



# CoM newsletter

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## The "Fire Holiday" is Coming

Lag B'Omer will be celebrated this year on Friday, May 16. It is a minor Jewish holiday on the 33rd day of the Omer, 33 days after the start of Passover.

We count every day for 49 days, seven weeks, from Pesach to Shavuot, culminating in a celebration of receiving the Torah from God on Mount Sinai. The entire period of the Omer is notable for restrictions. During this time Orthodox Jews refrain from getting haircuts, getting married and listening to instrumental music. Anthropologists tell us that many peoples have similar periods of restraint in the early spring to symbolize their concerns about the growth of their crops. Our agricultural ancestors celebrated the barley harvest at Pesach and the Omer period is an extended prayer for a good wheat harvest at Shavuot.



*Rabbi Shelley Goldman*

Lag B'Omer is a brief respite from these restrictions and is celebrated with haircuts, weddings, music and bonfires. I understand the magical thinking that leads folks to not cut their hair as they pray for the good growth of the wheat crops. I also understand that the period of waiting creates a more subdued atmosphere that is not conducive for large celebrations, weddings and concerts. In all my years of study, however, I have never read a justification for the bonfires. This has led me to refer to Lag B'Omer as our "thinly veiled pagan fire holiday."

Our tradition has many elements of fire in the spring: from the detailed descriptions of how to offer burnt sacrifices at the Temple in the Torah reading cycle to Lag B'Omer. This leads me to believe that there are cultural traditions associated with fire that predate even our most ancient Israelite ancestors. (For comparison, the fall and the end of Sukkot are associated with the element of water and prayers for rain.)

The Talmud explains that Lag B'Omer is connected to the sages of the rabbinic period. There was a plague among Rebbe Akiva's students which is said to have stopped on the 33rd day of the Omer. In celebration of the end of mass casualties, we celebrate. Having lived through the coronavirus pandemic (Pu! Pu! Pu!) puts this story in an entirely different light. I used to wonder why the end of a plague was celebrated with a fire?! Now I feel, quite deeply, the impulse to celebrate and "burn" away the schmutz of winter and look forward to the new possibilities of spring.

Happy Lag B'Omer!

## Rabbi Goldman

**The Oversight Board**

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

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# LAG B'OMER POTLUCK AND CAMPFIRE

What do campfires, archery, and haircuts have in common? They're all things we do on Lag B'Omer!



Just join your Kalamazoo combined Jewish family **on May 16 at 6:00 pm for a picnic on the TBI**

**grounds.** Services will begin at 7:00, campfire to follow.

The TBI Member Connections Committee will provide barbequed meats and vegan options, but please bring a side dish or dessert for the potluck. RSVP to [memconn@templebnaiisrael.com](mailto:memconn@templebnaiisrael.com), by **May 9**.

Bring your own lawn chair and beverages. Bring a story to tell for the campfire following the services, if you'd like.

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## COM OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm



