look forward to hearing what tools are in your *ometz lev* toolbox.

At this time I also want to wish you and your family, on behalf of my entire family, a happy and healthy Hanukkah. I look forward to celebrating with you.

L'Shalom,  
Susan Cosden, RJE

## Women's Torah Study Tuesdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10:00 am

Join us for an in-depth discussion of Torah from women's perspectives. Dr. Sherry Blumberg, a contributor to *The Torah: A Woman's Commentary*, will lead us through this text and the poetry, feminist readings and traditional commentary it holds. This course is perfect for anyone who identifies as female, whether new to Torah study or a more experienced scholar. Register online at [ceebj.org](http://ceebj.org) or call (414) 228-7545.



Dr. Sherry Blumberg

## Food for Our Soul: Parashat HaShavua (the Weekly Torah Portion) in Our Lives, Thursdays, December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Taught by Susan Cosden, RJE.

Brown bag lunch encouraged (nourish your body as you nourish your soul.) Please join Susan Cosden for an hour of studying the weekly Torah portion and how it applies to our lives today.

Through Torah we will examine moral conflicts and ethical lessons. We will explore a variety of different God concepts and what each one implores us to do, being created in God's image. By wrestling together, we will each make personal meaning and find insights in our sacred text.

## Lighting of the Hanukkah Candle, December 16 at 5:45 pm

Parents of *Romemu* Third – Sixth Graders and all CEEBJ Members, you are cordially invited to join the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grade learners of *Romemu* on Zoom for the lighting of the Hanukkah candles and a brief *Ma'ariv* (evening) service. We encourage everyone to bring to Zoom your own *Hanukkah*, candles, and matches/lighter. Please RSVP to receive the Zoom link.

## Romemu Vacation December 21 - January 4

*Romemu* will be on winter vacation starting Monday, December 21, and ending Monday, January 4. We hope everyone has a good and safe two weeks relaxing and rejuvenating.



## Please join us December 4 at Our Kabbalat Shabbat Service, and December 6, at 12:00 pm, for Finding the Light in Dark Times - Coping with Challenges We are Facing Through a Jewish Lens

Dr. Betsy Stone, adjunct lecturer at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, will be joining us on Friday night, December 4, during our Shabbat service, and Sunday, December 6, 12:00 pm. Dr. Betsy Stone will deliver the dvar Torah Friday night entitled, "Wrestling with Respite." She will help us explore how the various trauma that we are living

through is impacting our brain and our bodies. Once we normalize what we all are experiencing, we are able to accept less of ourselves and that allows us to manage our lives and be more generous with ourselves and each other. Friday night's teaching will take place during our Kabbalat Shabbat service.

Sunday's teaching will take place at

noon. The title is "There's a Reason It Hurts This Much." What trauma is and what it does in our brains. This session is open to all adults and teens. This weekend is part of our Lifelong Learning's focus on the *middah* (Jewish value) of *ometz lev* (inner strength to feel our big feelings, pause, calm ourselves, and choose how to proceed).



### Betsy S. Stone, Ph.D.

Dr. Betsy Stone is a retired clinical psychologist who currently teaches as an adjunct lecturer at HUC-JIR. Her classes include Human Development for Educators, The Spiritual Life-Cycle, Adolescent Development, and

Families in Crisis. She also teaches a parent-child class in her synagogue, Temple Sinai of Stamford, which is a monthly, text-based class for 6th and 7th graders and their parents.

Betsy teaches webinars and seminars and serves as a Scholar-in-Residence on such topics as Adolescent Spirituality, Gen-Xers as parents, Teenagers and their Brains, Leadership in Crisis, and

Stress and Anxiety. She is an engaging speaker whose passion for wellness has brought her invitations to teach all over the United States. She has worked with the Jewish Education Project on multiple webinars and live teaching opportunities, including theme-based trips to Broadway shows. She also facilitates a group for rabbis in her local community.

Betsy consults on program development and community building. During the COVID-19 crisis, Betsy has led webinars on "Trauma, Resilience and Post-Traumatic Growth" for congregations, rabbis, Hillels, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Jewish Teen Funders Network, Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Education Project. She does not like chocolate in any form.

## Virtual Field Trips to Israel for Adults: Tiyyulim (trips) with Shira and Susan

Cost: \$10 per Zoom square per trip date.  
Pre-Registration Requested

As part of our lifelong learning theme "*Tikvah* (Hope), *Koach* (Strength), and *Ruach* (Spirit and Resiliency)," our entire congregation will be exploring five *mid-dot* (Jewish values). The five *middot* and when we will be learning about them are:

- *sukkat shalom* (a shelter of peace) was October - November 7
- *ometz lev* (inner strength) November 8 - December
- *g'vurah* (courage) January - February 27
- *k'hillah* (community) February 28 - April 17
- *hesed* (loving kindness, tying into hope) April 18 - May 23

During each *eidah* (unit) we will have educational activities for youth, families, and adults on these subjects. One of the adult learning opportunities we will have for each *middah* (singular, Jewish value) is a virtual field trip to Israel with Israeli tour guide Shira Kleinman.

**Tuesday, December 8**, (22 Kislev) at 7:00 pm, will be the second of our *tiyyulim* (trips). You need not have taken the first trip to take the second trip. All trips are independent of each other. The theme for this trip is, "It's written on the walls."

