



# CoM newsletter

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## Livestreamed Conservative/Masorti Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Saturday June 4th starting at 9:30 pm

Access to the experience is FREE for all. The broadcast link is [www.tinyurl.com/Shavuot5782](http://www.tinyurl.com/Shavuot5782).

Review the schedule here: [www.rabbinicalassembly.org/story/tikkun-leil-shavuot](http://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/story/tikkun-leil-shavuot)



## Shavuot services

Sunday June 5, 9:30 am at CoM followed by a festive dairy lunch - Sign up online at [congregationofmoses.org](http://congregationofmoses.org)

Learning session during and after lunch: "**Strange Things in Megillat Ruth**," led by Rabbi Estrin.

We've made it through 49 days of the Omer. What began on the second night of Passover will draw to a close on Shavuot, 50 days, or seven weeks, later. The origins of this "Feast of Weeks" date back to the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai and are connected to the first summer harvest of wheat.

While we are less connected to harvesting in our lives, entering into a covenant with God at Mt. Sinai remains a seminal event in our Jewish memory.

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

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Today, many customs have arisen to mark this day of celebration:

- to remain awake throughout the night in order to not miss the moment of revelation which took place at sunrise.
- to study all night in order to remain awake!
- eating a hearty meal of dairy foods to remind us of the laws of kashrut given at Mt Sinai (and to help us roll into the day because we ate so much).
- the reading of the Scroll of Ruth - the quintessential story of conversion to Judaism to recall that we all stood at Mt. Sinai and "became Jews."



## Shavuot Luncheon

After the conclusion of Shavuot services, we'll sit down together and share a lovingly-prepared, beautiful lunch! Members of our congregation have a fabulous menu planned.

Here's what you can look forward to on **Sunday, June 5.**

- Bagels with cream cheese and sliced veggies
- "Aunt Alana's" kugel
- Niçoise salad
- Deviled eggs
- Cottage cheese
- Fresh fruit
- Cheesecake and sweets

Are you getting hungry yet? Sign up on the website:

**[congregationofmoses.org/com-events/](http://congregationofmoses.org/com-events/)** so you don't miss out!

# Shabbat Services

**Saturday, June 4**

**9:30 a.m.** Shacharit Service

Torah: B'midbar/Numbers 3:14-4:20

Haftarah: Hosea 2:1-22

**Saturday, June 11**

**9:30 a.m.** Shacharit Service

Torah: B'midbar/Numbers 7:1-89

Haftarah: Judges 13:2-25

**Saturday, June 18**

**9:30 a.m.** Shacharit Service

Torah: B'midbar/Numbers 10:35-12:16

Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

**Saturday, June 25**

**9:30 a.m.** Shacharit Service

Torah: B'midbar/Numbers 15:8-41

Haftarah: Joshua 2:1-24



## Shabbat candle lighting times

June 3	8:56 pm
June 10	9:00 pm
June 17	9:03 pm
June 24	9:05 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.*

# Let's Get A Date on the Calendar!

**5783/2022-23 Calendar Meeting**

**June 7, 6:00 pm on Zoom**

Have ideas for a program or project? Want to run an event, teach a class or help out?

RSVP to Erica, [comofficemgr@congregationofmoses.org](mailto:comofficemgr@congregationofmoses.org), for the Zoom link.



## Head out to the ballpark this summer!

**On Sunday July 31**, join the Kalamazoo Jewish community for an afternoon game when the Growlers hit the field against the Rockford Rivets!

We'll have a ballpark buffet (including vegetarian options) available for the first four innings of the game. Your ticket includes access for all-you-can-eat plus a seat in a reserved area of the third base grandstand.

Everyone is welcome to join in for some all-American fun. Bring friends and family! Sign up and buy your tickets below.

Ballpark and buffet will be available beginning at 1:00 pm, with the game starting at 1:35 pm.

Tickets are \$18 each, but CoM will subsidize kids' tickets for kids 12 and under. Pay just \$5 each for kids 4-12 years old! Kids 3 and under are free.



