



# CoM newsletter

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## Interim Rabbi Search Complete

**The Spiritual Leadership Search Committee is pleased to formally announce the hiring of Rabbi Hannah Estrin as Rabbi of the Congregation of Moses for the coming year (July 2021-June 2022).**

**We look forward to her leadership and pastoral guidance, as well as working with her in our ongoing process of defining the congregation's needs in a long-term rabbi.**

Thank you to the Oversight Board and CoM attorney, Rebecca Strauss, for your support during the hiring process. Thank you to Maxine Berke for working very hard to find local housing for Rabbi Estrin. Thank you to the SLSC members for getting us to this point, to Nora Chaus for welcoming Rabbi Estrin to the Sunday School, to Carolyn and Brad Kennedy for administering our virtual visit survey, and to all congregants who took the time to provide feedback on the virtual visit events!

If you have gently loved household items, please contact Maxine Berke to see if they could be put to use in furnishing Rabbi Estrin's apartment for the year. Also, stay tuned for more news about opportunities to welcome our new rabbi to the community.

We appreciate your patience and input as we continue to work very hard to find the individual who is the best fit for the Congregation of Moses.

*Laurel Ofstein, Chair*



*Rabbi Hannah 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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**Please send submissions to the editor, at [bulletin@congregationofmoses.org](mailto:bulletin@congregationofmoses.org).**

# Unveiling for Miriam Brot

**Sunday June 13 at 11:00 am** at Jewish Riverside Cemetery on Riverview Drive.

Please park in the auto body shop parking lot, next to the cemetery on the same side of the street.



**Thank you to everyone who helped with the construction and planting of our Rain Garden!**

- Mara Bernard
- Joyce Camhi
- Patty Conlon
- Diane Fogel
- Harvey Fogel
- Beth Grode
- Carolyn Kennedy
- Brad Kennedy
- Pat Kirschner
- Lee Klingman
- Gerry Tregerman
- Shirley Wise
- Rich Wojtas



Be sure to check out photos of the garden prep and planting on page 4.

# WE'RE REOPENING!

The Oversight Board is happy to announce that the Congregation of Moses will officially reopen for Shabbat morning services on **Saturday, June 5th beginning at 9:30 am!** Our reopening protocol will remain under continual review as CDC, MDHHS and local guidance warrant as we begin to return to normal.

**In order to enter the building for services, the following protocols will be enforced:**

- As per CDC and MDHHS guidance, the Congregation of Moses encourages and recommends that all members be vaccinated.
- While in the synagogue, members and guests who are vaccinated will not be required to wear masks. However, unvaccinated congregants and guests will be required to do so while in the building.
- Guests not known to the usher to be vaccinated will be asked a limited set of screening questions.
- Note: Online services will still be available if an individual does not feel comfortable with the possibility of unvaccinated people in the synagogue.

**In the sanctuary, the following protocols will be observed:**

- The first two rows and the first three aisle seats will be left empty. Additionally, unvaccinated congregants and guests should sit three unfilled seats from one another. Families may sit together.
- As previously stated above, unvaccinated congregants and guests are required to wear masks when seated.
- Tallitot for use at the service will be placed on a table marked 'Clean.' After use they will be placed on a separate table that is designated to receive the used items.
- To maximize ventilation, fans will be on, windows open, and the social hall dividers fully open. Extra seats will be set up if needed.

**In the lobby and the rest of the building, the following protocols will be enforced:**

- In consideration of others, unvaccinated congregants and guests are required to wear masks when in other areas of the synagogue.
- Enter bathrooms one at a time unless with a family member.
- The water fountain will be off and small bottles of water will be provided.
- The library will be open and signs placed reminding people to maintain physical distance.
- Masks and hand sanitizer will be available near the front doors.

**Services will run as follows:**

- Torot will be removed and returned to the Ark by the Torah reader(s).
- There will not be a Torah procession.
- Congregant participation in the service, such as aliyot, will be performed by standing and reciting the brachot at your seat.
- The Haftarah reader will use a lectern set up at the top of the ramp.
- Kiddush and Oneg will not be provided at this time. However, going forward, wearing masks will be mandatory when preparing food in the Mitbach and Mitbachon. More details will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions about our reopening protocol, please contact Sharon Kaufman at [programdirector@congregationofmoses.org](mailto:programdirector@congregationofmoses.org). We can't wait to see everyone again in person!



