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Lots Happening This Spring!

Update from Program Director, Sharon Kaufman

There are so many great things going on at CoM in the month of March!

To get things rolling, we're kicking off a new Shabbat format for kids and families with **Family Shabbat Celebrations!** The first two will be held on Friday, March 6 and Friday, March 27. We'll share a casual dinner together at CoM followed by a very brief, child-centered Shabbat service led by students from our religious school. This event is for everyone, so please spread the word to any family in the community with young children.



We'll be celebrating **Purim** on Sunday, March 8th with a community-wide Purim Carnival! This year, the carnival will be held at Temple B'nai Israel, and is sponsored by TBI, CoM, Chabad and the Jewish Federation. The carnival will be held from 12:30 - 2:30 pm and will cost \$5 per family.

There is Purim fun to be had by all - there will be carnival games for all ages, prizes, a Cake Walk, Hamentaschen and costume contest, a magic show, face painting and so much more! Lunch will also be available for purchase.

Another event that will be fun for the whole family is **Parents Night Out**. Parents get to enjoy a night on the town, while the kids have a fun night in at CoM! The night will begin with Havdalah, and then we'll have dinner together before having a fun night of crafts, games and a movie. Parents Night Out is on Saturday, March 28th from 6:30 - 9:30 pm. It is free to CoM members, and \$5 per child for non-members. Another Parents Night Out will be held on Saturday, April 25th.

We'll also continue two ongoing events with Rabbi Spivak in March. First, on Thursday, March 12th, **Coffee Talk** will meet again from 11:00 am - noon. Join Rabbi Spivak for coffee, nosh and conversation in the Sofen Room. On Thursday, March 19th, the next installment of "**The Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice**" will continue around the subject of the Ethical Dimensions of Food Production. Rabbi Spivak will be leading the discussion during two sessions: one at 1:00 pm, and the other at 7:00 pm in the Sofen Room.



Looking forward beyond March, we are getting ready for spring with our **Rain Garden Project!** There will be an informational training session to learn about rain gardens on Sunday, April 19th at 10:00 am, and we will be planting the garden on Sunday, May 17th.

Get ready for a **Shabbat field trip to Temple B'nai Shalom in Benton Harbor** on Friday, April 24th with Rabbi Spivak officiating.

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us. Details for these and many more events will be coming soon!

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

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Second Night Seder at CoM

Thursday, April 9, 7:00 pm in the Social Hall

Please plan to join other members of the Jewish
community on Thursday, April 9 when we come together
to celebrate Passover with a kosher, catered Second Night
Seder, open to the entire community.

Rabbi Spivak will lead the Seder. Menu details and sign
up forms will be available in the first week of March.



In Memoriam

As a longtime member of CoM, Seymour Levine had an
outstanding record of weekly attendance, as well as participation at
our High Holy Days services.

Seymour had a contented, accessible manner and a humble smile
in his conversations with other congregants. He was a longtime
participant in the biblical Hebrew class, where he often brought
smiles with his clever interpretations and quirky sense of humor.

Socially, Seymour was part of a Friday luncheon foursome where
news, gossip, etc., were frequently exchanged. Sometimes pinned
down for his comments, Seymour chuckled with a humble
demeanor saying, "Alright guys, I'm used to being a scapegoat."
And so we would part with a feeling of fellowship, humor and
contentment.

May Seymour's body rest in peace and his soul live forever with
God's blessing. Amen. ~ Fred Blum

Shabbat Celebrations!

Fridays, March 6 and 27

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

On Friday, March 6 at 5:45 pm, we'll enjoy a simple Shabbat pizza dinner with other families, then sing and share joyful Shabbat prayers, led by religious school students. Everything should be wrapped up by 7:00 pm.

Please contact Sharon Kaufman with questions at programdirector@congregationofmoses.org or to offer your help.



Shabbat schedule

FRIDAY March 6	5:45 pm Family Shabbat Celebration–Casual dinner with brief children’s services to follow 7:30 p.m. Regular Shabbat services
SATURDAY March 7	9:30 a.m. Torah: Torah: Exodus 27:20-28:30; Deuteronomy 25:17-19 <i>Rabbi Spivak</i> Haftarah: I Samuel 15:2-34 <i>Mina Koffron</i>
FRIDAY March 13	7:30 p.m.
SATURDAY March 14	9:30 a.m. Torah: Exodus 30:11-31:17; Numbers 19:1-22 <i>Al Rosenthal</i> Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38 <i>Michelle Angel</i>
FRIDAY March 20	7:30 p.m. All-School Services at CoM
SATURDAY March 21	9:30 a.m. Torah: Exodus 35:1-37:16; Exodus 12:1-20 <i>Judah Ari-Gur</i> Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-18 <i>Judah Ari-Gur</i>
FRIDAY March 27	5:45 pm Family Shabbat Celebration–Casual dinner with brief children’s services to follow 7:30 p.m. Regular Shabbat services
SATURDAY March 28	9:30 a.m. Torah: Leviticus 1:1-2:16 <i>Earl Norman</i> Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21-44:23 <i>Earl Norman</i>



