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SHAKE A LULAV AND DANCE!

Join Us For Outdoor Sukkot and Simchat Torah Services

**Sundays, October 4th and 11th, beginning 9:30 am
Family crafts, games and lunch beginning about 11:00 am**

Please bring your own chairs and a light picnic lunch.

Sukkot services contain a recitation of Hallel, read on particular festive holidays. These beautiful psalms have been read since ancient times and continue our connection to Jewish communities around the world and through the ages.

You can also shake the lulav and enjoy the scent of the etrog. After services on Sukkot, we will enjoy socially-distant crafting, games and lunch.

For Simchat Torah services, we will celebrate the beginning of a new cycle of Torah reading with dancing and ice cream treats!

Masks will be required at both events. We will also be observing Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah online as well.

For more information on those services, check out our website, www.congregationofmoses.org



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

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For Rosh Hashanah Dinner, I Turned Lemons into Apples and Honey

I think we can all agree that this Rosh Hashanah was the strangest one we have experienced. Remote services, no gathering of friends and family, face masks. The holidays we've spent before seem like a distant memory.

However, I have to say I had the best Rosh Hashanah ever, thanks to my 14 guests, some of whom I have never met. I decided to do something about the isolation so many in our congregation were experiencing and provide home-made meals to those in need, to be picked up or delivered.

I was told everything tasted like it was made with the love that came from their bubbie! I prepared Jewish penicillin (chicken soup with matzo balls), roasted chicken and brisket, noodle kugel and apple cake.

Even though I was alone, the happiness I received from this mitzvah made me feel like I was hosting a house full of friends who were having a great time! I didn't let Covid-19 take away the spirit of the holiday; it actually did the opposite.

I hope to do this in the future so that members of the congregation who are alone will feel as though they have a place at a holiday table.

I would like to thank Lee Klingman and Joe Hirschfield for delivering meals to those who were not able to come and get them. It was truly a group effort.

**Shana Tova to all!
Alan Cohen**



Shabbat Services Online

Saturday, October 3	9:30 a.m. online First Day Sukkot
Saturday, October 10	9:30 a.m. online Shemini Atzeret (Yizkor)
Saturday, October 17	9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. online Torah: Genesis 1:1-6:8 Haftarah: I Samuel 20:18-42
Saturday, October 24	9:30 a.m. online Torah: Genesis 6:9-11:32 Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-55:5
Saturday, October 31	9:30 a.m. online Torah: Genesis 12:1-17:27 Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27-41:16



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

October 2	7:03 pm
October 9	6:51 pm
October 16	6:40 pm
October 23	6:29 pm
October 30	6:20 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.*

Rest in Power, Ruth

A Tribute to RBG From A Young CoM Member

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was an amazing person who changed the Supreme Court the minute she became a member. Ruth was not only the first woman but the first Jewish woman on the Supreme Court. Ruth spent her life fighting for basic human rights and equality. She led a truly inspiring life.

Ruth will always be my idol. Although she passed away, she will have had an effect on the world forever. I looked up to Ruth as a lawyer, an activist and a Jewish woman. I learned about her at a young age and have followed her ever since. I aspire to be like her, I hope one day I can change the world as much as she did. I would love to bring the same energy and fire to my work as she did every single day. Ruth will forever live through me and many others, She is gone but never forgotten. Rest in power, Ruth.

- Olivia J. Scheinker

CoM/TBI Book Club

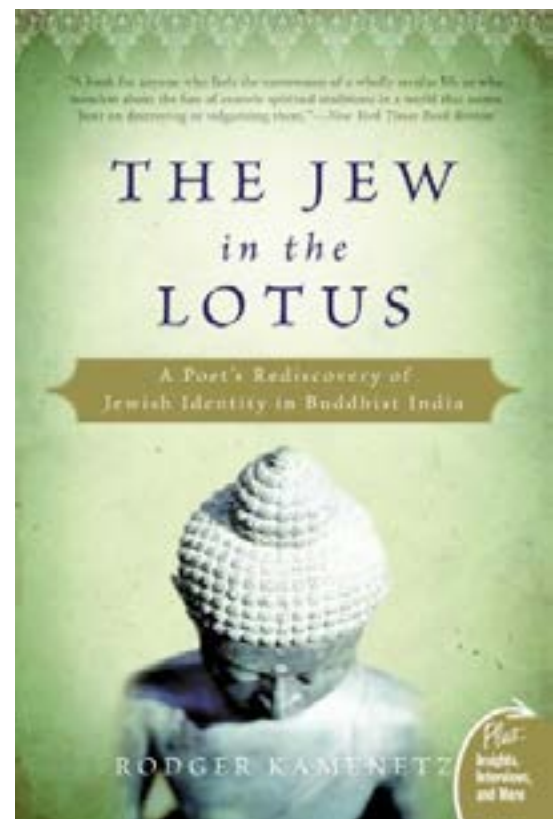
Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 pm on Zoom

