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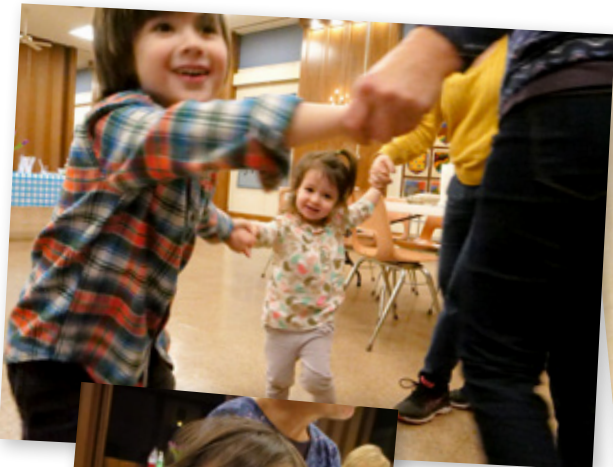
When Parents Are Away, the Kids Will Play!

A recent post on Facebook by Saraphoena Koffron reads, "Thanks to all the volunteers for CoM's Parents Night Out (last night). It was awesome. Lev had a great time and it was nice for Mike and me to have a guilt-free date night. Looking forward to the next one!"

The six children attending Parents Night Out, ranging in age from 1-1/2 to 8 years old, enjoyed making Havdalah kits that included wine cups, hand-rolled Havdalah candles and spice bags. They decorated cookies, played games, danced and watched a movie.

Future Parents Night Out dates are March 28 and April 25. Parents, start planning a night out now!

Open to all children and parents in the community.



Kids enjoyed food, crafts, dancing, games and hanging out with friends. More photos on the next page. Many thanks to our volunteers!

THE OVERSIGHT BOARD

always welcomes comments from CoM congregants and invites you to attend its regular meetings, held twice monthly.

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PARENTS NIGHT OUT



Beautiful Havdalah kits made by the children, below.

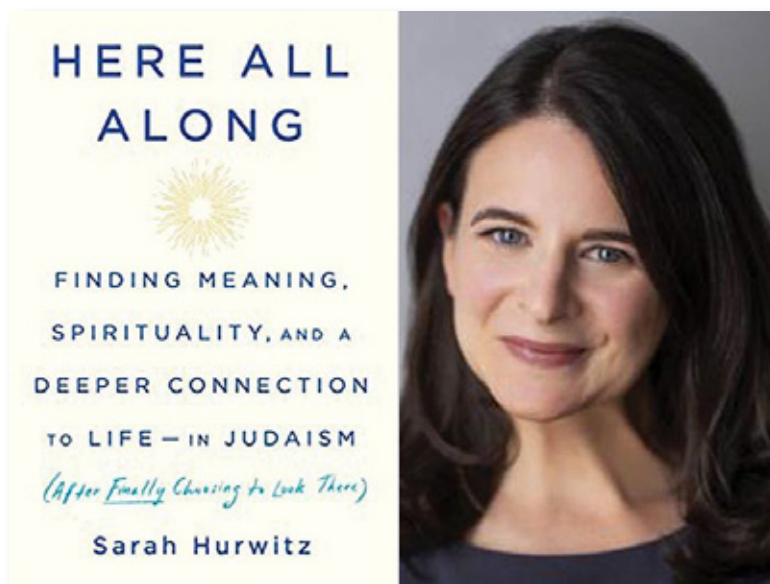
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Let's Read Together

Join other members of the Jewish community on February 20 at 1:00 and 7:00 pm when we meet to discuss Sarah Hurwitz's new book, *Here All Along: Finding Meaning, Spirituality, and a Deeper Connection to Life—in Judaism (After Finally Choosing to Look There)*.

After a decade of serving as a political speechwriter, Hurwitz needed to decompress from her demanding and stressful job. At 36, she was a lapsed Jew with time on her hands. By happenstance, she saw a notice for an introductory course on Judaism and embarked on a years-long journey to discover layers upon layers of Jewish knowledge and practice. Judaism provided her with spiritual nourishment and challenged her intellectually. Her path shows it is never too late to reconnect with your Jewish heritage.



This book is for you if you never went to Hebrew School, dropped out after your bar or bat mitzvah, have a high Jewish literacy or haven't given any thought to diving in. Hurwitz gives the reader a front row seat to her journey.

Both the Kalamazoo Public Library and Portage District Library have copies as well as CoM's Fisher Library.

Yasher Koach to member Paul Nimz for having his work on exhibit in the Kalamazoo Institute of Art's Faculty Review.

