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Toward A Better Understanding

I'm loving my first official fall. The weather is beautifully cool and crisp and as I write, the leaves are beginning their fiery dance of color. As the sun's path moves south, I can now watch it set from the beauty of my porch as I, as human nature was designed, am beginning to think about hunkering down for the winter.

Yet as this process happens over the next couple of months, we also encounter a series of days and holidays which draw us out of our bubbles and remind us that we are part of a larger world and although all of us in the Northern Hemisphere are heading into winter together, we see it through our own lenses. It is in part as a result of this diversity that the United Nations declared November 16th [International Day for Tolerance](#) in order to prompt understanding, respect, and inclusion of those with diverse religions, languages, cultures and ethnicities.

[Native American Heritage Month](#), [Día de los Muertos](#), [Veterans Day](#), [Transgender Day](#), [Thanksgiving](#), [Hanukkah](#), [International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#), [Winter Solstice](#), [Christmas](#) and [Kwanza](#) are only a few of the special days in November and December. Each has its own theme and highlights a group of people who make up our community. If we learn about them, they help us to know the historical, cultural and religious backgrounds of our neighbors. It helps us to build a stronger world and be better neighbors ourselves.

After all, we all live and balance complex and nuanced identities. As Jews, we braid together those identities to become wholly ourselves.

In light of this, CoM will take the next two months to highlight some of the people of intersectional identities so that we may better understand their experiences, insights and thoughts. We hope to hear who they are, how who they are affects them and their lives on a daily basis, and how we can best accommodate the different cultural and religious needs of our community.

We hope you will join us to hear, to learn and to love the diversity around us.



Rabbi Hannah Estrin

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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Help Deliver Food to Needy Seniors in Kalamazoo

Colef Committee member Valerie Eisenberg has been coordinating Meals on Wheels volunteers for the past two years. She writes, "I started this project when I joined the Colef Fund Committee. It is definitely a community effort. Folks from both TBI and CoM are helping with deliveries every Friday morning."

"I am currently in need of more volunteers but interested in signing up people who wish to do this on an ongoing basis, meaning one Friday each month for about 2 - 2-1/2 hours."

"Each Friday requires two people - one who drives and one who delivers the food to the client."

It's really very simple to do and is an essential service to the community. Most clients would not be able to provide food for themselves without Meals on Wheels.

Please ask a friend to join you and consider this very needed service. **Contact Valerie Eisenberg (vgeisenberg@gmail.com)** if you can help just one time per month.

DO YOU SHMOOZE?

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.

PJ Family Havdalah at the Movies

**Saturday evening, November 20th, 6:00
pm at CoM**

Come in your Pjs and bring your favorite floor pillow, bean bag or chair while we curl up to watch the animated film COCO together with the CoM community.

Popcorn and hot cocoa (of course!) will be provided. Don't miss out on this family event including a havdalah surprise.

Sign up on the Events page at our website.



November 10, 7:00 pm at Wine and Canvas, 7055 S. Westnedge Ave in Portage

Paint and Pour! In other words, 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. Come on out for a fun and social evening! No artistic skills or experience required - we won't judge.

Celebrate Hanukkah in Bronson Park

Once again, The Jewish Federation of Kalamazoo and SW Michigan and the Jewish Community are celebrating Hanukkah with the nightly lighting of our Hanukkiah in Bronson Park.

Starting with the first candle on Sunday, November 28, nightly lighting will be at 6:00 pm except for Friday, December 3, at 4:30 pm.

We are pleased to have all three community rabbis helping us with this event. Religious School students will participate one night as well.

We hope you will come join us in the park during Hanukkah.

