

DECEMBER 2011

Kislev - Tevet 5772

Continuing the Vision ♦ ♦ ♦ Building our Future

Friday, December 2nd - New Member Dinner

Shabbat Rocks/Family Night Service 7:30 PM
(see page 2 for a complete list of our new members)
If you would like to host a new member family
at dinner that evening call 762-7200.



Sunday, December 4th

Jews in Baseball

Movie, discussion panel with Major League
players, raffle, silent auction & food!
1:30 – 4:30 PM (free goody bags for 1st 100 kids)

Sunday, December 4th – 7:30 PM

We welcome Jon D. Levenson, Albert A. List Professor of Jewish Studies

Author of: *Resurrection and the Restoration of Israel: The Ultimate Victory of the God of Life*, which won a National Jewish Book Award and the Biblical Archaeology Society Publication Award in the category of Best Book Relating to the Hebrew Bible published in 2005 or 2006 and *Resurrection: The Power of God for Christians and Jews* (Yale University Press, 2008), which he wrote with Kevin Madigan of HDS. The topic will be "Is Abraham the Common Father of Jews, Christians and Muslims?" This program is co-sponsored by the Rabbi's Circle and St. Theresa's Church and is open to all.

Monday, December 12th N.S.P.T.A. Movie

"Happy Feet"



Tuesday, December 13th Ha Mishpacha

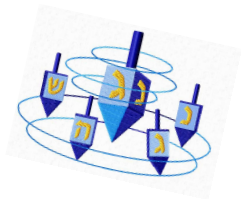
Luncheon & Program

Friday, December 16th N.S. Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, December 17th Midnight Run

Religious School Chanukah Zimriyah – Song Festival

Sunday, December 18th - 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 noon

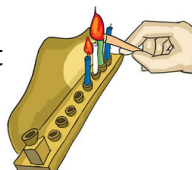


Starring all children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade, *Lev*, & *Ivrit B'Ivrit* performing songs of *Chanukah* and songs of the late singer, songwriter, Debbie Friedman. Come see the "Mike Risko Music School Children's CSI Band" perform! "All are welcome to see our children and celebrate *Chanukah*". And then . . .

From 3 – 5:00 PM on the 18th join us as we build the world's largest Lego Menorah

Tuesday, December 20th

Happy *Chanukah* – We light the first
Candle on our *menorah* tonight!



Saturday, December 24th – 8:00 PM





WELCOME



Each year brings new gifts! 5772 has just begun and we already have the pleasure of 25 new and/or returning Member families in our midst. We are glad you've chosen to share in our synagogue family.

From Briarcliff Manor:

Alina DiDonato & Glenn Pacchiana,
Katya & Alexei
Paul & Amy Diamond,
Zachary & Luke
Richard & Grace Einhorn,
Gabrielle, Michael & Nicole
Asaf Falah & Jeanette Liu-Falah,
Yael, Leah & Eli
Steven & Bonnie Fenster,
Andrew & Joshua
Henry Newman
Russell & Danielle Primack,
Skyler & Taylor
Marc Sternfeld
Adam & Susan Wachtel,
Lauren, Matthew & Emma

From Chappaqua:

Alex Fijman & Marjory Alabre,
Caleb & Adin
Corey & Emily Ginsburg,
Harrison & Parker
Giora & Karen Payes,
Noah & Sarah
Stewart Rosenblatt & Mindy Kombert,
Brandon, Alissa & Amy
Richard & Carmela Westle & Emily

From Croton-on-Hudson

Felice Gittelman & son,
Daniel Friedman
Andrew & Robyn Levitt,
Molly & Sadie

From Millwood:

Ronald & Hillary Wohl,
Aidan, Ryan & Jesse

From Ossining:

Charles Brown III, Debra
Hirshowitz-Brown & Charles
Michael & Miriam Risko,
Matthew & Melody
Steven & Amy Wichman.
Zachary & Madeline

From Pleasantville:

Richard & Carri Becker,
Ian & Scott
Michael & Allison Haberman,
Max & Jared
Julie Moss & son,
Jacob

From Scarborough:

Ruth Schlossberg

From White Plains:

Jonathan & Erica Ben-Zvi,
Stephanie & Ashley



**All CSI members are invited to join us on Friday, December 2nd, at the New Member/
Family Night/Shabbat Rocks service & Oneg Shabbat. If you would like to host a
New member family at the 6:00 PM dinner prior to 7:30 PM services, please call
762-2700 or email Lora@csibriarcliff.org**

FROM THE RABBI, Steven C. Kane

Our relationships with our siblings can be exceedingly complicated. Sometimes there is jealousy and conflict and sometimes there is deep friendship and abiding love. This is not only true of families - it is also true of religions that are "siblings". "Mom loves me more" becomes "God love me more". "I am the favorite one" becomes "we are the chosen ones". The love/hate relationship (and competition) is just as powerful between Judaism, Christianity and Islam as it is between any set of brothers and sisters.