**[Sign up and buy your tickets using the form on our website.](#)**

# The Wilderness of Transition

The school year is winding down and the summer heat (and humidity!) has arrived in full force. That must mean it is also time to begin our annual reading of the book of Bemidbar, Numbers. For the coming weeks we travel with the Israelites on their forty-year sojourn in the midbar. If only Moshe would have asked directions!

The key element of the Book of Numbers can be most readily found in its very title, Bemidbar which means “in the wilderness” (though often translated as “in the desert”). The word “midbar” is derived from the Hebrew letters dalet-bet-resh, a Hebrew root whose primary meaning is “speak.”

One of my favorite places in Israel is the Negev. While in 2022 it is hard to drive more than 30 minutes without seeing civilization, there are still those pockets of utter quiet—and at night, a deep darkness lit only by the moon and stars. It is in this midbar that I am most easily able to connect to our ancestors' understanding of the ultimate “dibbur”—the ultimate “speaking” by God.



*Rabbi Hannah Estrin*

It is not through the voice of thunder and lighting of Mt. Sinai that I am able to connect most intimately, but through “kol d'mma dakka,” the still small voice which fills the vast and empty space.

This past year, the concept of midbar/wilderness has an added, metaphorical significance for all of us. Together we have walked in the wilderness of transition from Rabbi Spivak to myself, from COVID pandemic to epidemic, from being at home to returning back into the world. Many of us have been left feeling unmoored and disoriented, as if we too were wandering in a wilderness.

Our tradition teaches that the Shechinah – God's imminent presence – did not desert us during that temporary Sinai sojourn. We are not being deserted now either – and we are not deserting one another. In fact, as we move toward summer, we are coming together as a community in strength, creativity and love. While we may see each other less often over the summer, we can all continue those conversations, relationships and plans which make the Congregation of Moses and our community so amazing and beautiful.

And thank you to everyone who has been speaking and listening, sharing and brainstorming. I look forward to continuing our journey together.

I'Shalom,

*Rabbi Hannah Estrin*

(she/her)



**JUNE 24TH, 6:30PM**

**WOODS LAKE PARK**

# **Kabbalat Shabbat** **IN THE PARK**



**BYO- PICNIC**

**BLANKET & GAMES**

**Optional - Bring a picnic dinner if you choose and arrive at 6:00 pm!**

Woods Lake Park entrance and parking is off of Oakland Drive, across from Oakwood Plaza.

# An Invitation to Share and to Teach: No Experience Needed!

Torah (which includes all Jewish texts) is replete with lessons for daily life. Would you share your thoughts with us?

Rabbi Estrin will be away from July 15 to August 31, but our regular shabbat morning services will continue. Will you bring your talents, perspective and creativity to a Shabbat morning service during these weeks?

You are invited to:

- Study the Torah portion, haftarah portion or any Jewish text that interests you. We are looking for the curious, not for scholars.
- Use our library, our Rabbi, study guides, or other resources to dig as deep as you want into the meanings of what you have read. Bring your unique perspectives to what is written.
- Present a short talk (5-10 minutes) about what you have learned on a shabbat morning.

We have many resources to help you and we'd be delighted to both help you prepare and have you share your learning with us. Contact **Rabbi Estrin** or **Al Rosenthal** for assistance.



Bringing Jewish  
Wisdom to the World



## Learn Hebrew online with AJU.

No matter where you are in the world, or at what level, you can learn Hebrew with us in just a few hours weekly. If you are not sure in which level to enroll, email **hebrew@aju.edu** and together we will help you find the right class.

Check out all the classes here: **maven.aju.edu**. Be sure to set up your account by visiting **maven.aju.edu/sign-up** to register for Hebrew classes.



*Rebecca Tregerman, Director*

## BE OF SERVICE

Hello everyone! I am grateful to be back in Kalamazoo and serving my community as the Director of OKCJS. We just wrapped up the 2021-2022 school year and I want to first congratulate all of the teachers, rabbis, students and families for MAKING IT WORK!