For further information or questions,
please contact Jacob Weintraub,
269-808-8765, jmw003@aol.com



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Shabbat Services

Saturday, November 6

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

Torah: Genesis 27:28-28:9

Haftarah: Malachi 1:1-2:7

Saturday, November 13

NO SERVICES AT CoM - SCHOOL-LED SHABBAT SERVICES AT TBI

Torah: Genesis 31:17-32:3

Haftarah: Ashkenazim: Hosea 12:13-14:10; Sephardim: Hosea 11:7-12:12

Saturday, November 20

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

Torah: Genesis 35:16-36:43

Haftarah: Obadiah 1:1-1:21

Saturday, November 27

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

Torah: Genesis 39:1-40:23

Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8



Second Cup Torah Study

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, November 13 and December 11.

Shabbat candle lighting times

November 5	6:12 pm
November 12	5:05 pm
November 19	4:59 pm
November 26	4:54 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.*

Joint Shabbat Service

with

Congregation of Moses
Temple Beth El
Temple B'nai Israel

Friday, November 5th
7:00 PM at Temple B'nai Israel
4409 Grand Prairie

You can also join us online at
[youtube.com/c/templebnaiisraelkalamazoo](https://www.youtube.com/c/templebnaiisraelkalamazoo)

And plan to join us after the service to
schmooze at a *Virtual Oneg* on Zoom

*live from TBI's social hall for those
who join us in-person for services*

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84370222534?
pwd=M2lSSn11OC80SnFXcUVqTW9HdWt5dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84370222534?pwd=M2lSSn11OC80SnFXcUVqTW9HdWt5dz09)

Meeting ID: 843 7022 2534

Passcode: 1SUTfY

LIVELY CONCERT AT COM!

Chicago's Maxwell Street Klezmer Band performed at CoM on October 24 as part of the Connecting Chords Music Festival presented by the Michigan Festival of Sacred Music.

The incredibly talented musicians all have impressive backgrounds and thriving careers as individuals in a wide variety of international and national settings, and together they made magic.

The band's enthralling performance encompassed traditional favorites like *My Yiddishe Mama*, Ladino tunes, songs from *Fiddler on the Roof* and more.

The charismatic emcee and vocalist, Lisa Fishman, shared that she recently had a starring role in Joel Gray's Yiddish version of *Fiddler on the Roof* in New York.

Ukraine-born and raised Cantor Pavel Roytman sang a sweet duo of *Sunrise/Sunset* with Lisa as well as a mesmerizing solo of *If I Were A Rich Man* among other songs.

Minsk-born and raised Alex Koffman, the band's violinist, musical director and arranger, brought the house down with his virtuoso pieces and some of his own compositions. There were other solos as well.

We hope that Maxwell Street Klezmer Band will visit us again and that it will be soon!

Wilma Kahn, Harvey Spivak and Shirley Wise represent CoM in various capacities on committees within the Michigan Festival of Sacred Music. Their hard work is much appreciated!



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	1	2 Boker Tov Club, online, 8:30 am	3 OKCJS online, 4:30 pm	4	5 Community Shabbat at TBI, 7:00 pm	6 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am; Second Cup following services
7 OKCJS, 10:00 am	8	9 Boker Tov Club, online, 8:30 am; OvB Meeting Online, 7:00 pm; Women Rabbis, 7:00 pm	10 OKCJS online, 4:30 pm; Paint and Pour, 7:00 pm in Portage	11	12 Kabbalat Shabbat Services at CoM, 7:00 pm	13 No services at CoM - School-led Shabbat Seviles at TBI, 10:00 am
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; PJ 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; Community Hanukkah candle-lighting in Bronson Park, 6:00 pm	29 	30 Boker Tov Club, online, 8:30 am 				

