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HAPPY RETIREMENT!

Rod Anderson and Shirley Mengel were honored for a combined 70+ years of service at a festive retirement party this past June 27. Diane Fogel and Pat Kirschner organized the event, with assistance from Gerry Tregerman, Shirley Wise, Sharon Kaufman and Rich Wojtas. Delicious desserts and speeches were highlights of the afternoon, and a large crowd was able to mingle with the honorees to express their appreciation.

Diane and Pat wrote a heartfelt acrostic poem honoring Shirley:

Out of the ordinary
Formidable organizer
Friendly manner
Initiative shown
Caring and capable
Efficient

Multitalented
Accomplished
No nonsense
Antique collector
Gardener extraordinaire
Ever loyal to her people
Ready, able and willing



Mike Tenenbaum composed a speech honoring Rod, which follows:

"Rod, on behalf of our members of beloved memory, our current membership and all who have had the privilege of working closely with you, it is my pleasure to extend our thanks and appreciation for your many years of working for the Congregation of Moses.

THE OVERSIGHT BOARD

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

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"It has been my privilege to have known and worked with Rod for over 30 years. In his multiple capacities as major-domo for CoM, there was nothing he was unable to handle. Over the last 25 years we worked more closely together as we increased efforts to plan and implement improvements for our facilities. There is no way I can express how valuable his time, energy and contributions have made what we needed to do easier and better.

"Some of Rod's wealth of information on our building includes: where plans were located; who had been retained to do certain work and when it was performed; contacts for specific services rendered and who, based on experiences, was best to work with; why were some things done in a particular way; where could specific items be found; what equipment ought to be replaced and why. My predecessors and I grew comfortable asking Rod to handle an issue and for him to follow through. Sometimes we didn't even need to even ask; he'd let us know what the issue was and how it had been taken care of. If there were any problems on-site, Rod was typically the first one to address each of them.

"It is difficult to recall all of the successful events our Congregation has had. You can be sure Rod was instrumental in making all he was involved with successful. I suspect that every member has their own story of how Rod provided some critical assistance that made a positive impact on their event.

"What makes a superlative employee? Here is a partial list of what distinguishes Rod as that employee and as a person: Compassionate, Caring, Dedicated, Motivated, Willing to go the extra mile, Conscientious, Trusted.

"Rod, we thank you for all you have contributed to our synagogue and to each of us. Most importantly, I am proud to call you my friend. You might be missed around here Rod, but you will never be forgotten."

HAPPY RETIREMENT, Shirley & Rod!



Shabbat Services

Saturday, August 7

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. IN PERSON AT CoM

Torah: Deuteronomy 11:26-14:29

Haftarah: I Samuel 20:18-20:42

Saturday, August 14

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. IN PERSON AT CoM

Torah: Deuteronomy 16:18-19:13

Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12-52:12

8:00 p.m. at CoM - Havdalah and Game Night Gathering

Saturday, August 21

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. IN PERSON AT CoM

Torah: Deuteronomy 21:10-24:13

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-54:10

Friday, August 27

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat & Picnic

Bring your own dinner and join us at Woods Lake Park

Saturday, August 28

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. IN PERSON AT CoM

Torah: Deuteronomy 26:1-28:6

Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-22



The livestream of Shabbat services can be found on our website at: congregationofmoses.org/shabbat

Shabbat candle lighting times

August 6 8:37 p.m.

August 13 8:28 p.m.

August 20 8:17 p.m.

August 27 8:06 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.*

Second Cup Torah Study

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

Online sessions will continue through August 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

Second Cup will resume in-person meetings following Shabbat services on the following dates: Saturday, September 11, October 2, November 13 and December 11.