In this trio of western religions, Judaism is of course the older sibling. After Judaism came Christianity and then finally Islam. As Jews we have much in common with both Christianity and Islam, just as we have significant differences. We share with Christianity the Hebrew Bible (referred to by Christians as the "Old" Testament) and with Islam a similar prayer structure (Muslims pray five times a day instead of three). The differences concern how we each view the legitimacy of the other religions.

In its origin, Christianity saw itself as the true continuation of God's covenant with Israel. According to early Christian theology, God had rejected the Jews as they did not keep God's laws. A new religion was to replace Judaism, centered around Jesus as the Messiah or Son of God. Judaism would ultimately disappear, as Christians would become the "new Israel". Of course, Judaism did not disappear, and ultimately most mainline forms of Christianity began to see Judaism as the "older brother", witness to the people of Jesus, and legitimate in its own right. In turn Judaism began to see Christianity as one vehicle to spread the concept of monotheism which was so central to Judaism.

The origins of Islam are shrouded a bit more in mystery. While Islam does not have the Hebrew Bible as a part of its holy books, many of the same stories (often changed to adapt to Muslim culture) are included in the Koran. While both Jews and Christians were often regarded as inferior religions, (to this day non-Muslims are not allowed to visit Mecca, the place of Mohammed's birth and where the Koran was written), Jews in particular have often flourished in Moslem lands.

This year we are fortunate once again to co-sponsor a program with St. Theresa's Church (at CSI) on the subject of our religious "sibling rivalries". Professor Jon Levenson from the Harvard Divinity School will be speaking to us on Sunday December 4th at 7:00 PM. The program is entitled "Was Abraham the Common Father of Jews, Christians and Muslims?" This is a wonderful opportunity not only

to hear a world class scholar of religion speak, it also gives us the opportunity to dialogue with our Christian (and in particular Catholic) neighbors and friends. Come and find out more about our rivalries and relationships with the other great religions of the Western World. It is an opportunity not to be missed!

Lehitraot, Rabbi Kane



BASEBALL, HOT DOGS & JEWS!



The 3rd installment of **Jews-in-Baseball** will appear on **Sunday, December 4th at CSI** just after Hebrew School lets out (approximately 1:30 – 4:30 PM. **Kids bring your parents!**

The event will feature a screening of the movie "Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story", a discussion panel including current and/or recent Jewish MLB players and of course lots of great raffle and silent auction items including sports tickets, memorabilia and other fun prizes.

Free goody bags for the first 100 kids.

There will also be lots of great sports memorabilia on sale – just in time for *Chanukah*.



Keep an eye on your email and the CSI Website, www.csibriarcliff.org for more details.



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CANTORIAL NOTES *Hazzan Jeffrey Shiovitz*



CSI is fortunate to host **Shlock Rock in concert on Saturday evening, December 24th at 8 PM.** We will celebrate together the 5th night of *Chanukah* and the 25th Anniversary of Shlock Rock.

The name says it all. "Shlock Rock". By putting original (and very clever) words and Jewish themes to popular rock and pop tunes from the 1950's through the present, Shlock Rock communicates a simple yet stunning message of Jewish identity, Jewish awareness and, of course, Jewish pride through their music.

If you've not yet heard the Beatles or the Rolling Stones or Roy Orbison or Bruce Springsteen or Beach Boys or Elvis Presley or Disney get shlocked, you don't know what you're missing! And if you can't wait to hear "LaBamba", "Bring Back That Lovin' Feeling", "Windy", "Under the Boardwalk", "Glory Days", or "Barbara Ann" in stereophonic shlock, well, you're in for a real treat!

With 30 recordings and 3 videos to date, Shlock Rock has amassed an impressive body of work encompassing more than 70 song parodies and nearly 200 original songs. (Yes, Shlock Rock also writes, records and performs original pop and liturgical songs.)