# Services and Events Calendar

Thursday, May 1	Noon	Lunch & Learn: <i>On Tyranny</i> , by Timothy Snyder	
Friday, May 2	8:25 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time	
Saturday, May 3	9:30 am	Shabbat Shacharit Services at CoM	Torah: Leviticus 14:33-15:33 Haftarah: II Kings 7:3-20
Saturday, May 3	11:30 am	Family Services at CoM	
		Kiddush hosts	Lando/Fisher
Sunday, May 4	9:00 am	Okun Kalamazoo Community Jewish School classes	
Sunday, May 4	Noon	CoM Annual Meeting (with lunch and snacks)	
Wednesday, May 7	4:30 pm	Okun Kalamazoo Community Jewish School classes	
Wednesday, May 7	7:00 pm	Mussar Group	
Thursday, May 8	7:00 pm	Movie Night: <i>Orchestra of Exiles</i> - sign up online	
Friday, May 9	8:33 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time	
Saturday, May 10	9:30 am	Shabbat Shacharit Services at CoM	Torah: Leviticus 19:15-20:27 Ashk Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15
		Kiddush hosts	Badt/Patrick
Sunday, May 11		Happy Mothers Day!	
Wednesday, May 14	4:30 pm	Okun Kalamazoo Community Jewish School classes	
Friday, May 16	8:40 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time	
Saturday, May 17	9:30 am	Shabbat Shacharit Services at CoM	Torah: Leviticus 24:1-23 Alt Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:25-31
		Kiddush hosts	Brown/Verne
Sunday, May 18	9:00 am	Okun Kalamazoo Community Jewish School - Last day!	
Sunday, May 18	2:00 pm	Unveiling for Ken Eisenberg at Riverside Jewish Cemetery	
Wednesday, May 21	7:00 pm	RAC Meeting	
Friday, May 23	8:47 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time	
Saturday, May 24	9:30 am	Shabbat Services and Torah Study	Weekly Torah portion
		Kiddush hosts	Camhi/Stein
Monday, May 26		Memorial Day - Building closed	
Thursday, May 29	7:00 pm	Book Club at TBI	
Friday, May 30	8:53 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time	
Saturday, May 31	9:30 am	Shabbat Shacharit Services at CoM	Torah: Numbers 3:14-4:20 Haftarah: Hosea 2:1-22
		Kiddush hosts	Beer/Bez
Sunday, June 1	2:00 pm	Joint Shavuot Programming and Learning at TBI	
Monday, June 2	9:30 am	Shavuot Services and Yizkor at CoM	
Tuesday, June 3		Shavuot - Building closed	

# Be as courageous as you can.

## Lunch and Learn Featuring "On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century," by Timothy Snyder

Last session, Thursday, May 1, noon at CoM

The book will provide the context for thoughtful and meaningful discussions that will lead to effective and practical action. The remaining two sessions will be devoted to a closer examination of the chapters in the book, as well as discussion of the results of the Evolve Symposium, "Practices for Defending Democracy."

In October 2024, 26 rabbis and lay leaders participated in this symposium by describing how they are able (or unable) to pursue the 20 practices that are outlined in Dr. Snyder's book as a response to tyranny and hate.

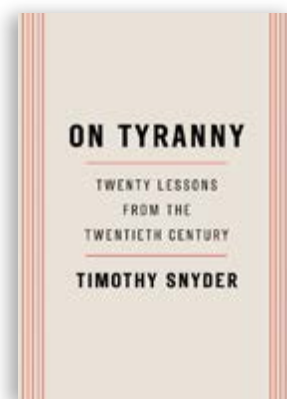
Participants in this series will gain a better understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of tyrannical movements and learn about strategies and techniques to not only cope with, but neutralize the power that has been granted to modern-day tyrants.

"On Tyranny" is a call to arms and a guide to resistance, with invaluable ideas for how we can preserve our freedoms in the uncertain years to come. The book is slim, 125 small pages and/or a 2-hour audio book.

There are two copies of "On Tyranny" in the CoM Fisher Library. You can contact Rachel ([rachel@congregationofmoses.org](mailto:rachel@congregationofmoses.org)) to check on availability.

"On Tyranny" is also available at this is a bookstore, in Oakwood Plaza. You can check availability or purchase online **using this link, [bookbugkalamazoo.com/book/9780804190114](https://bookbugkalamazoo.com/book/9780804190114)**. Use the online discount code "MOSES" (without the quotes) at checkout to receive 15% off.

**Advance sign up is required. Get all the details and sign up online at [congregationofmoses.org](https://congregationofmoses.org).**



# Family (Tot) Shabbat Services

**Saturday, May 3, 11:30 am at CoM**

Rabbis Goldman and Schicker invite you and your little ones to join us for our relaunch of Tot Shabbat Services. All are invited - so bring some friends!

Please note that each month the location will alternate between CoM and TBI.



