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SHANAH TOVAH

At a recent CoM movie night, we enjoyed the 2021 documentary *Hallelujah: Leonard Cohen, a Journey, a Song*. It explores Cohen's life, writing process and the cultural phenomenon of the song. One interviewee said, "He made the word Hallelujah acceptable again." Fellow musician and Jew Regina Spektor commented, "You get the feeling of hearing a modern prayer."

One of the reasons that I love the song is encapsulated in Cohen's explanation of it: "You look around and you see a world that cannot be made sense of. So you either raise your fist or you say 'hallelujah!'" The depth of the song is apparent the first time one truly hears it and, because it is a prayer for our time, it has long been my tradition at High Holy Day services to sing Psalm 150 to its tune. When we gather as a community in the coming days and weeks, you can look forward to this new CoM tradition.

You will also hear a stirring rendition of the ancient prayer Shema Koleynu which begins: *Hear our voice, ADONAI our God, be kind, and have compassion for us. Willingly and lovingly accept our prayer.* One of my favorite aspects of the High Holy Days is the combination of words old and new as we struggle to make sense of the past year and prepare to be better in the year to come.



Rabbi Shelley Goldman

Recently, Rabbi Schicker introduced me to the following new poem from *Enter These Gates: Meditations for the Days of Awe* by Alden Solovy, a contemporary Jewish poet and liturgist. In one poem it expresses much of what I feel this year.

Who, Still Broken by Alden Solovy

Who by fire,
Screaming with seared flesh?
Who by water,
Gasping for one more breath?

Rock of life,
Tell me that these are not
Your tools of justice.
Tell me that these are not
Your verdicts or Your punishments.
How do You bear the cries
Of Your children?
The starving,
The battered,
Buried in rubble
Or washed to sea?

The Oversight Board

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

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The CoM newsletter

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Please send submissions to the editor, at bulletin@congregationofmoses.org.

No, this is not my God.
Neither Judge nor Witness,
Prosecutor nor Executioner,
Issuing severe decrees
In a kangaroo court
Of intimidations
And forced confessions.

Ki k'shimcha kein t'hilatecha.
For according to Your name,
So is Your praise.
Your name is Righteousness. Forgiveness. Love.
Your names are Mother, Father, and Teacher.
Your names are Source and Shelter.

Kasheh lichos v'no-ach lirtzot.
You are slow to anger
And ready to forgive.
But I,

I am slow to change,
Slow to amend my ways.
I can be consumed by the fire
Of my own anger.
I can drown in the sea
Of my own sorrow.
I need Your guidance,
Your gentle hand.

V'atah hu Melech, El chai v'kayam!
For You are forever our living God and Sovereign!

Yes, I will fall to my knees
Before You.
For You are holy,
Your majesty fills the universe.
My origin is dust
And I will return to dust.
Until then,
God of mercy,
T'shuvah, t'filah, u'tzdakah-
Repentance, prayer, and righteousness-

Will allow me to rise,
To stand before You.
Human,
Humble,
Fallible,
Still broken,
And still whole.



Services and Events Calendar

Wednesday, October 2	7:00 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah services	
Thursday, October 3	9:00 am	Rosh Hashanah services	
Thursday, October 3	1:30 pm	Tashlich with TBI at Woods Lake Park	
Thursday, October 3	4:30 pm	Family Rosh Hashanah Services at TBI	
Thursday, October 3	7:00 pm	Rosh Hashanah evening services	
Friday, October 4	9:00 am	Second Day Rosh Hashanah services	
Friday, October 4	6:59 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time	
Saturday, October 5	9:00 am	Children's Shabbat services at CoM	
Saturday, October 5	9:30 am	Shabbat Shacharit Services	Torah: Deuteronomy 32:1-52 Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10, Micah 7:18-20
		Kiddush set up and clean up	Kirschner/Berke
Sunday, October 6	1:00 pm	Memorial Service at Riverside Cemetery	
Sunday, October 6	7:00 pm	October 7 Memorial Service at CoM	
Tuesday, October 8	7:00 pm	Mussar class	
Wednesday, October 9	7:00 pm	OvB Meeting	
Friday, October 11	6:30 pm	Kol Nidre Services	
Friday, October 11	6:48 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time	
Saturday, October 12	9:00 am	Yom Kippur Services	Torah: Leviticus 16:1-34 Haftarah: Numbers 29:7-11, Isaiah 58:1-14
Saturday, October 12	4:30 pm	Yom Kippur Kids Services at CoM	
Saturday, October 12	5:15 pm	Afternoon program including Mincha, Neilah, Final Shofar Blowing and Break-the-Fast	
Sunday, October 13	9:00 am	Sukkah construction at CoM	
Wednesday, October 16	7:00 pm	Sukkot kickoff event at TBI	
Thursday, October 17	9:30 am	Sukkot Services	
		Kiddush set up and clean up	Means/Rosenthal
Friday, October 18	6:00 pm	Eat, Pray, Sing Shabbat dinner and prayers - Sign up online	
		Dinner and oneg set up and clean up	Kennedy/Tregerman
Friday, October 18	6:36 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time	
Saturday, October 19	9:30 am	Shabbat Services	Torah: Exodus 33:12-34:12 Haftarah: Ezekiel 39:7-13
		Kiddush set up and clean up	Brown/Means
Tuesday, October 22	7:00 pm	Movie Night at CoM	
Thursday, October 24	9:30 am	Shemini Atzeret Services and Yizkor	
		Kiddush set up and clean up	Horwich/Kahn/Detloff
Friday, October 25	6:26 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time	
Friday, October 25	6:00 pm	Simchat Torah Celebration and Shabbat Services at TBI	
Saturday, October 26	9:30 am	Shabbat Services and Text Study	Torah: Genesis 5:1-6:8 Sephardim: Isaiah 42:5-21
		Kiddush set up and clean up	Thommes/Nimz
Thursday, October 31	7:00 pm	Book Club at TBI	

