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Community Second Seder

Spend the second evening of Pesach with friends at our online **Second Night Seder, Sunday March 28 at 6:00 pm.**

The Seder will be led by Rabbi Spivak using a downloadable haggadah. English and Hebrew readings will be available if you would like to participate.

Please plan to join us! A signup page will be live on our website very soon. Watch for more information in the weekly emails.

Spring is Almost Here!

How is it already March? The month of January dragged on and on, but the month of February flew by in a flash of cold, frigid weather and snow. Despite the cold, it seems like there are a lot of people in our community who have started to get their Covid vaccines, and I am equal parts happy and envious; happy that those in our community will be safe during the pandemic, and envious that I will still have to wait awhile before I can even think about getting mine.

This past month has been busy; in between planning the Purim event with both the CoM Programming Team and TBI, I found time to continue the weekly Zoom calls with my friends and family on the east coast. I had fallen off attending for the first two weeks of the month, but I made sure to join the calls, despite the Zoom exhaustion I'm beginning to feel between all the meetings, programs and webinars I've been attending. I even ventured out into the snow to act as a hopper for Meals on Wheels again this month. Despite the somewhat treacherous conditions of the sidewalks and driveways, the work that we do with Meals on Wheels as a part of the Colef Fund is so important for those less fortunate in our community.

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

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Please send submissions to the editor, at bulletin@congregationofmoses.org.

February saw our larger Jewish community in Kalamazoo come together to celebrate Purim. It's hard to believe that last year's Purim carnival was the last big event that we were able to have in person and maskless at that! This year, we gathered over Zoom for our first ever (and hopefully last) virtual Purim party! Thank you to everyone who attended, and a huge thank you to everyone who helped in the planning and leading of the Purim party.



This month, we will be continuing our virtual programming, starting with Rabbi Spivak's Jewish Food for Thought Sessions. **Jewish**

Food for Thought takes place every other Thursday at both 11:00 am and 7:30 pm. At each session, join Rabbi Spivak on Zoom as we look at a piece of midrash, and discuss that week's Torah portion. Jewish Food for Thought will continue through March 18th. Shabbat morning services will also continue every Saturday morning at 9:30 am on Zoom.

Our **Tikkun Olam Talk series will continue on Sunday, March 14th** at 3:00 pm. After this next Tikkun Olam talk, we will begin to phase into safe, Covid-friendly community action!

Now that March is here, we are looking forward to our Passover celebrations at the end of the month. To kick off our celebrations this year, we will be holding a **Chametz Bonfire on Sunday, March 21st beginning at 2:00 pm**. We'll help you prepare your home for Passover by burning your opened chametz and donating your unopened chametz to Loaves and Fishes. Make sure to bring a chair and a hot drink if you want to stick around for the bonfire, and if you bring a stick, we'll provide the s'mores ingredients! **On Sunday, March 28th, we will once again gather virtually for our Second Night Seder**. More information on both events will be coming soon; make sure to keep an eye on your email!

Looking forward to the start of spring, we will kick off planting season with the **CoM Rain Garden**, which will be planted in front of the building near Stadium Drive. Before planting, you can learn all about what a rain garden is and what it does at an **information session on Sunday, April 25th at 2:00 pm**. We will then **plant the garden on Sunday, May 16th at 9:30 am**. Both of these events will be outdoors. Many hands will make for light work, so please come out for awhile.

I hope that you have all been staying safe this past month during the frigid winter weather. I am very much looking forward to the spring defrost and being able to see people again in person for events as the weather turns warmer. Until then, I hope to see many of you on Zoom at our Second Night Seder!

*L'Shalom,
 Sharon Kaufman, Program Director*

Shabbat Services Online

Saturday, March 6	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. online Torah: Exodus 30:11-34:35, Maftir Numbers 19:1-22 Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-36:38
Saturday, March 13	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. online Torah: Exodus 35:1-38:20, Maftir Exodus 12:1-20 Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18
Friday, March 19	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. online
Saturday, March 20	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. online Torah: Leviticus 1:1-4:26, Maftir Leviticus 4:24-26 Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21-44:23
Saturday, March 27	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. online Torah: Leviticus 6:1-7:38, Maftir Leviticus 7:35-38 Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-3:24



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

SECOND CUP STUDY GROUP

Join Judah Ari-Gur as he leads a discussion group that covers different topics from the Torah.