Navigating the Transition

"Organization doesn't really accomplish anything. Plans don't accomplish anything, either. Theories of management don't much matter. Endeavors succeed or fail because of the people involved. Only by attracting the best people will you accomplish great deeds." ~ General Colin Powell

We intrinsically know this. I suspect that most of us had to memorize the preamble to the US Constitution, "We the People, of the United States of America, in order to form a more perfect union..." We the People. The first three words that we encounter tell us what was, and still is, the most important part of any community, the people, you and I.

There is something else we intrinsically know. Change is hard. Well, actually change is not hard, TRANSITIONS are hard. Change happens to us but we have to work to make transitions. Making a transition is a hard process. It is internal, it is ongoing, and it can bring up a lot of feelings, both positive and negative. But when we work through things we usually come out the other side stronger, more vibrant and healthier.

After three decades of partnering with Rabbi Spivak, there are bound to be a lot of feelings that have and will arise. Together we are going to walk through this transition, and we are going to do it with thought and intention. I'll admit, I am not a fan of the transition stage. I am an "OK yalla (Arabic for let's go), let's get to it" type of person. But together we are going to look back, we are going to mourn, to celebrate, to remember and reminisce. And then, we are going to dig deep to see who CoM is and who you want to be. Because you are The People and this is your home.



Rabbi Hannah Estrin

My hope is that we can hear all of the voices of the CoM community. What did you love? And why? What are you losing in this transitional time? How is that hard and how can that be exciting? What can you give back to balance this loss? What are your visions, hopes and dreams? For yourself and for the CoM community.

I do hope you will join the conversation. The plan is to have a variety of types of get-togethers for sharing, conversation and brainstorming. The hope is to take what is strong and beautiful to preserve it but also to think outside the box to see how CoM can become even stronger and more amazing. Together we can walk with intention and prepare the way toward a vibrant partnership with your next long-term rabbi.

During the year we will also be asking you, the members, to help us with your time and talents by volunteering to take on short-term projects. And here is your first opportunity:

Shmooze in Kalamazoo with Rabbi Estrin Plan and host a get-together!

WHAT do you love to do in the area? A hike, a brewery, a music event, paintball, berry picking, paint night, favorite coffee house, whatever you love to do.

WHO: It should be a good activity for 5-20 people. You invite people you know and like and we will advertise as well.

WHEN: about 1-2 hours in length on either the first Sunday afternoon/evening or first Tuesday after 2:00 pm of the month. If those time frames don't fit, send your ideas to me anyway and let's talk.

WHY: For fun. To meet and talk with each other. So I can hear your thoughts. Because we can!

Once we get it on the calendar, one per month, then it's all you!

Workshop series with Rabbi Hannah Estrin

Preparing Our Hearts and Souls for the High Holidays

"Asking For and Giving Forgiveness"

**August 12, 19, 26 and September 2
at 7:00 pm at Congregation of Moses**

- Between Us and Others - Asking Forgiveness
- Between Us and Others - Forgiving and Letting Go
- Between Us and God - Forgiving Ourselves
- Forgiveness in the High Holiday Liturgy

Over four weeks, we will discuss themes intricately tied to the month of Elul. We will delve into ourselves with honesty, preparing to do the work of giving and receiving forgiveness.

Our hope is that this process will allow us to stand with an open heart at the heavenly gates.

**Signup information coming soon
at congregationofmoses.org**

Upcoming Events

SOUND THE SHOFAR FOR ELUL

8:00 am Every morning except Shabbat, beginning August 9 through September 5.
Join together each morning of the month of Elul for 10 minutes to say hello and hear the Shofar in preparation for the High Holy Days.

If you would like to be a Shofar blower for one or more mornings, [please sign up at this link.](#)

HAVDALAH AND GAME NIGHT GATHERING!

August 14th, 8:00 pm, in-person at CoM

BYO dairy or parve potluck dessert, picnic blanket or chairs and your favorite game. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come!

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE AND PICNIC

Friday August 27, 6:30 pm, at Wood Lake Park

Join together to bring in Shabbat with singing, prayer and a relaxing dinner and conversation. Bring your best memories at CoM to share.