Schedule Of High Holy Day Services

We look forward to joining together for High Holy Day services this October.

As she did last year, Rabbi Shelley Goldman will lead us in song, prayer and learning along with our longtime chazzan, Cantor John Hender. Many of our congregants will also participate in parts of the services. The Religious Activities Committee has been busy planning for the season, and the schedule below details all of the upcoming services and programs.

Rosh Hashanah

- October 2: Erev Rosh Hashanah Services, 7:00 pm
October 3: Rosh Hashanah Morning Services, 9:00 am
Tashlich with TBI at Woods Lake Park, 1:30 pm
Rosh Hashanah Children's Services at TBI, 4:30 pm
Evening Services, 7:00 pm
October 4: Rosh Hashanah Morning Services, 9:00 am

Days Of Repentance

- October 6: Sukkah Building, 9:00 am
Memorial Services at Riverside Jewish Cemetery, 1:00 pm
Memorial for October 7 attack, 7:00 pm

Yom Kippur

- October 11: Kol Nidre Services, 6:30pm
October 12: Yom Kippur Morning Services with Yizkor, 9:00 am
Yom Kippur Children's Services at CoM, 4:30pm
Afternoon Program, 5:15 pm
Mincha, 6:15 pm
Neilah, 7:00 pm
Final Shofar Blowing and Break-the-Fast, 7:54 pm

Sukkot

- October 16: Sukkot kickoff event at TBI, 7:00 pm
October 17: Sukkot Morning Services, 9:30 am
October 18: Eat, Pray, Sing Community Dinner, 6:00 pm
October 24: Shmini Atzeret Services and Yizkor, 9:30 am
October 25: Simchat Torah Celebration and Shabbat Services at TBI, 6:00 pm

October 7th Observance

SUNDAY, OCT 6TH AT 7PM AT
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Apples and Honey Outing at Crane's

The First Hebrew Congregation of South Haven will host an Apples and Honey outing from **10:30 am- 12:00 pm on Sunday, October 6** at the Crane Orchards U-Pick Pavilion in Fennville, in celebration of Rosh Hashanah.

All Jewish community members who live in West Michigan are welcome. The program will take place rain or shine.

Participants can work on a usable art project, enjoy cider and donuts, hear the shofar, meet beekeepers and find out why it is customary to eat apples and honey during these holidays.

Reservations are required but there is no charge for the event. Email Debbie Ehrlich at debehrlich@hotmail.com or Sharona Shapiro at shapirolearner@gmail.com. Details will be provided when you make your reservation.



It's A New School Year!

The year is off to a strong start at the Marvin and Rosalie Okun Kalamazoo Community Jewish School. The school year kicked off with an Open House, where students eagerly met their teachers, explored their classrooms and personalized their canvas school bags. Meanwhile, parents completed registration and mingled with other families.



This year, we're thrilled to welcome 38 students in grades PreK-7th. Our students come from both CoM and TBI. We have seven high school students participating in the Teacher Assistant program. In addition, six adult teachers and two rabbis are making sure our students get a valuable Jewish education.

The first day of school on September 15th was a resounding success, filled with moments of connection and excitement, as students and teachers alike built new relationships. The kicar at CoM provided a welcoming space for these meaningful interactions to take place outside of the traditional classroom setting. Some of the students had not seen each other since the last day of school. They enjoyed running around, talking, hula hooping and playing catch.