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

March 6	6:21 p.m.
March 13	7:29 p.m.
March 20	7:37 p.m.
March 27	7:45 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.*

LEAD PRAYERS DURING HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

We love people who participate in services by leading prayers from the bima. Whether one prayer or a whole section of the service, we welcome and encourage such participation.



That's especially true for the High Holidays. Every year, several of our members lead part of the morning service for Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur. You can too!

Please let me know that you would like to lead a prayer or prayers on the High Holidays and I will provide you with the material and all the personal help you need to enjoy the experience of leading.

Let me hear from you.

Rabbi Harvey Spivak

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Yom HaShoah Concert

A special program will take place on the evening of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, April 20, 7:30 pm at the Congregation of Moses. There is no admission charge.

The concert is dedicated to the music and memory of artists who perished in the concentration camps during the Holocaust. Learn their stories, hear their music and come together to ensure that their voices are not lost.



It features works by Gideon Klein, a Jewish composer who was sent to the camps in December 1941 and died in October 1944; Erwin Schulhoff, a Jewish composer who was arrested in June 1941 and died in August 1942; and Andrei Previn, the famous Jewish composer who was born in Germany and left for America with his family just before World War II.

This concert, "Lost Voices: Music of Terezin," is a program of the Michigan Festival of Sacred Music. The program is Gideon Klein's string trio; Erwin Schulhoff's serenade for flute, viola and bass; and Andre Previn's clarinet quintet.

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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	5	6 Family Shabbat Celebration, dinner, 5:45 pm with brief children's services to follow	7
8 R.S. @ CoM; Community Purim celebration at TBI; Adult Hebrew class, 11:15 am	9 Megillah Reading and Purim Shpiel, 6:30 pm 	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, 3:00 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 Camp Tavor Spring Seminar 12 pm; All School Service @ CoM, 7:30 pm	21 Camp Tavor Spring Seminar
22 R.S. @ CoM; Camp Tavor Spring Seminar; Passover Pop-Up Sale, 10:00 am; Adult Hebrew class, 11:15 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; Hand Made Printz Event with Mary Arkush, 2:00-4:00 pm	30	31				

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			1 R.S. @ TBI	2	3	4 Healing Service, 9:30am
5 No R.S. - Spring Break	6	7 OvB meeting, 7:00 pm	8 No R.S. - Spring Break; First Seder 	9 Passover Services 9:30 am; Synagogue office closed; Second Night Seder at CoM 	10 Synagogue office closed for Passover	11
12 No R.S. - Spring Break	13	14	15 No R.S. - Passover; Synagogue office closed 	16 Passover Services (Yizkor) 9:30 am; Synagogue office closed	17	18
19 R.S. @ CoM; Rain Garden Information Session, 10:00 am; Adult Hebrew class, 11:15 am; Bulletin deadline	20 Hadassah Book Club, 7:00 pm 	21	22 R.S. @ TBI	23	24 Rabbi in Benton Harbor	25 Rabbi in Benton Harbor; Parents Night Out, 5:45 pm
26 R.S. @ CoM; Adult Hebrew class, 11:15 am	27 The Ethical Life course, 1:00 pm or 7:00 pm	28 Annual Meeting	29 R.S. @ TBI	30		

Yahrzeits

March 6, 7 (11 Adar – 17 Adar)

Helen Rose Aronoff*	Ernest J. Badt*	Ely Behrend*
Nuchim Buchman*	Mary Colef*	Alexander Fried*
Faye Hageman	Laura Hoffman	Martin Kalb*
Edythe Palmer Leder*	Robert Morrison*	Selma Price*
Jack Rubel*	Harry Schechter*	Abraham Schensul*
Louis Slavin*	Minerva Slosberg*	Jack Stein*
George Ulrich	Kate Weisman*	

March 13, 14 (18 Adar – 24 Adar)

Edythe E. Berman	Regina Blum	Max Breslow*
Rebekka Buchman*	Ethel Finn*	Blanch Friedman*
Jack Getz*	Alex Halpert*	Rose Harris*
Lily Sichel*	Bertram Stein*	Samuel Edgar Stulberg
Norbet Touitou*	Betty Weintraub*	Max Weisman*
David Weiss Sr.	Ethel Rose Ziv*	