SELICHOT LIVE ON ZOOM

Saturday August 28

As Rosh Hashanah draws near, we move further into our preparations for the new year. This year we will join educators and members of the Conservative Movement from around the world. Mark your calendars to spend the evening learning together. Details and a link to follow.



Honoring Students Moving On

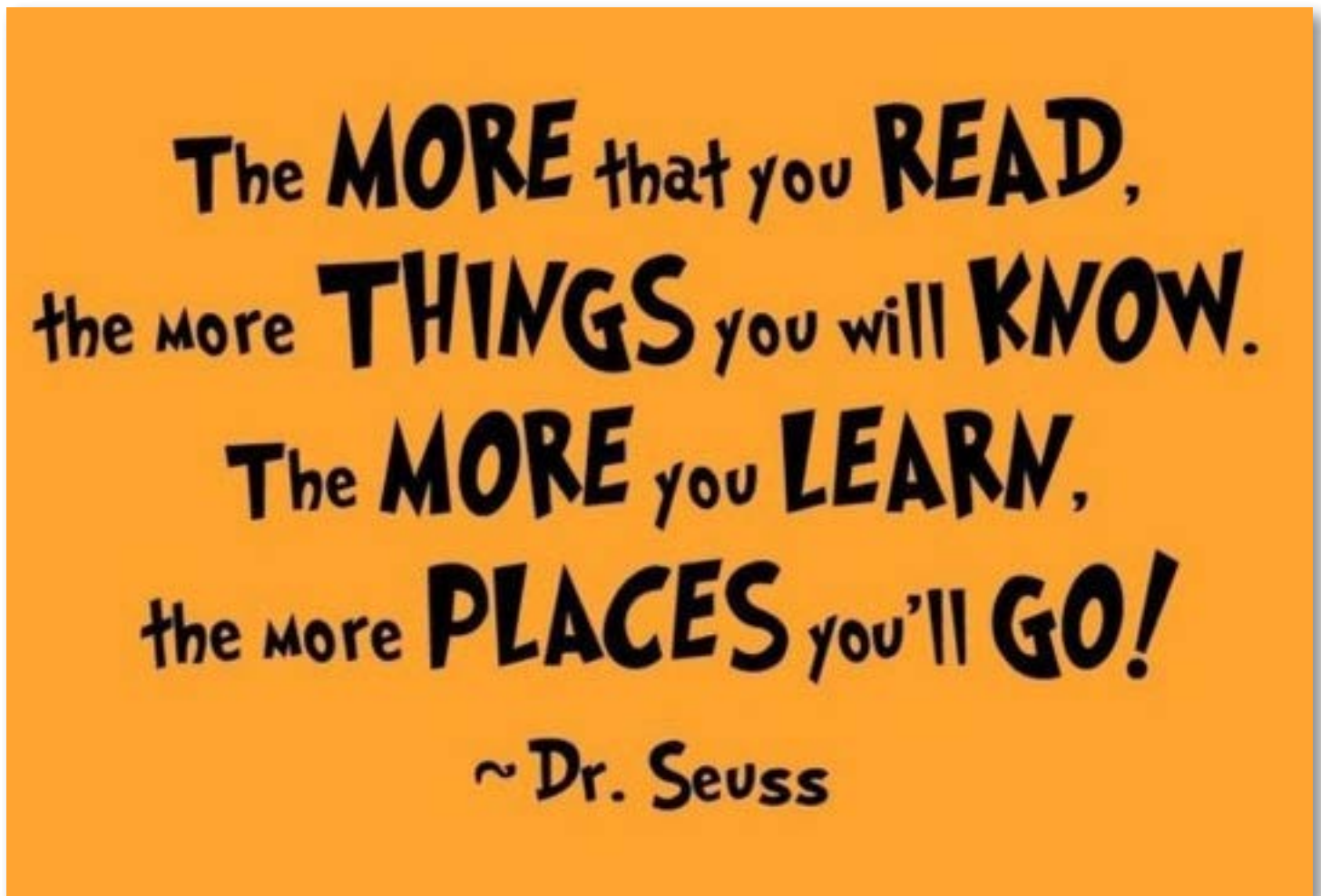
Saturday, August 7th for high school graduates

Saturday, August 28th for students starting first grade

On August 7, we'll honor those who graduated from high school in 2021 and are about to embark on their next exciting journey!

