

## **CoM** newsletter

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# From the Desk of Rabbi Estrin

It is with overwhelming gratitude that I am able to sit comfortably in Kalamazoo and write to you. To walk into my new home, and see the amount of thought and care put into furnishing and making it a welcoming space, only emphasizes the amazing things I already know about CoM.

I am honored and excited to join you for a year of exploration, conversation and experimentation. Together we will continue to create sacred space; physical, conversational, and in time, where we can be honest and vulnerable to continue building a strong and diverse community. This year-long journey will be exciting and challenging as we delve together into the core values, needs and desires of CoM and ourselves in preparation for the next century. I look forward to getting to know each of you, exploring new and old perspectives, hopes, dreams and values as we look to the years ahead and prepare the way for your next long-term Rabbi.



Rabbi Hannah Estrin

It is in this week's parsha (Torah portion), Pinchas, that Moshe ascends the mountain for a glimpse of the Promised Land into which Joshua, not he, will lead the Israelites. I can only imagine that Moses, Joshua and the people were filled with emotions of sadness, excitement and trepidation as they prepared for the next step in their journey. It is said that Joshua was Ish Asher Ruach Bo, a man within whom there was spirit [of God]. As Rabbi Spivak moves toward retirement, I can only imagine that there are a multitude of feelings to be recognized and honored. As he brought the spirit of God to CoM I pray we also will find the spirit of God within us as we move forward on this journey.

I look forward to meeting each and every member in the coming months to hear your thoughts, concerns and hopes. Let us begin today to look at each of ourselves as a single thread in a beautiful tapestry of the CoM community.

L'Shalom Rabbi Estrin

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

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### Thank You from Rabbi **Estrin**

On a personal note, I want to thank Brad Kennedy and Maxine Berke (who are clearly forces of nature) and their crew: The intrepid movers, Brad Kennedy, Stephen Grode, Rich Wojtas and Lee Tregerman, who revealed superhuman strength; Ken and Sallie Goodman, Tamara and Earl Norman, Wilma Kahn and Phil Horwich for beautiful furniture and help setting it up just so; and Leslie Bez. Maxine Berke, Carolyn Kennedy and Shirley Wise for the extras that make a home.

I do hope I have not missed anyone. Todah Rabah!

#### Thank you to everyone who helped clean the **Mitbach during Operation Sparkle!**

**Gail Brot Patty Conlon Phil Horwich** Wilma Kahn Lee Klingman



# Celebration for Rabbi Spivak

Be of the disciples of Paron, Loving peace and pursuing peace,

Loving humankind and drawing them close to the torah.

Pirket (170 t, 1812)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
RETIREMENT COCKTAIL PARTY

IN HONOR OF

RABBI HARVEY SPIVAK

SUNDAY, JULY 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 - 7:00 PM CONGREGATION OF MOSES - OUTDOOR TENT

hors d'oeuvres, Cake, Champagne String Quartet

Shabbat Best Dress

# THANK YOU



o my Congregation of Moses family,

These past two years in Kalamazoo have been amazing. I felt immediately welcomed by the entire community, and have enjoyed getting to know you all at Shabbat and holiday services, holiday programming and our many Zoom events over the past year and a half.

Earlier in June, I was approached with an opportunity that I could not pass up, and beginning this month I will be moving back to New York to begin working at the 92nd Street Y. Not only does this move allow me to be closer to my entire family, who all live in the New York area, it also allows me to work at one of the premiere Jewish institutions in New York City. I will miss you all, and hope that we can keep in touch. I will always cherish my time here in Kalamazoo and will now forever be an honorary KalamaJew!

Now that summer is officially here, we are returning to in-person, outdoor events at CoM. In both July and August, there will be both **outdoor Friday night services and Saturday night Havdalah events**, as long as it isn't raining. Make sure you mark the following dates on your calendars: **Friday**, **July 16th**, **Saturday**, **July 24th**, **Saturday**, **August 14th**, and **Friday**, **August 27th**.