Paul is a talented sculptor and teacher in the sculpture studio. He states that his interest in sculpture began when his wife signed him up for a welding class at the KIA. Paul's focus is creating pieces with discarded steel but he is also exploring bronze and stone.

About his piece in the Faculty Review, Paul explains "This sculpture features a Star of David shape that I have doodled since I was little. This is a work in progress and I will add symbols in the triangles of the star, things I have found or have made to symbolize different Jewish holidays and symbols."



Shabbat schedule

FRIDAY January 31 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY February 1 9:30 a.m.

Torah: Exodus 10:1-11:3 *Micah Ofstein, Minna Koffron, Rachel Haus, Andrea Johnson, Earl Norman*

Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-46:28 *Sam Arnold*

FRIDAY February 7 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY February 8 9:30 a.m.

Torah: Exodus 13:17-15:26 *Rabbi Spivak*

Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31 *Michelle Angel*

FRIDAY February 14 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY February 15 9:30 a.m. "Chai Chi" Shabbat

Torah: Exodus 18:1-20:23 *Judah Ari-Gur*

Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6 *Michelle Angel*

FRIDAY February 21 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY February 22 9:30 a.m.

Torah: Exodus 21:1-22:3; 30:11-16 *Judah Ari-Gur*

Haftarah: Jeremiah 34:8-22; 33:25-26 *Judah Ari-Gur*

FRIDAY February 28 7:30 p.m. Joint services with Temple B'nai Israel and Temple Beth El at CoM



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO CHANT TORAH AND HAFTARAH.
Help and coaching are available if you would like to learn.
Please contact Rabbi Spivak.

Shabbat candle lighting times

January 31 5:37 p.m.

February 7 5:46 p.m.

February 14 5:55 p.m.

February 21 6:04 p.m.

February 28 6:13 p.m.



Bracha for candle lighting

*Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai Elo-hei-nu me-lech
ha-o-lam a-sher kid-shan-u be-mits-vo-tav
vi-tzi-van-u l'had-lik-ner shel Shabbat.*

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

you won't want to miss!

Some congregants may remember Oron Stenesh (Bar Mitzvah 1993), son of longtime members Jochanan and Mabel Stenesh, who currently makes his home in Minneapolis.

Oron has been in theater for many years, with cabaret having become his special niche.

In a salute to turning 40, he has written and performs a new one-man show called "O'ver the Hill."

In addition to performances in Minneapolis at Bryant Lake Bowl and in New York City at the Duplex, he will be bringing the show to Kalamazoo for one night!



Saturday, February 29, 8:00 pm
Wellspring Theater at the Epic Center, downtown Kalamazoo

Tickets available at: overthehillkzoo.brownpapertickets.com. Enter "O'ver the Hill Kalamazoo" in the search bar to go directly to the Kalamazoo show.

For additional information on the show and Oron's work, see: bryantlakebowl.com/theater/over-the-hill

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2 No R.S.	3	4 OvB meeting, 7:00 pm	5 R.S. @ TBI	6	7	8
9 R.S. @ CoM; Adult Hebrew class, 11:15 am; Tu B'shvat Seder at TBI, 5:00 pm; Miss Chocolate Fundraiser Kickoff	10 The Ethical Life course, 1:00 pm or 7:00 pm	11	12 R.S. @ TBI	13 Coffee Talk, 11:00 - noon 	14	15 "Chai Chi" Shabbat, (Tai Chi) before services, 8:45 am
16 R.S. @ CoM; Adult Hebrew class, 11:15 am	17 Hadassah Book Club, 3:00 pm 	18 Bulletin deadline	19 R.S. @ TBI	20 Community Book Discussion, 1:00 or 7:00 pm	21 Rabbi in Benton Harbor	22 Rabbi in Benton Harbor; Second Cup study group; Fun Night In - Game and Craft Night
23 R.S. @ CoM; Adult Hebrew class, 11:15 am	24	25	26 R.S. @ TBI	27	28 Joint Shabbat services with TBI and TBE at CoM	29

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1 No R.S. - mid-winter break	2	3 OvB Meeting, 7:00 pm	4 No R.S. - mid-winter break; Synagogue office closed	5	6 Family Shabbat Celebration! beginning at 5:45 with brief children's services to follow	7
8 R.S. @ CoM; Purim celebration; Adult Hebrew class, 11:15 am	9	10	11 R.S. @ TBI	12 Coffee Talk, 11:00 - noon 	13	14 Second Cup study group after services 
15 R.S. @ CoM; Adult Hebrew class, 11:15 am	16 Hadassah Book Club, 7:00 pm 	17	18 R.S. @ TBI; Bulletin Deadline, 8:00 pm	19 The Ethical Dimensions of Food Production, 1:00 pm or 7:00 pm	20 All school Service @ CoM 7:30 pm	21
22 R.S. @ CoM; Adult Hebrew class, 11:15 am; Passover Pop-Up Sale, 10:00 am	23	24	25 R.S. @ TBI	26	27 Rabbi in Benton Harbor	28 Rabbi in Benton Harbor; "Parents Night Out" beginning at 5:45 pm
29 R.S. @ CoM; Pre-Passover Make and Take Event, 2:00-4:00 pm	30	31				