Israeli society is complex and diverse. The dynamics of Israeli society are overheard through conversation in the market, small non verbal gestures and even with the honking of horns. Artists in Israel are bringing the complexities and beauty of Israeli society into their art. Music and poetry address the inner thoughts of the artist in a way that others find relatable. Art is a unique way to engage in conversation between the artist and the observer. The streets of Israel are no exception. We turn to the streets to learn about the deeper thoughts, fears, questions, moments of courage and pride that make up Israeli society. Many Israeli artists have used their *ometz lev* to take to the

streets and engage in personal conversation with passerbys through their graffiti. Join us on those streets for a tour that stimulates the eyes and the ears as we unpack the complexities of Israeli society.

**Tuesday, January 19, 2021** (6 Shevat) at 7:00 pm, will be the third of our *tiyyulim* (trips). The theme for this trip is, "*Yad Vashem*: A Memorial and Name of the Courageous Israeli Leaders." We will walk through the lush green space of *Har Herzl*, Mount Herzl, Israel's national cemetery. In Hebrew we call a cemetery a *beit chaim*, a house of life. A visit to this site will give us the opportunity to pay homage to the life and *g'vurah* (courage) of Israel's historic leaders. We will explore the rich history of leadership and military culture that are deeply rooted in Israeli society. Join us for what is going to be a special evening.

The final two trips will be announced later.

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## Hanukkah Family Fun, Sunday, December 13, 9:30 am

Calling all CEEBJ families with children ages 3-13. Are you a *Romemu* family? Are you a MJDS family? Are you attending both? Are you attending a Jewish preschool? Are you attending none of the above? Then join us on Sunday, December 13, 9:30 – 11:00 am on Zoom for Hanukkah Family Fun.

Our morning will include activities using materials from home and materials that

you will pick up at the Hanukkah drive-thru on Friday, December 10, so please RSVP Sunday, December 6, so we have enough supplies prepared.

For all *Romemu* learners and their families, this event is in lieu of our regular *Romemu* schedule and activities for December 13. Our regularly scheduled activities return Wednesday, December 16, and Sunday, December 20.

## Sixth Grade Family Education Night, Saturday, December 19

6:30 pm Havdallah Together ■ 7:00 pm Sixth Grade Family Program

All of our sixth grade *Romemu* and MJDS families are invited to join Rabbi Berkson, Cantor Barash, Susan Cosden, and our sixth grade *Romemu* teacher, Ilana Lupkin, for Havdallah Together and the first of three sixth grade family education programs.

Our synagogue is partnering with Moving Traditions ([www.movingtraditions.org](http://www.movingtraditions.org)) to pioneer a new and exciting approach to *b'nai mitzvah* that connects Jewish wisdom to the interpersonal and social elements of this coming-of-age

ritual. As part of this program, our sixth and seventh grade families will each participate in three family education programs around *b'nai mitzvah*. In addition, our sixth grade and seventh grade are each exploring four lessons around *b'nai mitzvah* with our *Romemu* teachers.

If you would like to learn more about our partnership with Moving Traditions or have questions about the sixth grade family education night, please contact Susan Cosden at [scosden@ceebj.org](mailto:scosden@ceebj.org).

## Hanukkah Books

Please consider checking out a Hanukkah book or two from our library cart for your family to read together in person or for you to read to family members via Zoom. See page 11 for instructions on the use of the library. Here are some of Susan Cosden's favorites. You can see if they are on the cart:

*Chanukah Lights Everywhere*  
by Michael J. Rosen

*Sadie's Almost Marvelous Menorah*  
by Jamie Korngold

*Queen of the Hanukkah Dosas*  
by Pamela Ehrenberg

*Jeremy's Dreidel* by Ellie Gelman

*Nathan Blows Out the Hanukkah Candles*  
by Tami Lehman-Wilzig with Nicole Katzman

*Hanukkah Moon*  
by Deborah DaCosta

*Herschel Hanukkah Goblins* by Eric Kimmel

*Zigazak! A Magical Hanukkah Night*  
by Eric Kimmel

*Sammy Spider's First Hanukkah*  
by Sylvia A. Rouss

## Hanukkah Fun With Olives and Olive Oil

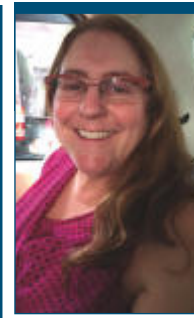
In honor of Hanukkah, here are eight fun things to do with olives or olive oil:

1. Holding olives over a bowl, squeeze them to see if you get any olive oil. Watch this video to see how oil has been pressed in Israel since the Maccabees: <https://bit.ly/3elln3Q>
2. Make your own homemade infused olive oils: <https://bit.ly/35hrY3f>
3. Make an olive oil cake: <https://bit.ly/2lmap96>
4. Make an olive oil face mask: <https://bit.ly/36mCwNV>
5. Have a family competition of chopped with the key ingredient being olives.

6. Place olives on your fingers. Do a finger puppet show about the Maccabees. Eat the olives.
7. Get a variety of olive oils and have a family/pod olive oil tasting with crunchy Italian bread chunks, cheese chunks, and cut veggies.

8. Marble paper with olive oil and food coloring and use the paper for Hanukkah cards or gift wrapping. <https://bit.ly/3khE94q>.

