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Jewish History & Culture
Through Food

Hands-on Cooking
in the CoM Kosher Kitchen
with Rabbi Shelley Goldman

Thursdays in the CoM Kitchen at 7:00 pm January 22, February 12, March 12, April 16, May 14

Jewish history is deeply intertwined with food, with different communities developing unique cuisines shaped by geography, religion and diaspora experiences, such as Ashkenazi (European), Sephardi (North African) and Mizrahi (Middle Eastern) traditions. Dietary laws like kashrut influenced food preparation and consumption, while holidays like Passover and Shabbat incorporated symbolic foods into rituals.

In America, early Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe influenced the development of a distinctive American Jewish cuisine. Later, Sephardic and Mizrahi traditions also contributed to the evolving food landscape.

Join Rabbi Goldman in the CoM Mitbach (Kitchen) as we cook traditional Jewish foods from around the world. You'll leave with articles on communities we are exploring and dishes to serve at your own Shabbat Dinner. You'll also become further acquainted with kashrut.

Pre-registration is required, sign up to attend on the CoM website, congregationofmoses.org.

The Oversight Board

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

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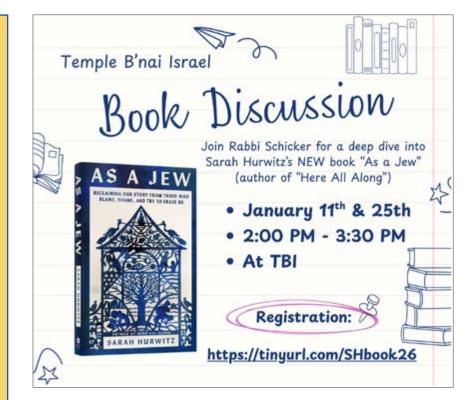
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The Cold newsletter is published monthly by the Congregation of Moses for the benefit of its members. The deadline for submitting articles, photos and ads is the 18th of each month, for publication the following month.

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



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

Thursday, January 1	CoM Building Closed - Happy New Year!			
Friday, January 2	5:03 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time		
Saturday, January 3	9:30 am	Shabbat Services	Torah: Genesis 47:28-48:22 Haftorah: I Kings 2:1-12	
		Kiddush hosts	Kushner/Scheinker	
Wednesday, January 7	4:30 pm	OKCJS classes		
Wednesday, January 7	7:00 pm	Mussar Group		
Friday, January 9	5:10 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time		
Saturday, January 10	9:30 am	Shabbat Services	Torah: Exodus 1:1-2:25 Haftorah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23	
		Kiddush hosts	R. Levene/C. Levene	
Sunday, January 11	9:00 am	OKCJS classes		
Wednesday, January 14	4:30 pm	OKCJS classes at TBI		
Wednesday, January 14	7:00 pm	RAC Meeting		
Friday, January 16	5:18 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time		
Friday, January 16	7:00 pm	Third Friday Shabbat Services		
		Oneg hosts	Kennedy	
Saturday, January 17	9:30 am	Shabbat Services	Torah: Exodus 6:2-7:7 Haftorah: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21	
		Kiddush hosts	Camhi	
Sunday, January 18	9:00 am	OKCJS classes		
Wednesday, January 21	4:30 pm	OKCJS classes at TBI	OKCJS classes at TBI	
Wednesday, January 21	7:00 pm	Oversight Board meeting		
Thursday, January 22	7:00 pm	"Jewish History Through Food" Cooking Class with Rabbi Goldman		
Friday, January 23	5:27 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time		
Saturday, January 24	9:30 am	Shabbat Services and Torah Study		
		Kiddush hosts	Strauss/Bowman	
Sunday, January 25	9:00 am	OKCJS classes		
Wednesday, January 28	4:30 pm	OKCJS classes at TBI		
Friday, January 30	5:36 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time		
Saturday, January 31	9:30 am	Shabbat Services	Torah: Exodus 13:17-14:25 Haftorah: II Samuel 22:44-51	
		Kiddush hosts	Green/Serlin-Zukowski	

Rabbi Kelilah Miller leads a congregation in suburban Philadelphia. She attended rabbinical school with Rabbi Goldman. This letter to her congregation, written on December 15, is a profound meditation on Hanukkah and the tragedies of our day.

am reaching out to you on what has been a hard day for many, as we faced the news of the antisemitic massacre in Australia at Bondi Beach.

