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**Eat, Pray, Sing Community Shabbat Dinner and Services
in the Sukkah at Congregation of Moses**

Friday, October 10, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sign up online to attend, at congregationofmoses.org

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

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



Community Memorial Service, This Sunday



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.

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Thank you!

Services and Events Calendar

Wednesday, October 1	6:30 pm	Kol Nidre	
Thursday, October 2	9:00 am	Yom Kippur Services & Yizkor	
Thursday, October 2	4:30 pm	Family Services at TBI	
Thursday, October 2	5:00 pm	Afternoon Program with Dr. David Bowman: "Unconditional Love as a Birthright"	
Thursday, October 2	6:00 pm	Mincha	
Thursday, October 2	7:00 pm	Ne'ilah	
Thursday, October 2	8:03 pm	Break-the-Fast	
Friday, October 3	7:01 pm	Shabbat candle-lighting time	
Saturday, October 4	9:30 am	Shabbat Services	Torah: Deuteronomy 32:32-52 Maftir: Deuteronomy 32:50-52 Haftarah: II Samuel 22:44-51
		Kiddish hosts	M. Brown/Nimz
Sunday, October 5	9:00 am-noon	OKCJS classes	
Sunday, October 5	7:00 pm	Memorial for October 7 at TBI	
Monday, October 6	6:00 pm	Sukkot celebration and potluck dinner at TBI	
Tuesday, October 7	9:30 am	Sukkot morning services	
Tues-Wed, October 7-8		CoM office closed	
Wednesday, October 8	7:00 pm	Mussar group	
Friday, October 10	6:00 pm	Eat, Pray, Sing - Potluck dinner in the Sukkah	
Friday, October 10	6:50 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time	
Saturday, October 11	9:30 am	Shabbat Services and Torah Study	
		Kiddish hosts	Patrick/Ruterbusch
Sunday, October 12	9:00 am	OKCJS classes	
Mon-Wed, October 13-15		CoM office closed	
Tuesday, October 14	9:30 am	Shemini Atzeret and Yizkor services	
Tuesday, October 14	6:00 pm	Simchat Torah services, potluck dinner and celebration	
Friday, October 17	6:38 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time	
Saturday, October 18	9:30 am	Shabbat Services	Torah: Genesis 1:1-2:3 Maftir: Genesis 2:1-2:3 Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5-21
		Kiddish hosts	Avner & Cahn/Conlon
Sunday, October 19	9:00 am	OKCJS classes	
Wednesday, October 22	4:30 pm	OKCJS classes at TBI	
Wednesday, October 22	6:45 pm	JRSC Meeting at TBI	
Thursday, October 23	7:00 pm	OvB Meeting	
Friday, October 24	6:28 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time	
Friday, October 24	7:00 pm	Shabbat Services and Bar Mitzvah at TBI	
Saturday, October 25	10:00 am	Shabbat Services and Bar Mitzvah at TBI	
Sunday, October 26	9:00 am	OKCJS classes	
Sunday, October 26	3:00 pm	Klezundheit Klezmer Concert at Milwood United Methodist Church	
Wednesday, October 29	4:30 pm	OKCJS classes at TBI	
Wednesday, October 29	7:00 pm	RAC Meeting	
Friday, October 31	6:18 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time	



High Holy Days - 2025/5786

at Congregation of Moses

- October 1** Kol Nidre Services, 6:30 pm
- October 2** Yom Kippur Services and Yizkor, 9:00 am
Family Services **at TBI**, 4:30 pm
Afternoon Program, 5:00 pm
Mincha, 6:00 pm
Ne'ilah, 7:00 pm
Break-the-Fast, 8:08 pm
- October 5** Memorial Services for October 7 **at TBI**, 7:00 pm
- October 6** Sukkot Celebration **at TBI**, 6:00 pm
- October 7** Sukkot Services, 9:30 am
- October 10** Eat, Pray, Sing in the Sukkah, 6:00 pm
- October 14** Shemini Atzeret Services, 9:30 am with Yizkor, approximately 11:15 am
Simchat Torah Celebration, 6:00 pm

*All events will be held at Congregation of Moses,
2501 Stadium Drive, unless otherwise noted.*

Community Sukkot Potluck at TBI

Monday, October 6th at 6:00 pm



Join us in the Sukkah!