# Rain Garden

Prep and planting



*Our dedicated planting crew. From left: Mara Bernard, Joyce Camhi, Carolyn Kennedy, Gerry Tregerman, Pat Kirschner, Sharon Kaufman, Shirley Wise, Beth Grode, Diane Fogel and Harvey Fogel. Not pictured: Patty Conlon, Lee Klingman*



*Beth Grode (left) and Pat Kirschner (right) get down to work.*



*Harvey Fogel (left) teams up with Lee Klingman (right) for planting.*



*Patty Conlon getting ready to put a plant in the garden.*



*Gerry Tregerman carefully placing plants in the garden.*



*Joyce Camhi cuts the steel edging for the planting beds, assisted by Brad Kennedy.*



*Pat Kirschner prepares the planting hole for a native prairie plant.*



*Sharon Kaufman rakes mulch in the planting bed.*

# A RETURN-TO-NORMAL JUNE



**A**fter a somewhat dreary and wet beginning of May, the month of June is looking to be the perfect start to the summer season!

I have returned to taking walks around my neighborhood and enjoying sitting out on my patio with a good book. As things begin to normalize a little bit more each day, I am slowly getting used to being able to be outdoors and maskless.

Speaking of things getting back to normal, we are officially reopening for Shabbat services on Saturday, June 5th! I know that many of you have been missing our in-person services, and we are so happy to be able to reopen now that more people have been vaccinated.

Please make sure to look over our reopening protocols before coming to services on June 5th. You can find the reopening protocols on the front page of the bulletin or in your weekly email. If you have any questions, please contact me at [programdirector@congregationofmoses.org](mailto:programdirector@congregationofmoses.org).

After months of planning and preparation, we finally planted our Rain Garden in May! Before planting began, we met over Zoom for a brief information session on how rain gardens work and what would be planted in our rain garden. Thank you to everyone who attended the information session and a special thank you to Cheryl Vosburg from the Kalamazoo River Watershed Council for helping to lead our discussion. Then, after much advance preparation, we planted all Michigan native plants in our rain garden. Thank you to everyone who helped out in the week leading up to the planting and for everyone who came out on planting day. Though the garden is a work in progress and still very much in its infancy, it will be a beautiful addition to our front lawn and will allow us to help the environment in our own backyard.

This month sees the return of our Adult Education classes, *The Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice*. On **Thursday, June 10th at 7:00 pm**, join Rabbi Spivak as we discuss the complex issues of modern society that, at their core, are issues of ethical and moral concern. This month, we will discuss "Disabilities and the Ethics of Inclusion." You can sign up on our website.

After many years of service to the Congregation of Moses, we will be celebrating the retirements of both Rod Anderson and Shirley Mengel on **Sunday, June 27th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm** with an outdoor party. We'll have cake, champagne and sparkling juice, and spend the afternoon reminiscing about everything that Rod and Shirley have done for the Congregation of Moses. You can find the invitation for the party later on in this bulletin.

I can't wait to see everyone in person as we move forward! I hope that you all have been able to stay healthy and safe this past year, and are looking forward to the summer!

L'Shalom!  
*Sharon Kaufman*, Program Director

# Shabbat Services

Saturday, June 5	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. <b>IN PERSON AT CoM</b> Torah: Numbers 14:8-15:7 Haftarah: Joshua 2:1-2:24
Saturday, June 12	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. <b>IN PERSON AT CoM</b> Torah: Numbers 16:20-17:24 Haftarah: I Samuel 11:14-12:22
Saturday, June 12	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Havdalah Bonfire
Saturday, June 19	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. <b>IN PERSON AT CoM</b> Torah: Numbers 19:1-20:21 Haftarah: Judges 11:1-33
Friday, June 25	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. <b>ONLINE</b> Shabbat Service with Benton Harbor
Saturday, June 26	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. <b>IN PERSON AT CoM</b> Torah: Numbers 22:2-38 Haftarah: Micah 5:6-6:8