But the excitement didn't stop there! On September 22nd, the students had the privilege of being treated to a special guest, award-winning Cuban-American author Ruth Behar. Ms. Behar captivated our younger students (PreK-3rd) by reading her touching picture book, *Tía Fortuna's New Home*. Then, she inspired our older group (4th-7th) with a reading of her book, *Across So Many Seas*. Ms. Behar provided two activities, the Suitcase of Memories and Your Own Key for the younger group that tied to *Tía Fortuna's New Home*. The students pondered over what items they would pack in one suitcase and enjoyed designing a paper key to open the door to their special place.



In a delightful display of intergrade collaboration, the 6th and 7th grade students designed an obstacle course as part of their Judaism class, which the 2nd & 3rd grade students joyfully navigated through. They had to make their way under and over items as well as throw a ball through a sometimes moving hula hoop!



Please Help Support Updates and Improvements at CoM

The continued success of CoM rests on the support of its members. This Yom Tov season, we embark on our first major capital campaign in over a decade as we work toward **two major renovation projects**.

First, we will be replacing all of our external doors, as well as the sanctuary doors—almost all of which are original—to increase our safety and security. Second, we will be replacing many of the aging—and not completely functional—appliances in our kitchen, allowing us to continue preparing meals and onegs for special occasions. We are pleased to announce that we have already raised over \$40,000 in seed money from a few members of our congregation toward these projects. We will need to raise an additional \$100,000 over the next three years to fund these projects.

Please remember the spirit of L'Dor v'Dor—from generation to generation—and respond generously to the annual High Holiday Appeal.

Please send back your pledge card or make your donation online at congregationofmoses.org/.

L'shanah tovah!



You are Invited!
to Tot Shabbat!

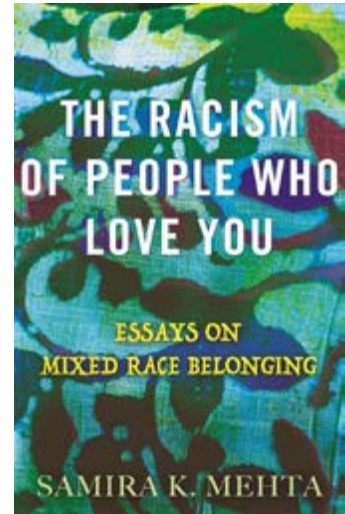
Join Rabbi Goldman at CoM at 11:30 AM
on November 2,
January 11, March 1
and May 3

Join Rabbi Schicker at TBI at 9:00 AM on
December 7th,
February 1st and
April 5th

TBI AND COM BOOK CLUB

The TBI/CoM Book Club will meet again on **October 31** at 7:00 pm at TBI to discuss *The Racism of People Who Love You* by Samira Mehta.

Contact **Cary Mannaberg** or **Patty Conlon** with questions.



New Policies For Donations at the Friends Free Store

A new security policy has been adopted by the Friends Free Store, developed to align with security policies at CoM.

Donation drop-off should be arranged by appointment during a time period of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, except on holidays or when the building is closed. Drop-offs made without an appointment may not be accepted.

Please call or text one of the following volunteers to make your appointment:

- Janet Nykaza, 269-861-1531
- Colleen VanSlambrouck, 269-341-0573
- Cheryl Quebbeman, 269-615-5373

RABBI SUCCESS TEAM

Do you have feedback for or about Rabbi Goldman? We want her to be successful at Congregation of Moses, so if you have specific comments or feedback, here's what to do.

You may contact Rabbi Goldman directly with your feedback or get in touch with a member of the Rabbi Success Team to schedule a time to talk. The team members are:

- Jeff Haus - hausjeff@yahoo.com
- Andrea Johnson - redhead5318@gmail.com
- Charlie Ofstein - call (269) 330-1866

Thank you!

October Celebrations

The Congregation of Moses wishes **mazal 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.

October Birthdays

October 2	Lauren Schook - Special birthday!
October 3	Robyn Levene
October 5	Harvey Fogel
October 5	Betty Hirschfield
October 12	Maxine Berke
October 14	Brad Hershbein
October 19	Rachel Barry
October 22	Neal Berke
October 24	Judy Seyburn
October 25	Nijodins Frances Ellison
October 29	Isaac Rubin



October Anniversaries

October 13	Andrea & Michael Johnson
October 16	Leslie & Joel Bez
October 20	Emily & David Green
October 21	Carolyn & Brad Kennedy
October 22	Lauren & Karl Schook
October 22	Allison & Adam Weiner
October 28	Sallie & Kenneth Goodman
October 29	Emily Freed & Brad Hershbein



Mishpacha

Donations have been made by the following individuals and families.