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## Unveiling for Ken Eisenberg

**Sunday, May 18, 2:00 pm**

Riverside Jewish Cemetery, 1530 Riverview Drive



# ANNUAL MEETING

We look forward to seeing you at our CoM Annual Congregation Meeting on **Sunday, May 4 from noon - 1:30 pm**, immediately following Religious School.

The meeting this year returns to the late spring schedule of annual meetings past, our own return to normalcy. We will discuss major milestones, including our completed renovations, upcoming plans for the congregation and vote on the slate of Oversight Board officers (see below). We will also provide copies of a summary of the congregation's activities since the last meeting.

## **Meeting Logistics:**

The annual meeting will be held in person in the social hall. We will have catered falafel, grape leaves, hummus and related Mediterranean food, as well as ice cream, drinks and other snacks available during the meeting. There will be time to socialize and catch up with each other.

For those who want to participate but are unable to attend in person, we plan to livestream the meeting, with the ability to ask questions. A copy of our most recent by-laws were included in the mailing from the 2023 annual meeting; **if you would like to request a copy of the by-laws, or a summary copy of CoM activities, please contact Kristil Semrau at [comofficemgr@congregationofmoses.org](mailto:comofficemgr@congregationofmoses.org) or 269-342-5463.**

The Congregation of Moses Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for Oversight Board (board of directors) for election at our annual meeting.

**President:** Brad Hershbein

**Secretary:** Rachel Haus

**Treasurer:** Neal Berke

**Vice President of Operations:** Mike Tenenbaum

**Vice President of Religious Activities:** Dennis Means

**Vice President of Programming:** Elissa Cahn

**Member-at-large:** Robyn Levene

**Member-at-large:** Charlie Ofstein

Additionally, the Congregation of Moses Trustees choose their own representative with voting privileges on the OvB - Rae Lee Howard will continue in this capacity.

Patty Conlon and Phil Oretsky have been serving as members-at-large. We thank Patty and Phil for their service to the Congregation of Moses. Non-voting members Stephen Grode (past president), Carolyn Kennedy (Colef Committee representative), and, of course, Rabbi Goldman, will continue to serve.

Additional details will be forthcoming in weekly emails and other communications.

We look forward to seeing you on May 4!



**Your Vote for Israel's Future**

MARCH 10 - MAY 4, 2025

*Cast your vote today for the Jewish and Israeli future!*

**From now through May 4, 2025**, you and all American Jews have the opportunity to vote online at [ZionistElection.org](https://ZionistElection.org) to make your voice heard in the election for the 39th World Zionist Congress, "the parliament of the Jewish people." Voting is a crucial, tangible and attainable step towards creating a stronger tomorrow. The larger the voter turnout, the more loudly the American Jewish voice is heard.

**To be eligible to vote, you must:**

- Be Jewish (and not subscribe to another religion)
- Be 18 years or older by June 30, 2025
- Be a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident in the U.S.
- Maintain your primary residence in the U.S.
- Accept the Jerusalem Program (the Zionist movement platform)
- Have not voted in the November 2022 Knesset election (and will not vote in any future Knesset election which may be held prior to July 28, 2025)

It only takes a few minutes to vote online at [zionistelection.org](https://zionistelection.org) or by paper ballot.

The Conservative Movement is advocating voting for **slate 17 - MERCAZ USA: The Voice of Conservative/Masorti Judaism**

A coalition of groups including the National Council of Jewish Women and Habonim Dror North America is advocating voting for **slate 16 - HATIKVAH: The Progressive Slate - Vote for Change & Hope, Vote for a Better Future in Israel**