For the last month, I have been training with and observing the school administration. Angie Saltzman (the parent who stepped up as Interim Director), Rabbi Estrin, Rabbi Schicker and the OKCJS Board have all done an exceptional job in coordinating, pandemic pivoting and adapting. If there is one attribute I know this community excels in, it is to adapt to challenges. Having flexibility and a “progress over perfection” mentality has allowed the school to keep moving forward. I am honored to join this passionate team and am excited about the year ahead.

I have enjoyed getting to know the students and their families. The school parents care deeply about their children and their community as demonstrated by staying dedicated to and excelling in a supplementary program throughout the pandemic.

One of the many blessings of being a smaller community is that we can tailor our program to meet the specific needs of our members. For instance, in response to the pandemic, the school's team was able to successfully implement 1:1 zoom meetings for teachers and students, and we found the students were thriving with the individual attention complementing the group-setting learning. Due to this success, we intend to keep this going even as we return to in-person learning.

Our aim is to create experiential learning opportunities for the children to develop a positive relationship with their own spirituality and Judaism. We hope the school will serve as a connector for the entire Kalamazoo-area Jewish population, inspiring families of the school and those with young children to breathe new life into what it means to be a community, a kehillah. Our responsibility is to provide interesting, meaningful and dynamic programming to engage all groups.

Through collaboration and self-reflection, I believe OKCJS will continue to be an effective supplementary education program for our community. There is a wealth of local talent, and by bringing together and synergizing our strengths, we are stronger together.

The OKCJS Board, rabbis, teachers and I are committed to goal-oriented programming and to be of service. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or ideas you have for the school. We look forward to seeing you all throughout the summer!



Camp Keshet is finally back after two years and I will be working with Randy Lubratich to ensure we have safe and enriching experiences for all the kiddos. Camp Keshet will be outdoors as much as possible this year. We will feature sports, water activities, hikes through the grounds, scavenger hunts, gardening, cooking, arts/crafts, field trips, dancing, singing, and as much ruach (spirit) as we can cultivate!

Sing, dance, play with us at Camp Keshet. **If you would like to register, please fill out this form.**

We are asking all community members to please consider donating to Camp Keshet. Let's keep local Jewish camp programming available and affordable for our community!

**Rebecca Tregerman**

Director

The Marvin and Rosalie Okun Kalamazoo Community Jewish School

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## 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, 2022.



# Hadassah CEO Delivers Powerful Speech at D.C. Reproductive Rights Rally

May is Women's Health Month. Fostering women's health and well-being through education, research and advocacy are long-time cornerstones of Hadassah's mission. Yet distressingly, this is also a time when we are witnessing a major threat to women's reproductive freedom. Hadassah is unwavering in support for full and complete access to reproductive health services and a woman's right to make health decisions according to her own religious, moral and ethical values.

In mid-May, at The Jewish Rally for Abortion Justice, Hadassah CEO Naomi Adler delivered a powerful and impassioned speech in support of reproductive rights at the Jewish Rally for Abortion Justice in Washington, D.C., organized by the National Council of Jewish Women. Hadassah was a presenting sponsor of the rally, which drew some 2,000 activists from nearly 150 organizations, including a vocal Hadassah presence.



"We're so grateful to have so many friends and partners to stand with, to stand together. B'yachad. And that includes the legislators who are here today and who have worked with us to advance women's health," she said. "We must — and we will — persist."

Naomi highlighted Hadassah's commitment to being pro-choice, pro-women and pro-Israel. She also highlighted Hadassah's ongoing work to fight for reproductive freedom, including grassroots advocacy, rallying across the country, and our Amicus Brief Program. [Watch Naomi's full remarks at this link.](#)

Hadassah members from across the country joined together to send a clear message to Washington: women must have the right to make decisions about their own health based on medical guidance and their own values.

Naomi quoted Hadassah member Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a champion for women's rights, who said: "The decision whether or not to bear a child is central to a woman's life, to her well-being and dignity. It is a decision she must make for herself. When government controls that decision for her, she is being treated as less than a fully adult human responsible for her own choices."