October 6th

at 6:00 PM

Vegetarian/Vegan Potluck! GF Options!

Lulav/Etrog Shaking!

Click on the image to RSVP or go here: <https://forms.gle/DJoUsrVsDSg2dNU87>

Simchat Torah!

Tuesday, October 14 • 6:00 pm
at the Congregation of Moses

Celebrate the Torah with dancing and revelry!

A brief service will include the unrolling and admiring of the whole Torah Scroll. Great Lakes Brass will play while we dance the traditional seven circles, holding our Torah scrolls. This is a wonderful event for children!

“Simchat Taco” potluck dinner at 7:00 pm, following services.

GREAT LAKES BRASS



Simchat Torah Taco Bar (After You've Worked Up an Appetite Dancing!)



A festive poster for a Simchat Torah Taco Bar. The background is dark green. At the top, the text "SIMCHAT TORAH" and "SIMCHAT TACO" is written in a stylized, white, blocky font, with a red chili pepper graphic between the two lines. Below this, "TUESDAY" and "OCTOBER 14TH" are written in a yellow, serif font. To the left of the date is a red outline of a taco shell, and to the right is a small illustration of an open Torah scroll. Below the date, the text "CONGREGATION OF MOSES", "6PM SERVICES - STUDENT INVOLVEMENT", and "7PM POTLUCK SIMCHAT TACO BAR" is written in white. In the center, there is a large, detailed illustration of a taco filled with meat, cheese, tomatoes, and lettuce, next to a large illustration of an open Torah scroll. Below the taco and scroll, the text "CELEBRATE THE HAPPIEST DAY OF THE YEAR WITH DANCING AND A DELICIOUS TACO BAR" and "*PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING FOOD AND RSVP" is written in white. At the bottom, the text "RSVP HERE & POTLUCK SIGN UP" is written in a yellow, underlined font. To the right of this text is a QR code inside a red circle with a white border. At the bottom left, the text "CRAVING TORAH & TACOS?" is written in white, next to a small illustration of a taco shell and a small illustration of a taco. There are also several small illustrations of lettuce leaves and taco shells scattered around the poster.

SIMCHAT TORAH
SIMCHAT TACO

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 14TH

CONGREGATION OF MOSES
6PM SERVICES - STUDENT INVOLVEMENT
7PM POTLUCK SIMCHAT TACO BAR

CELEBRATE THE HAPPIEST DAY OF THE YEAR
WITH DANCING AND A DELICIOUS TACO BAR
*PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING FOOD AND RSVP

RSVP HERE & POTLUCK SIGN UP

**CRAVING
TORAH &
TACOS?**



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

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.**

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

Dennis Means, Religious Activities Committee co-chair

Kiddish/Shabbat Hosts, October/November 2025

Date	Occasion	Host	Host
Saturday, October 4	Shabbat	Marcie Brown	Paul Nimz
Tuesday, October 7	Sukkot services	Wilma Kahn	-----
Friday, October 10	Eat, Pray, Sing Dinner in the Sukkah	Dennis Means	-----
Saturday, October 11	Shabbat	Bruce & Barbara Patrick	Jill & Rudy Ruterbusch
Tuesday, October 14	Shemini Atzeret Morning Services	Shirley Wise	-----
Tuesday, October 14	Simchat Torah Evening Services	Rebecca Tregerman & Rob Campbell	-----
Saturday, October 18	Shabbat	Benjamin Avner & Elissa Cahn	Patty Conlon
Saturday, October 25	Shabbat	Maxine & Neal Berke	Robin & Dave Bowman
Saturday, November 1	Shabbat	Lori & Steven Krefman	Rachel & Jeff Haus
Saturday, November 8	Shabbat	Rebecca & Adam Strauss	Andrea & Michael Johnson
Friday, November 14	Shabbat evening	Dennis & Linda Means	-----
Saturday, November 15	Shabbat	Shayna Barry	Brad Hershbein & Emily Freed
Saturday, November 22	Shabbat	Denise Davidoff	Cheryl & Mike Tenenbaum
Saturday, November 29	Shabbat	Joyce & Steve Camhi	Larry & Cindy Beer

The Future of the Congregation of Moses Depends on All of Us Today!

Thirty years ago, the Congregation of Moses established its **Etz Chaim Endowment Fund** to support the current and future needs of the Congregation of Moses. Endowed funds provide significant support to the synagogue year-after-year.