This month, we will also be welcoming Rabbi Hannah Estrin, our new interim rabbi for the next year. The Spiritual Leadership Search Committee is currently planning an event to welcome Rabbi Estrin into our community and hope that you will be able to attend. More information on the event and when it will take place will follow soon.

While we'll be welcoming Rabbi Estrin, we will also be saying goodbye to our longtime rabbi and spiritual leader, Harvey Spivak. We will be celebrating Rabbi Spivak's many years of dedication to our Congregation of Moses community with a cocktail party on Sunday, July 25th beginning at 5:00 pm. We'll have hors d'oeuvres, champagne, and enjoy live music all under a tent on the grassy area of the CoM grounds. You will be receiving an invitation in the mail soon; please make sure to return the RSVP card to the CoM as soon as possible.

Thank you again for an amazing two years in the Midwest. I was so incredibly lucky to be a part of this wonderful community.

L'Shalom! Sharon Kaufman, Program Director

### **Shabbat Services**

Saturday, July 3 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. IN PERSON AT CoM

Torah: Numbers 25:10-28:15 Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

Friday, July 9 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Isaac Rubin Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, July 10 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Isaac Rubin Bar Mitzvah

Torah: Numbers 31:1-33:49 Haftarah: I Samuel 11:14-12:22

Friday, July 16 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Outdoor Shabbat Service

Saturday, July 17 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. IN PERSON AT CoM

Torah: Deuteronomy 1:1-2:30 Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1-1:27

Saturday, July 24 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. IN PERSON AT CoM

Torah: Deuteronomy 3:23-6:25 Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1-40:26

Saturday, July 31 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. IN PERSON AT CoM

Torah: Deuteronomy 7:12-10:11 Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14-51:3



The livestream of Shabbat services can be found on our website, <u>congregationofmoses.org/shabbat</u>.

## 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. The group will continue to meet online through the month of June.

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

### Shabbat candle lighting times

July 29:04 p.m.July 99:02 p.m.July 168:58 p.m.July 238:53 p.m.July 308:46 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.

# Bar Mitzvah of Isaac Rubin

With pride, joy and love, we invite you to celebrate with us as our son, Isaac Joseph Rubin, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.

Friday, July 9, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Services will be held outdoors at Congregation of Moses, 2501 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo, MI

Questions? Email us at: Isaacbarmitzvah@gmail.com

~ Jack and Jenifer Rubin-Behar

# MITBACH UPDATE

A big thank-you to all who have helped make our Mitbach sparkle so far! A good portion of the Mitbach has been washed and cleaned, but there are still a few sections to go. Your help is still needed in our community Mitbach.

It's a great opportunity to socialize and do a community mitzvah as well. No chemicals are used. We are still working in teams of up to three people in three different areas to complete the work efficiently. The effort is currently focused on washing, drying and returning equipment to their proper homes.



All are welcome--teens, tweens, frequent users, leadership, and those who have hosted or participated in mitzvah events. If needed, Sunday, July 11, will be added. Weekday shifts are also available up through early evenings. Just let us know the dates and times that work for you.

On another note: If you are hosting an event that utilizes the Mitbach, whatever ingredients and paper goods you bring in must be removed at the end. We are no longer accepting these donations. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Job Posting - Religious School Teacher**

The Okun Kalamazoo Community Jewish School (OKCJS) has openings for Religious School Teachers and Teaching Assistants. While knowledge of Hebrew would be a plus, it is not required for all positions. We would like at least one of our teachers to have a background in behavioral psychology.



Our school session begins on September 12, 2021. We are anticipating a hybrid of both virtual and in-person learning this year, depending of course on the pandemic.

Our teachers are supported by educational consultants within our local community and from the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland, ongoing inservice education, and teacher's manuals with detailed, easy-to-follow lesson instructions. Educational stipends are available for professional development that meets the school's needs. We have small student-to-teacher ratios in all classes and a formal volunteer and madrichim program for additional assistance in the classroom.

Our school is typically in session September-May on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons with additional online offerings at various times during the week based on teacher and student schedules. We are not in session on Jewish and secular school holidays. Our staffing model allows for flexibility in scheduling and is therefore ideal for students and others with busy schedules. Schedules are assigned based on each individual teacher's availability and can be as little as four hours per week.