Yahrzeits

January 31, February 1 (6 Shevat – 12 Shevat)

Sophie Blasky*	Louis Brown*	Esther Buchsbaum
Arvin Davis*	Rebecca Gubin*	Evelyn Hyman
Abraham Kaiser*	Sydney Konigsberg	Michael Kurlandsky*
Betty Levene*	Caryn Levene*	Anna Levinson*
Martin Morrison*	Macel Munsch	Renee Munsch
Nathan Oshinsky	Nathan Oshinsky	Nathan J. Rosenbaum*
Birdie C. Sanders*	Julius Schensul*	Emanuel Schupan

February 7, 8 (13 Shevat – 19 Shevat)

Viola Doggett	Sidney Eisenberg	Eugene Field*
Waller J. Finn*	Johanna Kroon*	Amy Lamm
Tito Marzan	Dorothy Miller	Leo Simon
Hyman Tregerman		

February 14, 15 (20 Shevat – 26 Shevat)

Elizabeth Cohen	Ann Fine	Max Friedman*
Ralph David Golden*	Minnie Graff*	Brina Hadesman*
Anna B. Haus	Hyman Kirschner	Evelyn Krasnick*
William Leder*	Robert Levy*	Eli Mindel*
Manuel Newlander*	Charlotte Stulberg*	Esther Stulberg*
Michael Stulberg*	Donna Taylor	Mary Zuravel*

February 21, 22 (27 Shevat – 3 Adar)

Adela Blum-Auerbach*	Jean Rosenblatt Davis	Lilas Felix
Frieda Friedman*	Morris Friedman*	Rachel Goldstein*
Rosalie Halpert*	Marianne Mimi Katz*	Miriam Epstein Lieberman*
Wini Meinert	Dorothy Masursky Moyer*	Balfour Peisner*
Canuto Ruiz	Lou Sanders*	Isidore Schanwald
Rebecca Stulberg*	Harriet Swartz*	William Zheutlin*

February 28, 29 (4 Adar – 10 Adar)

Benjamin Bennison*	Charles Berman	Aaron Columpus*
Sallie L. Cushner*	Anna P. Davidoff*	Ethel Duchen-Wachtel*
Isaac Escourt*	Archie Feinberg	Gershon (George) Fisher*
Herman Fisher*	Sarah Forman*	Theodore Forman*
Sylvia Taubman Golde	James H. Goldman*	William Greiner*
Benjamin Gubin*	Marion Halpert*	Arthur Katz
Barry W. Kirschner*	Bess L. Peven*	Michele Arkush Schaff*
Morris Schensul*	Mary Schpok*	Dora Zheutlin

Mishpacha

MAZEL TOV TO

Alan and Michelle Angel on their daughter Chelsea's engagement to Dan Zyndorf
Nora Chaus on the birth of her granddaughter, Ramona King

SPEEDY RECOVERY WISHES TO

Maxine Berke and Dean Thommes

CONDOLENCES TO

Joyce Camhi and family on the passing of her mother, Jeanette Buchman-Harris

— Donations have been made to the following funds. —

GENERAL FUND

In honor of our son and daughter-in-law, Benjamin Avner, MD and Elissa Cahn, MFA.

Jane & Ellis Avner

Mazel Tov to Alan and Michelle Angel on their daughter Chelsea's engagement to Dan Zyndorf.

Mazel Tov to Nora Chaus on the birth of her granddaughter, Ramona King.

Wishing Maxine Berke and Dean Thommes a complete and speedy recovery.

Wilma Kahn & Phil Horwich, Tamara & Earl Norman, Diane & Harvey Fogel

Beth & Stephen Grode, Shirley Wise, Pnina & Judah Ari-Gur, Cindy & Larry Beer

Emily Freed & Brad Hershbein, Joanne & Mike Simon, Men's Club, Judy Davis & Al Rosenthal

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Shirley Wise, Emily Freed & Brad Hershbein, Joanne & Mike Simon

Pnina & Judah Ari-Gur, Cindy & Larry Beer, Beth & Stephen Grode, Men's Club

Tamara & Earl Norman, Diane & Harvey Fogel, Wilma Kahn & Phil Horwich

Judy Davis & Al Rosenthal, Nan Goldenthal

In loving memory of my father, Dr. Sam I. Stein.