During the August 28th Shabbat Service, we'll honor the children and families of those entering first grade during the fall of 2021.

If you have a student who has graduated this year or will be starting first grade, please email Rabbi Estrin.





Welcome 5782!

**Join us for a celebration of the New Year, of songs and prayer,
of greeting each other again!**

Our Rosh Hashanah services begin the High Holydays on Monday evening, September 6, at 8:00 pm.

After a year spent online, we are eager to meet up again, enjoy the company of old friends while meeting new ones, and savor the wonderful pastries that have been our tradition at Congregation of Moses.

Start off the new year of 5782 on the right foot – join us!

Start Small - Learn to Read Torah

Congregation of Moses wants to grow our roster of Torah and Haftorah readers! It's easy to start small and there are many online resources and phone apps available to help with pronunciation. Was your son or daughter a bar or bat mitzvah in the last few years? They can chant the same haftorah portion they did for their B'nai Mitzvah. Not ready to tackle an entire portion? No problem, there are many opportunities to share with other readers.

Please reach out to me, Andrea Johnson (redhead5318@gmail.com or 269-615-8749), to be added to the roster of readers and grab your spot in the schedule.

As Earl Norman said to me four years ago "It's only three verses, you can do it!"



NEWS FROM THE MITBACH

The Mitbach team is having trouble locating several of CoM's smaller dairy baking sheet pans. They have a blue or green marking on the end. If you have seen any of them, please let us know or simply return them to the rack across from the dishwasher. They will need to be re-kashered upon their return.

We are thrilled that many of you want to have events at CoM and serve food. To prevent kitchen overlap and make sure that kosher rules are followed, please fill out a **Facilities Reservation Request Form**, which can be found on the CoM homepage at the bottom. This will ensure that you have kitchen preparation time reserved, as well as tables, chairs etc. It also allows for an alternative location if necessary and provides a person-in-charge contact. After your event, please plan to clean up and take home any leftovers that same day.

The Mitbach has plenty of paper goods and plastic cutlery. Thank you for thinking of CoM, but please donate anything left from your event elsewhere.

Operation Sparkle update: There's light at the end of the tunnel! Lee Klingman, Patty Conlon, Gail Brot and Wilma Kahn have been working hard to clean and tidy the Mitbach. To complete Operation Sparkle before the start of High Holiday baking, we need more Sparkle volunteers.

Four volunteers are needed for the meat side of the pan storage for 2 ½ hours; three volunteers to work on the steam table cupboards (about 1 ½ hours); and a group with long arms and muscle to clean heavy equipment. There are five specific items that should take no more than one hour each.

If you would like to help, please send an email to Mitbach@congregationofmoses.org. We can meet on a Sunday morning or early afternoon, or during the week until early evening. Thank you!



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| 8 Second Cup Study Group online, 4:30 pm | 9 | 10 OvB Meeting Online, 7:00 pm  | 11 Second Cup Study Group online, 7:00 pm | 12 Preparing for the High Holidays Workshop 7:00 pm (in person) | 13 | 14 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am Havdalah, Games and Dessert Night, 8:00 pm at CoM |
| 15 Second Cup Study Group online, 4:30 pm | 16 | 17 | 18 Second Cup Study Group online, 7:00 pm; Bulletin deadline | 19 Preparing for the High Holidays Workshop 7:00 pm (in person) | 20 | 21 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am |
| 22 Second Cup Study Group online, 4:30 pm | 23 | 24 | 25 Second Cup Study Group online, 7:00 pm | 26 Preparing for the High Holidays Workshop 7:00 pm (in person) | 27 Outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat and Picnic, 6:30 pm at Woods Lake Park | 28 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am; Selichot Night Live, 8:30 pm - 1:00 am on Zoom |
| 29 Second Cup Study Group online, 4:30 pm | 30 | 31 | | | | |