Please **contact Nora Chaus at OKCJSDirector@gmail.com or 269-373-4138** for more information or to apply.

#### **Essential job functions:**

- Supports and upholds the mission of the school
- Supports and adheres to the policies and procedures of the school
- Plans for instruction with logically sequenced objectives, based on adopted curriculum and submitted according to the school policy
- Maximizes the use of supplemental material and resources for student learning
- Provides instruction and assessment for understanding using effective instructional methods/strategies
- Provides a safe learning environment, supervising students throughout the school hours, including during class time, breaks, special programs and between classes
- Practices positive, consistent discipline in the management of the classroom consistent with school policy
- Communicates with Director and parents regarding academic, behavioral or safety concerns
- Prepares classroom for student arrival and closes classroom at the end of the school day according to procedure
- Maintains current and accurate records according to school policy
- Prepares reports for the administration of the school as requested by the Director, including the timely preparation of twice-yearly progress reports

- Attends and participates in Teachers' Meetings each school day worked
- Attends Teacher Inservices according to school policy
- Attends all of the school's student-led services
- Demonstrates professionalism in conduct, demeanor and work habits

#### **Important job functions:**

- Collaborates with peers to enhance the work environment and support instructional planning
- Conferences with Director and parents upon request and responds to messages in a timely manner
- Demonstrates a willingness to respond to individual learning needs

#### Knowledge, abilities and skills:

- Demonstrates knowledge of Jewish values, practice, history, culture and holidays
- Demonstrates knowledge of subjects taught (Hebrew and/or Judaism)
- Demonstrates willingness to increase knowledge of instructional methods/strategies, child development, learning and behavior through teacher inservices and mentoring
- Able to manage student behavior in a classroom setting
- Able to communicate effectively in both written and verbal form
- Able to work well with others in the school community
- Handles multiple tasks simultaneously
- Motivates and engages students in the learning process
- Uses job-appropriate technology
- Demonstrates critical thinking and planning skills

#### **Working Conditions:**

- Required to work in standard classroom and school conditions
- Required to manage high to moderate levels of stress

#### Mental/Physical Demands:

• Required to meet the mental and physical demands of running a classroom for a full school session (Sundays 8:30-12:30 and/or Wednesdays 4:30-6:30)

Please **contact Nora Chaus at OKCJSDirector@gmail.com or 269-373-4138** for more information or to apply.



#### **MAZEL TOV TO**

Our high school graduates; Gabe Amy, Nava Haus, Ellie Rubin and Rachel Richman

Robyn and Scott Levene on their "special wedding anniversary"

Arlen Rubin on his "special birthday"

Wendy and Mel Hyman on the celebration of the wedding of their daughter Erica Hyman and Chris Engeldrum Patricia and Richard Kirschner on their 50th wedding anniversary

#### **SPEEDY RECOVERY TO**

Lowell Seyburn Sherry Deems

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

#### GENERAL FUND

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Mazel Tov to Arlen Rubin on his "special birthday"

Mazel Tov to Wendy and Mel Hyman on the celebration of the wedding of their daughter Erica Hyman Wishing Lowell Seyburn a complete and speedy recovery

Tamara & Earl Norman, Diane & Harvey Fogel, Cindy & Larry Beer Shirley Wise, Men's Club, Wilma Kahn & Phil Horwich, Michelle & Alan Angel Emily Freed & Brad Hershbein, Judy Davis & Al Rosenthal, Diane & Bruce Minsley Joanne & Mike Simon, Pnina & Judah Ari-Gur, Beth & Stephen Grode

Mazel Tov to Patricia and Richard Kirschner on their 50th wedding anniversary

Shirley Wise, Men's Club, Wilma Kahn & Phil Horwich, Michelle & Alan Angel Emily Freed & Brad Hershbein, Judy Davis & Al Rosenthal, Diane & Bruce Minsley Joanne & Mike Simon, Pnina & Judah Ari-Gur, Beth & Stephen Grode Tamara & Earl Norman, Diane & Harvey Fogel, Cindy & Larry Beer Mabel & Jochanan Stenesh