We are forever grateful to the 46 generous and thoughtful families, listed below, who have made gifts. Our congregation benefits yearly from their support as we meet today's financial challenges.

This coming year, please consider joining in this long-term, continuing support of our Jewish community. These gifts secure religious, educational and social needs – now and beyond our lifetimes.

For more information on how gifts can be made, please call or email the synagogue office at 342-5463 or comofficemgr@congregationofmoses.org. Thanks for considering this opportunity to ensure our synagogue's future.



LEADING GIFTS

Rosalie and Marvin Okun
Celia and David Davidoff
Shirley and Robert Grekin
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Annelise and Louis Loeser
RaeLee and Mac Howard

Irving Schensul
Marian and Ken Fisher
Dorothy and Jack Levene
Joshua Weiner
Ben Gubin
Tema and Rob Lando

MAJOR GIFTS

Gloria and Stanley Besbris
Nan and Ed Goldenthal
Rosalie and Sam Halpert
Rachel and Edgar Inselberg
Marcia F. and Martin H. Kalb
Robyn and Scott Levene
Tamara and Earl Norman
Kim and Arlen Rubin
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Sallie and Ken Goodman
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Patricia and Richard Kirschner
Helen Levy
Judy Davis and Al Rosenthal
Sue and Morris Stulberg
Shirley Wise and Frank Szopo
Sylvia and Fred Blum

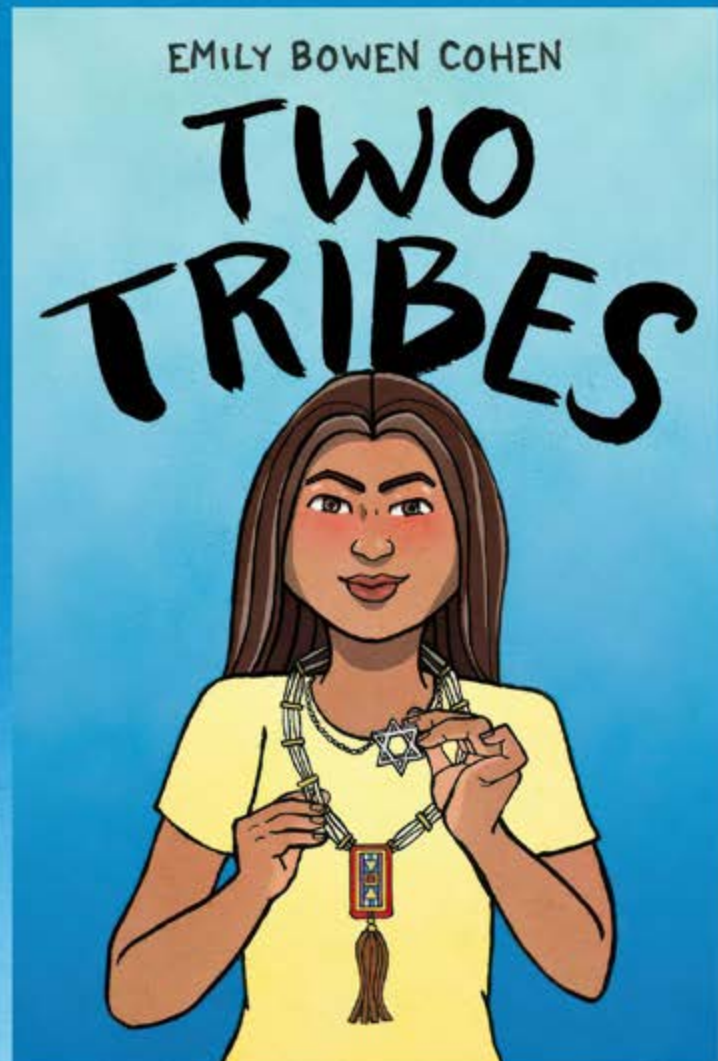
ADDITIONAL GIFTS

Leslie Davis
Ruby and Eugene Field
Mollie and Haym Kruglak
Marcia and Michael Liepman
Sandra and Lawrence Rose
Christy and Bruce Stein
Susan and Patrick Welbourne

Marilyn and Arthur Feinberg
Betty and Joe Hirschfield
Fred Libin
Joy and Irving Rappaport
Natalie and Harvey Spivak
Esther Stulberg