March 20, 21 (25 Adar – 2 Nissan)

Daniel Eisenberg	Ernastine Ernst	Lily Felberg
Clara Finman*	Marion Frank	Nathan Friedman*
Hattie Gerber*	Harold Green*	Anna Heckman*
Hillel Hirschfield*	Richard Hoffman*	Howard J. Karp*
Francine Klingman	David Laventure*	Max Lerman
Harry Libin*	Ruth Liepman*	Abraham A. Rocklin*
Daniel Rosenberg*	Irving E. Schechter	Norman Slavin*
Emanuel Isaac Solomon	Eddelene Marcia Statfield*	Roberta Stein*
Eva Tuchman*		

March 27, 28 (3 Nissan – 9 Nissan)

Celia H. Besbris*	Edward Ellis*	Richard Harris*
Berl Kanofsky*	Morris Kirsch*	Harry Leiberman*
Nathan Minsley	Evelyne Munsch	Belle Rifkin
Libby Rose*	Rachel Seyburn	Rose Sternfield
Max Stulberg*	Ina Thall*	

* Denotes a memorial plaque in the synagogue

Mishpacha

MAZEL TOV TO

Susan Welbourne on her “special birthday”

Tema and Rob Lando on the birth of their granddaughter, Vivienne Lubella Rose Lando

SPEEDY RECOVERY WISHES TO

Phil Horwich

————— Donations have been made to the following funds. —————

GENERAL FUND

Mazel Tov to Susan Welbourne on her “special birthday.”

Mazel Tov to Tema and Rob Lando on the birth of their granddaughter, Vivienne Lubella Rose Lando.

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

Wishing Phil Horwich a complete and speedy recovery.

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Emily Freed & Brad Hershbein, Joanne & Mike Simon, Men’s Club

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

Love, Ada & Howard Yerman

In loving memory of my father, Isidore Schanwald.

Tamara Norman

In loving memory of my mother, Miriam Epstein Lieberman.

Judy Davis

BUILDING FUND

Mazel Tov to Susan Welbourne on her “special birthday.”

Mazel Tov to Tema and Rob Lando on the birth of their granddaughter, Vivienne Lubella Rose Lando.

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

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Leslie & Joel Bez

In loving memory of my mother, Lilas Felix.

Shirley Weiss & Family

In loving memory of my father, William Zheutlin.

Shirley Z. Grekin & her loving family

MARVIN AND ROSALIE OKUN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

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The Fischell Family, Judy & Lowell Seyburn

Mishpacha

HERMAN AND ROSE FISHER LIBRARY FUND

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Mazel Tov to Tema and Rob Lando on the birth of their granddaughter, Vivienne Lubella Rose Lando.

Wishing Phil Horwich a complete and speedy recovery.

Marilyn & Art Feinberg

JACK LEVENE CANTOR FUND

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Mazel Tov to Tema and Rob Lando on the birth of their granddaughter, Vivienne Lubella Rose Lando.

Wishing Phil Horwich a complete and speedy recovery.

Rae Lee Howard

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In loving memory of my mother, Sallie Cushner.

Cindy Beer

In loving memory of my dear beloved mother, Adela Blum.

Alfred Blum

In loving memory of my father, Joseph Kahn.

Wilma J. Kahn

TIKKUN OLAM

Mazel Tov to Susan Welbourne on her “special birthday.”

Mazel Tov to Tema and Rob Lando on the birth of their granddaughter, Vivienne Lubella Rose Lando.

Wishing Phil Horwich a complete and speedy recovery.

Michelle & Alan Angel



Dear CoM Members,

Thank you very much for all of your thoughtful and kind birthday contributions in honor of my “special birthday!” Since I have been a member of the CoM for over 50 years, I value the many friendships that I have here. I have also loved the many positions that I have held and the many great people that I have worked with. As I celebrate this special birthday, I realize the many blessings and all of the love that is mine to cherish.

This year is going to be so special for our family. Along with my birthday in January, we will be celebrating my husband’s 20-year anniversary of his heart surgery. In March, Patrick and I will celebrate our 50th anniversary! Then in May, we will celebrate our grandson Ethan Welbourne’s Bar Mitzvah! We thank God for all of our blessings and look forward thankfully for all that God has given us. Thank you again for your contributions to CoM funds in honor of my birthday!

With love and gratitude ~ *Susan Welbourne*

Daisy Dollars Are Back Again

Daisy Dollars will be available in the CoM office **from March 9-April 17.**

For every Daisy Dollar you purchase, CoM earns 25¢ or 25% of your purchase.

