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A Different Kind of High Holy Days This Year

This year's High Holiday services will look quite different than what we are accustomed to and we wanted to give you an update on the plans.

As you probably already know, all High Holiday services will be live-streamed online this year. There will be no in-person services.

We will still have the traditional Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services led by Rabbi Spivak and Cantor Hendler, with select members reading Torah and Haftarah and blowing the shofar.



We are developing a plan to make High Holiday prayer books available to members of the community who do not have a copy at home. More information is coming soon.

This year, we are also planning an exciting, musical live-streamed family service for all ages. The details of these events will also be announced shortly.

Since all events will be happening online, we will gladly assist members who need help setting up a tablet or computer to live stream services for the holidays. Please call the synagogue office at 342-5463 and leave a message, or email Sharon Kaufman at programdirector@congregationofmoses.org if you need help.

Exciting Changes at the CoM Facility

If you haven't seen it yet, we're happy to announce that the driveway at CoM no longer has huge crater-like holes! The driveway regrading and repaving is now completed. The front lawn has also received some new grading for better drainage and to prepare for the rain garden installation next spring.

On the south side of the building, the playground has been dismantled and the overgrown, infested trees growing there were removed in preparation for a roof replacement.

Plans are in the works for both the new roof and the purchase and installation of brand-new, modern play equipment. You should be hearing more about these projects in the coming months.

Thanks to Mike Tenenbaum

for his leadership on the driveway repaving project.

Brad Kennedy, Michelle Angel, Paul Nimz, Bruce Patrick and Dean Thommes removed the playground fencing and dismantled all of the equipment for recycling. **Huge thanks to all of them as well.**



Services Online

Saturday, August 1

9:30 a.m. online

Torah: Deuteronomy 3:23-5:18

Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1-36

Saturday, August 8

9:30 a.m. online

Torah: Deuteronomy 7:12-9:3

Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14-51:3

Saturday, August 15

9:30 a.m. online

Torah: Deuteronomy 11:26-12:28

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11-55:5

Saturday, August 22

9:30 a.m. online

Torah: Deuteronomy 16:18-5

Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12-52:12

Saturday, August 29

9:30 a.m. online

Torah: Deuteronomy 21:10-23:7

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-10



Shabbat services signup can be found on our website, congregationofmoses.org. When you sign up to attend, you will receive the Zoom link in your confirmation.

DAILY MINYAN

Join your CoM family every Monday-Friday morning at 7:30 am and Sunday mornings at 8:30 am. If you want to say Kaddish, this is an opportunity to do so with your community.

Please attend if you are able. Members who want to say Kaddish need to have a minyan or at least ten people.

Sign up to attend at congregationofmoses.org

Shabbat candle lighting times

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| July 31 | 8:44 pm |
| August 7 | 8:36 pm |
| August 14 | 8:26 pm |
| August 21 | 8:15 pm |
| August 28 | 8:04 pm |



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.*

Mishpacha

MAZEL TOV TO

Laurel Scheidt, Liz Thall, Patricia Kirschner and Diane Minsley on their special birthdays

CONDOLENCES TO OUR FRIENDS

Earl Norman and family on the passing of his mother, Ruth Norman

Rachel Haus and family on the passing of her cousin, Tierney Kaufman Hutchins

— Donations have been made to the following funds. —

GENERAL FUND

Mazel Tov to Laurel Scheidt, Liz Thall, Patricia Kirschner and Diane Minsley on their special birthdays

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Condolences to Brad Kennedy and family on the passing of his mother, Audrey Smith

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Condolences to Rachel Haus and family on the passing of her cousin, Tierney Kaufman Hutchins

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In loving memory of my husband, Robert H. Grekin

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Rae Lee Howard

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In loving memory of my father, Louis Koss

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Marjorie Gaynor

In loving memory of my father, Meyer Lebowitz

Leonard Lebowitz

In loving memory of Siegfried Baum

Elinor (Baum) Star

TIKKUN OLAM

Mazel Tov to Laurel Scheidt, Liz Thall, Patricia Kirschner and Diane Minsley on their special birthdays.

Condolences to Earl Norman and family on the passing of his mother, Ruth Norman.