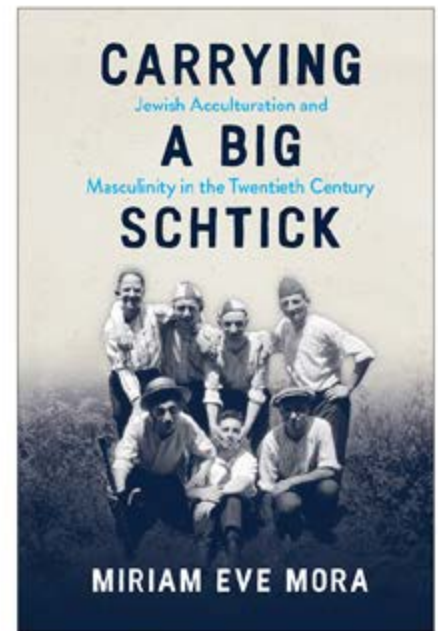
## Why Jewish Masculinity Matters: Unearthing a Driving Historical Force



**Dr. Miriam Eve Mora**  
Managing Director,  
Raoul Wallenberg Institute,  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

**Wednesday, May 7, 2025**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
Hicks Banquet Hall,  
Hicks Student Center,  
Kalamazoo College Campus

Dr. Miriam Eve Mora is the Managing Director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute at the University of Michigan and a historian of American immigration and ethnic history. Her first book, *Carrying a Big Schtick: Jewish Acculturation and Masculinity in the Twentieth Century* (Wayne State University Press, 2024) received the Jordan Schnitzer First Book Publication Award from the Association for Jewish Studies. She is also the co-creator of *JewCE: The Jewish Comics Experience*, a comics and pop culture convention celebrating diverse Jewish themes, characters, and narratives in sequential art.



For directions or more information, please contact Jeffrey Haus, Director of Jewish Studies, at [jeffrey.haus@kzoo.edu](mailto:jeffrey.haus@kzoo.edu) or 269.337.5789.

**Please note:** No unauthorized signs or flyers are permitted at the event.



For more information and  
to watch the live stream  
[vimeo.com/event/2866212](https://vimeo.com/event/2866212)



## 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, 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](mailto:hausjeff@yahoo.com)

Andrea Johnson - [redhead5318@gmail.com](mailto:redhead5318@gmail.com)

Charlie Ofstein - call (269) 330-1866

Thank you!



# Passover Recipe Sharing

People from both TBI and CoM asked for the various recipes that were used for Second Night Seder at TBI. Rabbi Schicker created a PDF list with links of the various recipes, which you will find below for your future Passover enjoyment.

**You can access the list below at this link.**

Most recipes were found at **toriavey.com** but a few originated at other sites including **eatingwell.com** and **myjewishlearning.com**.

## **Passover Recipes 2025**

### Apps + Seder Plate items

- [Greek Yogurt Snack Dip](#) + carrots and celery

### Sides

- [Tzimmes](#) (serves 10)
- [Cauliflower Cheese Kugel](#) (serves 5)
- [Potato Kugel](#) (serves 15)
- [Broiled Asparagus](#) (serves 4)
- [Honey-Dill Roasted Carrots](#) (serves 6)
- [Green Beans with Almonds](#) (serves 4)
- [Curry Roasted Sweet Potatoes](#) (serves 6)
- [Rainbow Salad](#) (serves 8)
- [Israeli Salad](#) (serves 8)
- Matzah Ball Soup (must use Kosher for Passover Matzah Ball Soup mix)

### Entree

- [Eggplant Parm](#) (serves 8)
- [Sweet Potato Spinach Quinoa Gratin](#) (serves 6)
- [Noodle Kugel](#) (must use Kosher for Passover egg noodles)

### Dessert

- [Chocolate Covered Toffee Matzo Crunch](#)
- [Chocolate Almond Flour Cake](#)

# The Haus Family Invites You to Celebrate With Them



## **Mazal's Grad Party Open House!!!**

Friends · Event by Rachel Haus, Jeff Haus

📅 Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 4:30 PM

📍 Mazal's house -- 1414 Highgate Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49006

Come one, come all to celebrate Mazal's graduation from high school! Games, food, treats, and good times!