The Jew in the Lotus, written in 1994 by Rodger Kamenetz, is about a historic dialogue between rabbis and the Dalai Lama, the first recorded major dialogue between experts in Judaism and Buddhism. The book was primarily potent in capturing an ongoing engagement in the US between highly secularized Jews and Buddhist teachings.

Kamenetz popularized the term JUBU or Jewish Buddhist, interviewing poet Allen Ginsberg, vipassana teacher Joseph Goldstein, Ram Dass and other American Jews involved with bringing Eastern traditions to the West. The book also made prominent a Jewish mystical response to Eastern spirituality in the Jewish renewal movement, led by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, and Jewish meditation as taught by Rabbi Jonathan Omer-Man. The title is a pun on the Vajrayana mantra *Om mani padme hum* which is frequently interpreted as “hail to the jewel in the lotus.”

The Jew in the Lotus inspired a PBS documentary and was released theatrically in New York, Los Angeles and Boston.

Please RSVP to Sharon Kaufman at programdirector@congregationofmoses.org if you plan to attend. You will receive a Zoom link to join the discussion when you sign up.



A True Champion of Justice and Women: Mourning Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Hadassah mourns the passing of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, z”l, on September 18, the first night of Rosh Hashanah, from metastatic pancreatic cancer. Born in Brooklyn, NY, in 1933, Justice Ginsburg — a life member of Hadassah — spent a lifetime breaking boundaries and championing women’s rights, equality and justice. Today, thanks to her relentless efforts, the American legal system views women as equal under the law.

“The demand for justice runs through the entirety of Jewish history and Jewish tradition,” she once said. A trailblazer with one of our nation’s sharpest minds and a warm heart, a powerhouse with a sense of humor, an inspiration and an icon, she repeatedly credited Hadassah founder Henrietta Szold as being an inspiration to her, one of “the two Jewish women, raised in the United States of America, whose humanity and bravery inspired me” and who she credits for being a “Zionist even before Theodor Herzl came on the scene.”



Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in January 2019, congratulating members of the Hadassah Attorneys Council right after they were sworn into the US Supreme Court Bar.

“Ginsburg admired Szold’s eloquent rejection of a male offer to say Kaddish for her mother when she died,” wrote Executive Editor Lisa Hostein in the December 2019 issue of Hadassah Magazine. “When Ginsburg’s own mother died, right before her high school graduation, Ginsburg had been told that, as a woman, she couldn’t recite Kaddish.”

In 1993, Ginsburg took her seat on the Supreme Court bench, and among what she considered to be her “big achievements” was getting the court not to sit on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, along with the aid of Justice Stephen Breyer.

“Women’s rights are an essential part of the overall human rights agenda, trained on the equal dignity and ability to live in freedom all people should enjoy,” she said.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in January 2019, congratulating members of the Hadassah Attorneys Council right after they were sworn into the US Supreme Court Bar.

Ginsburg was the first Jewish woman — and the second woman — to sit on the Supreme Court bench. And for 25 years, she didn’t miss a day when the court was in session, until she had two cancerous nodules removed from her left lung in late December 2018. On her first day back at Supreme Court in January 2019, she took time to offer her congratulations to the newest members of the US Supreme Court Bar, 14 members from the Hadassah Attorneys Council, as she has almost every year since the council began its Swearing In Program two decades ago.

Asked in a 2015 interview how she would like to be remembered, she said: As “someone who used whatever talent she had to do her work to the very best of her ability. And to help repair tears in her society, to make things a little better through the use of whatever ability she has.”

Mishpacha

MAZEL TOV TO

Alan Angel and Cheryl Tenenbaum on their “special birthdays”

TREE OF LIFE

A rock was purchased for Carolyn and Brad Kennedy, in honor of their many years of devotion to CoM and for all their time, effort and expertise to make these High Holidays possible.

B'hava, your Kehillah, Tishrei, 5781

SPEEDY RECOVERY WISHES

Get well wishes to Dean Thommes who is now home recovering after surgery.