Hadassah has and always will unequivocally stand for women's reproductive rights and for empowering women with the knowledge to make critical health decisions for themselves and their families.

Find out more about how you can take action on our [Hadassah for Choice webpage](#).

We need your help: find actions you can take and mobilize with #Hadassah4Choice.

# Next Year in Jerusalem!

A Jewish Community Adventure in Israel



**Kalamazoo**  
Jewish Community  
**Israel Tour**

**April 16-26, 2023**

Trip details, itinerary and registration at [jewishkalamazoo.org](http://jewishkalamazoo.org)



# June 2022

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5 Shavuot services and luncheon to follow, 9:30 am	6	7	8 Talmud Class with Judah Ari-Gur, 7:00 pm	9	10 Pike B'not Mitzvah at TBI	11 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am; <b>Second Cup following services;</b> Pike B'not Mitzvah at TBI
12	13	14 OvB Meeting Online, 7:00 pm 	15 Talmud Class with Judah Ari-Gur, 7:00 pm; <b>RAC meeting, 7:00 pm</b>	16	17 Saltzman Bat Mitzvah at TBI	18 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am; <b>Saltzman Bat Mitzvah at TBI</b>
19 Bulletin deadline	20 Hadassah Book Club, 7:00 pm 	21	22 Talmud Class with Judah Ari- Gur, 7:00 pm	23	24 Kabbalat Shabbat and picnic dinner at Woods Lake, 6:00 pm 	25 Shabbat Services In Person, 9:30 am
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31 Growlers Game family event, 1:30 pm 						



# Mishpacha

## CONDOLENCES TO

Friends and family of Rosalie Okun, our long-time member and loyal friend

## MAZEL TOV TO

Stephen and Beth Grode on the recent marriage of their son Ari to Lauren Smith

— Donations have been made to the following funds. —

### In loving memory of Rosalie Okun

**Donations made to the General Fund:** *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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### In Loving Memory

**Donation made to the Building Fund:**

In loving memory of our parents, Celia & Norman Besbris and our uncle Stanley Besbris: *Randie Levin, Terry Paule, David Besbris, Debra Strichartz and their families*

In loving memory of Alfred Blum: *Joshua & Pamela Weiner*

**Donation made to the Joyce & Morton Fisher Kitchen/Oneg/Kiddush Fund:** In memory of Alfred Blum: *Sandy Rose*

**Donation made to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:** In loving memory of my mother, Jean Grossman: *Leonard Lebowitz*

**Donation made to the Harry B. Sofen Learning Center Fund:** In loving memory of my brother, Ronn Sofen: *Nancy Zarnow*

### Other

**Donation made to the General Fund:**

In honor of Adam Strauss' birthday and the anniversary of Adam & Rebecca Strauss: *Judy & Leonard Poger*

**Tree of Life:** A leaf was donated in honor of Valerie Eisenberg for her special birthday, with love from her friends.

# Mishpacha

A contribution to Loaves and Fishes and the people it serves was made in the spirit of Purim and CoM's celebration of freedoms. *Richard & Pat Kirschner*

Art and Marilyn Feinberg have made a donation to become "lifetime members."

We are excited to announce that our son Adam Beer has graduated from Rush University Medical College in Chicago. He will be doing his residency in urology at State University of New York in Buffalo. *Cindy and Larry Beer*



**Thank you to everyone who contributed to the various CoM funds in memory of my sister, Louise Robertson. In appreciation.** ~ *Mabel Stenesh*

**My heart is full and my head is reeling from the incredible honor my dear friends showered upon me.**

**What is this all about? It's the gold leaf in recognition of my 80th birthday (oy vey!). Yes, I have reached my golden years. Not so golden sometimes but with friends like you I have no reason to complain.**

**Thank you and I love you all.** ~ *Valerie*

# 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 Kenneth Goodman  
6/2 Joseph Schook  
6/4 RosaLynn Pollens  
6/12 Dona Satir  
6/15 Larry Beer  
6/16 Marvin Berkowitz  
6/18 Judith Poger  
6/25 Arlen Rubin  
6/28 Phil Horwich  
6/28 Michael Johnson  
6/28 Sandra Snyder