As with everything since Covid-19 arrived, these activities are suggestions if you are looking for something extra to do this Hanukkah. We certainly understand at the same time if all you want to do for Hanukkah this year is just to focus on light that doesn't come from a computer, tablet, or a phone.



## Women of Emanu-El

### From Our President

As the Covid-19 crisis continues in Wisconsin, our state is one of the worst in

our country. Here are some ways to stay healthy and resilient: Exercising regularly and Healthy Eating (Clear your head!)

- Walking and finding hobbies at home
- Eating apples
- Hiking
- Limiting social media and watching comedies on Netflix
- Strict adherence to quarantine protocols; enforcing mitigation efforts
- Following regulations outlined by health officials
- Wearing a mask in public places
- Not attending large gatherings
- Staying home unless absolutely necessary
- Reading this great article called "How to Thrive When Everything Feels Terrible." <https://tinyurl.com/thrivehbr>

I hope you had the opportunity to visit the world-class collections mentioned in November's *Ha-Kol* from home. I really enjoyed learning from afar.

I am looking forward to celebrating Hanukkah with my family. You can still embrace the Festival of Lights with a few little changes to your traditions. Hanukkah runs from December 10 through December 18, which means it's almost time to start thinking about how you'll celebrate those eight nights. With a little creativity there's plenty of Hanukkah fun to be had without increasing your family's risk of contracting coronavirus.

As you're planning your Hanukkah celebration, keep in mind that the CDC recommends hosting any get-togethers with people outside your household virtually to help contain the spread of COVID-19. Outdoor celebrations are considered a moderate risk, and indoor celebrations put you at high risk—as does traveling long distances to get together with friends and family. (Sorry!) But that doesn't mean you can't still have fun this holiday season. You just need to embrace what's different about Hanukkah this year and add a little more creativity to the mix—

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Here's how.

**1. Limit the guest list.** If you still plan to get together with loved ones, keep the Hanukkah gatherings outdoors and brief. Rather than rotate in a different group of friends and loved ones each night, it's better to stick with the same crew throughout the holiday. (Of course, if you're going all-virtual with your holidays this year, the more, the merrier!)

**2. Pick quarantine-friendly gifts.** Opt for gifts that'll help make your time at home this winter more cozy and comfortable—fuzzy socks, a warm blanket, a good book, a fun game to play, or a clever mug.

**3. Share goodies with friends.** Even if you aren't able to get together this year, you can still enjoy the same treats and Hanukkah recipes together. Drop over to share a sweet treat, like rugelach, sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts), or a little gelt to make their Hanukkah celebration a little brighter.

**4. Declare it pajamakah.** Wardrobes have gotten a lot more casual in quarantine, so go ahead and break out the PJs every night. (My daughters have tie dyed masks in preparation for the holiday!)

**5. Light up the night.** If you're planning an outdoor Hanukkah celebration, you'll need a menorah that won't blow out in a gust of wind. Look for modern LED versions that will help keep the "flames" lit throughout the celebration.

**6. Mix it up a little.** You'll probably still want to serve all the classic Hanukkah dishes like latkes, brisket, kugel, and

matza ball soup (a great way to help keep off the chill when you're gathering outdoors!). But go ahead and create a theme for each night—whether you do breakfast-for-dinner for one night (with PJ gifts and challah French toast on the menu) or an all-sweets day, with a sweet noodle kugel and melted-gelt hot chocolate to enjoy.

**7. Be kind to yourself.** The pandemic has been so hard on everyone this year, so give yourself room to simply enjoy the season. Look for little shortcuts (like super-fast rugelach or a trick for speedy-yet-delicious latkes) that make it easier for you to relax and spend time with the people you love—whether they're across the table or across the country from you. But most importantly, remember that it is okay this year to do nothing at all for Hanukkah or if you feel up to it, join CEEBJ on Zoom to watch someone light the Hanukkah.

As we continue meeting from afar, please join us during our Zoom meeting the first Thursday of each month.

As always, products in the "Shopper around the Corner" are available to you, for any occasion, with a phone call to Bobbie Cohn at (262) 643-4302.

The Bayside Garden center gift cards are available by calling Jean Lauterbach at (414) 587-0874. For every \$20 gift card the Women of Emanu-El will receive \$.3. It may seem like nothing, but every dollar adds up. These dollars then are available for children's and other religious programming.

*Ruth Treisman,*  
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## Summer Camp Scholarship Applications

Summer camp scholarships are available for families with children through the 12th Grade from two separate funds.

**The Jack and Renee Dygola Summer Camp Fund** awards scholarships to Union of Reform Judaism camps like Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute in Oconomowoc.

**The Michael Fefferman Summer Camp Fund** awards scholarships to all other accredited Jewish summer camps like Camp Interlaken.

Please contact Rabbi Berkson or Susan Cosden or the Lifelong Learning Office for an online application.

The deadline for Dygola Summer Camp Fund applications is **Sunday, December 20, 2020.**

The deadline for Fefferman Summer Camp Fund applications is **Monday, March 1, 2021.**



## Temple Brotherhood

### From Our President

It has been an interesting month for me. I have spent the last 3

weeks in Austin TX looking for a condominium to become a "Snowbird." And I got lucky this time after nine months of looking. So now I am a part time Austinite! The weather has been beautiful and I have been biking the trails around Austin on my bike.