"Despite the fact that so many of us (myself included) can sometimes feel numb in the face of what seems like an onslaught of tough news, events like these cut through the haze like a knife. Our pain reminds us that we, as Jews, we are all connected to one another. We face the same threats and live with the same fears, wherever we are in the world. We know what it is to see warning signs mount all around us, and have our alarm bells fall on deaf or jaded ears. We live with the daily weight of knowing that it is never outside the realm of possibility to be killed simply for being publicly Jewish, and then to have the grief of the survivors minimized and politicized by those who have no stake in our safety. It often feels like our humanity has no place in the shared public conversation - regardless of where we may be on the political spectrum.

"I dearly wish that I had words to make any of this make sense, and I wish I had the power to make all of us safe. I do not. But I do have some experience and training in the art of telling stories, and some insight into how the stories we choose to tell can shape our world.

"When the rabbis of the Talmud wrote about Hanukkah, they made some very specific choices about how to tell the story. It would have been sensible of them to write at length about the Hasmonean war, and the military campaign that ultimately defeated the Seleucid Greeks. They could have told a story that emphasized the threats our ancestors faced in the time of the Maccabees, and the need to be ever on our guard against those who wish to harm and oppress us.

"Instead, they told a story about light. A story about a group of battle-weary, exhausted Jews who re-entered their holiest place only to discover it defiled and in ruins. A story about a group of survivors who made a decision to light a flame in the shadows, knowing that it could never last more than a day, and who watched with increasing wonder as that light persisted against everything that, by all rights, should have snuffed it out. Silently, steadily, stubbornly. Without fanfare but also without fail.

"This is a story that has its roots so deep in the Jewish (and human) heart that it risks becoming a cliché: 'how trite, to talk about hope against all odds when the headlines are soaked in blood,' our cynicism argues. But, when I lit candles last night with my family, I allowed myself the gift of really seeing those tiny, fragile lights. I set aside my cynicism and witnessed the power within the fragility of those little dancing flames, knowing that they will be joined by more and more as we reanimate the miracle within our own hearts on each of these eight nights. I thought about Ahmed al-Ahmed, the courageous soul who risked (and nearly lost) his life to protect those who, according to some stories about the world, 'should' have been his enemies. I thought about the many, many stories I have heard in recent months about regular, decent people showing up for others in ways that break the scripts of violence and fear that try to keep us trapped in broken, lightless, ruined Temples.

"As we light the second candle tonight, I invite us all to spend some time gazing at their light, and witnessing the miracle of one flame becoming two - one day of fragile miracles leading into another. May we see the day when we tell the story of our own hard times as a story about quiet spiritual persistence, when we have to explain to our children what fear and violence were, and when we can all serve our highest purpose in peace."

During this time of darkness, Hanukkah offers a chance to bring in the light!

The month of Kislev was filled with excitement as everyone eagerly prepared for Hanukkah. Students from fourth through seventh grades baked cookies to sell at the Hanukkah Market. A heartfelt thank you to Gerry Tregerman for providing the cookie dough.

In the classroom, students explored the history of Hanukkah. They enjoyed playing dreidel, and some watched *Shalom Sesame: The Missing Menorah.* This delightful story showcases Jewish traditions, including latkes, dreidels, olive oil and the tale of the Maccabees, all while searching for the menorah hidden in a rose bush.

A big thank you goes to Rebecca Pollens, Rebecca Tregerman and Becky Hanson for organizing another successful Hanukkah Market, along with all the volunteers who helped set up tables and chairs. We appreciate everyone who contributed to the success of Hanukkah Market 2025, even with the snowy roads!

Thank you to the Joint Religious School Committee for hosting a menorah lighting at Bronson Park and for arranging for Mr. Roboto LED Robot to join us this year.