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

GENERAL FUND

Mazel Tov to Alan Angel and Cheryl Tenenbaum on their “special birthdays”

*Wilma Kahn & Phil Horwich, Tamara & Earl Norman, Diane & Harvey Fogel
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Emily Freed & Brad Hershbein, Judy Davis & Al Rosenthal, Joanne & Mike Simon
Men's Club, Beth & Stephen Grode*

In loving memory of my husband, Ed Goldenthal

Nan Goldenthal

BUILDING FUND

Mazel Tov to Alan Angel and Cheryl Tenenbaum on their “special birthdays”

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

In loving memory of my husband, Peter K. McCain; my parents, Fay Ginsberg and Martin Ginsberg; my niece, Allison Ginsberg

Carol Ginsberg McCain

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Mazel Tov to Alan Angel and Cheryl Tenenbaum on their “special birthdays”

The Fischell Family, Judy & Lowell Seyburn

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Mazel Tov to Alan Angel and Cheryl Tenenbaum on their “special birthdays”

Marilyn & Art Feinberg

In honor of our son, Ellis Koshiro Frank's 1st birthday

Katrina & Aaron Frank

Mishpacha

JACK LEVENE CANTOR FUND

Mazel Tov to Alan Angel and Cheryl Tenenbaum on their “special birthdays”
Rae Lee Howard

RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In loving memory of my mother, Martha Loeser
Marjorie Gaynor

TIKKUN OLAM

Mazel Tov to Alan Angel on his “special birthday”
Michelle Angel

Mazel Tov to Cheryl Tenenbaum on her “special birthday”
Michelle & Alan Angel

KIKAR FUND

Thank you to Carolyn Kennedy for doing my shopping since I cannot leave my house due to COVID-19
Alan Cohen



In appreciation of our friends who honored our 50th anniversary. We have been with CoM for 45 of those years and all of us have grown together as a family. It is very meaningful and we are truly thankful.

~ Art and Marilyn Feinberg

Our sincerest thanks for the wonderful honor of the “rock” for the CoM Tree of Life. We are very grateful for the recognition and honored to do our part for this warm and generous community.

~ With love and gratitude, Carolyn and Brad Kennedy



Spiritual Leadership Search Committee

The Spiritual Leadership Search Committee met in September and continues to make progress, with its members all playing an active role. During the meeting, it was noted that we have until March to submit an application for an interim rabbi, and we need to secure a waiver from the RA and USCJ to enable us to recruit an interim rabbi from nontraditional sources outside of the movement. According to their rules, we can have the interim rabbi stay for up to two years if we feel that would be the best situation for CoM.

The next critical steps to take are to develop a congregational survey to see which qualities are most important to our membership, and to generate a job description that accurately reflects CoM's particular needs as well as describes what we have to offer in terms of lifestyle and professional growth.

In conclusion, we want you to look out for the survey coming in November to solicit everyone's feedback. We look forward to your thoughts and opinions about this important process.

As we search for the right fit for a bright future at Congregation of Moses, congregants are welcome to contact any member of the SLSC with questions or concerns, or to email the committee directly at: rabbisearchteam@congregationofmoses.org. Thank you



Bring Some Light to the World

The Congregation of Moses stocks candles for our Jewish rituals. Please call the office if you wish to stop by and purchase any of the following:

Electric yahrzeit lamps-only 2 left	\$10 each; replacement bulbs, \$2 each
Havdallah candles	\$ 4.25 each
Plug-in Yahrzeit candles	\$ 4 each
Decorative Yahrzeit candle- only 1 left	\$ 4 each (pictured in lower right)
Yahrzeit candles in Glass	\$ 2 each
Shabbat candles -72 per box	\$12 each
Candle holders (aluminum bobeches)	\$ 4/box





Nora Chaus, Director



New Ways to Learn

Education has changed a lot this year. Teachers all over the world spent the summer learning new techniques that allowed them to reach into their students homes to bring learning to them. Teaching and learning is in many ways more difficult during this pandemic but I think there is also a silver lining. Because we had to rethink everything about how we teach our students, I think some of the new techniques we are using may change the way we teach even after this pandemic is behind us. It seems that other educators are thinking the same thing.

For the PreK-7 students at OKCJS, we are using a variety of online and offline teaching methods. We know that there are many different ways that students learn and we are hopeful that by using different methods we will reach our students who don't learn best by the usual teacher-led classroom instruction.

We have learned that we need to limit the time we spend in teacher-led instruction on Zoom. Little ones can only tolerate so much! In addition to our two 30-40 minute teacher-led classes on Zoom each Sunday we offer the following learning experiences to our students this year.