**Second Cup meets every Sunday at 4:30 pm
and every Wednesday at 7:00 pm.**

**Sign up to attend and see the full list of dates
at congregationofmoses.org**

Shabbat candle lighting times

March 5	6:19 p.m.
March 12	6:28 p.m.
March 19	7:36 p.m.
March 26	7:44 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.*

When a Beauty Queen Saved the Jewish People

On Sunday, February 21st, both the CoM and Temple B'nai Israel communities gathered together virtually to celebrate Purim! In past years, we would normally get together after Religious School on a Sunday morning for a big carnival; everyone would dress in costume, play games, win prizes and enjoy delicious hamantaschen. This year, we moved our celebration to Zoom with our costumes and hamantaschen at the ready!

The emcee, Adam Weiner, introduced a video where the students of the OKCJS talked about Purim, including naming their favorite flavor of hamantaschen (chocolate was a popular answer!), what costume they will be wearing this year, who their favorite character is and who the villain of the story is (Haman, BOOO!). We then moved into our mask competition, where participants made their own masks using materials they have at home to show off during the event. We saw some great masks, including a unicorn, princesses, the solar system, a 20-sided lot (Pur, in Hebrew), and a mask generated from a computer program. Check out the pictures below to see the amazing masks that were made. Congratulations to Margot Weiner, Nora DeBruler and Cary Mannaberg for winning their categories in the mask competition!

We rounded out the afternoon with four Purim songs led by OKCJS songleader extraordinaire Naomi Morse, watched a video where we learned all about the story of Purim and different traditions from around the world for celebrating, and shared some of our favorite Purim memories.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Zoom Purim party; we hope that you had an amazing time celebrating with us. Hopefully, next year we'll be able to join together in real life!



Margot Weiner's Unicorn Mask



Gabe Lieverdink's Mask



Nora DeBruler's Mask



Jonah Weiner's Solar System Mask



Sharon Kaufman's Mondrian-inspired Mask



Cary Mannaberg's 20-sided Lot Mask and Costume

SPIRITUAL LEADER SEARCH UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey! Fifty members and seven non-members responded and took the time to answer our many questions thoughtfully and honestly. The answers you provided were much appreciated, and will be very useful in assessing our needs and further refining our list of priorities as we search for new spiritual leaders for both interim and permanent placements. Additionally, the results were beneficial in finalizing the Rabbinical Assembly questionnaire and will be helpful for the interviewing process. We are very thankful to the Kennedys for their assistance in preparing and administering the survey.

We submitted our application materials to the USCJ (United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism) and the RA (Rabbinical Assembly), and the job will be posted very soon. The SLSC committee has prioritized such factors as understanding the unique demands of our congregation, a willingness to relocate, the need to be a change agent as we seek to stay relevant to a new generation, the need to play an active role in our religious school and the desire to get to know all of our congregants.

As we prepare to face the new reality of interviewing through Zoom, we are still following a formal process to ensure a fair, professional and consistent experience for all candidates. In the days before the pandemic, representatives of CoM flew to New York to interview applicants with whom we were matched; obviously that is not possible now. Further along in the process, the SLSC intends to invite candidate finalists for in-depth virtual interviews with different congregant constituents.

Huge Estate Sale with Judaica

From the estate of former member Shirley Weiss, now residing in the Chicago area after suffering a stroke. Beautiful furniture, paintings, wall art, glass stemware, china, kitchen items and appliances. Tons of Judaica items (menorahs, plates) as well. Beautiful jewelry, fabulous purses and tons of women's designer clothes, shoes and accessories. Hundreds of books, flat screen TVs all priced to sell.

The sale will begin on **Tuesday, March 16th at 10:00 am** and continue through Thursday, March 18th. The address of the sale will be posted the day before the sale begins at 9:00 am.

For more information and pictures, go to www.estatesales.net/MI/Kalamazoo/49008/2790024



SOCIAL ACTION

This past month, the Social Action Committee hosted its Tikkun Olam talk about the intersection of environmental justice and Judaism. Richard Verne led the discussion and created this Powerpoint presentation that contains the links to videos we watched and quotes we talked about. Please check it out!

