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# Grateful to Be Here With You

t has been a whirlwind of a month but here we are in October. The High Holidays and even Sukkot are already behind us and as fall arrives we look forward to continuing the amazing community togetherness we have already seen this year.

First though, I want to take the opportunity to thank the RAC, the Programming Committee, the Kitchen Crew, Rich, and everyone else who worked together so beautifully to make the past month happen. It was a beautiful thing to see so many faces on the bima and in the crowd. CoM is a strong and vibrant community because of its members and volunteers. I am grateful to be here with you.

And now, to turn forward because we have only just begun the year. It's time to share our voices. To think about what each of us wants from the CoM community and what we have to share.

COVID has given (or perhaps forced upon us) a unique opportunity to really think about what is important in our lives. Let's ask ourselves how do we keep what we value in our lives and eliminate all of the other distractions?



Rabbi Hannah Estrin

We hope that each and every one at CoM will participate in our Community Conversations this month. We want to hear your voice, your thoughts, your ideas. We really want to hear from a cross-section of people and hope that if you don't typically speak up you will make the time to join us.

Watch your inboxes for more information and please join us in this quest to bring CoM into the future with strength, diversity and enthusiasm.

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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# **Paint and Pour**

## Wed, November 10

7:00 pm at Wine and Canvas, 7055 S. Westnedge in Portage.

Drink wine or another adult beverage and make a 16" × 20" canvas painting. A \$35 fee includes instructions and all materials, and you can take your painting home with you at the end of the evening. This would make for a thoughtful pre-



November 10

Hannukah gift or just a fun evening out.

Please sign up and pay in advance on our website,

congregationofmoses.org/events

# Shmooze in Kalamazoo with Rabbi Estrin and friends

**WHAT** do you love to do in the area? A hike, a brewery, a music event, paintball, 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 it 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!

**Plan and host a get-together!** Contact Rabbi Estrin with your ideas. Very little time or planning required.

# **Shabbat Services**

Saturday, October 2 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. IN PERSON AT CoM

Torah: Genesis 5:1-6:8 Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5-43:10

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

Torah: Genesis 11:1-32 Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-55:5

Saturday, October 16 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. IN PERSON AT CoM

Torah: Genesis 16:1-17:27 Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27-41:16

Saturday, October 23 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. IN PERSON AT CoM

Torah: Genesis 21:1-22:24 Haftarah: II Kings 4:1-37

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

Torah: Genesis 24:53-25:18 Haftarah: I Kings 1:1-31

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



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

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



# Shabbat candle lighting times

 October 1
 7:05 pm

 October 8
 6:53 pm

 October 15
 6:42 pm

 October 22
 6:31 pm

 October 29
 6:21 pm



# Bracha for candle lighting

Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai Elo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam a-sher kid-shan-u be-mits-vo-tav vi-tzi-van-u l'had-lik-ner shel Shabbat.

# can we talk?

# **Community Conversations begin this month**

Rabbi Estrin, in partnership with the Spiritual Leadership Search Committee (SLSC), invites you to begin your journey "In the Wilderness."

Please join in to explore our future by attending a Community Conversation during the month of October.

We encourage each congregant to make time to attend one of the scheduled sessions where we'll engage in a guided conversation about what we value in the CoM community and how we move forward into a bright future together.

To indicate your interest in participating, please select dates and fill out the form at our website, **congregationofmoses.org**. (Choose "events" from the navigation bar and then select "Community Conversations.")



Each conversation will be limited to one hour, facilitated by Rabbi Estrin. Members of the SLSC will also attend to take notes and to answer any questions you may have about the search process for our long-term rabbi.

If you can't make any of the dates provided, please select the option indicating your interest in still participating and we will do our best to schedule additional conversations, or to contact you directly to make sure your voice is heard.

# Todah Rabah

Thank you so much to each of you who made a contribution in celebration of my appointment to the board of Loaves and Fishes. It was unexpected and so thoughtful!

Between the support that so many of you already give to Loaves and Fishes, the support of the Colef Fund, and the support of the larger community, I hope we can move closer to the mission of ending hunger in Kalamazoo County.

Thank you and L'shana tovah!