In honor of Rebecca and Adam Strauss on their "special anniversary"

Judy & Leonard Poger

Condolences to Naomi Marshall and family on the passing of her husband, Norman Marshall

Shirley Grekin

In loving memory of David Rose

Jackie Rosenberg

#### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In loving memory of my father, Meyer Lebowitz

Leonard Lebowitz

#### HONOR AND MEMORIAL FUND

In loving memory of my father, Louis Loeser

Marjorie Gaynor



#### HERMAN AND ROSE FISHER LIBRARY FUND

Mazel Tov to our high school graduates; Gabe Amy, Nava Haus, Ellie Rubin and Rachel Richman

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Marilyn & Art Feinberg

In honor of Mazal Haus becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Leslie and Joel Bez, Judy & Leonard Poger

#### MARVIN AND ROSALIE OKUN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In honor of Gabe Amy's graduation from high school

Mazel Tov to Robyn and Scott Levene on their "special wedding anniversary"

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The Fischell Family, Judy & Lowell Seyburn

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*Judy Seyburn, The Fischell Family* 

Mazel Tov to Erica Hyman and Chris Engeldrum on the celebration of their wedding

Judy & Lowell Seyburn

In honor of Ellie Rubin, Nava Haus and Rachel Richmond's graduation from high school

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

#### JACK LEVENE CANTOR FUND

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Rae Lee Howard

#### **BUILDING FUND**

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Maxine & Neal Berke, Sallie & Ken Goodman

The Ruterbusch Family, Valerie & Ken Eisenberg

In honor of Mazal Haus on her Bat Mitzvah

PAGE 10 Carolyn & Brad Kennedy

# Thank you! Todah rabah!

#### **Dear CoM family,**

As my family and I come to our final days in Michigan, we want to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for you all.

Thank you for all of the love and support you have given us since we moved to the area in 2018. From my Jewish conversion to the bris of our son, Ellis, we have been blessed with such kindness only some get to experience.

Thank you to all of you who invited us into your homes for special events or holidays and made us feel so welcome in the community. I would also like to especially thank Rabbi Spivak for guiding me through my conversion. I'm going to miss our conversation, discussions and your teaching of Hebrew.



We will miss you and the synagogue very much and hope we can reconnect if anyone is in the Seattle area.

#### ~With Love and Light, Katrina, Aaron, & Ellis Frank

Todah rabah to all my friends for recognizing my "special birthday." I am honored with so many donations going to the needs of the synagogue we love! Please know how proud, humbled and flattered your acts of chesed make me.

#### ~ Michael Tenenbaum

Dear friends, Thank you very much for your kind expression of sympathy and your donations to the many funds in memory of Norman.

#### ~ Naomi Marshall

We thank those who honored our granddaughter Ruth's bat mitzvah which took place in Cleveland on June 5th. The words "thoughtful" and "caring" barely scratch the surface to describe our CoM family. We are so proud to have been part of this group for the last 46 years.

We are making this contribution to the general fund rather than support the US Postal Service, which has been rather shaky these days. Besides, let's admit it, it's far more useful and enjoyable than writing all those thank you notes.

#### ~ Arthur & Marilyn Feinberg

Thank you to all my friends for your kind wishes on my "special" (75!) birthday.

#### ~ Arlen Rubin

### Canasta Players and Helpful People Needed

Jerry Robbins is looking for people interested in playing canasta one day weekly for three hours. We have four players, with someone frequently unable to attend. We would be open to teaching someone to play.

Also, I volunteer weekly at Lending Hands in Portage, loaning out orthopedic and hospital equipment. We need volunteers. We observe Covid-19 guidelines. I do three hours every Friday morning. You can call or email me for further info if you're interested. It's a very satisfying experience.

~ Jerry Robbins (248) 514-0272, Gmlj@aol.com

# Tisha B'Av Program

### From Eicha to Ayeka: How mourning helps transform us

#### Saturday, July 17th, 8:00 pm

Please bring: flashlights or small lanterns to read by and a "picnic blanket."