The Social Action Committee and OKCJS are collaborating on a **Mitzvah Day Project**, and everyone is invited to participate. Please consider contributing items from the following list:

- Jars of peanut butter and jelly
- Sandwich-sized plastic bags
- Individually packaged snack items (cookies, chips, etc.)
- Packages of diapers and wipes
- Hygiene products, including shampoo, bar and/or liquid hand soap, body lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Band-Aids in various sizes, chapstick, deodorant, shower caps and disposable razors

• Items for period kits (everything must be unscented; open boxes and packages are acceptable as long as the products are individually wrapped): liners, thin pads with wings, regular tampons, super tampons, thin

overnight pads with wings

Donations can be placed in the boxes at both congregations anytime until January 18. Thank you in advance for supporting Mitzvah Day!

Upcoming events include:

- A multigenerational chess event on Sunday, February 8 at CoM from 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- Student-led Shabbat service, scheduled for Friday, March 13 at CoM

Happy New Year!



The Current State of Israel

Winter Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Shelley Goldman

February 11, 18 and 25 In person at CoM and via Zoom, 12:00 - 1:00 pm Bring your own vegetarian lunch.

We will be using new materials from **T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights (truah.org)** to explore the current state of Israel; our relationship to it as Jews and Americans, our thoughts and feelings.

T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights brings the Torah's ideals of human dignity, equality and justice to life by empowering rabbis and cantors to be moral voices and to lead Jewish communities in advancing democracy and human rights for all peoples in the United States, Canada, Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories.

Sign up at attend at congregationofmoses.org.



Remembering Jerry Raffel by Rae Lee Howard

Jerry Raffel was a devoted husband to Fran and a loving father to Andy and Greg, who were raised in Kalamazoo. He was well known for his outgoing personality, golden voice, community involvement, and deep love of music and theatre.

A proud member of the Congregation of Moses, Jerry valued education highly. He taught Sunday school, coordinated fundraisers and served as President of B'nai B'rith. For many years, he worked with the Lando family as the emcee for the scholarships, which supported outstanding scholar-athletes from each high school in our county. After Jerry's unexpected passing in 1993, Rob Lando, Leonard Lebowitz and Gary Kushner continued this meaningful tradition in his honor.

Together, Jerry and Fran purchased and dedicated the Tree of Life that hangs in our synagogue's entryway to honor both their parents. This beautiful tribute has generated tens of thousands of dollars in revenue for the synagogue over the years. Jerry also served for many years as Treasurer on the Board of Directors, volunteered with the Men's Club and offered his help wherever he was needed.

Professionally, Jerry spent his career with WKZO and Fetzer—first as the familiar voice we heard on the radio and later in news and sales. His passion for community extended far beyond his career. He was active in Rotary, Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Civic Theatre as both an actor and a master of ceremonies for the Kalamazoo Symphony



and the Starlight Series. In his memory, a scholarship was established in his name for 20 years to support college students from the Congregation of Moses.

This year marks the 32nd anniversary of Jerry's passing. My family—the Levenes and the Howards—remember him fondly. Jerry emceed at my children's B'nai Mitzvot—Sara's in 1986, Tim's in 1989, and Jason's in 1991—and played a meaningful role in shaping their Jewish and family values, just as Fran and their sons continue to do today.

You Give, Then The Colef Fund Gives. Double Your Donation at No Extra Cost!

Your gifts to our community are needed more than ever in these times of diminishing services to needy individuals and families. As you plan your Tzedakah giving, the Colef Fund is ready to match your donations, dollar for dollar up to \$250 per year, making your gift worth twice as much.

In Kalamazoo for example, **Loaves and Fishes** collects and distributes food so that hundreds of struggling families can have nutritious meals. The **YWCA** provides safe and nurturing daycare, early childhood education and emergency shelter for women escaping abuse. **Community Homeworks** teaches skills to homeowners, lends the necessary tools and helps make repairs that keep families safe and in their homes. In Israel, **The Jewish Agency for Israel** is giving immedi-



Independence. Dignity. Self-determination.

ate and long-term support to victims of terror-helping them heal, rebuild and find hope again.