As always, below are our recommendations for social action based on our Tikkun Olam talk of the month:



If you want to read more about environmental justice:

- *Indigenous Environmental Justice* by Karen Jarratt-Snider and Marianne O. Nielsen
- *As Long As Grass Grows : The Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice, from Colonization to Standing Rock* by Dina Gilio-Whitaker
- *Clean and White: A History of Environmental Racism in the United States* by Carl A. Zimring
- *A Terrible Thing to Waste: Environmental Racism and Its Assault on the American Mind* by Harriet A. Washington
- *Poisoned Water: How the Citizens of Flint, Michigan, Fought for Their Lives and Warned the Nation* by Candy J. Cooper with Marc Aronson
- *Whose Water Is It, Anyway? Taking Water Protection Into Public Hands* by Maude Barlow
- *Garbage Wars: The Struggle for Environmental Justice in Chicago* by David Naguib Pellow

If you want to participate in community events:

- Join the Green Team at CoM! Reach out to Sharon at programdirector@congregationofmoses.org
- Read up on PFAS in our area
- Join Hazon for a Shabbat and try to make it as green as possible! (<https://hazon.org/commit-to-change/holidays/shabbat/>)
- Volunteer to help plant and set up the rain garden at CoM. Join the information session on Sunday, April 25th and the actual planting on Sunday, May 16th
- Keep an eye out on the Imagine Kalamazoo Facebook group for a garden box project coming up with the City of Kalamazoo

If you want to listen:

- "Outrage + Optimism" from Global Optimism
- "Mothers of Invention" from Doc Society
- "So Hot Right Now" from 4th Floor Creative and Pictures
- "The Food Fight" from EIT Food

If you want to listen to more:

- Radio 4's "Costing the Earth" and "Green Originals"
- "The YIKES Podcast" episode 19: What is Climate Justice?
- "How to Save a Planet" from Gimlet
- "Sustainable(ish)" from Jen Gale
- "Good Ancestors" from Good Ancestors

If you want to act:

- Talk to family and friends about these issues and what you've learned
- Join the CoM Green Team!
- Write letters or call your legislators about passing more legislation to deal with the Line Five pipeline in Michigan, PFAS in Kalamazoo or other local green initiatives
- Attempt to reduce waste
- Try going meat and dairy free for a week to reduce carbon emissions from the meat and dairy industries
- Use less water
- When possible, try to walk or ride a bike instead of using your car

Please join our next Tikkun Olam talk on March 14th from 3:00 to 4:00 pm! After this date, we will begin to phase into safe, COVID-friendly community action.

L'Shalom,

[Naomi Verne, SAC Chair](#)

THINK SUMMER, THINK CAMP!

The CoM Camp Endowment Committee believes that Jewish summer camp participation is an important and influential part of a well-rounded Jewish education. Therefore, the committee is proud to support our youth by continuing to provide scholarship opportunities for attending Jewish camps and activities during the summer months.

Participation by the student and family in congregation life and community, as well as financial need, are all considered as factors when determining scholarship awards. If you have questions or would like an application, please contact Joyce Camhi at (269) 267-4253 or joyce.camhi@gmail.com. The deadline is March 15, 2021.





Hadassah

Write and Share

Tuesday, March 16, 10:00 – 11:30 am on Zoom

Led by writing instructor Wilma Kahn, you'll have an opportunity to write about an important life lesson and share your writing with others in a supportive environment.

Hadassah Write and Share, with Wilma Kahn

This is an opportunity to write about an important life lesson and share your writing with others. You will be encouraged to engage in supportive discussion between readers, and if you send Wilma your writing, she'll return supportive written comments.

Wilma has led Reminiscence Writing and Creative Writing classes for adults in Kalamazoo County for more than 20 years.

Participants will receive a writing idea by March 5. This should give time to write a memoir vignette or essay to share at the March 16 meeting. If you have questions, you can reach Wilma at wjk1234@gmail.com. Limited to 12 writers.

Reserve your space now by contacting Micki Verne, mp.verne5@gmail.com.

About Hadassah

Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, is a volunteer organization that inspires a passion for and commitment to the land, the people and the future of Israel. Through education, advocacy and youth development, and its support of medical care and research at Hadassah Medical Organization, Hadassah enhances the health and lives of people in Israel, the United States and worldwide.