Independent Home Learning

Our PreK-7 students delve into module-related content and concepts with a fair amount of independence from the adults in their lives. Lower elementary age children explore through a curated BAG of hands-on activities, while upper elementary learners receive engaging weekly challenges.

Aleinu Lesson 1 Challenge
 Watch the slide presentation. Audio instructions will begin to play as soon as you change slides. If you need to hear them again, click on the picture in the lower left hand corner.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1PWC0-1vRM0UwLPRM/wy0Rj0tWwRk1j4Qf5zdy7IM-f7w595BCD0sp0dRqjN7p0G_TuPQ1LUCh05w7u3u0?start=false&loop=false&delayms=60000

Have your Hebrew in Harmony booklet next to you while you work. You will upload your answers to Seesaw after you complete this challenge.

If any media files are broken, please let someone know as soon as possible.

4 Responses, 0 Waiting for Approval, 0 Drafts, 5 Not Responded + Add Response

Assigned Sep 13 at 10:00 AM
 Assigned to All Students in Felix Schauer's Class

Same, Same, But Different!

Turn to page 3 in your journal and do the "Same, Same, but different!" activity. It looks like this:

After completing the independent home learning activity, students post their work for their teacher to see.



1:1 Hebrew Instruction

Each student has a 20 minute 1:1 lesson with their teacher each week. Students will be able to work at their own pace. This is something that we have not offered before students got to their b'nai mitzvah prep. We are expecting that all of our students will benefit from this 1:1 attention.

Weekday Games & Fun

Students can drop in weekday afternoons for what seems to them just fun and games but is actually review activities to help them learn. Teachers do love sneaking in some learning when students are not expecting it!

The older students love to play a game called Kahoot!, best played in a group setting. Players answer on their own devices, while questions are displayed on the teacher's shared screen. There is exciting music played in the background and points are awarded for both speed and accuracy, all of which enhances the excitement.

The software allows teachers to create games that review the content of their lesson and assess the students' understanding at the same time the kids are begging to play more.



The younger students love to build with Legos and we build the alef bet with them. As we build the letters there is time for conversation about Hebrew words that start with the letter and also time just to connect with the children and make them feel a part of our Jewish community.

Rachel Haus or one of the teachers reads to the younger children every afternoon. The children seem to enjoy this a lot. Rachel's readings are recorded so that children can watch them over and over if they want.

Students are also given time to hang out with their friends in Zoom breakout rooms. We want to keep our students connected with their Jewish friends. Even if virtual, the connection is real and important.



Reflection and Peer Feedback

Students post their work online so teachers and peers can provide encouragement, constructive criticism and suggestions for improvement. An authentic audience of peers encourages students to do their best work. We use the Seesaw app for this. Teachers post assignments in the Seesaw app. Audio and video instructions can be included for non-readers. Students can use the app to create videos, drawings and other multimedia projects to complete the assignment. They can upload photos of their written work. Students can comment on and like their peer's work which helps them maintain connection with their friends. Parents can see their child's work and post comments and likes.

American Cancer Society Auction

Thank you to those who donated and/or participated in the bidding at biddergy.com. There are still some items available from the American Cancer Society's online auction. The categories include:

Art, Bakeries, Baseball, Bowling, Car detailing, Carpet cleaning, Dental care (youth), Gardening, Golf, Grocery, Jewelry, Restaurants, Rubber stamps (custom), Sunglasses (designer), Uniforms, Warehouse club, Yoga.

Please contact Gail Brot for specifics on any items you are interested in. Proceeds benefit the work of the American Cancer Society to help those whose lives are affected by cancer.

October 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

- 10/2 Lauren Schook
- 10/3 Norman Marshall
- 10/3 Robyn Levene
- 10/5 Harvey Fogel
- 10/12 Maxine Berke
- 10/14 Brad Hershbein has a Special Birthday!
Mazel Tov!
- 10/22 Neal Berke
- 10/24 Judy Seyburn
- 10/25 Nijodins Ellison
- 10/29 Issac Rubin

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/2 Karl and Lauren Schook
- 10/6 Howard and Andrea Katz
- 10/16 Joel and Leslie Bez
- 10/20 David and Emily Green
- 10/21 Brad and Carolyn Kennedy celebrate their 20th anniversary! Mazel Tov!
- 10/22 Adam and Allison Weiner
- 10/23 Ken and Valerie Eisenberg
- 10/28 Ken and Sallie Goodman
- 10/29 Brad Hershbein and Emily Freed