*Shabbat services signup can be found on our website, [congregationofmoses.org](http://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. 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](http://congregationofmoses.org)**

### Shabbat candle lighting times

June 4	8:57 p.m.
June 11	9:01 p.m.
June 18	9:04 p.m.
June 25	9:05 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](mailto:Isaacbarmitzvah@gmail.com)

~ Jack and Jenifer Rubin-Behar

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## DISABILITIES AND THE ETHICS OF INCLUSION

**June 10 at 7:00 pm**

From political and financial scandals to rapid progress in biomedical science and technology, the complex issues of modern society are, at their core, issues of ethical and moral concern.

Now more than ever, we require a solid understanding of how Jewish ethics can inform our discussions and decisions about the critical questions of the day. Judaism has a long history of wrestling with moral questions, responding to them in a way that considers all sides of an issue.

*The Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice* from the Jewish Theological Seminary will be presented by Rabbi Spivak online, returning again on **June 10 at 7:00 pm** with the topic "Disabilities and the Ethics of Inclusion."

To sign up for the sessions, go to [congregationofmoses.org/ethical-life](https://congregationofmoses.org/ethical-life)



# Special Anniversary Simcha

We invite all members of the Congregation to join us for worship on Saturday, July 3, Shabbat Pinchas. We will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary by leading portions of the service, including chanting parts of the Torah Parsha and the Haftarah.

~ Pat and Richard Kirschner

## 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



# Mishpacha

## MAZEL TOV TO

Rebecca and Adam Strauss on their special anniversary

Mazal Haus on her Bat Mitzvah

Judy Davis and Al Rosenthal on their grandson Nathan's Bar Mitzvah

Marilyn and Art Feinberg on their granddaughter Ruth Anne's Bat Mitzvah

## SPEEDY RECOVERY TO

Valerie Eisenberg

## CONDOLENCES TO

Naomi Marshall on the passing of her husband Norman Marshall

Joshua Ellison on the passing of his grandson, Jacob Isaac Kavalhuna

Donations have been made to the following funds.

## GENERAL FUND

Mazel Tov to Rebecca and Adam Strauss on their special anniversary

Mazel Tov to Mazal Haus on her Bat Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to Marilyn and Art Feinberg on their granddaughter Ruth Anne's Bat Mitzvah

Speedy Recovery to Valerie Eisenberg

Condolences to Naomi Marshall on the passing of her husband Norman Marshall.

Condolences to Joshua Ellison on the passing of his grandson, Jacob Isaac Kavalhuna

*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 Judy Davis and Al Rosenthal on their grandson Nathan's Bar Mitzvah

*Tamara & Earl Norman, Diane & Harvey Fogel, Cindy & Larry Beer*

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*Joanne & Mike Simon, Pnina & Judah Ari-Gur, Beth & Stephen Grode*

In honor of our grandson, Elijah Katz's Bar Mitzvah

*Angela and Jack Katz*

In honor of our granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah

*Art and Marilyn Feinberg*

In loving memory of my brother Louis Rose

*Jackie Rosenberg*

In memory of Rachel Inselberg

*Rena Brooks*

In loving memory of my mother, Gertrude Braufman Stein

*Bruce Stein*

# Mishpacha

## BUILDING FUND

Mazel Tov to Rebecca and Adam Strauss on their special anniversary

Mazel Tov to Mazal Haus on her Bat Mitzvah

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*Maxine & Neal Berke, Sallie & Ken Goodman*

*The Ruterbusch Family, Ken Eisenberg*

Congratulations to Andrea and Michael Johnson on their new home

Happy Birthday to Earl and Tamara Norman

*Maxine & Neal Berke*

In memory of Norman Marshall

In memory of Ruth Spivak

*Joshua and Pamela Weiner*

## HERMAN AND ROSE FISHER LIBRARY FUND

Mazel Tov to Rebecca and Adam Strauss on their special anniversary

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*Marilyn & Art Feinberg*

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Mazal Haus

*Marlene Haus*

## MARVIN AND ROSALIE OKUN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Mazel Tov to Rebecca and Adam Strauss on their special anniversary