Mishpacha

CONDOLENCES TO OUR FRIENDS

Beth Morrison and family on the passing of her mother, Carole Katz

— Donations have been made to the following funds. —

GENERAL FUND

Beth Morrison and family on the passing of her mother, Carole Katz

*Tamara & Earl Norman, Diane & Harvey Fogel, Cindy & Larry Beer
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Joanne & Mike Simon, Pnina & Judah Ari-Gur, Beth & Stephen Grode*

Thinking of you, Becky Gourwitz - we miss you at Saturday services

Get well wishes to Rick Halpert

Judy Davis & Al Rosenthal

In loving memory of my sister, Michele Schaff

Carolyn Kennedy

In loving memory of my mother, Faye Hageman

Nan Goldenthal

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In loving memory of my mother, Adela Blum

Alfred Blum

In loving memory of my mother, Sallie Cushner

Cindy Beer

In loving memory of my mother, Annelise Loeser

Majorie Gaynor

In memory of our friend Caryn Levene

Alice & Steve Koss

Thank you to everyone who contributed in memory of my mother, Julieta Torres.

~ Benjamin Torres

Ritual Candles Available to Buy

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

Havdalah candles	\$ 4.25 each
Plug-in Yahrzeit candles	\$ 4 each
Yahrzeit candles	\$ 2 each
Shabbat candles -72 per box	\$12/box
Candle holders (aluminum bobeches)	\$ 4/box



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7 Religious School Online, 9:30 am; Second Cup Study Group, 4:30 pm	8 SLSC Meeting Online, 6:30 pm	9 OvB Meeting online, 7:00 pm 	10 Religious School Online, 4:30 pm; Second Cup Study Group, 7:00 pm	11	12	13 Shabbat Services Online, 9:30 am
14 Religious School Online, 9:30 am, Tikkun Olam Talk, 3:00 pm; Second Cup Study Group, 4:30 pm; Yahrzeit Minyan, 7:30 pm	15 Hadassah Book Club Online, 7:30 pm 	16 Hadassah Program Online, 10:00 am	17 Religious School Online, 4:30 pm; Second Cup Study Group, 7:00 pm	18 Jewish Food for Thought Online, 11:00 am and 7:30 pm	19 Shabat Services Online with BH synagogue, 7:30-8:30 pm	20 Shabbat Services Online, 9:30 am
21 Religious School Online, 9:30 am; Chametz Bonfire, 2:00 pm; Second Cup Study Group, 4:30 pm	22 Bulletin Deadline, 8:00 pm	23	24 Religious School Online, 4:30 pm; Second Cup Study Group, 7:00 pm	25	26	27 Shabbat Services Online, 9:30 am First Seder 
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18 Religious School Online, 9:30 am; Bulletin Deadline, 8:00 pm	19 Hadassah Book Club Online, 7:30 pm 	20	21 Religious School Online, 4:30 pm	22 CoM/TBI Book Club Online, 7:30 pm 	23 Elijah Katz Bar Mitzvah	24 Elijah Katz Bar Mitzvah; Shabbat Services Online, 9:30 am
25 Religious School Online, 9:30 am; Rain Garden Info Session Outdoors, 2:00 pm	26	27	28 Religious School Online, 4:30 pm	29 Lag B'Omer Begins	30	



When We Can Be Together Again

Nora Chaus, Director

I'm writing this article for the two congregations' newsletters after the Community Purim Celebration. I think our community is doing a good job of keeping us together when we can't really be together. The last holiday we celebrated together in person was Purim in March of 2020. Now we have celebrated a year of holidays virtually. I think about that other group of Americans who experienced a pandemic a hundred years ago. How did they do it without Zoom?

This morning during the break between classes at school, I previewed the Purim video that Brad Kennedy made of our children for the Community Purim Celebration. I watched as the children talked about what costumes they would wear, gave a shout out to their favorite character in the Purim story and rooted for their favorite Hamentaschen flavors (I think chocolate and Queen Esther won!). Brad does such a good job taking raw video footage and making it special. When Lucas described eating eight raspberry Hamentaschen at the 2019 Purim carnival, Brad placed a photo of little Lucas standing next to those same raspberry Hamentaschen right beside the video made earlier this month. Seeing us all there together in person, touching one another, took my mind to that place and time. More pictures of Purims past appeared on my screen and I was happily transported back in time. I longed for seeing you and all of our children.