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| 5 | 6 Erev Rosh Hashanah Services 8:00 pm | 7 Rosh Hashanah Services 9:00 am and 8:30 pm  | 8 Rosh Hashanah Services, 9:00 am | 9 | 10 | 11 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am; Second Cup following services |
| 12 Memorial Service at Riverside Cemetery, 11:00 am; Tashlich (TBA) | 13 | 14 OvB Meeting Online, 7:00 pm  | 15 Kol Nidre, 7:00 pm | 16 Yom Kippur Services 9:00 am; Yom Kippur Story 6:00 pm; Mincha 6:30 pm; Sundown, Shofar & Community Break Fast, 8:32 pm | 17 | 18 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am |
| 19 | 20 Bulletin deadline; Erev Sukkot | 21 Sukkot  | 22 Sukkot | 23 Sukkot | 24 Sukkot  | 25 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am; Sukkot |
| 26 Sukkot  | 27 Shemini Atzeret begins at sunset | 28 Simchat Torah begins at sunset | 29 | 30 | | |

Reopening Safely During a Pandemic



On July 27, the Joint Religious School Committee unanimously approved a policy to safely reopen our schools using a multi-access learning model. Highlights of the policy follow with a link to the full policy at the end of this article.

Guidelines have been developed to reduce the risk to students, faculty and volunteers being exposed to COVID-19 with the understanding that all circumstances cannot be completely controlled. The COVID-19 landscape is dynamic and evolving. We will endeavor to adjust our recommendations to address these changes as best we can.



Policy Development and Review

Our policy has been developed with guidance from congregational and community members who have expertise in healthcare, public health, education, law and building maintenance/safety. We are grateful for their generosity in sharing their knowledge with us and guiding us as we learn how to keep our school community healthy and safe. This policy will be reviewed at least monthly by the Director and Joint Religious School Committee (JRSC) throughout the pandemic, with continued guidance from these congregational and community experts.

Guiding Principles

Pikuach nefesh is the Jewish value of saving a life. In order to save a life, almost any other commandment can be cast aside; it is the highest of mitzvot to protect the life of another. Indeed, we are even told that to save one life is equivalent to saving the entire world. It's absolutely our duty to do what we can to save lives.

We must protect our most vulnerable. Many of our students are children under the age of 12 who are not eligible for vaccination at this time. Therefore, this guidance emphasizes implementing layered prevention strategies (e.g., using multiple prevention strategies together) to protect people who are not fully vaccinated. We have chosen to require adults and students who are fully vaccinated to follow the same strategies as those who are unvaccinated so that they may serve as role models for the younger students.

In order to allow parents choices in when and where their students learn, and at the same time support our OKCJS *K'hillah* (community), we will use a multi-access learning model that will allow students in our classrooms and at home to learn together at the same time. Students whose parents are more comfortable with them learning at home can do so. Children whose parents prefer them to be in the classroom can learn together with their peers who are in the classroom and their peers who are at home on Zoom.

When we are in person, COVID-19 Policies and Procedures will be the same no matter where we are learning. This will help students and teachers remember how to keep themselves and others safe and also support our feeling that we are one *K'hillah*.

Layered Prevention Strategies

As recommended by the CDC, American Academy of Pediatrics and the Michigan Department of Health, layered prevention strategies will be used to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and will be adjusted based upon changes in community transmission, vaccination coverage, screening testing and outbreaks, and in response to changes in scientific knowledge.