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Yahrzeits

October 2, 3, (15 Tishrei-21 Tishrei)

Jonas Adelman	Howard Arbetter	Wilhelm Blum*
Lucille S. Brown*	Verna Jean Eisenberg	Rena Feinberg*
Fay Ginsberg*	Harriet Ginsburg*	Jeffrey Ginsburg*
Lawrence Kaufman	Ida Konigsberg	Rae Libin*
Benjamin Marshall*	Marvin Okun*	Rose Roseman*
Sam Roseman*	Viola Turndorf	Bertram Zheutlin

October 9, 10, (22 Tishrei-28 Tishrei)

Della F. Goldman*	Sarah Gottlieb*	Ruth Kushner*
Arnold S. Rose*	Meyer S. Stein*	Isadore Schwartz*

October 16, 17, (29 Tishrei-5 Heshvan)

Molly Berman*	Julian Doggett	Dora Goldberg*
Hyman Kalb*	David Kruglak*	Helen Levey
Fae Okun*	Nora Peisner*	Morris Rose*
Isadore Sklansky*	Isaac Weisman*	

October 23, 24, (6 Heshvan-12 Heshvan)

David Becker	Paul Gerber*	Anita Gilman*
Abraham Goldsmith*	Ethyl Mae Green	Leon Grossman*
Cherie Gubin*	Isadore Gubin*	Susan Horwitz
Julius Hyman*	Bernice I. Kurlandsky*	Isadore Kushner*
Frieda H. Levene*	Seymour Levey	Bernice Mindel*
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October 30, 31, (13 Heshvan-19 Heshvan)

Sylvia S. Badt*	Frank Brot*	Tillie Columpus*
Morris Dinerman*	Herman B. Fine	Maurice Garson*
Ben Halpert*	Fayga Hyman*	Tillie Kalb*
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Joe Pollens	Jerrold M. Raffel*	Maurice Shinberg*
Eva Stein*	James Strauss	Bernard Willage*

**Denotes a memorial plaque in the synagogue*



PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Fall is officially here, and the High Holiday

season is in full swing at the Congregation of Moses. For me, this past month has been filled with not only getting things ready for the High Holidays at CoM, but also prepping for my own stay-at-home High Holidays. This was the first year that I can remember not going to synagogue to pray with the rest of the community for the

High Holidays and getting together with family and friends for celebrating. I made sure to connect my computer to the HDMI port on my television so that I could watch the services on a bigger screen, and feel like I was really there; I even changed out of my pajamas on Day 1! Day 2 of Rosh Hashanah coincided with my birthday, and after services that morning, I spent most of the day on the phone and on Zoom calls with friends and family.

The High Holiday season kicked off with Selichot, which this year we celebrated alongside the rest of the Conservative movement during Selichot Night Live. A group of members from both the Programming Team and Religious Activities Committee came together to help distribute Mazhorim to the CoM community with our Gift Bag Drive Up event. Members had the opportunity to drive up to CoM and receive a gift bag of High Holiday goodies, along with enough Mazhorim so that each member of their family would be able to follow along during our livestream services.

Our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur livestream allowed us to come together virtually to celebrate the start of 5781. We also had two lively, musical services with the Jewish supergroup Shirat Haruach, which were fun to watch with the whole family. While these services have been different than what we are used to, I hope that you were all able to enjoy the services with your friends and family.

Now that Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are over, we can look forward to celebrating Sukkot and Simchat Torah with both online and in person services! Friday night Shabbat and Saturday morning services for both holidays will be held over Zoom, and you can sign up for those at www.congregationofmoses.org/shabbats_sukkot_shemini/. On Sunday, October 4th, join us as we celebrate Sukkot outdoors in the Sukkah! Services will begin at 9:30 am, and once services are over, we will decorate our Sukkah with decorations that we make, while maintaining social distancing guidelines. We will also enjoy some outdoor games and have a bring-your-own-picnic lunch together. On Sunday, October 11th, we will celebrate Simchat Torah together outdoors, and enjoy individually wrapped ice cream treats once the service is over. Masks will be required at both services.

Looking ahead, we will have the return of Rabbi Spivak's Ethical Life Series for three more sessions. You will also be receiving a survey from the Spiritual Leadership Search Committee about what you want to see in our next Spiritual Leader. Please take the time to fill out the survey completely in order to help the committee prepare their next steps. Shanah Tovah U'metukah!