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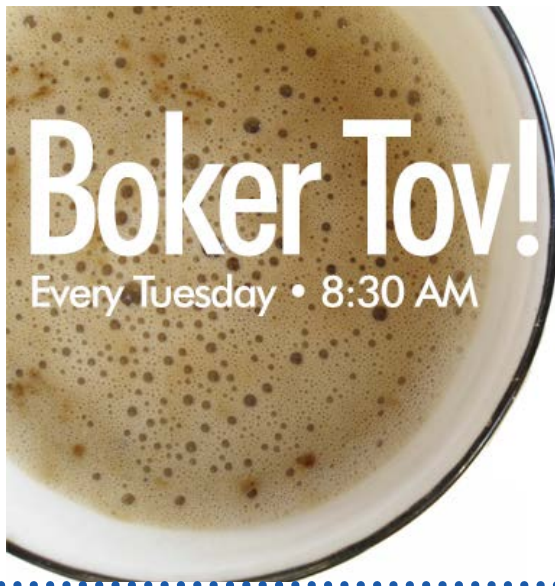
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			1 OKCJS online, 4:30 pm, Community Hanukkah candle- lighting, 6:00 pm	2 Women Rabbis series at TBI or Zoom 	3 Kabbalat Shabbat and Hanukkah program, 5:30 pm 	4 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am 
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BOKER TOV CLUB

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.

CoM Israel Series

lessons today from the
stories of yesterday

The Sanhedrin Trail

an Israel Tour

DEC 9 & 16, 7PM
WITH RABBI ESTRIN

For additional classes in the Israel Series:
https://congregationofmoses.org/wilderness_o/



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

Sign up online for these and other exciting events:
congregationofmoses.org/events

A History of Women Rabbis Series

The next session will be held on Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 pm at TBI or on Zoom, led by Rabbi Schicker.

Sign up online here: congregationofmoses.org/product/trailblazers-a-history-of-women-rabbis/

Future dates and topics can be found below.



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 remaining topics and dates for these sessions are:

"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)

SAVE THE DATE!

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

We're back!

Our school year got off to a fantastic start back in September with Pizza in the Hut sponsored by CoM and our Open House Kickoff sponsored by TBI. Both events allowed students to shake the lulav and etrog, meet their teachers, learn something new and have fun.



What is new?

Our leadership team! This year **Angie Saltzman** will be taking the lead on **administration for OKCJS**, and is the face behind the okcjsdirector@gmail.com address. Rabbi Estrin is supervising our Post-B'nai Mitzvah program, grades 8-10, and Rabbi Schicker is supervising Lower El, grades K-4.

Rabbi Estrin (rabbi@congregationofmoses.org) and Rabbi Schicker (rabbi@templebnaiisrael.com) are teaching our Upper El students, grades 5-7, together.

What stays the same?

The Joint Religious School Committee continues to supervise and guide, headed by Beth Grode (CoM) and Ellen Winter (TBI).

Other members of the committee are: Jeff Sheinker, OKCJS Treasurer (CoM), Marlene Denenfeld (TBI), Howard Katz (CoM), Angie Saltzman (TBI), and Gillian Thommes (CoM).

Questions for the committee can always be sent to jrsc@okcjs.net.

Who is teaching?

For Lower El, grades K-4: Sam Arnold (lead teacher), Cary Mannaberg, Jackie Odza and Benjamin Whitsett

For Upper El, grades 5-7: Rabbi Estrin and Rabbi Schicker

For Post B'nai Mitzvah, grades 8-10: Sam Arnold, Cary Mannaberg and Rabbi Estrin

What are students learning?

This year we are using a variety of curricula to teach our students. Building off of our success last year of two larger groups of students learning the same material, but at different levels, students in grades K-7 are currently learning about the role of names and the importance of having a good name - a shem tov in Hebrew - in Judaism. All students in grades K-7 are also involved in Hebrew study, with Lower El working on **Hebrew Through Movement** and Upper El working on **Hebrew in Harmony**.

Our Post B'nai Mitzvah class is involved in learning about how they can apply Jewish values to their everyday lives. They are also being treated this year to monthly classes about Israel with Rabbi Estrin.

The schedule for grades 8-10 is:

- 9:30-10:00 optional gathering with donuts
- 10:00-11:00 optional madrichim time
- 11:00-12:00 class
 - Please note: students may join via Zoom for class. Login is the same as for the rest of the school.

Better Together is back

We are excited to announce we received a grant to continue the **Better Together** program. The program will start January 9th and run for ten Sundays from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM.