Coming to the Fisher Library Nov. 2

“The story is well crafted, with Jewish and Muscogee beliefs integrated to great effect and art that enhances the text. A powerful graphic novel about honoring every part of our identity.”
— *Kirkus Reviews*



Emily Bowen Cohen creates comics that explore intersectional identity. She is Jewish and a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. She uses personal experience to tell stories that examine contemporary American and Jewish culture. Emily grew up in rural Oklahoma. Her father was the Chief of Staff at their tribal hospital and her mother is a nice Jewish girl from New Jersey. After her father's early death, Emily was separated from her Native family. A decade later, she returned to Oklahoma for a bittersweet homecoming.

Emily drew on her personal experiences to create her debut graphic novel, *Two Tribes*, published by HarperCollins. The book has garnered many reviews and honors since publication in August 2023. Awards include: YALSA Great Graphic Novels for Teens, School Library Journal Best Books of 2023, a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award, and American Indians in Children's Literature (AICL) Best Books of 2023. She has spoken at numerous schools, from elementary through college and was the keynote speaker for Jewish American Heritage Month at the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Please note: You must be registered to attend this event.
Click on the image to sign up or visit the CoM website.

Sarah Aroeste

Sunday, November 16 at 1:30 PM

Congregation of Moses

Inspired by her family's Sephardic roots in Greece and Macedonia, **Sarah Aroeste** has spent the last 15 years bringing her contemporary style of original and traditional Ladino music to audiences around the world.

Sarah writes and sings in Ladino, the Judeo-Spanish dialect which originated from Spanish Jews after their expulsion from Spain in 1492.

American born, she has worked tirelessly to keep Ladino music alive for a new generation. Her style, whether with her original music or with interpreting Ladino folk repertoire, combines traditional Mediterranean Sephardic sounds with contemporary influences such as rock, pop, electronica and jazz.

Tickets at www.connectingchordsfestival.com



Gil Golde Paintings Exhibition and Sale

To Benefit KVCC

Sunday, October 12, from 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Robin's Nest Gallery will open on October 12 with an exhibition and sale of paintings by Gil Golde.

Father of Valerie Eisenberg, Gil's work spanned almost 85 years from the late 1920s until his death in 2015 at the age of 101. As a young man, he studied art in the classical tradition at the National Academy of Design (now called the National Academy Museum and School of Fine Arts) in New York City. In the 1930s as a student at The Art Students League and the New School, Gil witnessed the emergence of modern art and studied with and worked alongside artists who shaped modern art. He continued to paint, draw and create sculptures throughout his life.

While many of Gil Golde's paintings are in private collections, the family has decided to make the remaining paintings available for sale at prices that will allow others to collect and enjoy his work.

The proceeds from this sale will benefit the Kalamazoo Valley Community College's free summer art workshop programs for children in third through eighth grades called "Art & Animation: Characters and Comics."