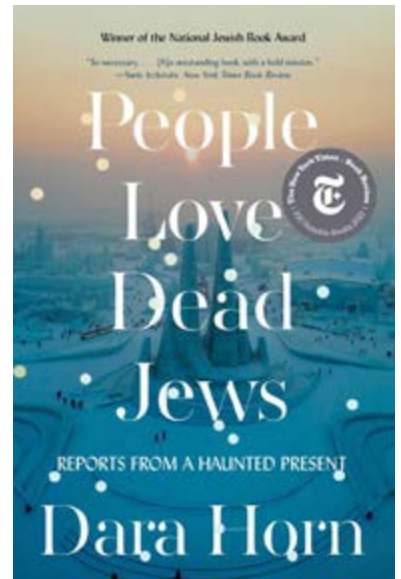
Starting 4:30 until 8:30pm in our backyard -- see you there!

# COM AND TBI BOOK CLUB

Please join us at 7:00 pm on May 29 at TBI as we discuss *People Love Dead Jews: Reports From A Haunted Present*, by Dara Horn

## From Jewish Book Council:

Why society is fascinated with the death of Jews but cares little for living Jews is the subject of Dara Horn's book. Weaving together history, social science, and personal story, she asks readers to think critically about why we venerate stories and spaces that make the destruction of world Jewry a compelling narrative while also minimizing the current crisis of antisemitism. As Horn concludes in her introduction, the goal of *People Love Dead Jews* is "to unravel, document, describe, and articulate the endless unspoken ways in which the popular obsession with dead Jews, even in its most apparently benign and civic-minded forms, is a profound affront to human dignity."



## What is Zazim? Glad you asked!

Zazim is a movement dedicated to transforming Jewish life at CoM through active, hands-on engagement with environmental stewardship. Rooted in the belief that "the hand teaches the heart," Zazim empowers our synagogue community to care for the earth as an expression of Jewish values and reverence for the sacred space of the synagogue.

Zazim is more than a set of green initiatives; it is a movement that binds action to intention. By working with our hands, we cultivate awareness, responsibility and love for the world around us—values at the heart of Jewish teaching.

Every effort is intended to serve the sacred space of the synagogue, ensuring it remains a place of holiness, learning and sustainability for generations to come.

Zazim members' recent hands-on projects included dismantling steel for recycling and delivering EPS foam packaging (styrofoam) to the city's foam collection site. Other projects have included planting and caring for the pollinator rain garden, and removal of invasive plants from the CoM property.

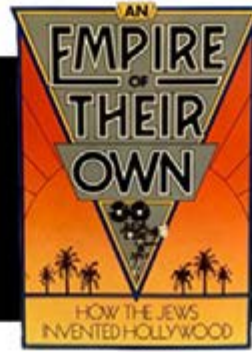


**We welcome and need the interest of everyone in these efforts! To join in, contact [com@congregationofmoses.org](mailto:com@congregationofmoses.org).**

Congregation of Moses

# MOVIE NIGHT

7:00 PM all dates



## Let's Go to the Movies!

### ***Orchestra of Exiles, Thursday, May 8 at 7:00 pm***

The inspiring story of the creation of the Palestine Philharmonic Orchestra (to become the Israel Philharmonic in 1948) as the dark clouds of Nazi persecution gathered over Europe. Through pure determination and over many obstacles, prominent Jewish musicians and their families were brought to Palestine to create a world class orchestra. The orchestra performed to overflowing crowds providing hope and preserving the light of culture in a time of trial and uncertainty. The movie includes interviews of prominent Jewish musicians associated with the Palestine/Israel Philharmonic to include Itzhak Perelman, Yasha Heifetz, Zubin Mehta (a long-serving conductor at the Israel Philharmonic) and Leonard Bernstein (who served as a guest conductor for numerous performances). There are many classical music vignettes in the video. The video will be followed by a group discussion led by Rabbi Goldman on the role of music in Judaism and its importance to generations of Jews.