The inspiration and creation of Lenny Solomon, Shlock Rock, is indisputably the biggest sound in Jewish music today. Beginning in 1985, Lenny came to devote himself full-time to the activity he excels at - composing and playing music as a means of getting a message across, especially to young people. Lenny's goal was to share positive Jewish images with his audience - images that help create and maintain Jewish self-pride and awareness. The result is Shlock Rock, an idea which many Jewish musicians have toyed with, but only Lenny's group has mastered. Indeed, each track is a converted hit song with new lyrics, mostly in English but with Jewish content. Lenny knows his approach to Jewish music is highly "unorthodox", but it's always done with great reverence and respect for tradition.

Within six months of its release, the band's first album, "Learning Is Good" (1986), had become the strongest selling record in the American-Jewish market. Based on his success, Lenny and his associates recorded a second album in 1987, and put on their first live show as "Shlock Rock" in September of that year. A distinct species of rock music, and a new genre of Jewish music, had been born - to growing popular and critical acclaim. The demand for Shlock Rock music is tremendous, and the band continues to release one new album every 12-18

months to satisfy an ever-growing legion of fans, affectionately known as "shlockers".

As they celebrate their second decade of "shlocking", the band continues to perform approximately 100 live concerts each year. They have a following that spans from Anchorage to Australia, from Europe to South Africa, from Texas to Japan to Israel.

"The message behind every Shlock Rock song, whether a parody or an original tune, is simple," Lenny explains, "Be good, be cool, be Jewish...Jewish pride keeps you going strong."

Tickets are still available. Tickets range in price from \$10.00 (students) - \$180.00 (benefactors). Please join us for what promises to be a fun evening of Jewish music as only Shlock Rock can deliver. I hope to see you there. (See flyer in this bulletin)

HA MISHPACHA

Tuesday, December 13th - 12:30 PM at CSI

Lunch will be served . . .

Followed by:

A Tribute to Debbie Friedman

Ha Mishpacha means the family. It is a group for couples and singles over 65. Each month a different musical, cultural, social or educational program will be presented. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month - but please always check the Bulletin for the current month's date.

For more information

Contact Cantor Shiovitz, 923-0175

MEET NEW FRIENDS - GREET OLD FRIENDS



THANK YOU TO

CSI Members, Erica & Larry Cohen

for their generous donation of a commercial refrigerator and freezer for our meat kitchen.

We were sorry to see the closing of their store, "Cravings" on North State Road and appreciate them thinking of CSI at a time when these items are very much needed.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Roni Shapiro, Educational Director

So much is happening in December it's hard to keep track of it all.

Nursery school *Shabbat* dinner and performance night, December 16th. Come see our Nursery school children perform *Shabbat* songs and skits.

Kindergarten - 5th graders *Zimriyah*: Our Religious School students will be performing songs including a variety of songs written by the late singer-songwriter, Debbie Friedman, here at CSI on December 18th. All are welcome to attend. Our own Mike Risko, from the Mike Risko Music School will be working with students and will accompany them that morning.

***Heh* class trips**: 7th graders go to Sammy's Kosher meat market to learn about keeping kosher and to The Museum of Tolerance in New York City with the Harrison Jewish Center.

Teens: It's Midnight Run time again December 17th and we need your help! Midnight Run is a group of Westchester volunteers who bring clothing, food and a little companionship to homeless people living on the streets of Manhattan. CSI is one of many religious and civic groups who participate. This year our USY and Hebrew High Youth will help us coordinate this project. Check out the website for a complete list of items that are needed food & clothing. Cash donations are always welcome. Teens come to CSI at 8:00 to help make food, pack and sort. Contact Beverly Sarkozi at youtheducator@csibriarcliff.org if you would like to join the "run" or make a donation. Donations can be brought to CSI now until December 16. Please help us make this project successful.

A new trimester of Hebrew High school classes begins. Check out our new course offerings following this article.

Legos for everyone: Come build the tallest *Chanukiyah* out of thousands of Legos on Sunday, December 18 3:00-5:00 PM.

Kadima (6th & 7th) go to Sports Time on December 18th.

Chanukah: Everyone from the ages of 2 through 18 will be making *latkes*, baking *sufganiyot* and playing *dreidel* December 11th - 21st. Look for information about UJA Gift of *Chanukah* program.