Condolences to Rachel Haus and family on the passing of her cousin, Tierney Kaufman Hutchins

Michelle & Alan Angel

HONOR AND MEMORIAL FUND

In loving memory of my son, Jonathan David Tregerman

Lee Tregerman

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

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Mishpacha

KIKAR FUND

In loving memory of Audrey A. Smith

Condolences to Earl Norman and family on the passing of his mother,
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Carolyn & Brad Kennedy

Condolences to Brad Kennedy and family on the passing of his
 mother, Audrey Smith

Gerry & Lee Tregerman



*Thank you all so much for your kind words and donations to acknowledge my graduation from medical school. I appreciate your kindness.
 All the best, Chelsea Angel*

*I want to sincerely thank all those who made donations in memory of my cousin, Tierney Kaufman Hutchins. She was 35 and eight months pregnant with her second child when she died quite suddenly of a splenic artery aneurysm. Her daughter could not be saved. We've all been in shock, but I was truly touched by your thoughtful, caring outreach. It meant a lot to me.
 ~ Rachel Haus*

*Thank you to the Congregation of Moses for your kindness and support in memory of my mother Audrey.
 ~ Brad Kennedy*

The CoM newsletter is published monthly by the Congregation of Moses for the benefit of its members. **The deadline for submitting articles, photos and ads is the 18th of each month, for publication the following month. Please send submissions to both the editor, at bulletin@congregationofmoses.org and assistant editor, at congofmosesbulletin@hotmail.com.**



PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

As we come to the end of July and beginning of August, it feels hard to believe that it is summer since these past few months have been so different from a typical summer.

I have spent a lot of time on Zoom this month, between hosting meetings for Jewish Food for Thought, Havdalah Happy Hour, committee meetings and weekly meetings with my family and friends. Like many of you, I am beginning to get tired of Zoom, but for now it will remain as part of the new normal. When it isn't too hot or humid out, I like to take breaks on my patio with a good book. One good thing that has come out of the quarantine is that I am reading a lot more and finally getting through all the books I've bought but never read!

Michigan is slowly reopening and we are doing the same at CoM. Out of an abundance of caution, we will continue to hold services online through the High Holidays. We will be live streaming High Holiday services and more specific information on that will follow.

Shabbat morning services will continue to be held over Zoom each Saturday morning and **Daily Minyan** will continue Sunday through Friday. **You can sign up for both at congregationofmoses.org.**

Last month, we hosted our first-ever Outdoor Shabbat! We all enjoyed a "normal" Shabbat evening service under the portico while being socially distant and masked up. It was great to see everyone in person and not through a screen for the first time since March. Mark your calendars for our next two **Outdoor Shabbats on August 14th and September 4th.**

This past month, we had our first in-person program since March! On Sunday, July 19th and Monday, July 20th, we toured the gardens of some of our CoM gardeners. Sunday was a bit rainy, but the weather for Monday was gorgeous. Online programming is ongoing: **Second Cup Study Group** continues to meet every Sunday and Wednesday over Zoom, and Rabbi Spivak will continue to hold Jewish Food for Thought on Thursdays through August. The Ethical Life series will begin again in the Fall after Simchat Torah.

We are also working on programming for the upcoming High Holiday season and will take advantage of the nice weather for outdoor programming as long as we can.

I hope that you are continuing to stay safe and wearing masks whenever you're out in public. I am looking forward to a day, hopefully soon, when we will all be able to come together again in person!

Sharon Kaufman, Program Director

Outdoor Shabbats

Friday, August 14th at 7:30 pm

Friday, September 4th at 7:30 pm

Join us again on Friday, August 14th at 7:30 pm as we celebrate Shabbat outdoors with Rabbi Spivak. The July outdoor Shabbat service was well attended on a beautiful summer evening.

Please **bring some chairs and bug spray with you**. We will have a limited amount of CoM plastic chairs available.

Everyone who attends Outdoor Shabbat **must be wearing a face mask**. We will maintain social distancing guidelines during the evening and every family unit will be sitting six feet apart.

We look forward to seeing you! Please contact Sharon if you need transportation by emailing her at programdirector@congregationofmoses.org.



In case you are wondering, Rabbi Spivak only removed his mask while leading services and was properly distanced from others.

Help Needed in the Mitbach!

Your Mitbach Team was informed that Rose, the dishwasher at CoM, has resigned. We have prepared a job description and are looking for someone who might be interested. If anyone has a lead on a candidate for this position, please let a member of the Mitbach Team know by emailing kitchen@congregationofmoses.org.

Due to the temporary closure of the synagogue building, we do not yet have an anticipated start date.

Thank you.