### ***Hollywood, An Empire of their Own, Thursday, June 12, 7:00 pm***

Produced by Arts and Entertainment and based on a best-selling book by Neal Gabler, "*An Empire of their Own; How the Jews Invented Hollywood.*" The video provides the inside story of how Jewish moguls, who were almost all immigrants from Eastern Europe or their children, created the great Hollywood studios and produced the movies which brought drama, comedy, laughter and tears to hundreds of millions of people and defined American culture for decades. There is plenty of footage in the video from the golden age of Hollywood. The video also raises the question of why the Jewish moguls chose to avoid Jewish issues in their movies. The video will be followed by a group discussion led by Rabbi Goldman on the Jewish Influence in American popular culture.

### ***Broadway Musicals, A Jewish Legacy, Thursday, July 10, 7:00 pm***

Produced by PBS. Tap your feet and hum along as we watch segments of the most endearing Broadway musicals, and learn the story of how Jewish composers, lyricists, and producers created the beloved songs and stage performances which are uniquely American and Jewish in form and message. The video will be followed by a group discussion led by Rabbi Goldman on the topic (and obligations) of the Jews as a gifted people.

Sign up to attend online: [congregationofmoses.org/event-signup-dev/?EID=99257](https://congregationofmoses.org/event-signup-dev/?EID=99257)

**Saturday morning Kiddush** is an integral part of the celebration of Shabbat and hosting a Kiddush is a great way for you to be involved in the CoM community. It is important that all members occasionally host Kiddush so that the responsibility is spread out over the entire congregation.

Each member of the CoM community is asked to host a Kiddush two-three times per year. Two member families are randomly assigned a date to co-host. Dennis Means or Wilma Kahn will be on hand to answer questions on your Shabbat morning. You will also receive an email about a month in advance with detailed instructions. You do not need to purchase food, though you may if you wish. **The request is purely to set up and clean up our normal fare.**

Please find your date on the schedule below and confirm by email that you will be able to host on that Shabbat morning. We realize that some of the dates might not work for you. We only ask that you notify us immediately if this is the case. We will be able to find an alternative date for you, but we will need time to find a replacement host and a new date for you.

Thank you in advance for playing an important part in this weekly ritual. Please feel free to contact us with any concerns or questions.

**Rav Todot/Many Thanks,**

Kristil Semrau, CoM Office Manager, [comofficemgr@congregationofmoses.org](mailto:comofficemgr@congregationofmoses.org)

Dennis Means, Religious Activities Committee co-chair

<b>Kiddush and Friday Evening Hosts, May - July 2025</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Occasion</b>	<b>Host</b>	<b>Host</b>
Saturday, May 3	Shabbat	Lando	Marian & Ken Fisher
Saturday, May 10	Shabbat	Tenenbaum	Patrick
Saturday, May 17	Shabbat	Brown	Verne
Saturday, May 24	Shabbat	Camhi	Stein
Saturday, May 31	Shabbat	Beer	Bez
Saturday, June 7	Shabbat	Community Services at TBI	
Saturday, June 14	Shabbat	Whitney & Rob Weiner	Serlin-Zukowski
Friday, June 20	Special Shabbat Honors	Kennedy	Fogel
Saturday, June 21	Shabbat	Community Services at TBI	
Saturday, June 28	Shabbat	Eisenberg	Goldenthal
Saturday, July 5	Shabbat	Marian & Ken Fisher	J. Rubin
Friday, July 11	Third Friday Shabbat	Lando	Riley
Saturday, July 12	Shabbat	Fischell	Krefman
Saturday, July 19	Shabbat	Schupan	Green
Saturday, July 26	Shabbat	Howard	Candi Levene

**April has come and gone**, bringing with it both spring break and the Passover holiday. While our interactions were limited during this time, we made the most of our opportunities to celebrate Passover together. On Wednesday of Passover week, Morah Emily W led a lively, multi-sensory storytelling of the Passover tale for students of all ages on Wednesday of Passover week, shown in the photo below.