Bruce Stein

BUILDING FUND

Mazel Tov to Alan and Michelle Angel on their daughter Chelsea's engagement to Dan Zyndorf.

Mazel Tov to Nora Chaus on the birth of her granddaughter, Ramona King.

Wishing Dean Thommes a complete and speedy recovery.

Maxine & Neal Berke, Sallie & Ken Goodman, Valerie & Ken Eisenberg, The Ruterbusch Family

Wishing Maxine Berke a complete and speedy recovery.

Neal Berke, The Ruterbusch Family, Valerie & Ken Eisenberg

Sallie & Ken Goodman, Carolyn & Brad Kennedy

Speedy recovery wishes to Lee Tregerman.

Carolyn & Brad Kennedy

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The Ruterbusch Family, Valerie & Ken Eisenberg, Maxine & Neal Berke

Sallie & Ken Goodman, Carolyn & Brad Kennedy

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MARVIN AND ROSALIE OKUN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Mazel Tov to Alan and Michelle Angel on their daughter, Chelsea's engagement to Dan Zyndorf.

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The Fischell Family, Judy & Lowell Seyburn

Condolences to Joyce Camhi and family on the passing of her mother, Jeanette Buchman-Harris.

Judy & Lowell Seyburn, The Fischell Family, Kim & Arlen Rubin

Condolences to Janet Skulnick and family on the passing of Harvey.

Kim & Arlen Rubin

HERMAN AND ROSE FISHER LIBRARY FUND

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Marilyn & Art Feinberg

JOYCE AND MORTON FISHER KITCHEN/KIDDUSH/ONEG FUND

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Renay and Marv Berkowitz

In loving memory of Sidney Schwartz, father of Paul Schwartz.

Sharon & Paul Schwartz.

JACK LEVENE CANTOR FUND

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In loving memory of my mother, Betty Levene and sister, Caryn Levene.

Rae Lee Howard

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In loving memory of my mother, Annelise Loeser.

Marjorie Gaynor

In loving memory of Dr. Morris Berkson.

Elinor Star

Mishpacha

BEREAVEMENT FUND

In memory of loving husband and Papa, Peter K. McCain.

In loving memory of father and grandfather, Martin S. Ginsberg.

In loving memory of mother and grandmother, Fay Ginsberg.

In loving memory of our beloved niece and cousin, Allison K. Ginsberg.

Carol J. McCain

TIKKUN OLAM

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Condolences to Joyce Camhi and family on the passing of her mother, Jeanette Buchman-Harris.

Michelle & Alan Angel

Mazel Tov to Alan and Michelle Angel on their daughter Chelsea's engagement to Dan Zyndorf.

Russ & Sheryl Deutsch

Many thanks to all of you who contributed to various congregation funds with get well wishes for my speedy and complete recovery. I am deeply appreciative of all as I slowly regain my strength.

~ Mabel Stenesh



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Director: Larry Beer, Ed.D.



Shabbat Celebration!

Beginning Friday, March 6

A new type of Shabbat for families with children - simple meals together at CoM with very short, fun, child-centered services to follow.

On Friday, March 6 at 5:45 pm, we'll enjoy a simple but meaningful Shabbat dinner with other families, then sing and share joyful Shabbat prayers. Everything should be finished by 7:00 pm.

Many more details to follow in the coming weeks, including upcoming dates. Stay tuned and mark your calendars!



Florida Get-Together

Current and former CoM members gathered in Bradenton, Florida in early January at the home of Ken and Sallie Goodman.

From left: Sallie Goodman, Alison Levine, Stephen Levine, Jon Isley, Cheryl Isley, Judy Seyburn, Lowell Seyburn, Diane Minsley, Bruce Minsley, Bruce Stein, Christy Stein, Connie Bowman, Connie's friend Hank Flandysz, Dona Satir, Ken Satir, Evan Litvak, Shirley Litvak, Wendy Hyman and Mel Hyman.



The Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice

From political and financial scandals to rapid progress in biomedical science and technology, the complex issues of modern society are, at their core, issues of ethical and moral concern.

Now more than ever, we require a solid understanding of how Jewish ethics can inform our discussions and decisions about the critical questions of the day. Judaism has a long history of wrestling with moral questions, responding to them in a way that considers all sides of an issue.

The Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice from the Jewish Theological Seminary will be presented by Rabbi Spivak throughout the year. The first three segments are scheduled as follows.