Mazel Tov to Mazal Haus on her Bat Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to Judy Davis and Al Rosenthal on their grandson Nathan's Bar Mitzvah

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Condolences to Joshua Ellison on the passing of his grandson, Jacob Isaac Kavalhuna

*The Fischell Family, Judy & Lowell Seyburn*

In loving memory of my father, Jack Levene

*Rae Lee Howard*

# Mishpacha

## JACK LEVENE CANTOR FUND

Mazel Tov to Rebecca and Adam Strauss on their special anniversary

Mazel Tov to Mazal Haus on her Bat Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to Judy Davis and Al Rosenthal on their grandson Nathan's Bar Mitzvah

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*Rae Lee Howard*

In loving memory of my father, Jack Levene

*Lori Putman*

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In loving memory of my aunt, Mina Seidler for her exceptional efforts in very difficult situations

*Alfred Blum*

## JOYCE AND MORTON FISHER KITCHEN/ONEG/KIDDISH FUND

In memory of Rachel Inselberg

*Mabel and Jochanan Stenesh*

In memory of our parents and grandparents, Morton S. and Joyce L. Fisher

*Beth Fisher, Emery, Ellen, and Jaren Bresnick*

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On behalf of my family, thank you for the love, support and kindness you have shown to us during this difficult time. We are also grateful for the love and support the congregation provided to my mom, Rachel Inselberg, since the passing of her beloved husband and my dear dad, Edgar Inselberg, three years ago.

She was committed to the Congregation of Moses and her Judaism. The time she spent at the synagogue for services, educational opportunities or events were the highlights of her weeks. The community that you provided to her, to my dad and to us over the years will never be forgotten.

Thank you for the generous contributions made to the Congregation of Moses in her memory. May her memory always be for a blessing.

*~ With love and gratitude, Louise (Inselberg) Jesse*

# Kitchen Kveilers

**A**re you having an event that involves the Mitbach or food? Since the Mitbach has been closed for over a year, here are some guideline reminders, including a few that are new and approved for all users.

- A Facilities Reservation Request Form should be completed and returned to CoM and/or [Mitbach@congregationofmoses.org](mailto:Mitbach@congregationofmoses.org). (See the New Guidelines below for when this needs to be turned in.) You may want to complete this form when you clear the date on the CoM calendar. If you find out later that you need to change some details on the form, you can do so.
- **Ingredient Check-in.** To maintain Kashrut in our CoM sacred space Mitbach, we must strictly adhere to this guideline. If an item is forgotten, you will need to make arrangements with your mashgiach to check it in.
- Leftovers are to be removed within 24 hours.
- Anything stored in the refrigerators/freezers must be covered/sealed/labeled. Your mashgiach can guide you on this.
- When entering or leaving the Mitbach, remember to sign in or out. Sign-in sheets are in the purple folder on top of the steam table.
- When preparing any food item, users must wear gloves and hair coverings. Men with facial hair should also wear a beard net. Gloves, hair coverings and beard nets are available in the kitchen.
- As the guidelines for re-opening CoM are presented, they will be followed in the Mitbach.
- No prepared food is to be left out on the counters, especially uncovered. All items must be covered/labeled and placed in the refrigerators/freezers.
- If you make a mess, please clean it up. This includes food dropped on the floor or in the tracks of the sliding-door cabinets.
- Please don't put anything hot from the oven directly onto the granite counter coverings. These have melted and been replaced several times, and we find it increasingly difficult to have covers custom made.



## **New Guidelines:**

- Please submit your request a minimum of (NEW) **three weeks in advance** of the date you need the Mitbach. This gives the Mitbach Team time to make sure the Mitbach is clean and also arrange for a Mashgiach who will do a pre- and post-event walk-through with you and check in your ingredients. The Mitbach Team will also confirm that no one else has reserved the same side of the Mitbach for the same date.
- CoM will maintain a few seasonings for members to use. There may be some other items (in limited quantities) on the pantry shelves for member use. The host must bring in all other ingredients, have them checked for Kashrut and remove them by the end of the event.
- A pre-event checklist has been created and a mashgiach will review it with you when you do your Mitbach walk through to verify that everything meets your needs. The post-event checklist has been updated to remind users what to do before leaving the premises.