As we approach the final weeks of our school year, we will take time to review the prayers we've learned, the songs we've sung and the upcoming holidays before our end-of-year celebration.

Though the Okun School year is drawing to a close, students will have the opportunity to connect this summer at Camp Keshet. Those entering 2nd through 7th grade can participate in a special three-day camp at Camp Tavor in Three Rivers on July 9-11 (Wednesday to Friday), running from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm each day.

For kids entering 1st-7th grade, Camp Keshet dates are as follows: Week 1 is August 4-8, and Week 2 is August 11-15, Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm, unless we are on a field trip.



Thanks to the generous support from the Marvin and Rosalie Okun Foundation, Camp Keshet will be free for OKCJS students this year. Keep an eye on your emails for the registration link, which will be available soon!

Additionally, Camp Tavor has some exciting offers planned for our Kalamazoo families, so be sure to check out their flyer!

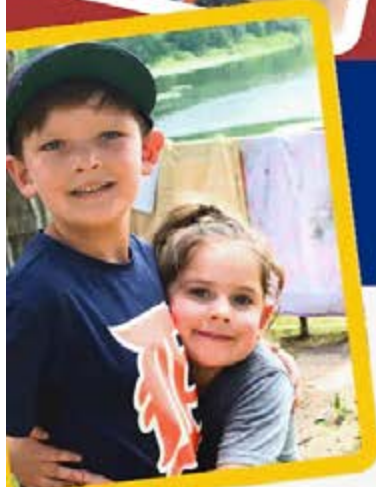
**Angie Saltzman, Director**



# Camp Keshet



**JOIN US AT CAMP TAVOR  
SUMMER 2025 AND  SAVE**



**REGISTER FOR A SUMMER SESSION  
AND SAVE:**

- \$200 OFF 8-DAY SESSION
- \$300 OFF ALL OTHER SESSIONS
- SAVE ANOTHER \$700-\$1000 WITH OHC GRANT
- TAVOR SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT AVAILABLE
- CHECK WEBSITE FOR DATES

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# Mishpacha

Donations have been made by the following individuals and families.

## In Memory

In loving memory of my husband, Ken Eisenberg, *Valerie Eisenberg*

In memory of my loved one, Dan Eisenberg, *Valerie Eisenberg*

In memory of my cherished husband, Mac Howard, *Rae Lee Howard*

In memory of the love of my life, Jenna Howard, *Rae Lee Howard*

In memory of my beloved husband, Larry Rose, *Sandy Rose*

In memory of my father, Cy Beer, *Larry & Cindy Beer*

In memory of our parents, Celia and Norman Besbris, *Randie Levin, Terry Paule, David Besbris, Deborah Strickhartz and their families*

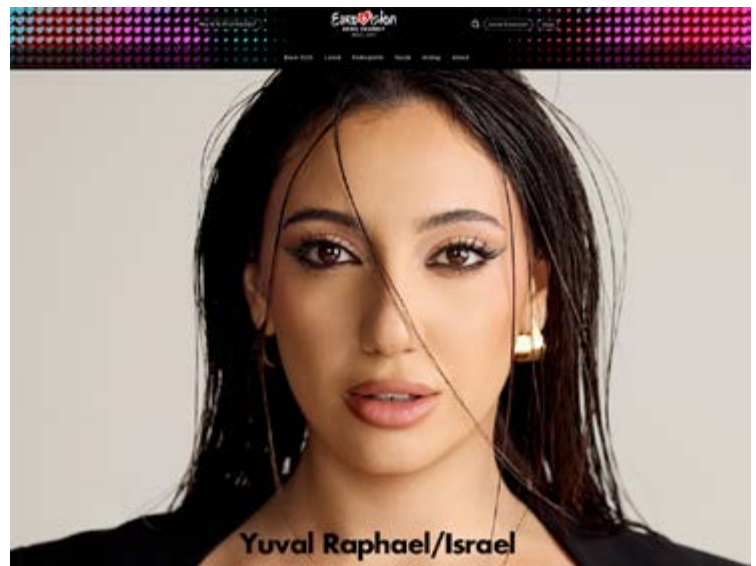
## All donations go to one of our special funds:

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

## Vote for Israel in the Eurovision Song Contest!

Eurovision is a music competition in which performers from countries across Europe, and a few beyond it, compete under their national flags to be crowned continental champion. Think of it as the Olympics of pop music!