Thank you to Irwin Kavy who took our *Heh* class students to The CSI Cemetery on Havell Street and to CSI's old synagogue on Waller Avenue in Ossining. This is an annual trip for each *Heh* Class, thanks to Irwin.

It's Not Too Late To Join HEBREW High School

Come make waffles, have a bagel and lox and learn a little.

Breakfast 11:00-11:30 **Class** 11:30-12:15

Second semester begins December 4th

8th - 12th Grades: Teacher: Orit Daly

Jewish Poverty Project:

What is poverty in the Jewish community? The budget game and who is a *mitzvah* superhero?

Or

8th - 12th Grades: Teacher: Roni Shapiro

Sex in the Text

(You can't believe it is really in the Torah)

Text: Sex in the Text, UAHC Press

See page 12 for a calendar of upcoming dates for the school.



CSI NS PTA proudly presents...

Movie Night featuring...

“HAPPY FEET”



You can come in PJ's if you think that would be fun, and have fun with friends till the movie is done!

Have some dinner, have a treat

We hope you like **Happy Feet!**

Monday, December 12th 4-5:30 pm

Snacks, dinner, and dessert will be served \$5 per child (siblings welcome)

R.S.V.P. by Dec. 4th to Carolyn Linett

(carolynlinett@gmail.com) or

Sara Siegel (ssiegel51@gmail.com)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, Dan Singer

I don't know about you but I believe in miracles. I'm not referring to the big ones like the parting of the Red Sea or swarms of locust and frogs. I am talking about the extraordinary events in human affairs that seemingly come from divine inspiration. I am sure you know what I mean. It could be that time the fire drill alarm went off in grade school when you weren't quite ready to take the test that was scheduled. Or it might have been that \$20 bill you had forgotten about but suddenly found in your back pocket when you needed to reload your metro card. For those of us who have found our *beshert* (soul mate) we can attest to the miracle of how we met. It is these little things that happen by the deeds of others which allow us to believe, even if it is just for a moment, that there are such things as miracles. In each of these situations, something special happens as a result of human action that makes us believe that there really may be divine inspiration occurring on a regular basis.

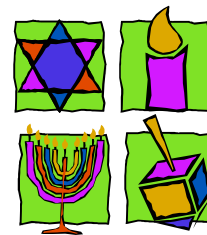
Of all of the opportunities to prove that there are miracles possible in modern times, there is none more special than *Chanukah*. In just a few weeks, we will be gathering together with family and friends to celebrate this festive season and exchange gifts. We will probably each receive some gifts that we appreciate and others that will go into the closet never to be seen again. We will try to give gifts to friends that they will enjoy and we will all mutually gain satisfaction knowing that we were thinking about each other. However there is one type of gift we typically give each *Chanukah* which seems more special than the ones we share with friends. I am referring to the gifts we give to our children. As a parent or grandparent, an aunt or uncle, or even an older brother or sister, there is something special about watching a young child peel back the wrapping paper to reveal that toy that he or she "always wanted." How did you ever know? To them it must truly seem like a miracle. Sometimes these are simple gifts that are worn to school the next day or played with over the course of the next several weeks and months. Other times the gifts remain with the child as a constant reminder of how special *Chanukah* is.

As I write this article, all three of our children are sleeping together in the bunk bed, as they do each *Shabbat* evening. We got this bed for Jared last year on *Chanukah*. What each of these gifts have in common is that they are so special to the recipient that they seemingly change their lives even if it is in the most subtle of ways. In the case of young children they become more curious about

Chanukah and in turn their connection to Judaism. Through this curiosity the opportunity exists to teach our children about the miracles of the Maccabi's victory over the Greeks and how the one day supply of oil lasted for eight nights. Our simple actions actually serve to further the continuity of the Jewish people and in turn help to ensure another generation of Jewish identity and the belief in the possibility of miracles. After all, isn't that what being a Jewish parent is all about?

As *Chanukah* approaches, we will be presented with more opportunities to perform little miracles; those extraordinary events in human affairs that seemingly come from divine inspiration. When we are presented with these opportunities to teach our children it is incumbent upon us to seize the opportunity. We are the vehicle through which the spirit of *Hashem* works to perpetuate Judaism for generations to come. What better gift can we give than to make sure that the center of our Jewish community is there for our children? A gift to the CSI *Etz Chaim* fund which would be used to affect much needed repairs to our building would actually be a gift to your children that will further show them how miracles are really performed. That is why I believe in miracles and that is what *Chanukah* is all about.