And while I have been in Austin, the number of Covid-19 positive cases went over 10 million in the US. Also, we had a presidential election and I must say I am happy with the current results! When I heard President-elect Biden & Vice President-elect Harris speak on Saturday night after the election, I was struck with two thoughts, "peace" and "intelligence."

As for the Brotherhood, we had a very successful Challah Giveaway on October 30, chaired by Jerry Plotkin. We gave away 120 challahs. There was a lot of positive feedback. I want to personally thank all the Brotherhood volunteers for working the drive-thru and Cindy Rasansky for delivering some of the challahs to congregants who could not pick up their challahs. We are hoping to do another Challah Giveaway in the spring.

Our other Brotherhood event was the Virtual Veterans Shabbat Service with guest speaker Kim Queen on November 13. Please see pages four and five of this *Ha-Kol* and also take a few minutes to look at our congregant veterans biographies on our CEEBJ website. We received an overwhelming response to our request for biographies and I believe you will be moved by their stories.

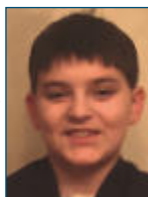
Be safe. You are invited to join our Brotherhood and attend our virtual meetings on the first Thursday of each month.

*Robert Jacobs*  
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## All in the Family

### Congratulations to...

**William Elliot Sandler** who will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, December 12, at 4:30 pm. That's Shabbat Hanukkah because Will was born on the first day of Hanukkah in 5768. He is the son of Larry Sandler and Miriam Simon (of blessed memory) and grandson of Charles and Phyllis Sandler and Wilbur and Shirley Simon (all of blessed memory). Will is in the 7th grade and is virtually attending Glen Hills Middle School in Glendale. He was involved in his school's Ukulele Club and student newspaper before in-person school shut down last spring and this year he plans to work on the year-book staff. Will loves riding his bike, reading, and playing video games. He also enjoys watching videos and movies, listening to music, building with LEGOs, photography, drawing and origami. And, although he has no pets of his own, he likes animals, which is why his Mitzvah Project will be raising money to improve their lives.



**Andrew Jack Berg** who will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, December 19, at 10:30 a.m. He is the son of Adam and Amanda Berg and older brother to Alex. He is the grandson of Martin and Susan Snow of Deerfield, IL and Ronald and Marlene Berg of Glendale, WI. Andrew is in 7th grade at Webster Middle School in Cedarburg, where he is active in the Media Club, plays the trombone, and runs cross country. Andrew also plays basketball and travel baseball. Sports are a huge part of Andrew's daily life, whether it is playing sports or cheering for the Bucks and Brewers. Thus, he has selected for his Mitzvah Project to work with the Boys and Girls Club of Milwaukee to help them secure sports equipment to be used in their after school sports programs. He wants everyone to have the opportunity to be active while having fun with their friends. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/abergmitzvah> and check out the wish list of items the Boys and Girls Club is hoping to receive and consider making a donation to help them.



**David and Janet Levey** on the marriage of their daughter, Jennifer, to Michael

O'Connor in Fort Collins, Colorado, on November 7. Our congratulations also to them on the birth of a granddaughter, Gretchen Mackenzie Bradley, last year. Gretchen is the daughter of Lauren (Levey) and Bill Bradley.

Alanna Devorkin, daughter of **Rhonda (Kevin) Barton** and **Greg Devorkin**, on her creation of the All-Star Health Center in Thiensville, a facility to meet the fitness needs of people with disabilities. Alanna, a Junior at Homestead High School, was featured in a news story on CBS 58.

**Sue and Bud Selig** on being honored as Grandparents of the Year by the COA Youth & Family Centers on Thursday, November 12.

**Bea and George Strick** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Shira Strick, at Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid on November 7.

Ravi (Jordan) Rothenberg, son of **Larry and Marla Rothenberg**, on his engagement to Lynan Saperstein.

We welcome to our congregational family: **Mitchell Bass and Sara Nonn; Barbara Elkon and Glen Kofler.**

## Social Action

With the help of our committee members, Thanksgiving meals were provided to 20 Guest House community dwelling clients. These included turkeys, mashed potatoes, dressing and vegetables. Thanks to Metro Market Shorewood for donating five of the turkeys and Judy Lerner for obtaining them with the Salinsky Fund covering the costs. Thanks to Nadine Zuckerman and Dan Wilkenson for purchasing and delivering the food baskets to Guest House.

Traditionally we provide Christmas meals for Guest House and Meta House. We will be feeding the folks at Guest House on December 22 this year. The meal will be catered by Memah's Gourmet Delights and the men will be provided socks and hand warmers purchased by CEEBJ Brotherhood. We will be delivering a meal to the residents of Meta House on December 25 along with gifts of scarves, shower gel, socks and toys for the children who are living there with their

mothers. Thanks to Nadine Zuckerman for coordinating these meals.

Our Tikkun Ha-Ir Holiday Gifts for the Homeless (Giving Hanukkah) program will be done differently this year. We are partnering with the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. The Rescue Mission serves roughly 1000 people (over 500 families). They provide shelter, food, clothing, life changing care and more to homeless individuals. Safe Harbor provides a place for struggling men; Joy House provides support to women and children; and Cross Trainers Academy is a school for children in their care and the Lindsey Heights community.