Monday, February 10 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm, repeating from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at CoM

The Ethical Life: An Introduction

Key questions: What is the relationship between ethics and religion? If people can act ethically without believing in God, do they need Judaism to live a moral life? How do we know what is ethical? Is ethics invented by us or discovered? Does Judaism have anything unique to contribute to ethics in our time?

We will see video introductions by Arnold Eisen, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and Alan Mittleman, professor of modern Jewish thought, ethics and philosophy of religion at JTS.

We'll share our views about the questions of ethics and religion and look at key texts from Plato, the Bible, the Talmud, and leading Jewish teachers Mordecai Kaplan and Abraham Joshua Heschel.



If you plan to attend the first discussion on February 10, at either 1:00 or 7:00, please send your name and email to Rabbi Spivak, avocet68@aol.com by Tuesday, February 4.

You will be sent instructions on how to get access to the material that you can use during the discussion. The material includes written texts and videos.

Future dates and topics:

March 19, 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm at CoM

Ethical Dimensions of Food Production

Current agricultural production and globalization of food markets have kept food prices down and increased food security for many countries. At the same time, these trends are bringing pressure on the environment, including soil degradation, loss of biodiversity and cruelty to animals. How shall we make choices as consumers?

April 23, 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm at CoM

Ethics of End of Life Care

How do we make end-of-life decisions for ourselves and for those who are not competent to decide for themselves? What do we do when a patient's wishes conflict with other ethical considerations? What does Judaism have to say about these modern ethical questions?

Get ready, it's coming!

Camp Keshet 2020

Led by two Israeli counselors sharing their love of Israel and Judaism

Week One AND Week Three: at Congregation of Moses

Mon, June 15 - Fri, June 19 AND

Mon, June 29 - Fri, July 3

9:30 am - 2:00 pm each day

- Learn about Israel and our Jewish heritage
- Lunch and snacks provided
- Field trip, crafts, outdoor activities, cooking, music, dancing

Week Two: At Camp Tavor in Three Rivers

Open to all children ages 4-12 years old

- Monday through Friday day camp programming
- Friday - Sunday Weekend Shabbat overnight camp experience for older campers

Day camp at Tavor, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Mon, June 22 - Fri, June 26

Campers will be bussed from Kalamazoo to Camp Tavor. Kosher meals and snacks provided by Camp Tavor. Campers will be able to take full advantage of Camp Tavor's facility which includes a pool, lake, arts and crafts center, sports fields, low ropes course and music recording room.

Shabbat Overnight Weekend at Tavor, Fri, June 26 - Sun, June 28

Campers will depart for Camp Tavor at 8:00 am Friday morning. Older campers will spend Friday and Saturday night at Camp Tavor. Parents will pick their children up from Camp Tavor at 11:00 am on Sunday. Camp Keshet campers will fully experience a Shabbat at camp and a trial overnight camp experience.

Note: The youngest children will only participate in the day camp part of the program while older children will take part in both the day camp and Shabbat Overnight part of the program. The week at Tavor will give kids a taste of sleep-away camp in a very safe and positive way, with their Camp Keshet friends. Children will gain the self-confidence and enthusiasm necessary to attend Jewish sleep-away camp in the future.

Mon, June 15th - Fri, June 19th – at Congregation of Moses

Mon, June 22nd - Fri, June 26th – at Camp Tavor

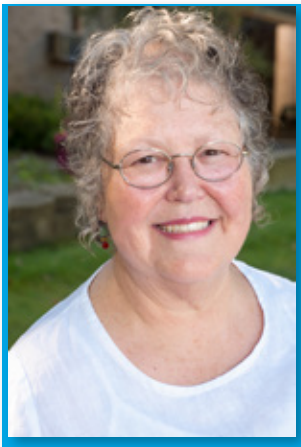
Mon, June 29th - Fri, July 3rd – at Congregation of Moses

\$175 per week or \$460 for all three weeks

Registration due by May 15th

Please contact Beth Grode at beth.grode@yahoo.com to register.





My View of This Community

I am certain that I might win the award for knowing more people in our community than anyone else! And let me tell you, we are a great community. I often get choked up when I think of how much being a part of this community has changed my life, making it so much richer than I could begin to imagine when I first came to Kalamazoo.

For years I have known most of the people my age in our community. Over the years I have been a member of both the Congregation of Moses and Temple B'nai Israel at various times and currently I am a member of both synagogues. I have also developed a relationship with the folks at Temple Beth El.

Six years ago when I began teaching Kindergarten and 1st grade (first at TBI and later in our combined school) I began to meet the families of our youngest children. Now as director of our combined school, I know and love all of our children and their families. I know most of our 11th and 12th graders because many of them work in the school. I work closely with the leaders in all three synagogues and with many of the volunteers and committees in the three synagogues as I coordinate various school events. I work closely with TBI's Music Director and CoM's Librarian and with teachers from both congregations. I work closely with both Rabbi Spivak and Rabbi Schicker. I work closely with the people who help keep both of our buildings in good shape.