Sharon Kaufman, Program Director

Honoring All Etz Chaim Contributors

Each Rosh Hashanah, it is the privilege and obligation of the Etz Chaim Stewards to honor those in the Congregation of Moses family who have had the love and foresight to ensure that our Jewish spiritual, educational and social center remains viable for future generations of Kalamazoo Jews. We thank each and every one of those who have made donations to Etz Chaim either during their lives or as bequests.

Etz Chaim was initiated as a legacy program for CoM in 1997, with an announcement of bequests promised by many of our members; leading gifts were made by Irving Schensul, Rosalie and Marvin Okun, Celia and David Davidoff, Shirley and Robert Grekin, Dorothy and Jack Levene, Werner and Beatrice Sichel and Joshua Weiner. Most, but not all, of this philanthropy was committed to our synagogue's endowment - to enable Jewish life for future generations at CoM. As CoM members know, Etz Chaim has had a tremendously positive financial effect for our community during the past 15 years, and especially during the last five. We could not provide the programs and facilities that our members can enjoy without contributions from Etz Chaim - or the doubling of our dues.

The loss this year of beloved and lifelong member Larry Rose was very sad for all of us. It is with profound embarrassment that we recognize an error in remembering Larry on this year's Scroll of Honor. We expect that the Scroll of Honor we distribute each year will accurately include all those "Forever Members" who have participated in Etz Chaim.

In adding the change to the Scroll to acknowledge Larry's passing, we neglected to rearrange our wording to appropriately reflect our loss; we are very grateful that Sandy Rose remains very much with us. The wording on the Scroll should have been "Sandra and the late Lawrence Rose." We apologize for any discomfort we may have brought to the Rose family.



Thank You to Our Mitzvah Mavens

During services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Carolyn and Brad Kennedy were recognized for their amazing volunteer work at the Congregation of Moses. Representing the Oversight Board, Earl Norman presented the Kennedys with an inscribed rock donated by our members for the Tree of Life in our synagogue lobby.

Earl Norman said, "At this moment in time, we owe our biggest debt of gratitude and thanks to Carolyn and Brad Kennedy. Clearly all the work and dedication that they have devoted to the Congregation of Moses over many years would have been sufficient reason for our thanks. However, since March they have provided the means for us to continue to exist as a community. If you have joined any of our religious services, attended a meeting, participated in a class, including exercise class, enjoyed our beautiful synagogue bulletin, you have done so solely because of the tireless efforts of Carolyn and Brad. And now as we begin this most unusual High Holiday season, you are able to experience not one but two different religious services: this traditional High Holiday service and our Shirat Haruach service, which is quite different and intended for families and children of all ages from your home."

In addition to the rock, on behalf of the Oversight Board, the Kennedys received a set of engraved Shabbat candlesticks as a small token of appreciation for all their efforts. The Kennedys are truly bright lights in our community.

For those of you who virtually joined services, our sanctuary was transformed into a recording studio.



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4 No Religious School Outdoor Sukkot Service with activities, 9:30 am	5	6	7 Religious School Online, 4:30 pm	8	9 Erev Shemini Atzeret Service online, 7:30 pm	10 Shemini Atzeret (Yizkor) Service online, 9:30 am
11 No Religious School Outdoor Simchat Torah Service, 9:30 am	12	13 OvB Meeting online, 7:00 pm 	14 Religious School Online, 4:30 pm	15 CoM/TBI Book Club online, 7:00 pm	16	17 Shabbat Services online, 9:30 am
18 Religious School Online, 9:30 am	19 SLSC Meeting online, 6:30 pm Hadassah Book Club online, 7:00 pm Bulletin Deadline, 8:00 pm	20	21 Religious School Online, 4:30 pm	22	23	24 Shabbat Services online, 9:30 am
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FISHER LIBRARY IS ONLINE FOR CURBSIDE CHECKOUT

Go to fisherlibrary.rmwebopac.com and you'll be able to:

- Search for any item by title, author, keyword, subject and more
- View new and most popular items at a glance
- 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 a book bin



Members:

- Sign in (first and last name, no spaces) to view circulation history
- Reserve items to be checked out – instructions are on the catalog home page

“Can I check the catalog on my phone?”

Google “Fisher Library Kalamazoo” and the link will pop right up!

Questions? Email library@congregationofmoses.org

And there's more!

For information such as library hours and circulation policy, [check out the Fisher Library website](#)

For the most up-to-date news about Fisher Library and virtual programs around the world, [find us on Facebook and Twitter](#)

COVID-19 Special Message:

We are a small but devoted community – and your library is here for you.