### Holiday gift requests include:

For men: scarves and gloves (no mittens, hats)

For women: underwear; all sizes (no bras)

For children: infants to 15 year olds:

Infants and toddlers: toys, and clothing  
Boys and girls 3-10: toys, games, educational toys (no books, no art supplies)

Teen boys: electronics, basketball, football, etc.

Teen girls: perfume, nail polish, jewelry, etc.  
Gifts should be in the \$15 range. We have

set up an Amazon wish list for this project - <https://bit.ly/Milrescuemission>.

Items will be shipped to CEEBJ. Or you may purchase items elsewhere and drop them off at the main entrance into the gray bin. Dates for collection are December 1-15 with delivery to Milwaukee Rescue Mission on December 17.

Please contact me if you have questions or other gift ideas for the men and women at Guest House and Meta House.

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(414) 659-9662

## Ozrim Committee

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!  
To the ladies of OZRIM who delivered High Holy Day Bags, flowers, goodie bags put together by children of CEEBJ and machzors to some of our congregants. A huge shout out to Bobbe Abrams, Carol Fishman, Florence Fishman, Belle Anne Freund, Judy Levin, Rocille Mc Connell, Nadine Zuckerman and Cindy Rasansky.



## High Holy Day Thank Yous

### Our Sincere Apologies for Omissions:

**Elul Project** participant: Sherry Blumberg

**Shofar Blower:** Benjamin Levin

**Funding Assistance** correction: The Harold and Betty Stein Music Endowment Fund with the assistance of Susie Gigi Stein, Daniel Schneider and Rachel Schneider.

**Ozrim:** Bobbe Abrams, Carol Fishman, Florence Fishman, Belle Anne Freund, Judy Levin, Rocille McConnell, Nadine Zuckerman and Cindy Rasansky.

**Romemu** additions: Lois Brazner, Sherry Malmon, Marley Tohi, Marven Tohi, and Nadine Zuckerman

**Rosh Hashanah Seder Bakers:** Hayley Rapaport and her assistant, Beth Rapaport.

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## High Holy Day Appeal

We gratefully acknowledge all those individuals and families who participated in our 5781/2020 High Holy Days Appeal.

This year we raised over \$20,000 and reached our goal.

Your generosity helps ensure that we will be a viable spiritual home for generations to come.

Andrew Appel and Susan Hersh  
Barbara and Michael Appel  
Linda and Daniel Bader  
Rhonda and Kevin Barton  
Jennifer Bergman and Shawn McMahon  
Audrie Berman and Mark Mendelsohn  
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Neville and Adrienne Sender  
Alan and Lynn Sidman  
Donald Siegel  
Neil and Terri Siegel  
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Leila Silverberg  
Harriet Smith  
Alice Solovy  
Gary and Marley Stein  
Sandra and Scott Stern  
Audrey Strnad  
John Traxler and Anne Dayer  
Denise and Kurt Wadzinski  
David and Julie Weiss  
Betty Weitzen  
Daniel Wilkinson  
Donald and Jane Zien  
Nadine Zuckerman  
Julie and Yonatan Zvi

## CEEBJ Year End Appeal 5781 - 2020

While we are so pleased with the many contributors to the High Holy Day Appeal and the High Holy Day Fund, we still have a distance to go to meet our budgeted target for fundraising. As the tax year comes to a close, please consider contributing to our Year End Appeal. Your generous contribution will help ensure a lasting future for CEEBJ.

To give: Mail in this form, go to [ceebj.org](http://ceebj.org), or call the synagogue office at (414) 228-7545.

- ☐ Yes, you can count on us to participate    ☐ Check here if you do not wish to be recognized as a donor in *Ha-Kol*
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**IN MEMORY OF** Helen Kimmel.....Ronna and Richard Kimmel **DONOR**

### RABBI MARC BERKSON DISCRETIONARY FUND

**IN HONOR OF** Clifford Mayer.....Miriam Mayer **DONOR**

**IN MEMORY OF** Ruth Fefer.....Cathy, Richard and Tom Fefer **DONOR**  
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**IN MEMORY OF** Louis Koplin.....Cindy and Max Rasansky **DONOR**

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**IN HONOR OF** Wishing a speedy recovery to Steve Stein.....Jack Chemin **DONOR**

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**IN MEMORY OF** Louis Koplin.....Donna and Chuck Luber **DONOR**  
 Gerald Schumacher.....Susie & Bob Fono, Barbara Peltin, Carol & Weme  
 r Richheimer, Donald Siegel  
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**IN HONOR OF** Susan Cosden.....Sherry and Norm Malmon **DONOR**

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**IN MEMORY OF** Ida Beman.....Rozanne Koshakow **REMEMBERED BY**  
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 Burt Stmad.....Audrey Stmad  
 Alfred B. Zuckert.....Linda and Eli Frank  
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## Birthdays

### December 1

Susan Hersh  
 Myra Taxman

### December 2

Ari Stein

### December 3

Eric Konik  
 Jeredythe Meyer

### December 4

Phyllis Dorf  
 Karra Esenberg  
 Silvia Lewin  
 Jerry Polacheck

### December 6

Mary Michel

### December 7

Mitch Moser  
 Peter Newman  
 Lupe Ugent Ewert  
 Aileen Wiede

### December 10

Noni Fisher  
 Shea Stickler

### December 12

Linda Cohen  
 George Strick  
 Ryan Whipp

### December 13

LaVerne Koltin  
 Judy Levin  
 Leonard Lewensohn  
 Abbey Samenfeld

### December 14

Amanda Berg  
 Stan Dorf  
 Florence Fishman  
 Allen Lavine  
 Neil Siegel  
 Janet Silverman  
 Jeff Stein