See, I told you I know more people in our community than anyone else! And this is what I know about us:

We are a diverse community. Because we are a small community we are very diverse. I know Jews who keep Kashrut and are Shomer Shabbos, Jews who order lobster at restaurants on Saturday and Jews with every sort of practice in between. Our community is diverse and as a general rule I see us being respectful of each other's Jewish practice because if we weren't, many of us would belong to a synagogue of one.

We are passionate about our community. As a group, we are passionate about our community. We work hard "doing Jewish at the edge of the Jewish world." My predecessor who is from the east side of the state once told me that she found our community to be very vibrant and she thought it was because we have to work so hard to "do Jewish." It's easy to be Jewish in the eastern part of the state. Not so much here. Spending many hours each week in both of our synagogues, I see so many people working hard to make our Jewish community work.

Our volunteers are very skilled. In my role with the school, I depend upon many people from our congregations who share their skills with me freely. Educational experts help us develop our curriculum, master classroom management techniques and learn how to meet the needs of students with various learning styles. Mental health professionals in our community helped our teachers learn age-appropriate responses to questions our students might ask when many of our children were grieving the death of one of our students. After the Tree of Life Synagogue killings, they returned to help the children create cards and artwork to send to the children at Tree of Life. Individuals with expertise in marketing, business, art, finance, human resources, law, Israel, etc. volunteer to help our school whenever we ask. Each time I am in awe of the skills that are available to us and the generosity of the volunteers who give us their time and expertise.

Our two synagogues complement one another. In the same way that the people in our community are diverse, our synagogues are different and these differences make us stronger and better working together for our children. One way this presents is in our class size. Some grades have only a few students from TBI but lots from CoM. Other grades have only a few students from CoM and lots from TBI. Separately most of our children would be in tiny classes but together we have seven classes with an average of seven students each, our students have lots of Jewish friends and next year we will have a high school class of 17!

Besides the financial support we get from the synagogues, we also get lots of in-kind contributions not the least of which is the use of our buildings and their resources. Each of our congregation's buildings are very different but their differences offer benefits that we need. The resources that we get from both synagogues make a complete whole better than if only one of them was contributing to us.

Our rabbis work well together and complement each other. Rabbi Spivak brings wisdom that comes from years of experience. His calm personality and gentle guidance helps us focus on what is reasonable and goes a long way with a group of energetic, easily distracted students. Rabbi Schicker's knowledge of the latest trends in Jewish education and the energy and strong work ethic she brings to her job propels us to grow and improve the quality of education we offer to our students. Both rabbis are excellent teachers. They teach our students but they also teach me and our teachers.

Our Joint Religious School Committee (JRSC) is passionate about our students and committed to making this joint effort work well. The JRSC has created an environment of trust that allows the diversity of our community to collaborate to support the mission of the school. Each member of the committee represents their home synagogue while at the same time ensuring that the community as a whole is represented. It is a delicate balance and the people on our JRSC continually amaze me with their skill at staying focused on our mission "to provide the best possible Jewish education in a vibrant, inclusive, warm and caring environment." It is an honor to work with them.

For these and many other reasons I am so honored to be a part of the Kalamazoo Jewish community. From my unique view of our community, I can honestly say WE ARE GREAT!

Thank you for the honor of teaching our children.

Nora Chaus

Director, Marvin and Rosalie Okun Kalamazoo Community Jewish School

"Chai Chi" Shabbat

Saturday, February 15, 8:45 am

Get ready for Shabbat with a special tai chi introduction to services, led by new CoM member Patty Conlon.

We'll discuss how health and fitness fit into Jewish values, and how to balance the study of Torah with our physical needs.



Fisher Library Now Online!

- Search for any item by title, author, keyword, subject and more
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- Click on links to other sites of interest, such as PJ Library.org
- Select items to print out, share to social media, or add to book bin
- Request items to be placed on hold by email – library@congregationofmoses.org
- You can even check the catalog on your phone. Simply search for “Fisher Library Kalamazoo” and the link will pop right up!