It is open to all of last year's participants and any students in grades 7-12. If you would like to participate, please drop a note to Rabbi Estrin. Please share a bit about what you love to do. We want our students to learn from you and want you to enjoy an "adopted grandchild."

Questions? Please reach out to Sam Arnold:

supersam1266@gmail.com

Needed

Empty Altoid tins for OKCJS art project

Let us help you clean out your drawers or give you an excuse to buy yourself a treat. We are looking for 50 empty (full-sized) metal Altoid tins. Drop them off at CoM or TBI.



YOU CAN LEARN TO READ TORAH! YOU CAN DO IT!

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. 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.





CoM Israel Series

Who are the Ultra Orthodox &
why and how do they influence daily life
in the state of Israel?

The Haredim & Israel

an Israel Tour

JAN 6, 13, 20. 7PM
IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM
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Israeli Study of Lazy Eye Reveals Public Health Blindspot

In the largest population-based study to evaluate the prevalence of lazy eye in teenagers, a team of Israeli researchers found that among 1½ million teens aged 16½ to 18 years old, one percent had lazy eye. The prevalence was higher among those with lower socioeconomic status and lower scores on cognitive function tests.

With lazy eye, vision does not develop properly because one or both eyes are unable to build a strong link to the brain. Typically, the condition only affects one eye, causing the child to see less clearly out of the lazy eye and, therefore, to rely more on the “good” eye. If treatment is started early, the eye responds well. However, if the lazy eye is not diagnosed and treated by age 7, the child may have permanent visual damage, which will impair daily activities, such as reading, walking or driving.

The study was led by Hebrew University's Prof. Hagai Levine; Dr. Claudia Yahalom, Hadassah Medical Organization pediatric ophthalmologist and director of its Michaelson Institute for the Rehabilitation of Vision; and Drs. Itay Nitzan and Maxim Bez of the Israel Defense Forces Medical Corps. The data were derived from teenagers who were assessed for their eligibility to serve in the military. As part of this assessment, potential recruits undergo mandatory health checks, which includes an eye examination, and are asked to provide information regarding their family income, years of schooling and cognitive function test scores.

Further, the research revealed that the prevalence of lazy eye among young men who grew up in ultra-orthodox settings was twice as high as among those raised in secular communities. There was also a higher prevalence of lazy eye among teens born outside of Israel as compared to those born in Israel. Specifically, immigrants born in the former USSR, North Africa and Ethiopia had a higher incidence of lazy eye than did immigrant teens from other countries or Israeli teens born to parents from the USSR, North Africa and Ethiopia.

“We’d like to see changes to Israel’s public health policy, specifically an increase in allocations for vision screening and monitoring of treatment compliance for those populations who are vulnerable to developing lazy eye,” concluded Dr. Yahalom. She added that further research is warranted to better understand the barriers that create differences in the prevalence of lazy eye among various sectors of society.

Prof. Levine noted that the link between socioeconomic factors and lazy eye may stem from a failure of some parents to bring their children in for vision screening or to follow through on a treatment plan.



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HAFTARAH

EXPLORING THE
TRIENNIAL READING

November 18, 7pm

REGISTER AT: [HTTPS://CONGREGATIONOFMOSES.ORG/WILDERNESS_O/](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 Haftarat. If a community like CoM is reading Torah on a triennial cycle, should Haftarat follow suit?

In this class we will look at the teshuvah (discussion and 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](#).

Please read the teshuvah (ruling) prior to our meeting at this link.

Sign up for this event on the CoM website.