Chag Chanukah Same'ach from Dan, Jill, Harrison, Zara, and Jared



Do you know you are very lucky?

There are those who aren't.

How can you help?

GIVE THE GIFT OF *CHANUKAH*.

Please donate a new, unwrapped gift for a child, teen or senior. Gifts will be distributed to local agencies throughout Westchester and the greater New York area through Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, a UJA-Federation beneficiary agency.

Look for the Gift of *Chanukah* collection boxes in the front lobby of CSI through December 18th.

Volunteers are also needed to deliver the gifts to: UJA Federation, 701 Westchester Ave., Suite 203E White Plains, NY 10604 If you can help, please call Sandy in the school office – 762-6396.

CSI MEN'S CLUB
Ronnie Myers, Chair

We had over 18 men join us last month for our Texas Hold'em tournament. Winners were: Mike Kirsch who won a free parking spot for next year's High Holidays and nursery school father, Cory Bronson who won free entry into our next tournament which will more than likely be in March.

Watch future bulletins for announcement of our upcoming programs

Happy *Chanukah* from all in the CSI Men's Club.

If you have not already done so, please use the form below to send in your dues for the 2011-12 year.

<p>Men's Club Membership 2011-12 A new fiscal year began 7/1/11 Enclosed is my check for \$36 payable to CSI for active membership in Men's Club '11-'12.</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Telephone _____</p> <p>E-Mail _____</p> <p>Return to CSI Men's Club 1666 Pleasantville Rd., Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510</p>

KOL NIDRE - 5772

One of our most important traditions is *Tzedakah*, the *mitzvah* of giving. Listed below are the names of each of you who have responded to our *Kol Nidre Appeal* through November 10, 2011. **Please help us achieve our goal of 100% participation.** At today's count we are at **38%**. **Further donations will be listed in our January Bulletin.**

*denotes contributions of \$500 or more

- Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Ackerman
- Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Allen
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- Mr. & Mrs. Norman Lesser
- Mr. & Mrs. David Levine *
- Mr. & Mrs. David Levitt
- Mr. & Mrs. Naftali Lustig
- Mrs. T. Rae Lyons
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Makaron
- Mr. & Mrs. Barry Malmet *

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Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Rosen
Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Rosenshine
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Mr. & Mrs. Richard Zuckerman *

NURSERY SCHOOL SHABBAT



Come Celebrate *Shabbat* with eating, drinking & singing and watch your child perform in a class *Shabbat* skit.

Join us on **Friday evening, December 16th** for a dinner and service for the CSI Nursery School Families.

6:00	Dinner
6:40 - 7:00	School performances
7:00 - 7:15	Class performance

(Cut & Mail or drop off)

___ Yes, I can come & cook with Roni on the morning of Thursday, December 15th & Friday, December 16th.

Cost for Dinner:

0 - 2 years old	free	___
3 - 10	\$ 7.00	___
11 - adult	\$15.00	___

NAME: _____

Phone number: _____

Please RSVP by cutting out and returning it to the CSI school office with your check payable to CSI Nursery School Family Dinner.

Absolutely no reservations can be accepted after December 13th!



NOTES FROM OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL P.T.A.

Ziona Rubin

Randi Schonfeld

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December will be a very busy month in our school with many activities planned. Soon the synagogue will be filled with the delicious smells of *latkes* and *sufganiyot*, thanks to the parent volunteers. Your help is always needed and appreciated.

December 18th is our school *Chanukah Zimriyah* and also on that day, Lego is coming back to CSI with the Lego *Chanukah* Program.

In the morning from 10:30 to noon, all children in kindergarten through 5th grades, *Lev & Ivrit B'Ivrit* will be performing songs of *Chanukah* including songs of the late singer, Debbie Friedman.

Then later that day from 3 to 5:00 PM children of all ages are welcome to help build the "world's tallest Lego *Menorah*". A light dinner and lighting CSI's *Chanukiyah* will be included. See page 14 for more details.

Be sure to mark December 18th on your calendar for both events.

From December 11th through the 21st our children will play the *dreidel* game and be treated to yummy snacks courtesy of your P.T.A.

Then next month, on January 8th, a *Gimel* family program is scheduled.