Thank you for adhering to these guidelines, both established and new. Together, we can enjoy our Mitbach.

# June 2021

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		1	2 Second Cup Study Group, 7:00 pm	3	4	5 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am
6 Second Cup Study Group, 4:30 pm	7	8 OvB Meeting Online, 7:00 pm 	9 Second Cup Study Group, 7:00 pm	10 Ethical Life Series Online, 7:00 pm	11	12 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am
13 Unveiling for Miriam Brot, 11:00 am, Jewish Riverside; Second Cup Study Group, 4:30 pm	14	15	16 Second Cup Study Group, 7:00 pm	17 CoM/TBI Book Club, 7:00 pm	18 Asher Saltzman Bar Mitzvah @ TBI	19 Asher Saltzman Bar Mitzvah @ TBI Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am
20 Second Cup Study Group, 4:30 pm	21 Hadassah Book Club In Person, 7:30 pm 	22	23 Second Cup Study Group, 7:00 pm	24	25 Elijah Thompson Bar Mitzvah @ TBI Shabbat Services Online with BH synagogue, 7:30-8:30 pm	26 Elijah Thompson Bar Mitzvah @ TBI Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am
27 Retirement Party for Rod Anderson and Shirley Mengel, 4:00 pm	28	29	30 Second Cup Study Group, 7:00 pm			

# July 2021

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				1	2	3 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am, <b>Kirschner 50th Anniversary services</b>
4	5	6	7	8	9 Isaac Rubin Bar Mitzvah, 7:30 pm	10 Isaac Rubin Bar Mitzvah, 9:30 am
11	12	13 OvB Meeting Online, 7:00 pm 	14	15	16	17 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am <b>Tisha B'Av begins at sundown</b>
18 <b>Tisha B'Av</b>	19	20 <b>Bulletin Deadline, 8:00 pm</b>	21	22	23	24 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am
25 <b>Retirement Party for Rabbi Spivak, 5:00 pm</b>	26	27	28	29	30 <b>Brenna Siskind Bat Mitzvah @ TBI</b>	31 <b>Brenna Siskind Bat Mitzvah @ TBI</b> Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am

# *Celebration in honor of Rod Anderson and Shirley Mengel*

Please join us as we honor Rod's  
45 1/2 years and Shirley's 32 years  
of service to CoM

*June 27, 2021 • 4-6pm  
Congregation of Moses*

Enjoy cake and champagne outdoors as we  
celebrate Rod and Shirley's service to CoM.

RSVP by June 20th to  
[programdirector@congregationofmoses.org](mailto:programdirector@congregationofmoses.org)



# News From Hadassah

## Fathers Shelter Newborns Amid Rocket Strikes

Fathers were seen cradling their newborns in the hallway of a Tel Aviv maternity ward. Authorities advised new parents to take the children out of their cribs and guard them in the fortified halls while rockets rained down from above.



## Hadassah Doctor's Home Hit by Rockets

Last week Hadassah pediatric cardiologist Dr. Sagi Gavri was in the Cath Lab at Hadassah Ein Kerem working on enlarging the blood vessels of a nine-year old's pulmonary artery when the attacks on Jerusalem took place. He received an urgent phone call from his wife Orna to consult with him about what they should do. Their dilemma was unusual. Jerusalem was being attacked but so was their home. They live in Kibbutz Nir Am on the border with Gaza. As Dr. Gavri told me, "I have a lot of experience with this. I grew up in Nir Am."

They decided to meet in Jerusalem, but the roads were blocked and she couldn't get out. When Dr. Gavri finished caring for his patient, he headed home. The ride is usually an hour and 10-minute drive from Ein Kerem. He had to get out of the car twice and hit the ground to avoid rockets. When he finally arrived home, his wife and sons were at his parents' home which is a little better situated to get away from the noise. Their two dogs were also there. The grandparents don't like the dogs, so Orna said she would go home with them, and Sagi would stay with his parents and the children in the safe room there.