### December 16

Ben Bishop  
 Cindy Holland  
 Bonita Zuckerman

### December 17

Lois Hurwitz  
 Florene Schwade

### December 18

Bobbe Abrams

### Rich Konz

Micki Seinfeld  
 Rochelle Whiteman

### December 19

Margie Stein

### December 20

Greg Devorkin  
 Donna Moser

### December 22

Marc Bold  
 Bill Heilbronner  
 Natalie Katz

### December 23

Brian Kazan  
 Laura Weisman

### December 24

Jan Kaufman  
 Nicole Raffensperger

### December 25

Jamie Glinberg

### December 26

David LeeVan

### December 27

Scott Lewis  
 Mitch Marks

### Betty Weitzen

### December 28

Marina Maller  
 Boyd Perlson

### December 29

Harvey Klafter, Jr  
 Michelle Schara

### December 30

Melissa Dorf

### December 31

Reenie Kavalor

## Anniversaries

### December 2

Todd & Susan Richheimer

### December 3

Scott & Sandy Stern

### December 8

Gary & Marley Stein

### December 12

Mike & Betsy Green

### December 14

Bob & Lois Brazner

### December 16

Mark & Judy Mandel

### December 17

Morton & Judith Grodsky

### December 18

David & Anita Cash

### December 20

Fred & Amy Croen

### December 21

Cy & Laverne Koltin  
 Tom & Esther Weiss

### December 26

Phillip & Lizzy Katz  
 Lisa Kleyman & Alex Holden

### December 27

Mike & Bobbie Fefferman  
 Anne Koplin & Jeff Green

### December 31

Evelyn & Hal Rosen

## Special Anniversaries

### 68 Years

Cy & Laverne Koltin

### 61 Years

David & Anita Cash  
 Evelyn & Hal Rosen



## Perpetual Memorial

Remember your loved ones who passed away by purchasing a Permanent Memorial Plaque (at \$400.00). Names of family members memorialized with a plaque are read on future Yahrzeit dates at Shabbat services in perpetuity, regardless of membership. For more information, contact Toni at the synagogue office at (414) 228-7545, or go online at [ceebj.org](http://ceebj.org).

## Create a Jewish Legacy

Declare your intent through any of these options:

- Simple bequest in a will or trust
- IRA or pension plan
- Life insurance policy
- Charitable remainder trust
- Donor advised fund
- Outright gift using appreciated assets or cash

There are two pathways to establish a legacy gift for the benefit of future generations.

- **Planned Giving program**
- **"Create a Jewish Legacy"**

For more information contact Betty Lieberman by email at [bettylieberman@gmail.com](mailto:bettylieberman@gmail.com)

## 7th Annual CEEBJ Variety Show

**Come one, come all . . .**

Whether young or young-at-heart. We're looking for singers, dancers, musicians, actors, comedians, any and ALL talents to perform in this fantastic and fun show for the CEEBJ community! Everyone is welcome to perform. Rehearsal tracks time available.

## Demo Day Sunday, January 10, 11:30 am

All interested performers - come show off your stuff

Please register online at [ceebj.org](http://ceebj.org) or call the synagogue at (414) 228-7545 to sign up for a Demo Day time!

## Variety Show Sunday, January 31, 12:00 noon

Any questions, email [aappel@ceebj.org](mailto:aappel@ceebj.org)

## Memorial Plaque Yahrzeits

### December 4

Phillip Ackerman  
Emanuel Amstein  
Clifford I. Bitker  
Idah Bitker  
Nettie O. Deller  
Louis Frank  
Henry Freudenfeld  
Sam Friedman  
Marjorie Greene  
Lena Hammel  
Albert Hart  
Adele Buxbaum Heller  
Frieda Hershoff  
Marie Kohn  
Louis H. Kretchmar  
David Loebel  
Alma Lustfield  
Betty Margoles  
Matilda Sandels Marx

Edward A. Miller  
Morris Miller  
Agatha Moritz  
Alexander Mosher  
Meyer Palay  
Emil R. Pentler  
Belle Pittelman  
David Polacheck  
Jessie Polacheck  
Leone Rosenfeld  
Gladys Sherman  
Leopold Stern  
Edward B. Sweet  
Lillie Weiss  
Mildred Rubin Weiss  
Rosa Whitehead  
Wilbert Wiviott

### December 11 Anna Abeles

Joanie Plous Bayer  
Bertha Brachman  
Sidney J. Cohen  
Nathan Crossot  
George Cecil Ellis  
Reuben Ettinger  
Ethel Davidson Feld  
Fred Meyer Feld  
Judith Harriet Feld  
Richard L. Franklin  
Ethel Simon Freedman  
Hyman S. Harrison  
Paula H. Hartmann  
Irvin Jasculca  
Nathan Kaufer  
David Kaufman  
Rachel Kommissarchik  
Lena Leschin  
Phillip LeVine  
Arthur A. Levin  
Fanny Levy  
Sidney Lieberman  
Louis H. Liebmman  
Elaine Magidson  
Barnett  
Charles H. Mandel  
Harry J. Mandelker  
Ella Mayer  
Jennie Meyer  
Herman A. Mosher  
Rose Palakow