Condolences

Condolences to Patrick Welbourne on the loss of his wife, Susan, *Sharon & Paul Schwartz*

In Memory

In loving memory of my aunt, Bertha Rothchild, *Marjorie Gaynor*

In loving memory of my father, Elliot Gluck, *Sherril Dettloff*

In loving memory of my parents, Fay and Martin Ginsberg, *Carol McCain*

In loving memory of our mother, Peggy Schwartz, *Paul and Sharon Schwartz*

All donations go to one of our special funds:

General Fund • Building Fund • Herman & Rose Fisher Library Fund • Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
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Marvin & Rosalie Okun Fund • Harry B. Sofen Learning Center Fund

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone at CoM and the Refugee Store. The death of my mother has been very difficult, but the support of so many people here has been overwhelming and very much appreciated.

~ **Kristil Semrau, Office Manager**

Yahrzeits

October 5-11 (3-9 Tishrei)

Sarah Besbris*	Samuel Benjamin Horwich*	John Jacob Moyer*
Helen Arlene Gerber*	Harry King*	Shay Okun*
Nell Gluck*	Sam Kurlandsky*	Sumner Weinstein*
Celia Schiff Horwich*	Michael Liepman*	

October 12-18 (10-16 Tishrei)

Wilhelm Blum*	Fay Ginsberg*	David Rosenberg*
Blanche Kushner Ell*	Eva Halpert*	Abraham Rozanoff*
Gertrude Forman*	Rose Levi*	Thomas Wolfe*
Belle Franklin*	Martha Loeser*	Rose N. Wruble*
Samuel Franklin*	Sidney Rose*	

October 19-25 (17-23 Tishrei)

Lucille S. Brown*	Sarah Gottlieb*	Arnold S. Rose*
Rena Feinberg*	Rae Libin*	Rose Roseman*
Harriet Ginsburg*	Benjamin Marshall*	Sam A. Roseman*
Jeffrey Ginsburg*	Marvin Okun*	

October 26-November 1 (24-30 Tishrei)

Della F. Goldman*	Norman Peisner*	Isadore Swartz*
Ruth Kuschner*	Meyer S. Stein*	Isaac Weisman*

**Denotes a memorial plaque in the synagogue*

Find Your Yahrzeits Online

Now you can find all yahrzeits listed on the CoM website for the current week, as well as the entire year. The list is also searchable by name. Find your yahrzeit name and date anytime by visiting this page: congregationofmoses.org/yahrzeits



Independence. Dignity. Self-determination.

Colef

The Samuel J. and Mary E. Colef Fund

The Colef Fund of the Congregation of Moses supports programs locally, nationally and globally that address hunger, poverty, homelessness, literacy, joblessness, health, education and building safe communities.

The Colef Fund will match your donations dollar-for-dollar, up to a yearly total of \$250 per family (minimum \$50) to any of the nonprofits listed below. Gifts made anytime from January 1 – December 31, 2024 will be matched!

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Boys Town Jerusalem

Community Healing Centers

Communities In Schools of Kalamazoo

Constance Brown Hearing Centers

Community Outreach, Prevention, and Education (COPE) Network

Disability Network

Ecumenical Senior Center

Farmerhood

Family and Children's Services

First Day Shoe Fund

Gryphon Place

HIAS

Innovation: Africa

The Irving S. Gilmore International Piano Festival

JDC

Jewish Agency for Israel

Jewish Federation of Southwest Michigan (*donations matched to Jewish Federations of North America*)

KC Ready 4s

Kalamazoo Covenant Academy

Kalamazoo Literacy Council

Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes

Meshi Children's Rehabilitation Center

Ministry with Community

Open Doors

Partners in Housing Transition

Planned Parenthood of Kalamazoo

Portage Community Center

Prevention Works

Read and Write Kalamazoo (RAWK)

Ready to Read/Kalamazoo Public Library

Ruach Dromit

St. Luke's Diaper Bank

Senior Services of Kalamazoo

Shalva

SLD Read

Southwest Michigan Miracle League

Trauma Recovery Associates (TRA)

Tzevet Mikey

United Way of Kalamazoo and Battle Creek

Urban Alliance

Water 4 Mercy

Yad LaKashish/Lifeline for the Old

Yad Ezra V'Shulamit

YWCA of Kalamazoo

The Colef Fund has previously supported each of the organizations listed.

How to get your donation matched by the Colef Fund

Send the following information along with a copy of your donation receipt from 2024 to:

Congregation of Moses, Attn Colef Fund, 2501 Stadium Dr, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Or email: coleffund@congregationofmoses.org.

Include this information please:

- Your name, address, email address and phone number
- Amount to be matched
- Organization name, and a receipt or acknowledgement of your donation

Please **make your gifts by December 31, 2024** to have them matched. The maximum to be matched by the Colef Fund is \$250 per family per year.

Find us online at coleffund.org