These organizations are on the front lines, changing lives every single day. And these are just a few of many, many dedicated nonprofits working to make life better for people in need.

Want your donation doubled? Here are the three simple steps.

- I. Choose the organization(s) you want to help from the list on the Colef Fund website, coleffund.org
- 2. Make your gift.
- 3. Tell the Colef Fund about your gift and we'll match it.

It's so easy. You give, then we give.

Since 2019, the Colef Fund has matched nearly \$55,000 of donations from our Jewish community to nonprofit organizations in Kalamazoo and beyond. We want to give more!

Make a gift to your favorite nonprofit from the list on our website, send us a copy or photo of your check, or your online donor confirmation, and we will match your gift (up to \$250) to that same organization! It's that simple.

Contact the Colef Fund at coleffund@congregationofmoses.org.

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.

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, <u>comofficemgr@congregationofmoses.org</u> Dennis Means, Religious Activities Committee co-chair

Kiddush/Shabbat Hosts, January/February 2026 Occasion Host Host **Date** Saturday, January 3 Shabbat Kiddush Tamis & Gary Kushner Susan & Jeff Scheinker Saturday, January 10 Shabbat Kiddush Candi Levene Robyn Levene Friday, January 16 Carolyn & Brad Kennedy Oneg Saturday, January 17 Shabbat Kiddush Joyce & Steve Camhi Volunteer needed Rebecca & Adam Strauss Saturday, January 24 Shabbat Kiddush Robin & David Bowman Saturday, January 31 Shabbat Kiddush Emily & David Green Michelle & Troy Serlin-Zukowski Saturday, February 7 Shabbat Kiddush Jeanne & Marc Schupan Marcie Brown Laurel & Charles Ofstein Friday, February 13 Oneg Nancy Diamond Saturday, February 14 Shabbat Kiddush Allison & Adam Weiner

Etz Chaim Endowment Fund Sustains Our Synagogue Into the Future

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 Beatrice and Werner Sichel Annelise and Louis Loeser RaeLee and Mac Howard

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
Elizabeth and Donald Thall
Ida and Sadie Zimmerman
Naomi and Norman Marshall

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

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

Anne Arbetter Fischell
Sallie and Ken Goodman
Dona Satir
Margaret and Jehiel Israelson
Patricia and Richard Kirschner
Helen Levy
Judy Davis and Al Rosenthal
Sue and Morris Stulberg
Shirley Wise and Frank Szopo
Sylvia and Fred Blum

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



One of the main roles of the Chevrah Kadisha is to perform the ancient Jewish ritual of Taharah. Taharah means pure or purify. We have other rituals in our lives to purify ourselves - for example, the Netilat Yadim, or ritual washing of our hands before meals as well as immersion in a mikvah. The Taharah ritual is a spiritual washing - the final mikvah.

The Chevrah assembles a team of four or five members as quickly as possible after someone has died. This is done anonymously out of respect. A male team is provided for a man and a female team for a woman. The Chevrah members say prayers, then carefully and respectfully cleanse the meit/meitah. Next, the Taharah ritual means slowly pouring waters over the meit (deceased male) or meitah (deceased female) from head to toe. This is Mayim Chaim, the living waters. Then the meit/meitah is dressed in the traditional Tachrichim, the burial shroud, and placed in the casket.

Our Chevrah Kadisha is a volunteer group, and we will certainly prepare any Jewish person for burial. To learn more about this service and to express your wishes, you are welcome to contact us any time as end-of-life plans are being made.

Next month's installment in this series about the Chevrah Kadisha will be the ritual of Shmirah or Guarding.

"Preparing Jewish bodies for burial, an artist finds inspiration"

Read about the work of artist Karen Bonioff Friedman in Forward.

https://forward.com/ culture/531444/jewish-burialcustoms-chevra-kadisha-artistkaren-bonioff-friedman/





Donations have been made by the following individuals and families.