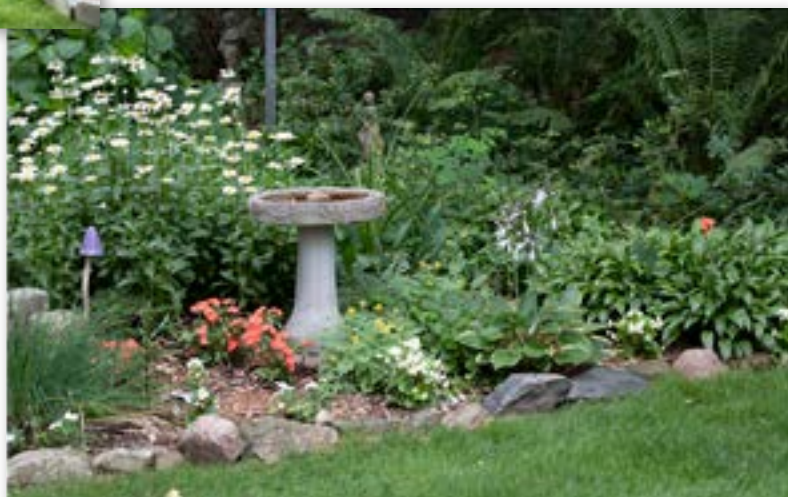
Garden Walk

Sunday, July 19th and Monday, July 20th

On July 19th, and 20th, a group of CoM members created their own tours to view the gardens of our fellow CoM gardeners. Over the course of those two days, we explored the gardens and learned about the different plants and flowers that each person cultivated. Not even the rain on Sunday could stop us from viewing the gardens!

Each garden that we viewed was unique to the gardener. One garden featured a large variety of shade plants and areas of newly planted Michigan native shrubs and flowers, intended to welcome and encourage pollinators. Another garden had both sunny and shade gardens, and different plants in each; one had peonies in the front yard that they encouraged neighbors to snip and take. There were a variety of fruit-bearing trees, vegetable gardens and stalks of corn. We even got to see a tree house and several fairy doors!

Thank you so much to each of the gardeners who so graciously allowed us to tour their gardens: **Carolyn Kennedy, Shirley Wise, Rae Lee Howard, Val Eisenberg, Bruce and Diane Minsley and Tamara Norman.** It was such a pleasure getting to see each of your gardens.



August 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

- 8/2 Amelia Schook
- 8/2 Mike Siegel
- 8/6 Sabrina Snyder
- 8/8 Elizabeth Siegel
- 8/8 Samuel Siegel
- 8/11 Patrick Welbourne
- 8/13 Shane Riley
- 8/15 Lori Putman
- 8/20 Magnus Riley
- 8/24 Michelle Angel
- 8/25 Marilyn Feinberg
- 8/29 Olivia Judith Scheinker
- 8/30 Ethan Rocklin has a Special Birthday! Mazel Tov!

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/5 P'nina & Judah Ari-Gur
- 8/5 Susan & Jeffrey Scheinker
- 8/8 Cheryl & Mike Tenenbaum
- 8/11 Joyce & Steve Camhi
- 8/12 Emily Hoffman & Lee Klingman
- 8/17 Diane & Harvey Fogel
- 8/22 Rachel & Jeff Haus
- 8/30 Marilyn & Arthur Feinberg 50th Anniversary! Mazel Tov!
- 8/30 Jill & Rudy Ruterbusch




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Yahrzeits

July 31, August 1 (11 Av – 17 Av)

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| Sol Axelrod* | Sophie Barkman | Sara Finkelstein |
| Doris Gotthelf* | Betty Graff* | Joseph Hadesman* |
| Ida Halpert* | Samuel Hoffman | Ruth Katz* |
| Esther Marshall* | Simon Okun* | Rose Rose* |
| Phineas Rosenbaum* | Nelson Schupan* | Leonora Wachtel* |

August 7, 8 (18 Av – 24 Av)

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| Natalie Aaronson | Max Besbris* | Herb Cane |
| Molly Feinberg | Milton Feinberg* | Elliott Gluck* |
| Harris Handelsman* | Ruth Harriet Kaplan* | Harold Karlin* |
| Lianne Lando* | Anna Marks* | Leon Okun* |
| Louis Pollens | Ethel Roodin* | Ephraim Rose* |
| Nettie Schwartz* | Sylvia A. Weinstein* | Ben Weisman* |

August 14, 15 (25 Av – 1 Elul)

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| Mary Bennison* | Irving W. Cushner* | Jack A. Fisher* |
| Anna Friedman* | Marion Raskin Grant | Tovah Hertz Jacobs |
| Milton Kirschner* | Bertha Rothschild* | Sol Schpok* |
| Peggy Schwartz* | Gertrude Seeder* | Harry B. Sofen* |
| Richard Star | Esther Tigay Weiner* | Sadie Zimmerman* |