~ Laurel Ofstein



# We appreciate all of our volunteers - Thank you!

## Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast:

Neal Berke
Nan Goldenthal
Rachel Haus
Brad Hershbein
Emily Hoffman
Phil Horwich

Lee Klingman Steve Koss

Dennis Means Linda Means

Paul Nimz Bruce Patrick

Dean Thommes

Lee Tregerman

## Setting up the sukkah:

Pnina Ari-Gur Brad Hershbein Phil Horwich Scott Juarez Lee Klingman Saraphoena Koffron Minna Koffron

Lev Koffron Dennis Means Danielle Means Amariana Means Bruce Patrick

Al Rosenthal

## Pizza in the Hut/Simchat Torah:

Michelle Angel Sam Arnold Patty Conlon Diane Fogel Harvey Fogel Phil Horwich Wilma Kahn Brad Kennedy Lee Klingman Rob Manson Paul Nimz

Gerry Tregerman Lee Tregerman Allison Weiner







# Miriam's Classic All-Stars

# "GOneg" Treats for Erev Rosh Hashanah

In the tradition of CoM's usually wonderful High Holiday oneg, those who attended services in person this year on Erev Rosh Hashanah received a wonderful treat in the form of to-go "GOneg" boxes.

Gail Brot headed this huge undertaking in memory of her mother Miriam, long known as a wonderful baker and active member in all things pertaining to the kitchen. Gail chose some of her mother's best recipes and re-created them with the help of a dedicated team of bakers and meticulous group of packagers and assemblers. Each box contained four different kinds of delicious pastries in addition to a beautiful fresh fruit cup and challah roll.

This was a huge effort and beautifully executed! We are grateful to Gail and her team on their hard work and very delicious results.

Thanks to Gail Brot, Robyn Levene, Rae Lee Howard, Patty Conlon and her sister Gayle, Wendy Hyman, Bruce Patrick, Sandy Rose, Wilma Kahn, Joanne Simon and Judy Davis-Rosenthal for baking, food preparation and packaging.







Finished boxes, waiting to be picked up on Erev Rosh Hashanah.



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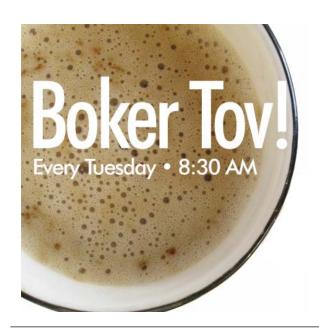
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3 OKCJS, 10:00 am; Schmooze in Kzoo, Fall Color Walk, 1:30 pm. location TBA	4	5 Boker Tov Club, online, 8:30 am	6 OKCJS online, 4:30 pm	7	8	9 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am; Gabe Feffer Bar Mitzvah at TBI
10 OKCJS, 10:00 am	11	Boker Tov Club, online, 8:30 am; OvB Meeting Online, 7:00 pm	13 OKCJS online, 4:30 pm	14 The Israel Series - Shai Agnon, Israeli Poet, 7:00 pm	15	16 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am; Havdalah at CoM, 7:00 pm
17 OKCJS, 10:00 am	18 Bulletin deadline	19 Boker Tov Club, online, 8:30 am	20 OKCJS online, 4:30 pm	21 Women Rabbis series, 7:00 pm	Student-led joint Shabbat services with TBI, at CoM, 6:30 pm	23 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am;
24 OKCJS, 10:00 am; Maxwell Street Klezmer Band, Sacred Music Festival, 4:00 pm at CoM	25	26 Boker Tov Club, online, 8:30 am	27 OKCJS online, 4:30 pm	28	29	30 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am
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14 OKCJS, 10:00 am	15	16 Boker Tov Club, online, 8:30 am	17 OKCJS online, 4:30 pm;	18 Haftarah Teshuva Conversation, 7:00 pm	19	20 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am; Havdalah at the Movies, 7:00 pm
21 No school	22 Bulletin deadline	23 Boker Tov Club, online, 8:30 am	24 No school	25 Thanksgiving Day; Office closed	26 Office closed	27 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am
28 No school	29	30 Boker Tov Club, online, 8:30 am				



# BOKER TOV CLUB

# Begins Tuesday, October 5, at 8:30 am

Join Rabbi Estrin every Tuesday morning from 8:30 – 8:40 am on **Zoom** for the opportunity to find your "self" through the words of prayer.

Bring some meaning and soul into your day in just ten minutes. Sign up on the Events page at our website.