## ANNIVERSARIES

6/12 Al Rosenthal & Judy Davis  
6/15 Robert & Tema Lando  
6/20 Michael & Joanne Simon  
6/21 Scott & Robyn Levene  
6/29 Moritz & Genia Angel



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# Yahrzeits

## June 4-10 (5-11 Sivan)

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## June 11-17 (12-18 Sivan)

David Berkowitz	Rose Lando King*	Gerald Pryweller*
David Hyman*	Dora Kirschner*	Diana Zheutlin*
Ida Kazanovitz	Jack Levene*	Aron Ziv*

## June 18-24 (19-25 Sivan)

Ida Becker*	Zelda Handelsman*	Samuel Schensul*
Norman D. Bowman*	Norman Kirschner	Morris Stulberg
Sylvia Goldman*	Hilde M. Nadelman*	Morris Willage*
Moses J. Graff*	Louis Rose	Marilyn Zheutlin
Murray S. Gubin*		

## June 25-July 1 (26 Sivan-1 Tammuz)

Ruthe Bernard	Sadie Hyman*	Audrey Smith
Herman Davidoff*	Elaine Hoffman Lamm	Gertrude Braufman Stein*
Recia Deutsch*	Louis Levene*	Alfred R. Thea*
Pauline Grekin	Yaffa Sasson	Sara Lee Weisman*
Dorothea I. Goldstein*	Sidney Seyburn	

*\*Denotes a memorial plaque in the synagogue*

# ZOOM EVENT WITH AUTHOR MAGGIE ANTON

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 7:00 PM ON ZOOM

### ***The Choice: A Novel of Love, Faith and the Talmud*, by Maggie Anton**

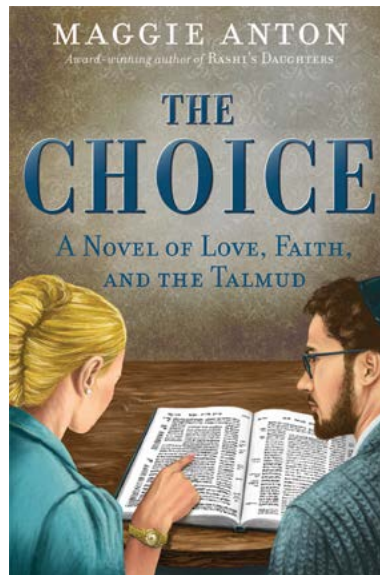
Join the talk with members of Congregation Ahavas Israel in Grand Rapids!

**Sign up on our website** and receive the zoom link before the event.

Maggie Anton's latest book, *The Choice*, masterfully interweaves and explores love and faith through historical events, Jewish traditions and history, and the Talmud. Anton has reimagined the main characters from Chaim Potok's *The Chosen*, added strong female characters and voices, which were non-existent previously, and placed them years later into mid-1950s Brooklyn. The reader is gifted with love stories as well as a story of the love of learning.

You can learn more about Maggie's latest book here:

**[www.jewishbookcouncil.org/book/the-choice-a-novel-of-love-faith-and-talmud](http://www.jewishbookcouncil.org/book/the-choice-a-novel-of-love-faith-and-talmud)**



#### **Purchasing:**

To buy the ebook version, you can get a discount off the Amazon price at **<https://payhip.com/b/XBOMh>**.

If you want a print version, please email Rachel Haus at **[library@congregationofmoses.org](mailto:library@congregationofmoses.org)**. Copies of the book with personalized, signed book plates are available at a discounted price if ten or more people order.

For fewer than ten copies, we can buy signed books directly from Maggie to be picked up at the synagogue.

If you would like to participate in the group order, please email Rachel Haus at **[library@congregationofmoses.org](mailto:library@congregationofmoses.org)**.

If it makes more sense for you to buy it on your own, it is available at Amazon or your favorite bookseller.