The most effective prevention strategies are vaccination, masks and physical distancing and the use of these strategies will be the cornerstone of our prevention strategies. Other prevention strategies will be used and will undoubtedly change over time as conditions warrant.

Vaccination

COVID-19 vaccinations are encouraged for all who are eligible and required for employees and volunteers who work directly with our students.

Vaccination status of students, staff and volunteers will be verified and recorded.

Masks

The American Academy of Pediatrics' recommendations for schools advise that everyone older than age 2 wear masks, regardless of vaccination status.

INDOORS: All people age 2 and older must be properly masked while indoors (with a mask that covers nose and mouth).

OUTDOORS: All people age 2 and older, who have completed vaccination 14 or more days prior AND are able to maintain physical distance may be unmasked while outdoors.

Anyone age 2 and older who cannot physically distance must be properly masked whether indoors or out (with a mask that covers nose and mouth).

Even when allowed by policy, written parental permission is required for minors to go maskless. This permission will be collected at registration and can be modified by parents if permission changes.

Medical procedure masks (also known as surgical masks) or cloth masks made of two or three layers of tightly woven fabrics, such as cotton and cotton blends that are breathable, are recommended. Scarves, balaclavas, neck gaiters, plastic masks, plastic face shields, chin shields or masks with exhalation valves or vents are not suitable.

Physical Distancing

All people must remain 6 feet away from those not living in their household, both indoors and out.

Questions? For more information [email Nora Chaus](mailto:nora.chaus@okcjs.net) at director@okcjs.net or text/call 269-373-4138.

[You can review the complete Policy & Procedure document here.](#)



Michigan Festival of Sacred Music presents Maxwell Street Klezmer Band

Save the Date!

October 24, 4:00 pm at Congregation of Moses



News From Hadassah

100 YEARS OF NURSING GRADUATES

In 1918, Hadassah announced plans to start Israel's first post-high school college for women in pre-state Israel. There would be 40 places in a new school of nursing. Four hundred women from all walks of life signed up, as emotions were high to stop the Spanish Flu pandemic. As Hadassah opened hospitals around the country, these nurses took leadership positions everywhere and pushed back the illnesses that were engulfing the country. This year we celebrate 100 years of nurse graduates.

What could make a better celebration of the 100th year since the first graduation? The first 12 graduates of the Ahotenu program at the Henrietta Szold Hadassah-Hebrew University School of Nursing were honored at a ceremony on June 23. Ahotenu, which means both "my sister" and "my nurse" is a pioneering affirmative-action initiative to facilitate the entry of Ethiopian Jewish women and men into the revered academic nursing program.

The Ahotenu program is indeed a breakthrough, providing opportunities for nurses from Ethiopian Jewish backgrounds who couldn't vault over the barriers of psychometric scores to enter their dream profession of nursing. The pilot project was made possible by Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America (HWZOA), making use of the generous bequest for nursing scholarships from Patricia Lapan, a nurse and businesswoman from Arizona and California.

In a first, Hadassah's partner in medical education, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, agreed students could bypass the psychometric exams if they passed two pre-academic preparatory programs before enrolling in the School of Nursing.

"This is my dream come true," says 26-year-old Yehudit Yirmias, of Lod, Israel. "Like many of us from Ethiopian backgrounds, I didn't score high enough on the psychometric tests to pass the entrance bar, even though I was a good student and held an important job in the IDF." She was one of the 18 students chosen from among 80 applicants. Two-thirds graduated.

Ahotenu graduate Aviv Emharan wants to become a diabetic nurse specialist. "These five years weren't easy. Being part of Hadassah means that I'm attached to something giant and amazing. I'm happy and proud to be a Hadassah nurse."