I remembered earlier this week that Arya had said to me, "Miss Nora, I miss hugging you." "I miss hugging you, too, Arya. I can't wait until we can hug again!" I replied. I began to hear children's voices from Zoom rooms over the background music of Brad's video. "Am I on mute, Miss Nava?" "No, Margot, you're not on mute. I can hear you." "Can you help me change my name (on the Zoom window)?" "Sure, who do you want to be this time?" The video ended but the voices of the children and teachers didn't. The children's voices were right there with me. We were together. They were laughing and playing right there together with me on Zoom.

When Can We Safely Return to In-Person Learning?

I don't think there is one of us who doesn't yearn for being "in-person." Our Joint Religious School Committee (JRSC), the teachers and I have been planning for a safe return to "in-person learning" since last summer. We have taken a major step toward making this a reality. Our teachers were included with the group of teachers scheduled by KRESA to receive the COVID vaccine administered to teachers by the Kalamazoo County Health Department. Two of us have now completed two Pfizer vaccines, another seven have had their first Pfizer vaccine and will get their second dose in early March. One teacher will get his vaccine soon in Detroit where he lives. I got my vaccine due to my age and another teacher got hers through work, but we are very thankful that KRESA and the Kalamazoo County Health Department approved our teachers for their group of IB essential workers.

Covid Vaccine Selfies



Top row: Rob Manson (Administrative Assistant), Rachel Haus (Librarian), Naomi Verne (3rd grade), Nava Haus (PreK-1st grade)

Bottom row: Rabbi Simone Schicker (6th & 7th grade), Cary Mannaberg (4th grade), Nora Chaus (Director), Steph Haft (High School)

Not pictured: Sam Arnold (2nd grade) and Rabbi Harvey Spivak (5th grade)

We developed a COVID Preparedness Plan for the school last summer. Our plan is to follow the KPS/Portage schools in reopening but to remain a month behind them. We have made the decision to allow parents to decide if their students attend in-person or virtually and will broadcast on Zoom any in-person learning that is scheduled this year.

Our teachers' vaccines will be at their 95% effectiveness in April. We are hopeful that some small group in-person learning can be scheduled near the end of the school year. We are studying the CDC recommendations, watching what the public schools do and watching the reports of COVID infection rates. We will coordinate with the congregational boards when we think it's safe to return to the classroom. I don't think I'll be able to safely get that hug from Arya this school year, but maybe I'll get to see the glimmer of joy in her eyes that I can't easily see on a Zoom screen.

As always, thanks for the honor of teaching our wonderful children. L'dor v'dor.

Nora

Nora Chaus, Director
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LOST VOICES

Featuring Chamber Music on the Fox Chamber Players

Monday, April 19th, 8:30pm

Online/Congregation Kneseth Israel

Even in history's darkest hours, art and beauty have prospered. Featuring works of Erwin Schulhoff, Gideon Klein and Andre Previn, this program is dedicated to the music and memory of artists who perished in the Terezin Concentration Camp during World War Two. Learn their stories, witness their music and come together to remember these lost — but not forgotten — voices.



Register to Watch this Concert Online

This season, we are providing our concerts without charge, but we urge you to donate generously as you have in the past to keep the music playing! Under “Concert Donation Amount,” enter the amount you would like to donate for this performance.

For tickets: www.chambermusiconthefox.org/upcoming-concerts

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 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



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Yahrzeits

March 5-6 (22 Adar-28 Adar)

Rebecca Buchman*	Clara Finman*	Blanch Friedman*
Nathan Friedman*	Hattie Gerber*	Jack Getz*
Alex Halpert*	Anna Heckman*	Hillel Hirschfield*
Willis Mac Howard	Francine Klingman	David Laventure*
Harry Libin*	Ruth Liepman*	Daniel Rosenberg*
Lilly Sichel*	Emanuel Isaac Solomon	Eddelene Marcia Statfield*
Roberta Stein*	Eva Tuchman*	Betty Weintraub*
Max Weisman*	Ethel Rose Ziv*	