Please send your order in multiples of \$10 to the CoM office, with a check payable to CoM.

Thanks for your support of this effort!



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Director: Larry Beer, Ed.D.



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.



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. Spring dates are scheduled as follows.

March 19, 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm at CoM ***Ethical Dimensions of Food Production***

Do we have to choose between having abundant food and causing environmental damage?

Improved farming techniques and increased international trade have made food more abundant and less expensive. This has allowed more people to have adequate diets and has offered us an enormous variety of food. At the same time, current trends in food production are exerting pressure on the environment and increasing the danger of soil degradation, pollution, loss of biodiversity and animal cruelty.

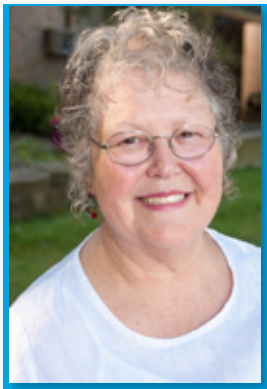
As consumers, we exert influence on production in the ways we buy, transport, prepare and consume food. In this discussion, we will explore how Jewish teachings can provide insight into how to make ethical choices about food. Dr. David Craemer, Professor of Talmud and Director of the Library at the Jewish Theological Seminary, presents new insights into a Jewish ethical approach to food.

We will look at original sources in the Bible, Maimonides and the Talmud and see if we can apply their teachings to our own lives and community.

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?





Passover Chocolates Fundraiser: Raising Money, Giving Joy and Nurturing Friendships

While our goal is to raise money for our school, the children are excited about the prizes they can win! I'm sure all of you can remember poring over catalogues as a child. For me, it was the Sears Roebuck toy catalogue that came in the mail to our house every fall. What catalogues were your favorites?

For today's kids, most of that dreaming is done online. I think toy catalogues are a thing of the past, but right now our kids have prize catalogues from Miss Chocolate in their hands and they are dreaming big. If you know a kid in our school, reach out to them and buy candy from them. If you don't know a kid in the school, take this as an opportunity to introduce yourself to one of them when you see them. When our kids interact with the adults in our synagogues, they experience being a part of Am Yisrael.

When you buy Miss Chocolate from one of our students, you:

- Help us raise money for MROKCJS
- Give joy to a child by helping them earn prizes, and
- Grow a friendship with a really cool kid (I say this with authority because I know each one of our 49 students as a really cool kid!).

MissChocolate Fundraising

Don't forget to order Passover chocolates as gifts for friends and family. Order deadline is March 13.

Here are all the ways you can buy Passover chocolates.

Order Online

- To order online, go to misschocolate.com
- Click on "Online Store" in the blue menu bar across the top of the page.
- Click on "Shop Now" down the page on the right in purple.
- Enter a student's Seller ID or the school's Seller ID which is 711645. If you would like a random student's Seller ID, contact Nora Chaus at okcjsDirector@gmail.com.
- Select "Click Here to Start Shopping."
- Shipping charges will be added to your order. Your order will be delivered to your address prior to Passover.

Order by Phone or Email

- Contact Gillian Thommes at gillianbthommes@aol.com or (269) 569-9276 to place your order. You can see what is available by following the instructions above. By ordering through Gillian, all candy will be delivered to CoM, without the shipping cost.

Order by Mail

- View the product catalogue online at misschocolate.com. Follow the instructions on the previous page.
- Complete an order form.
- Include a check payable to TBI with OKCJS - Miss Chocolate Fundraiser in the memo (TBI is the school's fiduciary).
- Mail your order to: *Nora Chaus, Director, MROKCJS, 2501 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008*

There will be no shipping charges when you order by mail. Your order will be delivered to CoM prior to Passover and you will be notified when it is available for pickup.

Donations

If you would like to support the school financially but do not want to order chocolates, donations to our Miss Chocolate Fundraiser can be made online:

- Go to misschocolate.com
- Click on "Online Store" in the blue menu bar across the top of the page.
- Click on "Shop Now" down the page on the right in purple.
- Enter a student's Seller ID or the school's Seller ID which is 711645. If you would like a random student's Seller ID, contact Nora Chaus at okcjsDirector@gmail.com.
- Select "Click Here to Start Shopping".
- Select the blue Donation button on the left.
- Donations will also be accepted by check if you prefer. Checks should be made out to TBI (the school's fiduciary) with MROKCJS - Miss Chocolate Fundraiser in the memo.

Thank you for the honor of teaching our children.

Nora Chaus

Director, MROKCJS

Hand Made Printz Block Printing

March 29, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Spend an afternoon at CoM making towels, bags or shirts with artist Mary Arkush of Hand Made Printz.