OH,  
GNOME!



**Class of 2022 students of Loy Norrix High School, Kendall Sloan and Hank Perkins. The gnomes came to visit CoM as a fundraising effort for the Loy Norrix Grad Bash.**



# Restoration of Memorial Bench

The outdoor bench previously installed on the old CoM playground has been restored and moved to the entrance of the building. In its newest iteration, it will make a lovely place to relax, chat with friends or just enjoy the beautiful grounds.

The bench was originally donated by members of the Levene family in memory of Caryn Levene Wilson, who passed away in 1996. CoM member Bruce Minsley, who restores furniture professionally, brought the old bench back to life beautifully with new cedar planks on the seat and fresh paint.

**Big thanks to Bruce and Diane Minsley!**



# TZEDAKAH

## New Drop-Off Bin for Food Collection

Please bring your food and personal hygiene items for donation to **Loaves and Fishes** anytime to CoM. We now have a large collection barrel in the lobby to hold larger quantities of canned and boxed food.

Consider grabbing a few extra items to donate to KLF during your next grocery run. Below you'll find items that are in high demand during this time.

- Jelly/Jam
- Cereal
- Canned Soups and Stews
- Meals in a Box (like Hamburger Helper)
- Shelf-Stable Almond or Rice Milk
- Baking Mixes (like Jiffy or Bisquick)
- Ensure® or similar protein drinks
- Canned Meat
- Shelf-Stable Tortillas
- Granola Bars
- Microwavable Foods (like rice in a bag)

KLF does not accept partially opened boxes and bags. Please try to avoid donating rusty, badly damaged cans.



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# Shul Sisters Concert

Thursday, June 9, 2022  
7:00 p.m.

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## SHUL SISTERS CONCERT

Thursday, June 9th at 7:00 PM

at Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell Road, Southfield, MI

### **Sponsored by the Irving and Beverly Laker Concert Series**

The Shul Sisters is the brainchild of acclaimed Cantors

- Laurie Akers (Congregation Or Shalom, Chicago)
- Rachel Brook (Anshe Emet Synagogue, Chicago)
- Rachel Goldman (Congregation Ner Tamid, Los Angeles)

They are the first female cantorial trio in the U.S. and their collaboration has been connecting communities across the world through harmony since 2019.

Registration Link: <https://shaareyzedek.shulcloud.com/event/shul-sisters-concert1.html>. It is free of charge for general community members or \$100 for the dessert reception after the concert as well.

Rabbi Elliott Cosgrove from Park Avenue Synagogue is also coming to the Metro Detroit area on Thursday, June 23rd at 7:00 PM for the Rabbi Irwin Groner (Z"l) Memorial Lecture.

## Remaining ScripCents gift cards available for purchase

**D&W:** \$25 and \$100  
**Meijer:** \$100  
**Walgreens:** \$100

A total of 20 gift cards are all that is still available. Congregation of Moses will receive a small percentage on your purchase of these cards.

Please contact the CoM office with your requests, while supplies last. Call 342-5463 or email Erica, [comofficemgr@congregationofmoses.org](mailto:comofficemgr@congregationofmoses.org)



# DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS FUNDRAISER

**As of mid-May, we have accumulated over \$10,500 in receipts toward our goal in order to earn \$1,000 through D&W's community support program. Thank you to everyone for your efforts!**

Please continue to turn in your receipts from D&W and other Family Fare Supermarkets (e.g., Valuland, VG's, Family Fare) so that we can earn another \$1,000. We must show proof of purchase of \$150,000 worth of goods, not including wine, spirits, tobacco, prescriptions, taxes and deposits.



Just place your complete receipt(s) in the manila envelope by the CoM office door. The receipt should show the name of the store, that it is operated by SpartanNash, and the amount credited to Direct Your Dollars. **The sales slips do not have to be from the current year.**

To date, we have a very good start toward our goal. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [rjkirschner99@gmail.com](mailto:rjkirschner99@gmail.com). Thanks for helping!

~ Pat Kirschner