THANK YOU to the Bingo Night Committee and all the volunteers! As in past years, Bingo night would not have been a success without everyone's help. A special thank you to **Scott Lanoff** for being this year's caller and a **HUGE** thank you to **Wendy Gottlieb**, who organized this wonderful and fun event.

Wishing everyone a Happy *Chanukah*, have a great vacation!



Need Bar/Bat Mitzvah credit?

Come to the

Kadima Service

Saturday, December 17th - 10:30-12:00 upstairs

(A special Shabbat Learning service for 6th & 7th

Graders led by Sheera Zuckerman)

Put your service cards
BEHIND the Blue tab that says
"Saturday attendance
behind here."

FROM OUR YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATOR,

Beverly Sarkozi

I have been reading this Bulletin for over 16 years and now as the new Youth and Family Educator I have an opportunity to report on many exciting events within our community.

We have been very busy here at CSI. Twenty eight of our teens started out the season with apple picking at Wilken's Farm with Beth Scheck, our new USY Advisor. Teens participated in the WJCS *Sukkot Chavurah* celebration for over 150 special needs adults here at CSI. ***Todah Rabbah*** to Jared Cohen, Monique Goldstein, Elan Kane, Erica Lesser, Tal Mintz, Ryan Morris, Emma Preston, Eitan Rude, Sam Rude, Ashley Seruya, Maddie Seruya, Talia Shiovitz and Samantha Sternschein.

The *Kadima* kickoff event gave our 6th and 7th graders led by Kelly Korzen, our new *Kadima* Advisor, an introduction to fencing with Coach Mio David from the Fencing Academy of Westchester. As I write this article, the excitement continues with this week's Zumba and Kickboxing.

We have two very important *mitzvah* opportunities scheduled for our teens. One will already have taken place when you have read this bulletin, i.e. on Thanksgiving Day with Mount Kisco Hebrew Congregation, we hope to pack 100 grocery bags filled with cans of fruit, vegetables, beans, tuna as well as cereal and rice to deliver to less fortunate families. And then on December 17th we plan a Midnight Run where CSI Teens take to the streets to feed and clothe the homeless. Both these events rely on your support so please check the flyers and emails for ways you can help.

I have some big shoes to fill and Abbe Marcus has graciously offered her assistance and insight. Along with our always enthusiastic youth and your help, I look forward to a successful season.

Deadline for the January Bulletin is December 9th.

Please get your articles in on time!

Happy *Chanukah*.



NEWS FROM SISTERHOOD

Marion Jablansky

www.wlcj.org

www.giftshop@csibriarcliff.org

On October 26th Sisterhood held our annual "Paid Up Membership Dinner". About 50 women attended this lovely evening where our own Darlene Fairman spoke about recovering lost art from the Holocaust. It was truly an interesting and enjoyable talk. Thank you very much Darlene! We also enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by our own Annleah Berger and Sharon Richter and their assistant chefs. Thank you ladies for a very tasty meal!

Chanukah is only a few weeks away! The gift shop will be open on Sunday, December 4 and Sunday December 18, from 9 AM - 12:30 PM for your holiday shopping. We have a large assortment of menorahs, especially children's menorahs. Look on the CSI website for a preview of what your gift shop has for the holiday season.

These are just some of the programs and services Sisterhood provides, and being a part of Sisterhood is a wonderful experience. Please do not hesitate to pay your dues and be a part of this wonderful organization.

The CSI bulletin and the CSI website are great sources of information. Continue to read future bulletins, as well as check the website for future Sisterhood programs.

Sisterhood Calendar:

December 14	Mah Jongg
January 18	Mah Jongg
February 15	Mah Jongg
March 14	Mah Jongg
March 21	General meeting
April 14	Sisterhood <i>Shabbat</i>
April 18	Mah Jongg
May 16	Mah Jongg
June 6	Mah Jongg

As always, we are constantly looking for new ideas, so if you have any suggestions or wish to chair or help with an activity, please let us know. Our officers/chairpersons are always open to new ideas.

President:	Elizabeth Dworkin
Treasurer:	Sharon Richter
Recording Secretary:	Ali Edelstein
Social Committee:	Wendy Gottlieb
Membership:	Beth Levine
Financial Secretary:	Sharon Richter
Bulletin:	Marion Jablansky

Gift Shop: Annleah Berger/Robin Ginsberg/
Jill Greenstein /Marion Jablansky/ Robin Karp/Sharon
Orenstein

www.WLCJ.org = the website for Women's League
for Conservative Judaism, the organization to which
our Sisterhood belongs. Check it out!