Please note: An upgrade to the Web OPAC services will be performed to improve the library experience. As a result, **OPAC services will not be available from Saturday, February 8 at 6:00 pm until Sunday, February 9 at 6:00 pm.**

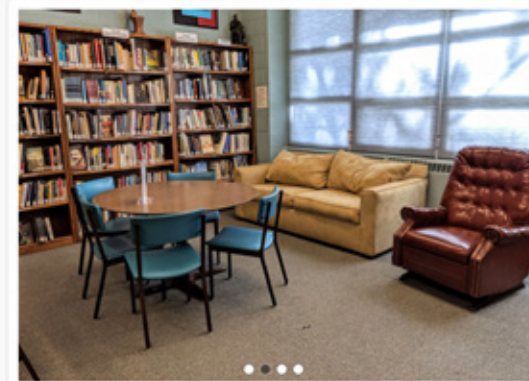
Congregation of Moses Fisher Library


Search our collection 24/7. All are welcome at the Fisher Library.

For more information on our library, including hours of operation, click on the Fisher Library Home Page link above.

For the latest news on upcoming events or discussions on Jewish media or literature, click on our Facebook or Twitter links above.

To reserve a book or for any questions, contact the Library Director at:
library@congregationofmoses.org



New Items 



After Anatevka
Silber, Alexandra
Adult



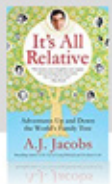
Elie Wiesel
Adult



Thou Shalt Innovate
Jorisch, Avi
Adult



We Are The Weather
Foer, Jonathan Safran
Adult



It's All Relative
Jacobs, A. J.
Adult

Thank you for visiting the Fisher Library!

Contact us at:
2501 Stadium Drive
Kalamazoo MI 49008
Phone: (269) 342-5463
Email: library@congregationofmoses.org

Website: <https://congregationofmoses.org/fisher-library/>

For all information such as library hours and circulation policy, don't forget to check out the Fisher Library page on the CoM website: www.congregationofmoses.org/fisher-library

See the Fisher Library on social media



The Animals Need You!

Mazal's Bat Mitzvah Project

Did you know that the SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) relies entirely on donations?

Items needed include:

- Dog/cat toys (sturdy)
- Leashes (new or gently used)
- Dog treats (soft)
- Used blankets (washable)

For a more complete list, please visit

<https://www.spcaswmich.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Basic-Needs.pdf>

**You may leave your donations in the box in the CoM lobby.
Whatever you donate will be delivered to the local SPCA office.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Mazal at
mazalhaus@gmail.com or (269) 382-0989**



February Celebrations



The Congregation of Moses wishes **mazel tov and yom huledet sameach** to our members who are celebrating anniversaries and birthdays this month. If you would like to be included in our monthly recognition of birthdays and anniversaries, please contact Joanne Simon at 324-6054 or jhsimon@charter.net.

BIRTHDAYS

- 2/2 Judy Davis Rosenthal
- 2/2 Steve Camhi
- 2/6 Michelle Zukowski-Serlin
- 2/7 Anne Fischell
- 2/7 Allison Weiner
- 2/11 Brad Kennedy
- 2/15 Cathy Cheron
- 2/19 Julia Strauss
- 2/20 Marissa Icabone
- 2/20 Mazal Haus
- 2/20 Gabriel Amy
- 2/24 Gail Brot
- 2/24 Emily Freed
- 2/24 Evan Scheinker
- 2/26 Judah Ari-Gur
- 2/27 Sherri Deems
- 2/29 Cooper Howard



ANNIVERSARIES

None that we know of.

Please email Joanne if we've missed your special date.




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POP UP GIFT SHOP

Coming Sunday, March 22 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at CoM

Get ready to shop for your Passover table, engagement or wedding gifts, graduation, anniversary, birthday or shower gifts!

We will be featuring plenty of seder plates, matzah trays and horseradish dishes. You will be delighted to see that all merchandise will be reasonably priced to sell. Funds raised will go toward the new outdoor space which will feature an attractive new playground for the children in our Jewish community.

Can't wait until March 22? Contact Tamara Norman for a private showing at tdnorman@protonmail.com or **call 269-290-1366**.



Tu B'shvat Seder at Temple B'nai Israel

Sunday, February 9 at 5:00 pm

Tu B'shvat embodies many facets of Judaism, including social action, ecology, self reflection, Jewish mysticism and wonderful food. It also gives us a chance to connect with family and friends, meet new people, learn new things and eat new things. You don't want to miss it!

[Please sign up to bring fruit, nuts and lovely aromas by clicking this link.](#) If you are able, please also sign up to help with setup or cleanup.

IMPORTANT! We will be setting places at the table for you so we need an accurate count. Please indicate how many people you will be bringing.

For more information, contact Nora Chaus at norachaus@me.com or text/call 269-373-4138.

Coffee Talk

Thursday, February 13

11:00 am - noon

Join Rabbi Spivak in the “Sofen Room Cafe” for Coffee Talk!

Come for a relaxed hour of socializing and interesting chat. Noshes provided.