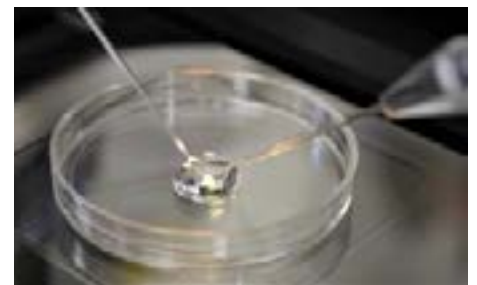
ALGORITHM HUNTS MOST-VIABLE EMBRYO

The IVF lab at Hadassah Ein Kerem quite literally grows babies. But of all the eggs, sperm and resultant embryos, how do they know which will be the most viable?

Rather than a mom having twins or triplets, these days doctors try to implant a single embryo. Of course, they want it to be the best. Traditionally, the team largely used educated guesswork based on years of experience, monitoring cells in those first hours and days after ex-utero conception. The new director of Hadassah Medical Organization's IVF Unit, Dr Assaf Ben-Meir, believes artificial intelligence can help embryologists more accurately predict the viability of individual embryos.

Earlier this year, a couple under fertility treatment for a long time had two embryos in the lab. The scientist felt one looked likely to do better than the other but a computer algorithm being trialed at HMO suggested the contrary. The team opted to go with the computer's "instinct." The couple is now expecting.

Artificial intelligence can constantly monitor cell movement in an embryo, something staff members simply cannot do. The more the monitoring, the greater the accuracy of the algorithm.



Hooray! We did it!

We have finally reached our goal of \$150,000 in D&W receipts, which we started collecting in November 2016. The box of receipts will be delivered to D&W and CoM can expect to receive a check for \$1000. Hooray! **Thank you to all who participated.**

Is there someone who will volunteer to start a new collection? Please contact the office manager.

Tamara Norman



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:

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| 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 |



AUGUST Celebrations



The Congregation of Moses wishes **mazel tov and yom huledet sameach** to our members who are celebrating anniversaries and birthdays this month. If you would like to be included in our monthly recognition of birthdays and anniversaries, please contact Joanne Simon at 324-6054 or jhsimon@charter.net.

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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



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Yahrzeits

August 6-7 (29 Av – 5 Elul)

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| Aaron J. Bennison* | Evelyn Berke | Morris Haffenberg* |
| Rose Handelsman* | Steven Laventure* | Lester M. Richman |
| Gertrude Seeder* | Harry B. Sofen* | Esther Tigay Weiner* |
| Sadie Zimmerman* | | |

August 13-14 (6 Elul – 12 Elul)

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| Evan Adelman | Anne Breslow* | Sam Camhi* |
| Jerome Gerber* | Sadye R. Goldenberg* | Anna Graff* |
| Jean Greenwald | Jacob Krohngold | Robert Munsch |
| Fannette Schwartz | Joseph Sichel* | |

August 20-21 (13 Elul – 19 Elul)

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| Katherine Bachenheimer | Max Bennison* | Tobias Budin* |
| Gertie Feldman | Dyna Gitel Wise* | Henry Graff* |
| Harry Halpert* | David E. Hyman | Miriam Kaufman* |
| Alvin Kushner* | Heidi Schechter Moldo | Ida Rubel* |
| Mitchell Sternfield* | Joseph Thall* | Meyer C. Weiner* |
| Dena H. Winick* | | |

August 27-28 (20 Elul – 26 Elul)

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| William A. Austin | James Beilis | Lillian Brot* |
| Herbert Fischer* | Janet M. Hoffman* | Harry Kaufman* |
| David Loeser* | William Norman | Patti Paull* |
| Ida Schensul* | Leon Slavin* | |

**Denotes a memorial plaque in the synagogue*

Mishpacha

MAZEL TOV TO

Patty Conlon, Scott Juarez and Dennis Means on their recent conversion to Judaism
Isaac Rubin on his Bar Mitzvah
Pnina and Judah Ari-Gur on their 50th wedding anniversary

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO

Lowell Seyburn

CONDOLENCES TO

Liz Thall and family on the passing of her son, Aron Thall
Brad Kennedy and family on the passing of his father, Ralph Lawrence Smith

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

GENERAL FUND

Mazel Tov to Wendy and Mel Hyman on the wedding celebration of their daughter Erica and Chris Engeldrum.
In honor of the arrival of Rabbi Estrin.