# LESSONS OF SHAI AGNON, ISRAELI POET



# October I4 at 7:00 pm at CoM

Using the writings of Shai Agnon, we will look at the past from Hasidic folklore to the Rabbinic traditions and how those influenced early Israel.

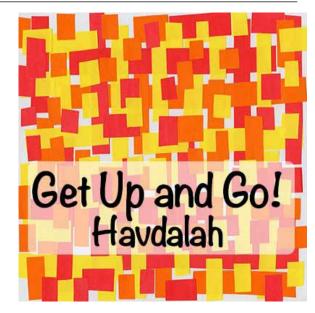
Known as one of Israel's pre-state premiere writers, Shai Agnon literally came back from the ashes twice, to delve into some of Israel's deepest secrets of the early 1900s.

Come learn who he was, see his homes in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and delve into some of his writings. Text sheets will be provided. **Sign up on the Events page at our website.** 

# Get up and Go! Havdalah

# Saturday evening, October 16th, 7:00 pm at CoM

"Get up and Go" is otherwise known as the Torah reading of *Lech Lecha*. Take a deep dive into what God meant when he told Avraham to leave everything he knew and go into the unknown. **Sign up on the Events page at our website.** 





You'll be encouraged to engage in supportive discussion between readers. If you send Wilma your writing in advance, she'll return supportive written comments.

Those who sign up for this program will receive a writing idea by Sunday, October 24, allowing enough time to write a memoir, vignette or essay to share at the November 4 meeting.

If you have questions, you can contact Wilma at **wjk1234@gmail.com**. Limited to 12 writers.

Wilma has led Reminiscence Writing and Creative Writing classes for adults in Kalamazoo County for over 20 years. This is an extension of our first Write and Share program from March back by popular request.

Reserve your spot in this class by contacting Nan at engold@charter.net.

Mah Jongg Mavens Celebrate 10 Years

Hadassah's Mah Jongg Mavens celebrated the 10-year anniversary since their inception.

When the group began, no one knew how to play except for Joanne Simon. She patiently shared her expertise and developed a strong group of players. Now there are 15 members who meet once a week on Wednesday afternoons.

From left: Diane Fogel, Fran Raffel, Emily Hoffman, Joanne Simon, Judy Seyburn, Myral Robbins, Valerie Eisenberg, Dona Satir





# Scouts, Trailblazers, Pathfinders, Explorers: A History of Women Rabbis with Rabbi Estrin & Rabbi Schicker

2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Sally J. Priesand, the first woman publicly ordained as a rabbi. Yet, her groundbreaking ordination, which opened the door for subsequent generations of women, was preceded by the impactful lives of other, lesser-known female scholars and community leaders.

Come to one or as many sessions as you would like.

# The topics and dates for these sessions are:

"Scouts" Thursday, **Oct 21st at 7:00 PM** with Rabbi Estrin "Trailblazers" Tuesday, **Nov 9th at 7:00 PM** with Rabbi Schicker "Pathfinders" Thursday, **Dec 2nd at 7:00 PM** with Rabbi Estrin "Explorers" Tuesday, **Jan 11th at 7:00 PM** with Rabbi Schicker

All sessions will be offered hybrid (both in person and on Zoom)

Look for sign up materials coming soon!

# **SAVE THE DATE!**

Zoom conversation with Rabbi Sally Priesand on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 7:00 PM

# Sponsored by:





With support from:



# Michigan Festival of Sacred Music presents Maxwell Street Klezmer Band

# October 24, 4:00 pm at Congregation of Moses

Chicago's Maxwell Street Klezmer Band plays lively Eastern European Jewish folk music that combines Old World melodies with Jazz Age rhythms and contemporary energy.

Classical sophistication meets theatrical fun in an engaging performance filled with joy, soul and humor. Steeped in rich traditions of Chicago jazz,

a polished, horn-driven sound sets it apart from other bands.



Tickets are \$20, \$15 for seniors, \$5 for ages 25 and under, with a "pay-what-you-can" option. All seats are general admission.

Tickets will be available for purchase online and at the door.

Social distancing will be strictly observed and masks will be required. Doors will also be opened for additional ventilation in the sanctuary and social hall.

# 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 (<u>redhead5318@gmail.com</u> 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!"

# OCTOBER CElebrations

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

## **BIRTHDAYS**

10/2 Lauren Shook

10/3 Robyn Levene has a special birthday!