Please note: We will be sitting on the ground, as is traditional. Wear comfortable clothing. Chairs will be available for those who prefer.

It can be hard to comprehend Tisha b'Av, the commemoration of the 9th of Av. Recognizing and remembering the destruction of Jerusalem not once but twice, 2000 and nearly 3000 years ago. It is particularly hard in a time when Jerusalem has once again been rebuilt. Like so much of life though, there are always ways that the past connects to the present.

Come join together with the CoM community for a program looking at some of the themes of mourning that permeate the day and what we can learn from them for our own lives.

#### Rabbi Hannah Estrin

# July 2021

Su M T W Th F Sa

				1	2	3 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am, Kirschner 50th Anniversary services
4	5	6 OvB Meeting Online, 7:00 pm	7 Second Cup Study Group online, 7:00 pm	8	9 Isaac Rubin Bar Mitzvah, 7:30 pm	10 Isaac Rubin Bar Mitzvah, 9:30 am
Second Cup Study Group online, 4:30 pm; Welcome party for Rabbi Estrin	12	13	14 Second Cup Study Group online, 7:00 pm	15	16 Outdoor Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm	Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am; Tisha B'Av program, 8:00 pm
18 Tisha B'Av Second Cup Study Group online, 4:30 pm	19	20 Bulletin Deadline, 8:00 pm	21 Second Cup Study Group online, 7:00 pm	22	23	24 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am; Havdalah Bonfire, 8:00 pm
25 Retirement Party for Rabbi Spivak, 5:00 pm	26	27	28 Second Cup Study Group online, 7:00 pm	29	30 Brenna Siskind Bat Mitzvah @ TBI	31 Brenna Siskind Bat Mitzvah @ TBI; Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am

### August 2021

Su M T W Th F Sa

1 Second Cup Study Group online, 4:30 pm	2	3	4 Second Cup Study Group online, 7:00 pm	5	6	7 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am
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# **News From Hadassah**

### Israel's first deaf MK takes her oath

Shirley Pinto, a long-time member of Yamina, Naftali Bennett's party, took her oath to the Knesset. She's deaf, Israel's first deaf Member of Knesset (MK) and recited the oath in both sign language and spoken Hebrew.



### Hadassah Joins Faith Leaders, Legislators and Celebrities in Virtual Rally for Action Against Antisemitism

Against the backdrop of an alarming rise in antisemitism in the US and across the globe, Hadassah, legislators, faith leaders, celebrities and other major Jewish organizations spoke on Thursday at a virtual rally to express solidarity and a renewed focus on ensuring the safety of Jewish communities. Earlier this month, Hadassah and four other organizations wrote to President Joe Biden and called upon him to take swift action in response to the violence, intimidation and bigotry spreading from coast to coast.

Hadassah National President Rhoda Smolow said in the Day of Action Against Antisemitism virtual rally that, "We are no strangers to antisemitism, nor naïve about the perils of hatred. But what for decades lurked in the shadows is spilling out into the mainstream . . . Antisemitism, violence and intimidation are unacceptable and un-American." Smolow concluded by saying, "Today's rally shows that we are all in this together. And together we will build the more peaceful and tolerant world we want for ourselves, our children, our grandchildren and for every generation."

Hadassah has played an instrumental role to date in supporting efforts to combat antisemitism, hatred and bigotry. As a driving force behind efforts at the state and federal level to strengthen Holocaust education, enhance the role of the US Special Envoy to

Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, stop antisemitism from being taught in schools overseas and build support for the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of antisemitism, Hadassah members are demonstrating their commitment to building a more peaceful and tolerant world.

### The case of the flashing hand

Red light. Red light. When teen-ager Hanan walked into the Emergency Room at Hadassah Ein Kerem, staff were taken aback when they saw his arm was literally flashing. Every few seconds what looked like a red light showed under his skin, as if there were a subcutaneous car indicator.

The flashing red light was exceedingly rare – just a few cases recorded worldwide, orthopedic hand surgeon Shai Luria tells us.