Gift Tip: Serve those tasty *latkes* on a special tray-
view the trays on the CSI website!!!

Sisterhood Membership 2011-2012
To join, please send your check for \$25.00
dues payable to CSI Sisterhood & return it
with this form to:
CSI Sisterhood, 1666 Pleasantville Road
Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

For questions concerning membership or to sign
up for one of our committees please
Call Beth Levine 941-9221, or
Marion Jablansky 923-0089.

Join the CSI Nursery School Playgroup for Children Infant - 23 Months



**Make new friends with your child while you: sing
songs - play parachute - create art projects and
listen to stories Or**

**Be more active with your little one and climb
through tunnels, slide down slides, jump on the
trampoline or play on the mats.**

Tuesday mornings - 9:15 – 10:15 AM
December 6, 13 & 20
January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – February 7, 14, 28
March 6, 20, 27 - April 3, 17, 24
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**Cost \$10.00 per session. Checks are made payable
to CSI Playgroup. Sign up now by calling 762-
6396 or email education@csibriarcliff.org**

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Judy Boehr, Chair

FOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the food drive for the Ossining Food Pantry. We sent six car loads of food to the Pantry along with some monetary donations. Thank you also to Mike, the manager of the Shoprite in Croton for generously donating 500 bags!

And to: Nathan Holzberg, Walter Holzberg, Ryna Morris, Rachel Rosen, Jonah Schumacher and Ezra Plotkin and his friends, Julia Solari and Sarah Cooney, for loading up the cars and unloading them at the Pantry.

To: Merrie Daitch, Andrew Morris, Neal Rechtman, Jen Rosen and Bill Ross for driving the food to the Pantry from CSI.

To: Lee Rosen, Michael and Sarah Teitelbaum for stapling the flyers to the bags.

I couldn't have done this without everyone's help.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

As is our custom, we will be cooking and serving Christmas dinner at the First Presbyterian Church in Ossining on Sunday, December 25th. Dinner is served beginning at noon, but, as always, we need people to cook, serve, greet and converse with our guests, and also to clean up. There are **MANY** *mitzvah* opportunities available.

We need people to cook turkey, sweet potatoes, stuffing and desserts, buy green vegetables (peas or beans), pies, and various other items and to donate money so that we can buy the miscellaneous items we need. We gladly accept donations (if you're going to be away) which we will put to good use.

Please contact us to let us know that you can help. This is a special day for our congregation and our guests. We look forward to having you support this effort and join in the joy of that day.

Call **Judy Boehr, 762-1984** or **Sarah LaCour, 762-4849**.

If you prefer, you can email us but **please write Christmas Dinner in the subject line.**

Judy: tanglewoodtoots@juno.com

or

Sarah: sklacour@verizon.net



Adult Learning Service



Saturday, December 3rd

10:30 – 12:00 noon

**Join Roni Shapiro for an
Adult learning service**

Knowledge of Hebrew not required.

Babysitting is available.

KADIMA GOES TO SPORTIME

(CALLING ALL CSI 6TH & 7TH GRADERS)

JOIN US!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2011

10:00 AM – 12:45 PM

While the *Zimriyah* is going on at CSI, *Kadima* will celebrate *Chanukah* at Sportime USA

Cost of program: \$25 for *Kadima* members, \$36 for non-members. Price includes: 40 game credits, 5 rides, laser tag and rock wall.

Please register in the Hebrew School office by December 11, 2011. Permission form is required.

For more information contact Beverly Sarkozi at youtheducator@csibriarcliff.org or Kelly Korzen at kadima@csibriarcliff.org 914-762-6396.

CARNIVAL AT JAWANIO

On Sunday, December 11th

for adults with disabilities. Bus leaves CSI at 10:00 AM & returns at 3:00 PM. Community service hours will be given – permission slip required.

For more information contact Beverly Sarkozi at youtheducator@csibriarcliff.org

OUR DECEMBER BAT MITZVAH

Hi, my name is **HALEY SIROTA**. On December 3, 2011 I will be called to the *Torah* to become a *Bat Mitzvah*. I live with my younger brother, Josh, and my parents, Neil and Dale in Briarcliff Manor. I attend Briarcliff Middle School and currently am an eighth grader. My favorite subjects in school are Science and Spanish.