From the moment congregation-based door doors in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we at Fisher Library were searching for ways to make our time a little more enjoyable...and here it is!

CURBSIDE CHECKOUT

Search the catalog for books, DVDs, and CDs and email add'l selections to a book bin for further reference. (Contact library@congregationofmoses.org to become a library member.)

Library members: Click on “Sign in” at the top right corner. Use first and last name (no spaces) and a pin # if you have created one. Now you may check circulation status, reserve items, or reserve them for curbside checkout. (Contact library@congregationofmoses.org to create a pin #.)

Reserve items: Click on “Reserve” under the item (you may reserve up to 10 items at a time), indicate the instruction date range if desired, and click “Reserve”. The Library Director will process the request and send an email notification that the item is ready for pick up. (THIS MAY TAKE A FEW DAYS TO PROCESS)

Pick up and drop off items at a table inside the synagogue's outer door Monday-Friday, 9am-12pm, 12pm-3pm, & Thurs. 10:30am-12pm. Contact the [Library](#) for other arrangements.

Questions? Read Step 2! Contact library@congregationofmoses.org

Stay safe and healthy.

Links to other helpful websites:

- [Fisher Library Facebook](#)
- [Fisher Library Twitter](#)

Thank You and Welcome to the new guidelines!

Other Library resources, events, and programs:

- [Kalamazoo Public Library](#)
- [Kalamazoo College - Jewish Studies](#)
- [Jewish Book Council](#)
- [Association of Jewish Libraries](#)
- [Jewish Study World](#)
- [Bible of Life Blog](#)
- [National Center for Jewish Film](#)

A photograph showing several children in a library. They are wearing costumes: one is a butterfly, another is a purple outfit, and another is a pink tutu. They are standing near a bookshelf and appear to be engaged in an activity. A sign on the wall says "KIDS CORNER".



Independence. Dignity. Self-determination.

Colef
The Samuel J. and Mary E. Colef Fund

The Colef Fund of the Congregation of Moses supports programs locally, nationally and globally that address hunger, poverty, homelessness, literacy, joblessness, health, education and building safe communities.

Now, the Colef Fund will match your donations

dollar-for-dollar, up to a yearly total of \$250 per family (minimum \$50) to any of these nonprofits.

Gifts made anytime from January 1 – December 31, 2020 will be matched!

- Big Brothers Big Sisters, bbbsmi.org
- Boys Town Jerusalem, boystownjerusalem.org
- Community Healing Centers, chcmi.org
- Constance Brown Hearing Centers, cbrown.org
- Disability Network, dnswm.org
- Ecumenical Senior Center, ecumenicalsc.com
- First Day Shoe Fund, firstdayshoefund.org
- Gryphon Place, gryphon.org
- HIAS, hias.org
- Jewish Federation, jewishfederations.org
- Kalamazoo County Ready 4s, kcready4s.org
- Kalamazoo Covenant Academy, kcovenantacademy.org
- Kalamazoo Literacy Council, kalamazooliteracy.org
- Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes, kzoolf.org
- Open Doors, odkzoo.com
- Planned Parenthood of Kalamazoo, ppmi.org
- Prevention Works, prevention-works.org
- Read and Write Kalamazoo (RAWK), readandwritekzoo.org
- Ready to Read/Kalamazoo Public Library, kpl.gov/children/ready-to-read
- Senior Services of SW Michigan, seniorservices1.org
- United Way of Kalamazoo and Battle Creek, uwbckr.org
- Urban Alliance, uainc.org

The Colef Fund has previously supported each of the programs listed.

How to get your donation matched by the Colef Fund

Send the following information **along with a copy of your donation receipt from 2020** to:

Congregation of Moses, Attn Colef Fund, 2501 Stadium Dr, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Or email: coleffund@congregationofmoses.org.

Please make your gifts **by December 31, 2020 to have them matched. The maximum to be matched by the Colef Fund is \$250 per family per year, regardless of which projects or agencies you choose to support.**

Include this information please:

- Your name, address, email address and phone number
- Amount to be matched
- Organization name, and a receipt or acknowledgement of your donation

Find us online at coleffund.org or on Facebook

The Colef Fund will also match your Jewish Federation of Southwest Michigan donations dollar-for-dollar, up to a yearly total of \$250 per family (minimum \$50) to your choice of the following projects.