Evelyn Phillips  
Morris Picker  
Rosa Fanta Poss  
Samuel Rosenberg  
Samuel Rubin  
Jane Malver Schapiro  
Audrey Spitzer  
Gary Hugh Staiman  
Badonna Hallock Stein  
Lee F. Temkin  
Wayne Will  
Arnold Wiviott

### December 18

Joseph S. Babush  
Myrtle Baer  
Hiram B. Benjamin  
Meta Berg  
Pearl Stahl Berkowitz  
Jill Diane Beman  
Theodore Rice Cohen  
Edith M. Eppstein  
Hattie P. Eppstein  
Gretchen Frank  
Seymour Gimbel  
Ada Granof  
Sylvia Zuckert Grossman  
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## In Memoriam

We acknowledge with sorrow the passing of:

### Sandra Hafer Friedman

Mother of George (Jimi Jo) Friedman and Margaret (Mark) Goldberg  
Grandmother of Asher and Ainsley Friedman and Page and Kate Goldberg  
Sister of Joseph (Marki Cady) Hafer  
Aunt of two nephews and a niece

*May God, the Source of Peace, grant peace to all who mourn and comfort the bereaved among us. Amen.*

## Rabbi Dudley Weinberg Library

Library patrons, we've missed you!

But we believe we've worked out a good plan, following COVID safety guidelines, to bring you and our excellent collection together again! After so many months of being way-too-quiet, the library will be offering limited access to the collection.

Beginning **Wednesday, December 9**, and every week from Wednesday to Friday between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm, you will find a cart filled to the brim with books available for check out. Look for it between the unlocked outer vestibule entrance and the inner doors that will remain closed. Our goal is to have a variety of fiction and non-fiction books for you to browse through - both the newly published and the classics you promised yourself you would read someday. But please remember to wear a mask and keep at least six feet apart from other library patrons.

To check out a book, print your name on

the card in the back of the book and leave the card in the designated book card box. You can return books any Wednesday through Friday in the book return box.

What's even better is that you can reserve any book listed in the on-line library catalog. To access the catalog, log on to the synagogue website ([ceebj.org](http://ceebj.org)) and click on "Learn" and then "Library." On the library page click on the "Online Library Catalog" link. You can search by Keyword, Title, Author or Subject. When you've made your selection, email Sandy Ruesink, Library Committee chairperson ([sruesink@wi.r.com](mailto:sruesink@wi.r.com)), to reserve your book. Reserved books are ready for pickup between Wednesday and Friday.

If you have any questions, I would be happy to hear from you. You can reach me at [librarian@ceebj.org](mailto:librarian@ceebj.org).

It feels good to be back!  
*Paula Fine*

## Needlers

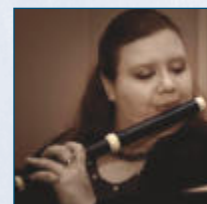
### Knitters Wanted!

The Knitting Circle is in search of new knitters. We are currently making hats and scarfs for the homeless and others in need. If you don't have needles or yarn, we have supplies for you. This activity is a great project, especially during this time of stay in place and quarantine. If interested, please call Ann at (262) 681 3499 or Roberta at (262) 349 1545.