August 21, 22 (2 Elul – 8 Elul)

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| Aaron J. Bennison* | Evelyn Berke | Anne Breslow* |
| Sam Camhi | Sadye R. Goldenberg* | Anna Graff* |
| Jean Greenwald | Morris Haffenberg* | Rose Handelsman* |
| Jacob Krohngold | Steven Laventure* | Robert Munsch |
| Lester M. Richman | Joseph Sichel* | |

August 28, 29 (9 Elul – 15 Elul)

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| Evan Adelman | Gertie Feldman | Jerome Gerber* |
| Alvin Kushner* | Heidi Schechter Moldo | Fannette Schwartz |
| Meyer C. Weiner* | Dena H. Winick* | |

* Denotes a memorial plaque in the synagogue

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| 2 Second Cup study group online, 4:30-5:00 pm | 3 | 4 | 5 Second Cup study group online, 7:00- 7:30 pm | 6 Jewish Food for Thought, 11:00-11:30 am  | 7 | 8 Shabbat Services online, 9:30 am |
| 9 Second Cup study group online, 4:30-5:00 pm | 10 | 11 | 12 Second Cup study group online, 7:00- 7:30 pm | 13 | 14 Outdoor Shabbat at CoM, 7:30 pm | 15 Shabbat Services online, 9:30 am |
| 16 Second Cup study group online, 4:30-5:00 pm | 17 Hadassah Book Club online, 7:00 pm Bulletin Deadline, 8:00 pm | 18 | 19 Second Cup study group online, 7:00- 7:30 pm | 20 | 21 | 22 Shabbat Services online, 9:30 am |
| 23 Second Cup study group online, 4:30-5:00 pm | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Shabbat Services online, 9:30 am |
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| 13 Religious School Online, 9:30 am | 14 | 15 | 16 Religious School Online, 4:30 pm | 17 | 18 Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, 7:30 pm | 19 RH Morning Service, 9:00 am RH Evening Service, 7:30 pm |
| 20 No Religious School RH Morning Service, 9:00 am | 21 Hadassah Book Club online, 7:00 pm Bulletin Deadline, 8:00 pm | 22 | 23 Religious School Online, 4:30 pm | 24 | 25 | 26 Shabbat Services online, 9:30 am |
| 27 Religious School Online, 9:30 am Kol Nidre Service, 7:00 pm | 28 Yom Kippur Morning Service, 9:00 am Mincha, 5:00 pm Neilah, 6:30 pm | 29 | 30 Religious School Online, 4:30 pm | | | |



BetterTogether

Teen & Older Adult Summer Program

August - September 2020

Contact Nora Chaus Director@KalamazooJewishSchool.org or (269) 373-4138 to register.

Okun Kalamazoo Community Jewish School (OKCJS) has been selected to participate in the Better Together in a Box program. Better Together in a Box is a special short-term program for summer 2020, which is modeled after the four-year Better Together program, and is designed to encourage meaningful interaction between youth and seniors. OKCJS students in grade 6-12, under the direction of our 2020-21 High School teaching team of Steph Haft and Karl Schook, will be participating in the program with older adults from the Congregation of Moses and Temple B'nai Israel.

Older adults in our community will be paired with teen students in our school. Teens will be guided by their teachers to arrange and lead these weekly activities:

- **Getting to Know You.** During this activity the goal is for teens and older adults to get to know each other and start to build individual relationships.
- **Let's Play.** In this activity teens and/or older adults will have fun together. They will discuss their favorite pastimes and play games together.
- **Let's Get Moving.** During this activity, the goal is for teens and older adults to deepen their newly found bond by doing an activity that is both healthy and silly. Teens may have to go outside of their physical comfort zone.
- **Let's Get Cooking.** This activity will have teens and older adults exploring their culinary creativity and skills.
- **Staying Safe Together.** Teens and older adults will learn from one another's resilience and grit.
- **Let's Get Creative.** During this activity, the goal is for teens and older adults to simply have a good time while allowing their creative sides to shine through.
- **Plan Your Own Date.** Teens plan activity with their older adult partner and can collaborate with other teen/older adult pairs.

If you are a member of the Congregation of Moses or Temple B'nai Israel and are a student in grades 6-12 or consider yourself an older adult, please join us. It will be fun! Contact Nora Chaus at Director@KalamazooJewishSchool.org or (269) 373-4138 to register ASAP.

Okun Kalamazoo Community Jewish School (OKCJS) is grateful for being chosen to participate in the Better Together in a Box program and looks forward to sharing with our community how this program positively influences our students.

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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