November 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

11/5 Michael Rocklin
11/8 Margaret Israelson
11/8 Rudy Ruterbusch has a special birthday!
11/9 Arthur Feinberg
11/11 Candy Levene has a special birthday!
11/11 Naomi Verne
11/14 Nava Haus
11/15 Mara Bernard
11/18 Tema Lando
11/20 Jenna Verne
11/21 Troy Zukowski-Serlin
11/27 Ari Solomon
11/29 Rebecca Gourwitz
11/29 Paul Solomon



ANNIVERSARIES

11/6 Christy & Tim Howard
11/9 Jenna & Richard Verne celebrate a special anniversary!
11/23 Judy & Lowell Seyburn
11/24 Tamis & Gary Kushner
11/27 Saraphoena & Mike Koffron
11/28 Stacey & Michael Rocklin



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November 6 - 12 (Kislev 2 - 8)

Arthur Cohen*	Leslie Davis	Max Fisher*
Dorothy Fratus	Lily Greiner*	Isadore Goldstein*
Seymour D. Greenwald	Sam Harris*	Susan Levene*
Arthur Levi*	Alfred Nadelman*	Naomi Yehudit Polatof
Lottie Rapp	Beatrice Lee Rocklin	Sherman Rose
Maurice Rosenthal*	Beatrice Sichel*	Lillian Sofen*
Abigail Verne	The Jews of Milevsko	

November 13 - 19 (Kislev 9 - 15)

Rebecca Epstein*	Florence Escourt	Jennie Fisher*
Louis Fogel	Jacob Goldstein*	Sheldon Green*
Sheldon Hoenig	Eta Kercman*	Melvin J. Kirschner*
Andrew H. Levene*	Shirley Scheinker	Victor Seyburn
Samuel Willage*	Ely Zuravel*	

November 20 - 26 (Kislev 16 - 22)

Jeanette Adelman	Carl Brot*	David Davidoff*
Harold Goldsmith*	David Graff*	Herbert Kaiser*
Max Konigsberg*	Naomi Kuperberg*	Rose Patrick
Herman Pollack*	Joy Rappaport*	Seth Nelson Schupan*
Rae Sklansky*	Greg Tapfar	Victor Paul Tuchman*

November 27 - December 3 (Kislev 23 - 29)

Sam Becker*	Gertrude Boris*	Jeanette Buchman-Harris
Zipora Feder	Doris Field*	Blanche G. Friedman*
Raquel Israelson*	Rose Kleiman*	Helen Levy*
Irving Lieberman*	Zalmon Roodin*	Jack Rubin
Jackie Strauss	Joseph Strauss*	Jean Tregerman
Rosalie Zimmerman*		

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Mishpacha

MAZEL TOV TO

Steve & Alice Koss on the birth of their great-grandson, Greyson
Rudy Ruterbusch on his special birthday
Candy Levene on her special birthday
Jenna & Richard Verne on their special anniversary

SPEEDY RECOVERY WISHES TO

Gloria Besbris
Nomi Kluger-Nash
Lowell Seyburn

CONDOLENCES TO

The Family of Shirley Grekin

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

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Mishpacha

Condolences to the Family of Shirley Grekin

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Remembering a classy lady who served as a "surrogate parent/grandparent" when we moved to Kalamazoo in 1970.
Allyson & Marty Gall

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Thinking of Lowell Seyburn

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In Loving Memory

Donation made to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In loving memory of my mother, Ruth Kushner: *Gary Kushner*

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In loving memory of my parents, Martin S. and Fay Ginsberg and my niece, Allison Ginsberg:
Carol McCain & the Ginsberg Family

Jesse Vitkin Memory

Whether by electric bulb or by flame,
The candle-lighting will not be the same.
It will not be the same this year.
We will greet the rotation of rabbis by name,
But the Menorah-lighting will not seem the same.
Jesse will not be there.

We will not spot his blue and red parka,
Nor the red cap he would wear.
We will not see the smile
Jesse would readily share.
The event will still be worthwhile;
It's a community affair.
Bronson Park will be just a little darker
Than used to be the case.
Because we will be missing one familiar face.

The Holiday in late November and early December
Will see us reflect and remember.
Hanukkah may be minor; but it is majorly sweet,
A festival and a favorite meet/greet/and eat.

Others' attendance does not compare,
For it was Jesse who was there almost every night.
The sky over Bronson Park still will be bright and clear
With Jesse present in spirit this year.

Betty Hirschfield **October 16, 2021**



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