## KOACH Zoom Events

**December 10, 12:45 pm**

**KOACH Kares**



**Thursday, December 10, 1:00 pm**  
**Brett Lipshutz & Monica Steger**

To receive the zoom link, contact Rachel Pressman (414) 967-8258.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>All activities &amp; events are held at the Zilber Campus unless noted otherwise</b>		<b>1 DECEMBER</b> HIPPY Winter Clothing Drive Holiday Gifts for the Homeless NATA Conference 10am Women's Torah Study 7pm Kabbalat Torah 7pm Anshe Mitzvah	<b>2</b> HIPPY Winter Clothing Drive Holiday Gifts for the Homeless  5:15pm Romemu 6:30pm Lifelong Learning Cmte Mtg 7:30pm Worship Cmte	<b>3</b> HIPPY Winter Clothing Drive Holiday Gifts for the Homeless  12:30pm Food for Our Soul 6pm Brotherhood Mtg 7pm WEMtg	<b>4</b> HIPPY Winter Clothing Drive Holiday Gifts for the Homeless  1pm Shabbat Sing Cantor Barash/Dan Dance 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service Early Shabbat Worship Guest Speaker Dr. Betsy Stone	<b>5</b> HIPPY Winter Clothing Drive Holiday Gifts for the Homeless  9am Shabbat Morning Study Minyan  6:30pm Havdalah Together
<b>6</b> HIPPY Winter Clothing Drive Holiday Gifts for the Homeless  9am Romemu K4-3rd 10am Romemu 4-7th 12pm Faculty Mtg with Guest Speaker Dr. Betsy Stone	<b>7</b> Holiday Gifts for the Homeless NATA Conference  <b>Ha-Kol Deadline</b>	<b>8</b> Holiday Gifts for the Homeless  10am Women's Torah Study 7pm Kabbalat Torah 7pm Anshe Mitzvah 7pm Virtual Field Trips to Israel w Shira & Susan	<b>9</b> Holiday Gifts for the Homeless NATA Conference  5:15pm Romemu 7pm Board of Trustees	<b>10</b> Erev Hanukkah Holiday Gifts for the Homeless  12:30pm Food for Our Soul 12:45pm KOACH 5pm Hanukkah Drive-Thru	<b>11</b> Holiday Gifts for the Homeless  6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service Early Shabbat Worship New Member Consecration / Adult Choir / Children's Choir/BDay Blessings	<b>12</b> Holiday Gifts for the Homeless  9am Shabbat Morning Study Minyan  4:30pm William Elliott Sandler Bar Mitzvah
<b>13</b> Holiday Gifts for the Homeless  9:30am Hanukkah Family Program  7pm Cantors & Friends Zoom Concert	<b>14</b> Holiday Gifts for the Homeless	<b>15</b> Holiday Gifts for the Homeless 10am Women's Torah Study 1pm Library Book Club 7pm Kabbalat Torah 7pm Anshe Mitzvah	<b>16</b>  5:15pm Romemu 6:30pm Calendar Party 7pm Finance Cmte Mtg	<b>17</b>  11:30am Staff Appreciation Lunch 12:30pm Food for Our Soul 1:30pm Chai Point Festival of Cantors online	<b>18</b>  1pm Shabbat Sing with Cantor Barash & Dan Dance  6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service Early Shabbat Worship	<b>19</b>  9am Shabbat Morning Study Minyan 10:30am Andrew Berg Bar Mitzvah  6:30pm Havdalah Together
<b>20</b> 9am Romemu K4-3rd 10am Romemu 4-7th	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Guest House Catered Thanksgiving Meal 10am Women's Torah Study  No Kabbalat Torah No Anshe Mitzvah	<b>23</b> No Romemu	<b>24</b> 12:30pm Food for Our Soul  Office Closes at 3pm	<b>25</b> Office Closed Meta House Delivered Thanksgiving Meal  6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Early Worship Service	<b>26</b>  9am Shabbat Morning Study Minyan
<b>27</b> No Romemu	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  No Kabbalat Torah No Anshe Mitzvah	<b>30</b> No Romemu	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve  12:30pm Food for Our Soul  Office Closes at 3pm	You can watch services online at <a href="http://ceebj.org/watch">http://ceebj.org/watch</a> or join on your phone, PC or Mac via Zoom. See Emanu-Email and <a href="mailto:ceebj.org/email">ceebj.org/email</a> for the appropriate Zoom information. Also join us and participate with us live on CEEBJ's Facebook page, <a href="https://facebook.com/ceebj">facebook.com/ceebj</a> .	



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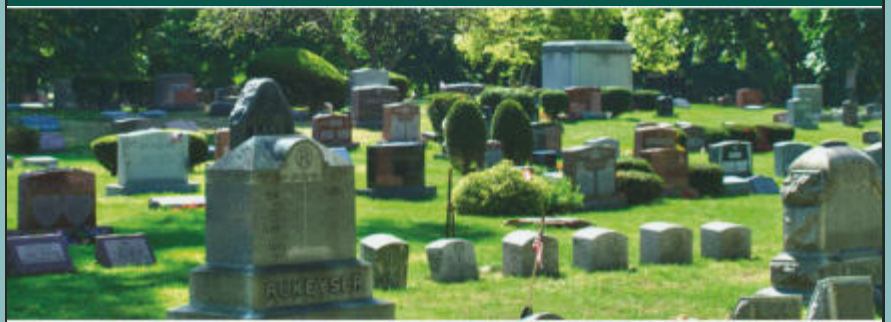
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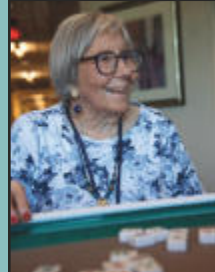
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## Hanukkah Middle Eastern Dinner & Drive-Thru December 10, 5:00-7:00 pm Hannukiyah Lighting 6:00 pm at CEEBJ

Join us on the first night of Hanukkah  
for a festive drive-thru with your congregation!

*Sufganiyot!*

**Goody Bags!**

Falafel Sandwich  
(deconstructed): \$12

Chicken Shawarma  
Sandwich  
(deconstructed): \$14

Sandwiches come with  
hummus, Israeli salad,  
tahini, cabbage salad  
and pickles  
and the pita pocket

**Latkes!**

**Hannukiyah  
Lighting!**

Falafel Dinner  
Sandwich  
with 2 sides: \$17

Chicken Shawarma Dinner  
Sandwich  
with 2 sides: \$19

Choice of sides with dinner.  
Pick 2 per dinner order:  
Mediterranean Rice,  
Grilled vegetables,  
Cucumber and dill salad

To register, please go to [ceebj.org](http://ceebj.org),  
or call the synagogue office at (414) 228-7545

## Cantors & Friends Celebrate Hanukkah Sunday, December 13 7:00 pm

An online collaboration of  
Cantors & Friends from Madison  
and Greater Metropolitan  
Milwaukee singing together!

Online link:

<https://bit.ly/CantorsFriends>

## Chai Point Presents its Annual Festival of Cantors Thursday, December 17, at 1:30 pm

Cantor Barash will sing beautiful  
and wide-ranging Hanukkah songs  
with recorded musical accompaniment  
by Dan Dance and Scott Finch  
and we will showcase new  
Hanukkah videos of our youth and  
adult choir singing as well!

Online link to follow for this program  
– please check your email in early  
December