Caring Connection

Caring Connection—compassionate volunteers for the Congregation of Moses family. **Caring Connection** is a network of volunteers who would like to support our CoM members in times of need, whether during an acute crisis or a need for ongoing support.

The people on the list below, all part of **Caring Connection**, welcome your call. They have agreed to make their names and contact information available so that you can choose to connect with the person you feel most comfortable talking to.

Call, email or text (all numbers are cell phones unless otherwise indicated)

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Rae Lee Howard 269-217-2833, 269-544-2894 home, rhoward@ihdist.com

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Hadassah News

TEAM DIAGNOSES PARKINSON'S, RAISES ETHICAL DILEMMAS

In a recently published article in the prestigious journal *Annals of Clinical and Translational Neurology*, Hadassah Medical Organization doctors working with Microsoft researchers reported they were often able to diagnose Parkinson's disease simply from the way people seeking information about the disease typed on their computer and moved their mouse.

Now that the researchers have the information, what should they do with it?

The team included researchers from Microsoft and Hadassah neurologist Dr. David Arkadir. Offering guidance on the morality of detecting diseases and illness without the person's permission or knowledge was Prof. Ora Paltiel, head of the Hadassah Center for Research in Clinical Epidemiology. The researchers began their experiment by tracing the way two groups used the Bing search engine. In one group were Parkinson's sufferers; the other group was composed of those searching for information on behalf of a spouse with the disease. Each group's search behavior was analyzed by monitoring the actual search strings, determining mouse and keyboard response time, and recording any misspellings or other mistakes.



A machine-learned algorithm was developed that then allowed the researchers to monitor those surfing the web to see if the disease could be diagnosed purely on the basis of their online behavior. It was applied to the searches of 1.5 million Americans. "We detected those we suspect have Parkinson's disease, even though they didn't openly declare it," says Dr. Arkadir. "They may have been looking for *The New York Times* or anything else, but their behavior led to possible detection of the disease."

The exercise raised awareness of the possibilities of disease detection via machine-learned algorithms. In this experiment, the results were not provided to the members of the public whose data were scrutinized. "Physicians have a professional ethical code, but private companies don't have such restrictions. There needs to be an ethical framework for what to do with such data to make sure it's used in the right way. People have a right to know, but they also have a right not to know," says Prof. Paltiel.

The paper concludes with this warning: "Our findings highlight the urgency in the need to establish ethical guidelines for technology companies and researchers involved in unsolicited web-derived diagnoses. Our objective focused on demonstrating that with the accelerating development of remote, unsolicited web-based diagnosis, ethical dilemmas move outside of the sole area of responsibility of the medical profession to encompass technology companies that develop capabilities to collect and analyze user information on a massive scale. The absence of an ethical framework dealing with this pertinent issue could harm both users and commercial companies, and has far-reaching implications for the current practice of medicine."

Box Tops for Education

Look for these on products from Reynolds, Green Giant, Annie's, General Mills cereals, Nature Valley, Mott's, Land O'Lakes, Go-Gurt, Yoplait, Ziploc, Hefty, Betty Crocker, Cascadian Farms, Kleenex, Scott's, Old El Paso, Progresso, Lysol, Fiber One and Larabar.

The Marvin and Rosalie Okun Kalamazoo Community Jewish School earns money by collecting these. Please watch for them and bring them to the office. Thank you!



DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS



The temperatures outside are low but the meter for our D&W Direct Your Dollars collection is still rising. We've reached over 66.6%! Yes, we have collected \$100,000 worth of receipts and our goal of \$150,000 is in sight. Thank you to all who have made this possible and please continue to drop off your receipts in the envelope located outside the CoM office.

Please do not cut off the any part of the receipt. The total in the "Direct your Dollars" portion of the receipt must be present. Notice that there is no "Direct Your Dollars" amount when you purchase prescriptions only or an item under \$1, like bananas.

You can help even more by buying D&W gift cards and other scrip for our continuing fundraiser. Thanks!

Thinking of booking a trip with Delta, Southwest or their partners? Please ask Shirley Mengel to order Delta or Southwest gift cards through the ShopWithScrip program. It only takes a few days for the cards to arrive and they are easy to use.

When you check out online, there is a prompt to use gift cards. All you need to do is enter the gift card number. You can use up to three cards per purchase.



Gift Cards are Useful All Year Round

Buy gift cards in the office from 7:30 to 11:30 am or call and we can mail them to you. The Congregation of Moses can earn from 2-15% of your total purchase price. Many more brands are available. Thank you!



If you don't see the store brands you want here, we may still have it available. Send us an email at comofficemgr@gmail.com. Thanks.