Mazel Tov to Isaac Rubin on his Bar Mitzvah.

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*

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Carolyn & Brad Kennedy, Marian & Ken Fisher, Judy & Leonard Poger

Congratulations to Nava Haus on her graduation from high school.

Judy & Leonard Poger

Wishing Sherry Deems and Lowell Seyburn a complete and speedy recovery.

Carolyn & Brad Kennedy

Mishpacha

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In loving memory of my son, Jonathan D. Tregerman.

Lee Tregerman

In loving memory of my mother, Ruth Norman.

Earl Norman

In loving memory of my grandmother, Natalie Aaronson.

Brad Hershbein

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Mazel Tov to Pat and Rich Kirschner on their 50th wedding anniversary.

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Mazel Tov to Rabbi Spivak on a well-deserved retirement full of great adventures.

Welcome to Rabbi Estrin.

Wishing Lowell Seyburn a complete and speedy recovery.

Wilma Kahn & Phil Horwich

In loving memory of my father, Howard Miller.

Kim Rubin

In loving memory of Siegfried Baum.

Elinor Baum Star

HONOR AND MEMORIAL FUND

In loving memory of my husband.

Elisabeth Thall

HERMAN AND ROSE FISHER LIBRARY FUND

Mazel Tov to Patty Conlon, Scott Juarez and Dennis Means on their recent conversion to Judaism.

In honor of the arrival of Rabbi Estrin.

Mazel Tov to Wendy and Mel Hyman on the wedding celebration of their daughter Erica and Chris Engeldrum.

Mazel Tov to Isaac Rubin on his Bar Mitzvah.

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Mishpacha

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Marilyn & Art Feinberg

MARVIN AND ROSALIE OKUN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In honor of Rosalie Okun and in celebration of her birthday.

Barb Brown & Jane Greischar

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The Fischell Family, Judy & Lowell Seyburn

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

Mazel Tov to Patty Conlon, Scott Juarez and Dennis Means on their recent conversion to Judaism. Welcome officially to our community.

In honor of the arrival of Rabbi Estrin.

Wishing Valerie Eisenberg a speedy recovery.

Carolyn & Brad Kennedy

Mishpacha

Condolences to Brad Kennedy and family on the passing of his father, Ralph Lawrence Smith.

*The Ruterbusch Family, Valerie & Ken Eisenberg
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In loving memory of my husband, Robert H. Grekin.

Shirley Grekin & Family

In loving memory of my mother, Nancy Thommes.

Dean Thommes

In loving memory of my parents, Winifred and Louis Koss.

Stephen Koss

MORT AND JOYCE FISHER KITCHEN/KIDDUSH/ONEG FUND

Congratulations to Pat and Rich Kirschner on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Fran Raffel

Condolences to Brad Kennedy and family on the passing of his father, Ralph Lawrence Smith.

Gail Brot, Fran Raffel

In loving memory of my mother, Cecile Cohen.

Alan Cohen



Thank you! Todah rabah!

Special thanks to all of you who made contributions in honor of Erica Hyman and Chris Engeldrum's wedding celebration!

~ Wendy and Mel Hyman

Dear CoM Family,

It has been my honor and privilege to be your synagogue secretary for 31+ years, and you have become like family to me. I will miss you. The retirement party was lovely! I loved the cards with notes and especially enjoyed reading each one of them.

To those of you who helped plan the party and attended, I thank you. The retirement bonus was a nice surprise and very much appreciated.

~ Fondly, Shirley Mengel

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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