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Oversight Board Election

At the annual meeting of the Congregation of Moses, held on June 11, members voted on whether to accept some clarifying amendments to our by-laws and to approve the slate of Oversight Board candidates. Including absentee ballots received before and after the meeting, both motions carried.

The Oversight Board for this year (2023-24) has the following members:

Brad Hershbein, President

Neal Berke*, Treasurer

Rachel Haus, Secretary

Mike Tenenbaum, VP of Operations

Al Rosenthal, VP of Religious Activities

Saraphoena Koffron*, VP of Programming

Patty Conlon, Director-at-large

Phil Oretsky, Director-at-large

Shirley Wise, Trustees representative

(* indicates new member)

We are grateful for and offer a resounding todah rabah to all of our OvB members past and present, including Brad Kennedy, former VP of Programming, and the combined team of Brad Hershbein and Stephen Grode who teamed up to carry out the Treasurer's duties.

A copy of the amended bylaws, as well as full minutes from the meeting, will be sent to members within the next two weeks.

Rabbi Goldman

Rabbi Goldman will officially start on August 1, but we will continue to have services during the month of July (thank you to Al Rosenthal and all of RAC).

Opportunities to meet Rabbi Goldman will be announced in the weeks ahead.

THE OVERSIGHT BOARD

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

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New Office Manager

As some of you may know, our office manager, Erica Sloan, has decided to pursue full-time employment, something which we sadly cannot offer her, and Erica's last day will be June 30. Although we are very sad to see her go—like Rabbi Estrin, she has become part of the CoM family in less than two years!—we are pleased to report that we have hired a new office manager, Kristil Semrau.



Kristil has extensive office management experience and even teaches business classes as an adjunct instructor at KVCC. She is also very much a people person, and is eager to meet many of our members.

She will be training with Erica and will officially begin on July 10. The office will be closed the week of July 3-7.

ISRAELI DANCING AT TBI

Thursday, July 6 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Michelle Miller-Adams will lead Israeli folk dancing this summer at TBI. Lots of fun!

No need to sign up in advance, just come as you are.



L'Hitraot Rabbi Estrin, Until We Meet Again

Thank you to the many community members who came on Sunday, June 11 to see Rabbi Estrin before her departure from Kalamazoo. She has made so many friends in the community through her active teaching and leadership. Rabbi Estrin will be missed! Many thanks to those who provided food for the celebration or helped with set up and clean up.



Shabbat and Events Calendar

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| Saturday, July 1 | 9:30 am | Shabbat Shacharit Services | Torah: Numbers 19:1-21:20 Haftarah: Micah 5:6-6:8 |
| Thursday, July 6 | 5:00 pm | Israeli Dancing at TBI | |
| Thursday, July 6 | 7:00 pm | Mussar class meeting | |
| Friday, July 7 | 9:03 pm | Shabbat candle lighting time | |
| Saturday, July 8 | 9:30 am | Shabbat Shacharit Services - Second Cup following services | Torah: Numbers 25:10-26:51 Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1-2:3 |
| Monday, July 10 | 7:00 pm | Adult Summer Learning at TBI with student Rabbi Aria Caligiuri | On Zoom |
| Tuesday, July 11 | 7:00 pm | OvB Meeting | |
| Friday, July 14 | 8:59 pm | Shabbat candle lighting time | |
| Saturday, July 15 | 9:30 am | Shabbat Shacharit Services | Torah: Numbers 30:2-31:54 Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4 |
| Monday, July 17 | 7:00 pm | Hadassah Book Club | Contact Diane Fogel for info |
| Monday, July 17 | 7:00 pm | Adult Summer Learning at TBI with student Rabbi Aria Caligiuri | |
| Thursday, July 20 | 5:00 pm | Israeli Dancing at TBI | |
| Friday, July 21 | 8:54 pm | Shabbat candle lighting time | |
| Saturday, July 22 | 9:30 am | Shabbat Shacharit Services | Torah: Deuteronomy 1:1-2:1 Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1-27 |
| Monday, July 24 | 7:00 pm | Adult Summer Learning at TBI with student Rabbi Aria Caligiuri | On Zoom |
| Wednesday, July 26 | 7:00 pm | Tisha B'Av Services | |
| Friday, July 28 | 8:48 pm | Shabbat candle lighting time | |
| Saturday, July 29 | 9:30 am | Shabbat Shacharit Services | Torah: Deuteronomy 3:23-5:18 Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1-26 |
| Monday, July 31 | 7:00 pm | Adult Summer Learning at TBI with student Rabbi Aria Caligiuri | On Zoom |



Bracha (blessing) for Shabbat candle lighting

(The candles are lit before the blessing is recited.)