"A simple burn and rash had turned his pulse into this light form," Dr. Luria says. Antibiotics, the usual treatment for the skin condition, eventually turned off the light. "Because there's almost no literature on this blinking or flashing, we need to publicize what we saw to help others around the world." He published his findings in *The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery* along with his Hadassah colleagues Dr. Madi El Haj and Dr. Ido Volk.



## calling all High School Juniors!

#### **Heads up High School Juniors!**

If your parents are members of the Congregation of Moses, we invite you to apply for the **Andrew Levene Scholarship.** 

If you would like an application, please call the synagogue office at 342-5463. Applications must be turned into the synagogue office by July 15, 2021.

## Ritual Candles Available at CoM

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



# July 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 <a href="mailto:ihstimon@charter.net">ihstimon@charter.net</a>.

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 7/1 Howard Katz
- 7/2 Andrew Jeremy Angel
- 7/2 Sydney Aileen Angel
- 7/3 Shira Haus
- 7/5 Laurel Scheidt
- 7/6 Jill Ruterbusch
- 7/7 Sallie Goodman
- 7/7 Elizabeth Thall
- 7/10 Joel Bez
- 7/13 Blue Koffron
- 7/13 Nomi Kluger-Nash
- 7/14 Joyce Camhi
- 7/15 Eliana Rubin
- 7/16 Zachary Morrison
- 7/17 Isabel Howard
- 7/18 Lev Koffron
- 7/18 Kim Rubin
- 7/20 David Green
- 7/22 Patricia Kirschner
- 7/24 Jenifer Rubin Behar
- 7/26 Diane Minsley
- 7/26 Jeffrey Haus
- 7/30 Mel Hyman
- 7/30 Wilma Kahn
- 7/31 Karl Shook has a special birthday!



#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7/3 Ken & Dona Icabone Satir
- 7/6 Patricia & Richard Kirschner celebrate their 50th Anniversary! Mazel Tov!
- 7/14 Laurel & Charles Ofstein
- 7/20 Maxine & Neal Berke





## **Yahrzeits**

	July 2-3 (23 Tammuz – 29 Tam	muz)				
Mary Goldsmith*	Samuel Gottlieb*	Norman Graff*				
Bernice Kirsch*	Yetta Marcus <sup>⋆</sup>	Helen Tenenbaum				
Mollie Wolfe*	Milton Wruble*					
July 9-10 (1 Av – 7 Av)						
Cecile Cohen*	Sidney Friedman*	Louis G. Gerber*				
Martin Ginsberg*	Freda Kaufman*	Howard Miller				
Sarah Rozanoff*	Captain Myron Seeder*	Donald Thall				
Nancy Thommes	Jonathan David Tregerman*					
July 16-17 (8 Av – 14 Av)						
Sol Axelrod*	Sophie Barkman	Sidney Buchsbaum				
Stacey Cane	Sara Finkelstein	Joseph Hadesman*				
Ida Halpert*	Samuel Hoffman	Marcia Kalb*				
Winifred Koss*	Mildred Lerman	Esther Marshall*				
Simon Okun*	Harriet Rosenbaum*	Nelson Schupan*				
Shirley S. Seyburn*	Leonara Wachtel*					
July 23-24 (15 Av – 21 Av)						
Natalie Aaronson	Max Besbris*	Molly Feinberg				
Milton Feinberg*	Elliott Gluck*	Doris Gotthelf*				
Betty Graff*	Ruth Harriet Kaplan*	Ruth Katz*				
Anna Marks*	Louis Pollens	Ethel Roodin*				
Rose Rose*	Phineas Rosenbaum*	Sylvia A. Weinstein*				
Ben Weisman*						
July 30-31 (22 Av – 28 Av)						
Mary Bennison*	Herb Cane	Irving W. Cushner*				
Jack A. Fisher*	Anna Friedman*	Marion Raskin Grant				
Harris Handelsman*	Harold Karlin*	Milton Kirschner*				
Lianne Lando*	Leon Okun*	Ephraim Rose*				
Bertha Rothschild*	Sol Schpok*	Nettie Schwartz*				
Peggy Schwartz*	Richard Star	*Denotes a memorial plaque in the synage				

# 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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#### Thank you to all of our diligent shoppers!

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