Condolences to Gillian & Montana Thommes on the death of their husband and father, Dean Thommes

Judy Davis & Al Rosenthal, Gary Adelman, Michelle Angel, Sallie & Ken Goodman, 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

Mazal Tov to Cindy and Larry Beer on the birth of their granddaughter, Avery Alice Cohen

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In Memory

In memory of Dean Thommes, Nan Goldenthal
In memory of my mother, Lillian Sofen, Nancy Zarnow
In loving memory of my father, Daniel C. Pieler, Elizabeth Siegel
In memory of my husband, Michael F. Simon, Joanne Simon
In memory of my brother, Richard Kurlandsky, Sara Kurlandsky
In memory of my sister, Jackie Strauss, Adam Strauss
In memory of my father, Richard Kurlandsky, Lawrence Kurlandsky
In memory of my mother, Rose Patrick, Bruce Patrick
In memory of my parents, Fred & Barbara Arkush, Carolyn Kennedy
In memory of my mother, Jeanette Adelman, Gary Adelman
In memory of my father, Jack Rubin, Arlen Rubin
In memory of my father, Edward Hageman, Nan Goldenthal
In fond memory of Dean Thommes, Pat & Richard Kirschner

In Honor

In honor of Judah (Yehudah) Ari-Gur, who is retiring after a distinguished 40-year career at Western Michigan University, *Pnina Ari-Gur*

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

January 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**.

January Birthdays

January 2

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Stephen Koss

January 4

Gloria Besbris

Madeline Strauss

January 6

Emily Green

January 6

Emily Hoffman

January 7 Sandra Rose - Special birthday!

January 8 Leslie Bez - Special birthday!

January 11 Richard Kirschner
January 14 S David Stulberg
January 15 Beth Morrison

January 16 Fran Raffel

January 19 Gary Adelman - Special birthday!

January 22 Nan Goldenthal

January 22 Avery Nicole Howard

January 25 Jann Stulberg January 26 Viola Fisher

January 28 Nancy Jane Diamond

January 30 Rae Lee Howard

January 31 Izaak Robert Weston

January Anniversaries

January 9 Diane & Bruce Minsley





Yahrzeits

January 3-9 (14-20 Tevet)					
Josephine Boven	Samuel Kirsch	Leo Salomon*			
Leah Budin*	Joseph Klingman	Charlette Schupan*			
Bernard Deutsch*	Harvey Lipsitt	Dr. Sam I. Stein*			
Haim Noah Feder	Vivian Pollack*				
January 10-16 (21-27 Tevet)					
Dr. Ellis Avner	Jay Scott Levene	Sidney Schwartz*			
Dr. Morris Berkson	Dr Seymour Levine*	Ben Zimmerman*			
Barbara Gross Finestone*	Bessie Ellias London*	Jesse S. Zimmerman*			
Nesha Gerber*	Rose Paull*				
Isadore Halpert*	Bernice Roodin*				
January I7-23 (28 Tevet - 5 Shevat)					
Gordon Bennison*	Bella Kaiser*	Bertha Shinberg*			
Barry Berke	Carole Katz	Marilyn Silverman*			
Samuel Colef*	Ethel Kotzer*	Samuel Slosberg*			
Robert Davidoff	David Leder*	Dr. Morris Sofen*			
Frances M. Fisher	Annelise Loeser*	Louis William Wachtel*			
Sussman Gerber*	Louis Miller*	Myer Winick*			
Chester Holstein	Sylvia Nierman*				
Joseph Kahn	Zachary Price*				
January 24-30 (6-13 Shevat)					
Sophie Blasky*	Sydney Konigsberg*	Macel Munsch*			
Louis Brown*	Johanna Kroon*	Renee Munsch*			
Esther Buchsbaum*	Michael Kurlandsky*	Sophie Oberstein*			

Arnold B. Lamm*

Betty Levene*

Caryn Levene*

Anna Levinson*

Martin Morrison*

*Denotes a memorial plaque in the synagogue

Nathan Oshinsky*

Birdie C. Sanders*

Julius Schensul*

Nathan J. Rosenbaum*

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

Arvin Davis*

Rebecca Gubin*

Evelyn Hyman*

Abraham Kaiser*

Arthur Hershbein*