Gil Golde Paintings

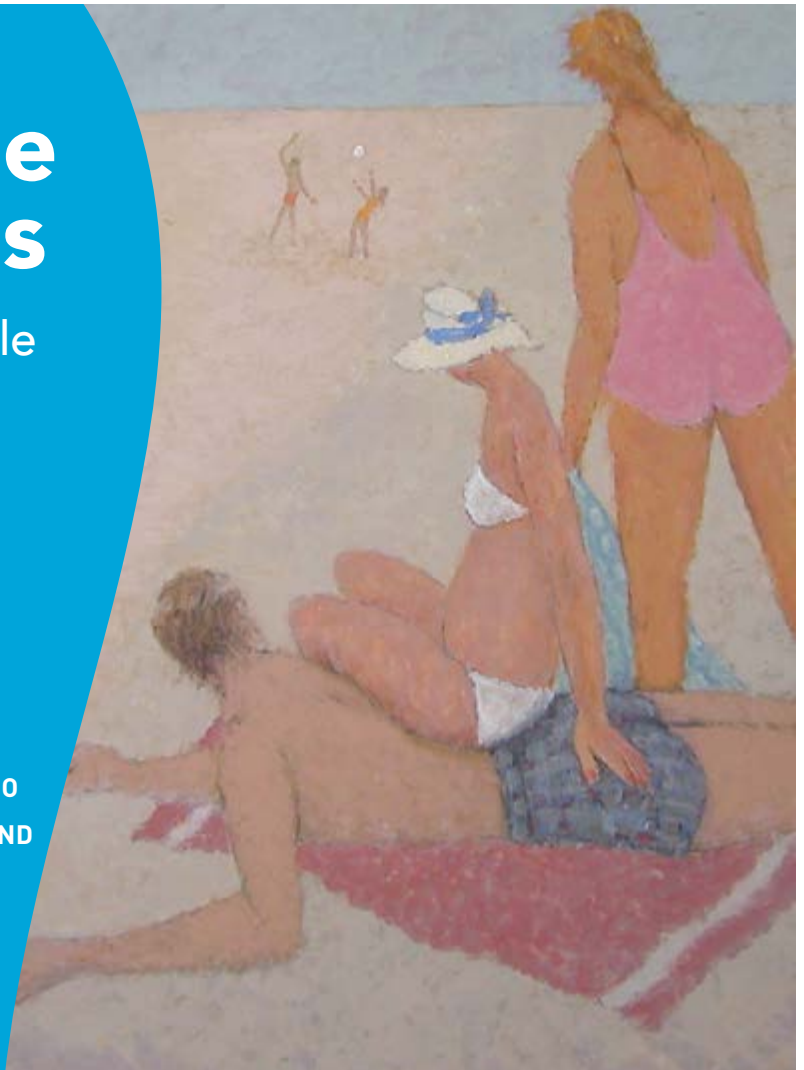
Exhibition and Sale
Sunday, Oct. 12
2 – 5 p.m.

The exhibition
runs through
Dec. 31, 2025

ROBIN'S NEST GALLERY
5115 TEXAS DRIVE, KALAMAZOO

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TUESDAYS, 9 A.M. – 5 P.M.
AND BY APPOINTMENT

*Proceeds to benefit
free summer art workshops
for children at Kalamazoo
Valley Community College*



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community college

Jewish Federation Kickoff Event with Geneticist Leo Cooper

Federation President Jacob Weintraub introduced Leo, who was a previous guest speaker at CoM two years ago when he presented his research about Ashkenazi genetics. We invited him back to present his most recent research on the Ashkenazi-Sephardic Connection.

This event, attended by about 30, concluded with Leo entertaining questions from the audience. Participants enjoyed refreshments in the lobby following the program.

Here is a summary of the talk: Moroccan Jews are the second-largest Jewish diaspora group worldwide, yet many mysteries remain surrounding their origins and relationships with other Jewish communities. Leo Cooper presented his research into the cultural history and population genetics of this important community. He explored Moroccan Jewry's close ties to the Jews of medieval Sepharad, the finding of a limited number of founding ancestors for the community and the sharing of common ancestors between Moroccan Jews and Ashkenazi Jews between the 5th-8th centuries CE.

Cooper is a co-president of the Jewish Genetic Discovery Foundation, which is dedicated to exploring and illuminating Jewish history through the power of genetic research. Founded by a diverse team of passionate citizen scientists, population geneticists and genealogists from Ashkenazi, Sephardic and Mizrahi backgrounds, it aims to uncover the deep ancestral roots of Jewish communities worldwide.

You are welcome to learn more about the foundation and donate if you choose, at Jewishgeneticdiscovery.org



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Volunteers Are Needed for a New Project

CoM and TBI have been invited to help launch a Laundry Love site in Kalamazoo!

Laundry Love is a nationwide project in over 310 locations (laundrylove.org). The Laundry Love initiative consists of regular opportunities to work alongside people who are struggling financially by assisting them with their laundry. Laundry Love partners with local laundromats in cleaning clothes and linens of low-income or no-income people and families at no cost.

Laundry Love brightens the lives of thousands of people each month through love, dignity and detergent. In short, Laundry Love is about people coming together.

Laundry Love believes that through the neutral space of a laundromat, every guest and stranger can become a friend. This idea pushes against the labels of “us” and “them” and questions the social, economic and cultural divides that separate people.

So how will it work? It is the goal to have volunteers from the Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities work together on this project. We'll need a minimum of four volunteers to work two to four hours each month. A participating laundromat is being arranged and organizing meetings will be held to review the details. Volunteers will assist participants on-site with laundry logistics at designated times, with schmoozing and snacks also as part of the plan.

This will be a fantastic Tikkun Olam opportunity for our community. The more volunteers we have, the less frequently each volunteer will be needed, so come one, come all. Bring a group of people or a family to volunteer together!