10/5 Harvey Fogel

10/12 Maxine Berke

10/14 Brad Hershbein

10/19 Rachel Barry

10/22 Neal Berke

10/24 Judy Seyburn has a special birthday!

10/25 Nijodins Ellison

10/29 Isaac Rubin

# **ANNIVERSARIES**

10/2 Lauren & Karl Shook celebrate a special anniversary!

10/6 Andrea & Howard Katz

10/16 Leslie & Joel Bez

10/20 Emily & David Green

10/21 Carolyn & Brad Kennedy

10/22 Allison & Adam Weiner celebrate a special anniversary!

10/23 Valerie & Ken Eisenberg

10/28 Sallie & Ken Goodman

10/29 Emily Freed & Brad Hershbein







# **Yahrzeits**

October I-2 (Tishrei 26 - Heshvan 2)

Julian Dogget Della Goldman\* Hyman Kalb\*

Ruth Kushner\* Helen Levey Fae Okun\*

Nora Peisner Morris Rose\* Meyer Stein\*

Julieta Torres Isaac Weisman\*

October 8-9 (Heshvan 3 – Heshvan 9)

Molly Berman\* Paul Gerber\* Anita Gilman\*

Dora Goldberg\* Abraham Goldsmith\* Ethyl Mae Green

Leon Grossman\* Cherie Gubin\* Isadore Gubin\*

Susan Horwitz Julius Hyman\* David Kruglak\*

Bernice Kurlandsky\* Isadore Kushner\* Seymour Levey

Isadore Sklansky\*

October 15-16 (Heshvan 10 – Heshvan 16)

David Becker Frank Brot\* Tillie Columpus\*

Morris Dinerman\* Herman Fine Ben Halpert\*

Fayga Hyman\* Tillie Kalb\* Frieda Levene\*

Bernice Mindel\* Solomon Schwartz\* Elijah Seeder\*

Maurice Shinberg\* | James Strauss | Bernard Willage\*

October 22-23 (Heshvan 17 – Heshvan 23)

Sylvia Badt\* Maurice Garson\* Nathan Heckman\*

Albert Knapp\* Manuel Konigsberg\* Daniel Pieler

Joe Pollens | Jerrold Raffel\* | Milton Ruden

Eva Stein\*

October 29-30 (Heshvan 24 – Kislev I)

Israel Blasky\* Miriam Brot\* J Carol Fisher Eyges

Lucy Anna Feinberg Agnes Halpert\* Dr. William Haus

Ruth LaVene\* Mayer Reingold\* Francis Rosenbaum\*

Abraham Schwartz Bernice Selcow Rabbi Abraham Tuchman\*

Sophia Willage\*



#### **MAZEL TOV TO**

Cindy Beer on her special birthday
Laurel Ofstein on being appointed to the board of Loaves & Fishes
Madeline Richman on her special birthday
Robyn Levene on her special birthday
Judy Seyburn on her special birthday
Lauren & Karl Shook on their special anniversary

Allison & Adam Weiner on their special anniversary

## **SPEEDY RECOVERY WISHES TO**

Sallie Goodman Michelle Angel Lowell Seyburn

#### **CONDOLENCES TO**

Cindy Beer on the passing of her uncle, Stanley Brown

# Donations have been made to the following funds.

#### **GENERAL FUND**

Mazel Tov to Laurel Ofstein on being appointed to the board of Loaves & Fishes.

Wishing Sallie Goodman a complete and speedy recovery.

Wishing Michelle Angel a complete and speedy recovery.

Condolences to Cindy Beer on the passing of her uncle, Stanley Brown.

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

Condolences to Mabel & Jochanan Stenesh on the passing of their beloved son Ilan Stenesh.

Julie Northrop, Rena Brooks

In loving memory of my beloved husband, Ed Goldenthal.

Nan Goldenthal

## **BUILDING FUND**

Mazel Tov to Laurel Ofstein on being appointed to the board of Loaves & Fishes.

Wishing Michelle Angel a complete and speedy recovery.

Condolences to Cindy Beer on the passing of her uncle, Stanley Brown.

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

Wishing Sallie Goodman a complete and speedy recovery.

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



#### HERMAN AND ROSE FISHER LIBRARY FUND

Mazel Tov to Laurel Ofstein on being appointed to the board of Loaves & Fishes.