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.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the light of Shabbat.

TBI Summer Classes

in person or online

Adult Summer Learning

with Student Rabbi Aria Caligiuri

Week 1: Geography of Biblical and
Modern Israel

Week 2: LGBT issues in Judaism

Week 3: Intermarriage and
interfaith families in Judaism

Week 4: Pirkei Avot: The ethics of
our ancestors"

Week 5: Text Study on
Lamentations for Tisha b'Av

Jun 26, Jul 10, 17, 24, 31 at 7:00 PM

Join in person at TBI
or on Zoom
Meeting ID: 849 1968 0222
Passcode: 074568



Angie Saltzman, Director

Summer has started and the transition of the OKCJS Director is complete. The new Director, Angie Saltzman (hello, that's me!), successfully ran the first school-run Camp Keshet, from June 19-23, with help from an outstanding camp counselor staff.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Marvin and Rosalie Okun Foundation, Camp Keshet was free for OKCJS students and discounted for others. Camper attendance ranged from nine to twelve campers per day.

The week included a field trip to Pretty Lake where the campers were able to climb a rock wall and go swimming. We finished out the week with an inflatable 40-foot-long obstacle course with a 12 ft. rope wall and slide that I nicknamed "Mount Sinai."

Camp Keshet also offered a great leadership opportunity for our teens looking for resume-building experience and job training/experience. Eight teens from our Jewish community, ranging in age from 13-18, participated including Stella Amy, Mazal Haus, Mina Koffron, Lucas Ofstein, Anna Saltzman, Evan Scheinker, Olivia Scheinker and Abe Wasser.

The counselors planned the week's activities. They brought their experiences from Jewish overnight camps to life during our week together. Every day after lunch they led a camp tradition of standing on chairs/tables for Birkat Hamazon, followed by spirited singing of Oseh Shalom, Od Yavoh Shalom Aleinu and Lo Yisa Goy.

In addition to the week in June, a Camp Keshet Fun Day has been planned for August 22. My hope is to get another Fun Day planned in July. Watch for future announcements and registration for these special days!

Shalom,
Angie Saltzman



JULY 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 the office at 342-5463, or comofficemgr@congregationofmoses.org.

JULY Birthdays

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|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| July 3 | Shira Haus | July 18 | Lev Koffron |
| July 3 | Gabriel Victor Weston | July 18 | Kim Rubin |
| July 5 | Laurel Scheidt | July 19 | Sara Kurlandsky |
| July 6 | Jill Ruterbusch - Special birthday! | July 20 | David Green |
| July 7 | Sallie Goodman | July 22 | Patricia Kirschner |
| July 7 | Elisabeth Thall | July 24 | Jack Behar |
| July 10 | Joel Bez | July 26 | Jeffrey Haus |
| July 12 | Andrea Johnson | July 26 | Diane Minsley |
| July 12 | Deborah Torres | July 28 | Harlon Campbell |
| July 13 | Nomi Kluger-Nash | July 30 | Mel Hyman |
| July 14 | Joyce Camhi | July 30 | Wilma Kahn |
| July 15 | Eliana Rubin | July 31 | Karl Schook |



JULY Anniversaries

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| July 6 | Richard & Patricia Kirschner |
| July 14 | Charles & Laurel Ofstein |
| July 20 | Neal & Maxine Berke |



TBI AND COM BOOK CLUB

We will meet the last Thursday of each month at "this is a bookstore" in Oakwood Plaza at 7:00 pm. Contact **Cary Mannaberg** or **Patty Conlon** with questions.