Israel has an excellent performer in the competition, Yuval Raphael, and people around the world can support her with our vote. Yuval Raphael is from Ra'anana, on the outskirts of Tel Aviv. [Find her song here](#), or at [eurovision.tv](http://eurovision.tv).



**Semi-finals end May 13 and 15, so cast your vote soon!** You must download the Eurovision app to vote.

All 37 [Eurovision competitors are here](#), or at [eurovision.tv](http://eurovision.tv).



# May Celebrations

The Congregation of Moses wishes **mazel tov and yom huledet sameach** to our members and friends 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](mailto:comofficemgr@congregationofmoses.org).

## May Birthdays

May 1	Pnina Ari-Gur
May 8	Adam Strauss
May 9	Emma Fischell
May 9	Bruce Minsley
May 10	Jeffrey Scheinker
May 11	Benjamin Avner
May 17	Sherril Dettloff
May 24	Stella Amy
May 25	Rich Wojtas
May 28	Sondi Brown



## May Anniversaries

May 5	Michelle & Alan Angel
May 26	Rebecca & Adam Strauss
May 28	Betty & Joe Hirschfield



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# Caring Circle

**Caring Circle**—compassionate volunteers for the Congregation of Moses family. **Caring Circle is a network of volunteers who would like to support our CoM members in times of need, whether during an acute crisis or a need for ongoing support.**

The members of **Caring Circle**, listed below, welcome your call. They have agreed to make their names and contact information available so that you can choose to connect with the person with whom you feel most comfortable.

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# Yahrzeits

## May 3-9 (5-11 Iyar)

Samuel Boris*	Ethel Haffenberg*	Jack Perse
Robert Cheron	Rose Holstein	Grant Schwartz
Harriet Edwards	William Kaplan*	Dorothy Serlin Gerber
Barbara Stein Fisher*	Rebecca Krefman	Ruth Spivak
Morton Fisher*	David Lando*	Lillian Zucker
Guttie Gerber	Max LaVene	
Daniel Goodman	Norman Marshall*	

## May 10-16 (12-18 Iyar)

Stanley Besbris*	Rachel Inselberg*	Rosalie Okun*
Bessie Boris*	Allen Katz*	Ceil Rabinovitz Schechter
Jeanette Brown*	Jacob Isaac Kavalhuna	Benjamin Rose*
Marian Fischell	Doris S. Kirschner*	Fannie Rose*
Hyman Gottlieb*	Bernard Krauss	Bella Schensul*
Jenna Howard	Samuel Lando*	Ida Zimmerman*
George Hyman*	Werner Liepman*	

## May 17-23 (19-25 Iyar)

Norman Besbris*	Sol Heytow	Melvin Poger
Robert Forman*	Carrie Kanofsky*	Dorothy Pollens
Peggy Friedman Frank*	Dorothea Knapp*	Irving Rappaport*
Estelle Freed	Samuel Konigsberg*	Ronn Sofen*
Jean Grossman*	Dora Leiberman*	Julius Stulberg*

## May 24-30 (26 Iyar - 3 Sivan)

Samuel Berman*	Bryna Graff*	Nathan Silverman*
Morris Cohen	Samuel Graff*	Celia Slosberg*
Morris Louis Friedman*	Edgar Inselberg*	Morris Spivak*
Michael Goldberg*	Ida Levene*	Irvin Wise*

*\*Denotes a memorial plaque in the synagogue*

*Now you can find all yahrzeits listed on the CoM website for the current week, as well as the entire year.  
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