If you are interested in learning more and volunteering, please email the CoM office, comofficemgr@congregationofmoses.org. Thanks!

Mishpacha

Donations have been made by the following individuals and families.

Mazel Tov to Jonah Weiner, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Judy Davis & Al Rosenthal, Gary Adelman, Michelle Angel, Sallie & Ken Goodman, Pnina & Judah Ari-Gur, Cindy & Larry Beer, Maxine & Neal Berke, Rae Lee Howard, Valerie Eisenberg, The Fischell Family, Diane & Harvey Fogel, Beth & Stephen Grode, Wilma Kahn & Phil Horwich, Shirley Wise, Rabbi Shelley Goldman & Kieran Kiley, Diane & Bruce Minsley, The Ruterbusch Family, Judy & Lowell Seyburn, Joanne Simon

Mazel Tov to Betty Hirschfield, celebrating a milestone birthday

Judy Davis & Al Rosenthal, Gary Adelman, Michelle Angel, Sallie & Ken Goodman, Pnina & Judah Ari-Gur, Cindy & Larry Beer, Maxine & Neal Berke, Rae Lee Howard, Valerie Eisenberg, The Fischell Family, Diane & Harvey Fogel, Beth & Stephen Grode, Wilma Kahn & Phil Horwich, Shirley Wise, Rabbi Shelley Goldman & Kieran Kiley, Diane & Bruce Minsley, The Ruterbusch Family, Judy & Lowell Seyburn, Joanne Simon

In Memory

In memory of my daughter, Eva Stein, *Bruce Stein*

In memory of my brother, Barry Arkush, *Carolyn & Brad Kennedy*

In memory of my husband, Edwin Goldenthal, *Nan Goldenthal*

In memory of my mother, Rose Rose, *Sandra Rose*

In memory of my father, Morris Rose, *Sandra Rose*

In memory of our father/grandfather, Meyer C. Weiner, *The Weiner Family*

In memory of our mother/grandmother, Esther T. Weiner, *The Weiner Family*

In memory of my brother, Russ 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
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October Celebrations

The Congregation of Moses wishes **mazal 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.

October Birthdays

October 2	Lauren Schook
October 3	Robyn Levene
October 5	Harvey Fogel
October 5	Betty Hirschfield - Special Birthday!
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 & Ken Goodman
October 29	Emily Freed & Brad Hershbein



Yahrzeits

October 4-11 (12-18 Tishrei)

Jonas Adelman	Harriet Ginsburg*	Ada Mostcovy
Wilhelm Blum*	Jeffrey Ginsburg*	Marvin Okun*
Blanche Kushner Ell*	Gil Golde	Rose Roseman*
Walter Fitzhugh	Eva Halpert*	David Rosenberg*
Jamie Fogel	Ida Konigsberg	Viola Turndorf
Gertrude Forman*	Rosa Levi*	Rose N. Wruble*
Fay Ginsberg*	Martha Loeser*	

October 11-17 (19-25 Tishrei)

Howard Arbetter	Lawrence Kaufman	Isadore Swartz*
Lucille S. Brown*	Rae Libin*	Bill Tower
Verna Jean Eisenberg	Benjamin Marshall*	Bertram Zheutlin
Rena Feinberg*	Arnold S. Rose*	
Sarah Gottlieb*	Sam A. Roseman*	

October 18-24 (25 Tishrei - 2 Cheshvan)

Julian Doggett	Helen Levey	Meyer S. Stein*
Della F. Goldman*	Fae Okun*	Julieta Torres
Shirley Grekin*	Nora Peisner*	Isaac Weisman*
Hyman Kalb*	Sheldon Pinsky	
Ruth Kushner*	Morris Rose*	

October 25-31 (3-9 Cheshvan)

Molly Berman*	Leon Grossman*	Bernice I. Kurlandsky*
Paul Gerber*	Cherie Gubin*	Isadore Kushner*
Anita Gilman*	Isadore Gubin*	Seymour Levey
Dora Goldberg*	Susan Horwitz	Isadore Sklansky*
Abraham Goldsmith*	Julius Hyman*	
Ethyl Mae Green	David Kruglak*	

**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.
Search your yahrzeit name and date anytime by visiting this page: congregationofmoses.org/yahrzeits*