Mary will be bringing her own handmade stamps for you to print, on your choice of cotton tea towels, canvas bags or shirts you bring yourself. You can choose from nature or Judaic designs.

All items will be available to purchase except clothing. You may bring any type of t-shirt or woven shirt, new or already worn, that you would like to enhance with your own printed creation.



Artist Mary Arkush, former member of both CoM and TBI.

No experience is necessary and instruction will be provided. Open to anyone in the community, 13 and over.

KALAMAZOO JEWISH COMMUNITY INVITES YOU TO

PURIM CARNIVAL

MARCH 8, 2020 | 12:30-2:30 PM

TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL

\$5 ADMISSION PER FAMILY



Games for all ages!
Prizes - Cake Walk

Hot Dogs, Chips & Water*

Costume and Hamantaschen Contest

Magician

Facepainting
and so much more!

*Food and Beverage additional cost



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Purim Megillah Reading and Shpiel

Monday, March 9 at 6:30 pm

Celebrate Purim with the reading of the Megillah and an entertaining shpiel starring CoM's finest! Refreshments and hamentaschen will be served. Don't come as you are...costumes are highly encouraged!



Ballet 5:8 presents

Butterfly

Featuring *Butterfly*, *Brothers & Sisters*, *Of Splendors and Horrors*, and a World Premiere by Kevin Jenkins

From the whispers of the past we hear a resound that cannot be silenced. Every human - beautiful or plain, desirable or marginalized - is precious and created with purpose. Join Ballet 5:8 for an evening of one-act ballets featuring Julianna Rubio Slager's *Butterfly*, the story of a Holocaust survivor from WWII Terezin. Also included: a World Premiere by Kevin Jenkins, winner of multiple Dance Magazine and Pointe Magazine Editors Choice choreography awards, Slager's *Of Splendors and Horrors*, inspired by C.S. Lewis' book *The Weight of Glory*, and Slager's playful *Brothers & Sisters*, exploring the beauty and contrast of men and women.

Saturday, April 18, 2020 | 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 19, 2020 | 3:00 pm

Wellspring Theater

Tickets at ballet58.org/kalamazoo

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**





the earth
laughs
in flowers

~ Emerson

**Spring is just around the corner!
Get Wenke Bucks and get busy
in the garden!**

Get everything you need for this year's garden by purchasing "Wenke Bucks" from the Congregation of Moses.

Buy in increments of \$10, and use them anytime before June 30 at Wenke Greenhouses on Sprinkle Rd and Market St.

Flowers. Vegetables. Tools. Supplies. Decor.

The Congregation will make \$2.00 on each \$10.00 you purchase.

To buy your Wenke Bucks, contact Shirley Mengel in the CoM office, at 342-5463 or by email at comofficemgr@gmail.com

SPRING

March 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

- 3/2 Jason Ruterbusch
- 3/3 Valerie Eisenberg
- 3/6 Alice Koss
- 3/7 Erica Hyman
- 3/9 Carolyn Kennedy
- 3/12 Diane Fogel
- 3/16 Adam Weiner
- 3/18 Ken Satir
- 3/19 Larry Rose
- 3/19 Julia Serlin
- 3/20 Matthew Ruterbusch
- 3/24 Josh Weiner
- 3/25 Tim Howard
- 3/26 Rachel Richman
- 3/27 Lee Klingman
- 3/28 Wendy Hyman
- 3/30 Jon Reck



ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/2 Elizabeth & Mike Siegel
- 3/20 Natalie & Rabbi Harvey Spivak
- 3/21 Susan & Patrick Welbourne - 50th Wedding Anniversary!
Mazel Tov!



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POP UP GIFT SHOP

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**.



Gift Cards are Always Useful

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!



Coffee Talk

with Rabbi Spivak

Thursday, March 12

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)

Rabbi Harvey Spivak 269-342-5463 office, 269-998-0659, avocet68@aol.com

Judah Ari-Gur 269-598-9609, jarigur@gmail.com

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

Maxine Berke 978-761-8212, maxineberke@gmail.com

Jill Ruterbusch 269-779-5455, the4rudys@att.net

Cindy Beer 269-341-1033, cinbeer@gmail.com

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Charlie Ofstein 269-330-1866, ofsteinc@gmail.com

Larry Beer 269-324-0777 home, lbbkzoo@aol.com

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Joyce Camhi 269-267-4253 home, joyce.camhi@gmail.com

Pat Kirschner 269-385-8999 home, rjkirschner99@gmail.com



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



We've collected more than \$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.