*Dr. Gavri, 2nd from left, shown during an embryonic heart surgery.*

Sometime during the night, Orna got up to use the bathroom, leaving the dogs in the safe room, where she, too, was sleeping. Suddenly, she heard a loud boom. When Orna stepped out of the bathroom, she realized their home had been hit, for she was standing with bare feet on shards of glass. The yard was burned, the windows were blown out, the roof was broken and the TV was smashed. Orna called her husband, who came to get her and the dogs. As he got to his house, he could smell the burning.

Dr. Gavri is head of a medical outreach project called *Un Coeur pour la Paix (One Heart for Peace)* to raise money among French Jews for Palestinian children's heart surgery.

"I have personally treated over 200 children from Gaza," said Dr. Gavri. "I think of them when my own children are being attacked. That's complex. But kids are never to blame. Kids are holy."

*Your support and passion for Hadassah are always important, but now marks a special time for us all to stand up and be counted. Please consider making a special donation to Hadassah's hospitals during this critical time for our friends and colleagues there — and for Israel at large. Make your gift at [www.hadassah.org/donate](http://www.hadassah.org/donate)*

# June 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](mailto:jhsimon@charter.net).

## BIRTHDAYS

- 6/2 Ken Goodman
- 6/2 Joseph Shook
- 6/4 RosaLynn Pollens
- 6/5 Anna Langerveld
- 6/7 Hannah Green
- 6/11 Chelsea Angel
- 6/12 Stacey Rocklin
- 6/12 Dona Icabone Satir
- 6/14 Evan Fischell
- 6/14 Jonathan Fischell
- 6/15 Larry Beer
- 6/15 Alfred Blum
- 6/16 Marvin Berkowitz
- 6/18 Judith Poger
- 6/23 Alyssa Beer
- 6/25 Arlen Rubin has a Special Birthday!
- 6/26 Laura Levene
- 6/28 Phillip Horwich
- 6/28 Sandra Snyder
- 6/29 Natalie Spivak
- 6/30 Rabbi Harvey Spivak



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/12 Judy Davis & Al Rosenthal
- 6/15 Tema & Robert Lando
- 6/20 Joanne & Michael Simon
- 6/20 Shirley & Pete Mengel
- 6/21 Robyn & Scott Levene have a Special Anniversary!
- 6/21 Tamara & Earl Norman
- 6/29 Genia & Moritz Angel



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## June 4-5 (24 Sivan – 30 Sivan)

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Pauline Grekin	Sadie Hyman*	Elaine Hoffman Lamm
Louis Levene*	Hilde M. Nadelman*	Louis Rose
Yaffa Sasson	Audrey Smith	Gertrude Braufman Stein*
Alfred R. Thea*	Sara Lee Weisman*	Morris Willage*

## June 11-12 (1 Tammuz – 7 Tammuz)

Ruthe Bernard*	Izidor Freiwald*	Bernice Friedman*
Thelma Lipsitt	Miriam Roodin*	Sidney Seyburn*
Gloria Stein	Paula Strauss*	

## June 18-19 (8 Tammuz – 14 Tammuz)

Marsha Abrams	Siegfried Baum*	Allison Katherine Ginsberg
Betty Krohngold	Pauline Kushner*	Meyer H. Lebowitz*
Sadye Rosenbaum*	Betty Ruden	Leah Schensul*
Dorothy B. Slavin*	Ruth Sofen*	Edith Stenesh
Siegfried Strauss*		

## June 25-26 (15 Tammuz – 21 Tammuz)

David Block	Norman Brickman*	Eugene Colef*
Pearl Heytow	Tierney Kaufman Hutchins	Israel Israelson*
Marshall Jelaso	Harry C. Kaufman*	Louis E. Koss*
Louis Loeser*	Charles Marks*	Sophie Miller*
Ruth Norman	Edward Okun*	Sara Rose*
Irving Schensul*	Elmer Steinberg*	

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