Wishing Sallie Goodman a complete and speedy recovery.

Wishing Michelle Angel a complete and speedy recovery.

Condolences to Cindy Beer on the passing of her uncle, Stanley Brown.

Marilyn & Art Feinberg

In loving memory of my father, Wilhelm Blum

Alfred Blum

## JACK LEVENE CANTOR FUND

Mazel Tov to Laurel Ofstein on being appointed to the board of Loaves & Fishes.

Wishing Sallie Goodman a complete and speedy recovery.

Wishing Michelle Angel a complete and speedy recovery.

Cindy Beer on the passing of her uncle, Stanley Brown.

Rae Lee Howard

#### MARVIN AND ROSALIE OKUN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Mazel Tov to Laurel Ofstein on being appointed to the board of Loaves & Fishes.

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Wishing Michelle Angel a complete and speedy recovery.

Condolences to Cindy Beer on the passing of her uncle, Stanley Brown.

The Fischell Family, Judy & Lowell Seyburn

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

Condolences to Bram Weinkselbaum and family on the passing of his mother and former member, Leah Weinkselbaum. Gail Brot

#### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In loving memory of our beloved son, Seth Schupan and in loving memory of Marc's sister, Dana Wardlaw

Jeanne & Marc Schupan

In loving memory of my parents, Ben & Erica Halpert

Diane Field

In loving memory of my grandmother, Martha Loeser

Marjorie Gaynor

In loving memory of my father, Jonas Adelman

Gary Adelman

In loving memory of my father, Julian R Doggett

Julie Northrop

#### **COLEF FUND**

In honor of our friend, Rabbi Hannah Estrin

Larry Adler & Joan Presby

# Operation Sparkle: Mission Accomplished!

Final touches were put on the kitchen cleanup project before the High Holidays began, and once again thanks are due to the extraordinarily dedicated group of volunteers who labored extensively.



## Thank you Operation Sparkle volunteers:

Gail Brot
Patty Conlon
Brad Hershbein
Phil Horwich
Wilma Kahn
Lee Klingman
Jill Ruterbusch





# Hadassah Medical Organization's hospitals rated as best in their class in Israel

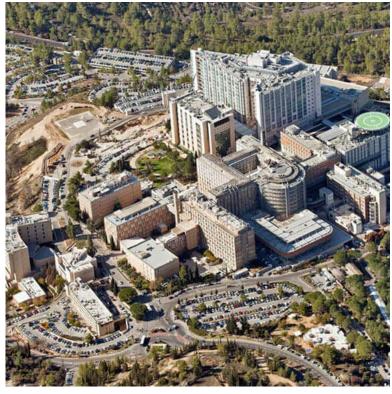
The Health Ministry's recent report places Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem in first place in the major hospital category and Hadassah Hospital Mount Scopus at the top in the category of small-campus hospitals. Both received the maximum score of 10.

The scoresheet takes into account a vast array of services. Among them are the ability to perform heart catheterization in under 90 minutes from the moment a patient is admitted (Israel tops the world in this category), stroke treatment, prevention of in-hospital infections and detection of depression among its patients.

Waiting times for a patient's triage in Hadassah Ein Kerem's emergency room average just five minutes, according to the document published July 28.



Hadassah Hospital Mt. Scopus



Hadassah Hospital Ein Karem

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# **HAFTARAH**

# EXPLORING THE TRIENNIAL READING

November 18, 7pm

REGISTER AT: HTTPS://CONGREGATIONOFMOSES.ORG/WILDERNESS\_O/



an exciting part of CoM's "In the Wilderness" Series

In 1987 the Conservative Movement approved the division of Torah reading into a three year cycle. Congregation of Moses adopted this style of reading and has made it very successful. There is a parallel question about Haftarot. If a community like CoM is reading Torah on a triennial cycle, should Haftarot follow suit?

In this class we will look at the teshuvah (discussion & answer) which was approved by the Movement. We will discuss the pros and cons, the implications and what a change like this would mean for CoM. We will not be making any decisions, but rather looking at how Jewish law responds to modernity and how we might view potential change in our daily lives.

For more information on how the Conservative Movement makes these decisions you can listen to the first 10 minutes with Rabbi Elliot Dorff at the **Rabbinical Assembly website**.

<u>Please read the teshuvah (ruling) prior to our meeting at this link.</u>
Sign up for this event on the CoM website.