March 12-13 (29 Adar-6 Nissan)

Celia H. Besbris*	Shirley Cane	Daniel Eisenberg
Edward Ellis*	Ernastine Ernst	Lily Felberg
Marion Frank	Harold Green*	Richard Harris*
Howard J. Karp*	Harry Leiberman*	Max Lerman
Belle Rifkin	Abraham A. Rocklin*	Libby Rose*
Irving E. Schechter	Rachel Seyburn	Norman Slavin*
Aaron Spivak	Ina Thall*	

March 19-20 (7 Nissan-13 Nissan)

Valentin Inselberg	Berl Kanofsky*	Morris Kirsch*
Nathan Minsley	Evelyne Munsch	Larry Rose*
Aaron S. Schwartz*	Rose Sternfield*	Max Stulberg*
Frank Szopo	Abe Zimmerman*	

March 26-27 (14 Nissan-20 Nissan)

Cy Beer*	Hannah Beilis	Isadore Friedman*
Ruth Anne Lando*	Joseph Marks*	Belle Minsley
Molly Olinik Okun*	Regina Brot Ruta*	Rose Schanwald
Esther Schechter*	Mildred Sternfield*	

**Denotes a memorial plaque in the synagogue*

COM/TBI BOOK CLUB

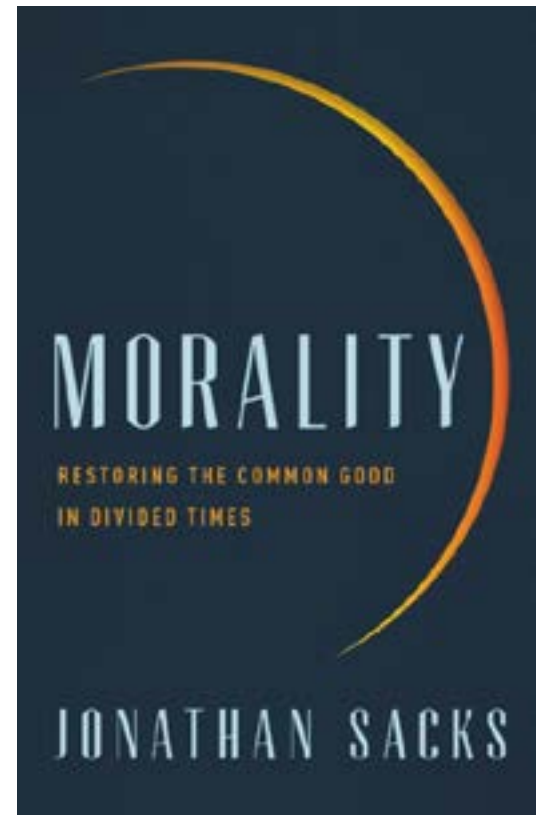
Thursday, April 22nd
7:00 pm on Zoom

The next selection for the combined TBI and CoM Bookclub will be *Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times* by Jonathan Sacks.

The late Rabbi Sacks was the chief Rabbi of Great Britain and also served in the British Parliament for many years. His latest book was written for a general audience and attempts to give the authority of our religious leaders equal standing to our political and business leaders.

The book is available on Amazon as book, e-book and audio book. This is a Bookstore in Oakwood Plaza is ordering ten copies for the book club. With the book club discount (say, "Cary sent me") the cost will be \$25.50 plus tax.

We will meet by Zoom on April 22 to discuss this book. [To register for the book club, please contact Sharon Kaufman at programdirector@congregationofmoses.org.](#)



Member Seeking Help

Seeking a person or group of persons (taking turns) willing to donate 20-40 minutes of their time once or twice per month to mentor a very bright and curious young child with "less typical needs" in both Hebrew and Judaism. This would include writing in Hebrew, Hebrew vocabulary, possibly conversational Hebrew, and basic prayers on top of learning about Jewish principles, holidays, cadence, etc. A little yiddish from time to time would be fun!

I expect that mentoring would be by video chat/meeting, one on one. This is for a local child who has been unable to access locally available formal religious education.

Please contact 269-303-3099.

Do you know of any small pods (no more than 10 kids) during which students can work on school work and enjoy peer interaction? A day camp environment is also appropriate. **Please contact me at 269-303-3099.** Thank you.

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.

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