• ENP SPACE

ENP's SPACE (Ethiopian National Project School Performance and Community Empowerment) Scholastic Assistance Program promotes academic growth and improvement by providing supplementary tutoring to students in small groups. The program works to strengthen students' self-esteem and leadership skills by addressing obstacles to social integration and personal development. The program helps students to connect to their heritage and to incorporate this ethnic culture into their everyday lives. Students enrolled in the Program also receive preparation for army service, which enables them to choose from a broader base of positions once enlisted. Lastly, the SPACE Program provides all of its participants with a lunchtime meal, which helps ensure that students attend tutoring sessions engaged and ready to learn.

• Lunch and Learn

Nearly 500 at-risk elementary students in 13 schools across the Negev city of Dimona receive extra academic help and a hot meal each school day, along with subsidized schoolbooks and the opportunity to participate in class trips. Lunch and Learn participants show significant improvement in educational achievement, behavior and self-confidence, and continue to excel as they transition to middle school.

• JDC's Active Jewish Teens

Active Jewish Teens, a JDC program in partnership with BBYO and Genesis Philanthropy Group, brings together thousands of Jewish teenagers in 60 cities across the former Soviet Union to proudly embrace Jewish values and care for their communities. In a region where being Jewish was once a detriment and suppressed by countless people in the face of discrimination, this new generation is building lasting connections with Jewish life and each other.

• JDC's Supportive Housing for Israelis with Disabilities

Many people with disabilities rely on their parents or an institution to help them with daily tasks. Independent living means taking on all those responsibilities, possibly for the first time. JDC created Supportive Housing to help people with disabilities experience independent living when they are ready.

• JDC's Families First

In Israel, 31% of children live below the poverty line. JDC, in partnership with the Israeli government, launched Families First, a groundbreaking initiative that addresses the wide-ranging needs of poor families by giving them the tools to enable them to create real change and break the bonds of poverty. Families First works with over 3,000 families from 90 communities across Israel representing all sectors of Israeli society. The Families First Initiative is equipping families across Israel to become independent and ensure a better future for their children.

• JDC's Aid to Impoverished Seniors in the Former Soviet Union

Across Eastern Europe and Asia—in countries like Ukraine, Moldova, Russia and Belarus—over eighty thousand Jews live in desperate conditions. Victims of both circumstance and oppression, they have faced the unimaginable: Many are Holocaust survivors; all of them endured the worst days of the Soviet regime. Now, with pensions as low as \$2 a day, little (if any) family to rely on, and no personal savings or government safety net, these elderly Jews are left to face cruel hunger, debilitating medical issues and freezing winters alone. JDC has been on the ground in the former Soviet Union for decades, caring for the region's elderly Jews when the majority of the world didn't even know they existed. Through a network of Hesed Social Welfare Centers, they ensure that the former Soviet Union's Jews in need are able to not only to survive, but age with dignity and the support of a caring Jewish community.

• JDC's Children's Initiative in the Former Soviet Union

This JDC program provides basic food, medicine, shelter and clothing for children in former Soviet countries, many of whom are impoverished and/or from homes suffering from hunger, unemployment, alcoholism, drug abuse and family strife. Such support ensures basic nutrition and care that is lacking among tens of thousands of Jewish children at risk across the former Soviet Union.

Programs described above are administered by Jewish Federation partner organizations, JDC and the Jewish Agency for Israel. The Colef Fund has previously supported each of the programs listed.

How to get your JFSWM donation matched by the Colef Fund

Please make your gifts by **December 31, 2020** to have them matched.

Yes, match my donation to the Jewish Federation of Southwest Michigan to:

- **ENP SPACE**
- **Lunch and Learn**
- **JDC's Active Jewish Teens**
- **JDC's Supportive Housing for Israelis with Disabilities**
- **JDC's Families First**
- **JDC's Aid to Impoverished Seniors in the Former Soviet Union**
- **JDC's Children's Initiative in the Former Soviet Union**

Signed: _____

Please return this form with your Jewish Federation campaign form. Matching funds will cover donations paid January 1 to December 31, 2020.

The maximum to be matched by the Colef Fund is \$250 per family per year, regardless of which projects or agencies you choose to support.

Thank you!

[Find us online at coleffund.org](http://coleffund.org) or on Facebook

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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DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS - CLOSE TO THE GOAL!

The new total for receipts collected is \$120,000. Hooray! Only \$30,000 more to go to earn \$1,000 for CoM.

Please continue to drop off or mail your receipts. The total in the "Direct your Dollars" portion of the receipt must be present. Please do not cut off any part of the receipt. You can help even more by buying D&W gift cards and other scrip for our continuing fundraiser. Thanks!



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!