July 27 - Vacation - no meeting

August 31 - *Diamond Setter* by Moshe Sakal

September 28 - (Meet in the sukkah at TBI) *Hope Valley* by Rabbi Haviva Ner David

October 26 - *Best Place on Earth* by Ayelet Tsabari

November 30 - *The Woman Beyond the Sea* by Sarit Yishai-Levi

December 28 - *American Shtetl* by Nomi Stolzenberg and David Myers

January 25 - Reading Together Kalamazoo (Title not announced yet)

February 29 - *How To Be An Antiracist* by Ibram X Kendi

March 28 - *Color of Love* by Marra Gad

Mishpacha

Donations have been made by the following individuals and families.

Mazel Tov to Jill Ruterbusch on her special birthday

Judy Davis & Al Rosenthal, Diane & Harvey Fogel, Cindy & Larry Beer, Shirley Wise, Michelle & Alan Angel, Emily Freed & Brad Hershbein, Diane & Bruce Minsley, Joanne Simon, Beth & Stephen Grode, Sherry Deems, Judy & Leonard Poger, Maxine & Neal Berke, Sallie & Ken Goodman, Valerie & Ken Eisenberg, Rae Lee Howard, The Fischell Family, Judy & Lowell Seyburn, Wilma Kahn & Phil Horwich

In Loving Memory

In loving memory of my parents, Morton and Joyce Fisher *Beth Fisher, Emery, Ellen & Jaren Bresnick*

In loving memory of my mother, Recia Deutsch *Michelle Angel*

All donations go to one of our special funds:

General Fund • Building Fund • Herman & Rose Fisher Library Fund • Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
Joyce & Morton Fisher Kitchen/Oneg/Kiddush Fund • Honor & Memorial Fund • Levene Cantor Fund
Marvin & Rosalie Okun Fund • Harry B. Sofen Learning Center Fund

Today Rabah

Thank you to our CoM family for all the love and support leading up to, and on the day of Lucas's Bar Mitzvah. Thank you also for the generous donations in honor of his special day!

~ **Charlie, Laurel, Micah and Lucas Ofstein**

We would like to thank all of you who have made a contribution in honor of our 55th wedding anniversary.

~ **Steve and Alice Koss**

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS!

Apply today for the Andrew H. Levene Scholarship.
Call or email the CoM office to receive an application. **Applications are due by July 15.**



Yahrzeits

July 1-7 (12-18 Tammuz)

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| Siegfried Baum* | Betty Krohngold | Bayla Perse |
| David Block | Meyer H. Lebowitz* | Sara Rose* |
| Allison Katherine Ginsberg | Louis Loeser* | Dorothy B. Slavin* |
| Pearl Heytow | Charles Marks* | Elmer Steinberg* |
| Tierney Kaufman Hutchins | Sophie Miller* | Edith Stenesh |
| Marshall Jelaso | Edward Okun* | Aron Thall |

July 8-14 (19-25 Tammuz)

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| Norman Brickman* | Israel Israelson* | Irving Schensul* |
| Eugene Colef* | Harry C. Kaufman* | Helen Tenenbaum* |
| Samuel Gottlieb* | Louis E. Koss* | Mollie Wolfe* |
| Esidore H. Graff* | Herman Benjamin Lando* | Milton Wruble* |
| Robert Grekin* | Yetta Marcus* | |

July 15-21 (26 Tammuz-3 Av)

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| Cecile Cohen* | Jehiel Israelson* | Donald Thall |
| Martin Ginsberg* | Freda Kaufman* | Nancy Thommes |
| Mary Goldsmith* | Bernice Kirsch* | |
| Norman Graff* | Sarah Rozanoff* | |

July 22-28 (4-10 Av)

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| Sidney Buchsbaum | Marcia Kalb* | Captain Myron Seeder* |
| Stacey Cane | Winifred Koss* | Shirley S. Seyburn* |
| Joanne Freed | Mildred Lerman | Jonathan David Tregerman* |
| Sidney Friedman* | Howard Miller | |
| Lois G. Gerber* | Harriet Rosenbaum* | |

July 29-August 4 (11-17 Av)

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| Sol Axelrod* | Joseph Hadesman* | Rose Rose* |
| Sophie Barkman | Ida Halpert* | Phineas Rosenbaum* |
| Sara Finkelstein | Samuel Hoffman | Nelson Schupan* |
| Leon B Friedman | Ruth Katz* | Leonora Wachtel* |
| Doris Gotthelf* | Esther Marshall* | |
| Betty Graff* | Simon Okun* | |

*Denotes a memorial plaque in the synagogue