I love spending my summers at sleep-away camp in New Hampshire. At camp, I love to kneeboard and horseback ride. I also play the viola.

For my *Bat Mitzvah* project I volunteered at Edenwald where I helped a mentally challenged child. I played games with him and helped him with his schoolwork. I am so glad that I got to have this experience. It made me feel great to see him really happy and to know that I helped make a difference.

I would like to thank Roni, Elise Mottel, Cantor Shiovitz, and Rabbi Kane for their help. Most of all, I would like to thank my parents and my brother for their patience, love and support.

Mazal Tov to the Sirota Family
who will assist in hosting the *Oneg Shabbat*
at our December Family Night/Shabbat Rocks service
on Friday, December 2nd at 7:30 PM



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

- 3 Jr. Congr., Adult Learning & *Prozdor* Svce.
- 4 High School
- 5 N.S. Nature Program
- 6 N.S. Sign Language Program, Play Group
- 7 *Heh* Trip to Sammy's Kosher Market, N.S. Music
- 10 PJ Library program, Jr. Congr.
- 11 *Heh* Cl. Trip to Tolerance Ctr., Latke making, USY Carnival for Others, NO H.S.
- 12 N.S. P.T.A. afternoon of fun, N.S. sign language, Art Program
- 13 N.S. Art Program
- 14 N.S. Music
- 15 & 16 N.S. parents cook for N.S. Shabbat Dinner
- 17 Kadima Svce., Jr. Congr., USY led Midnight Run
- 18 Gift of *Chanukah* deadline, *Zimriyah* grades 5, *Lev Ivrit*, *Kadima* (6th & 7th) go to Sportstime
- 19 N.S. Mad Science Program
- 20 First night candle lighting ceremony at 5:45 PM
- 20 & 21 R.S. bakes *Sufganiyot*
- 20 – 23 N.S. candlelighting & *Chanukah* cooking
- 24 & 31 No Junior Congregation

NO SCHOOL

December 23rd through January 1st

WORLD'S TALLEST "LEGO" MENORAH



**"WE NEED YOUR HELP TO BUILD IT"
ALL AGES WELCOME**

Sunday, December 18, 2011 - 3:00 – 5:00 PM
(CSI social hall) Cost: \$6.00 per person
(Price includes light dinner, beverages, Lego building and lighting the *chanukiyah*)
PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 15TH



Name of Attendee _____

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Name of Attendee _____

Amount of check/cash enclosed \$ _____

(Please clip and return to school office)



1st & 2nd graders, Don't miss the fun, it's the










**Saturday, December 3rd 10:00-11:00 AM
Room 11**

A *Shabbat* morning service appropriate for 1st & 2nd graders. Come to enjoy *Shabbat* with dancing, singing and learning prayers.

December 2, 2011 6 Kislev – 5 Tevet 5772

Note: *Shabbat* ends 1 hour after Friday's C/L Time

Changes in calendar events may take place – please check our website www.csibriarcliff.org for up to date information

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Happy Chanukah	See page 14 For a guide complete with blessings to light your Chanukah Menorah	<u>Nov. 29 3 Kislev</u> 9:15 AM Playgroup 11:15 AM Jews in The News 12:30 PM Yiddish Club 8:00 PM Board of Trustees	<u>Nov. 30 4 Kislev</u> 	<u>December 15 Kislev</u> 7:15 AM Minyan	<u>2 6 Kislev</u> 6:00 PM New Member Dinner 7:30 PM <i>Shabbat</i> Rocks//Family Night CL: 4:10 PM 	<u>3 7 Kislev</u> Vayeitzei 9:30 AM <i>Shabbat</i> Morning Service BM HALEY SIROTA 10:00 AM <i>Prozdor</i> 10:30 AM Adult Learning Service 11:00 AM Jr. Congr.
<u>4 8 Kislev</u> 9:15 AM <i>Minyan</i> 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM GIFT SHOP OPEN 9-11:00 AM Grp. A BM Class 10 AM Torah for the Troops 10:30 AM Adult <i>Bar/Bat Mitzvah</i> Cl. 11:00 AM H.S. 1:30 PM JEWS IN BASEBALL 7:30 PM JON LEVENSON of Harvard Divinity School Speaker (co-sponsored by St. Theresa's Church)	<u>5 9 Kislev</u> 7:15 AM <i>Minyan</i> 11 AM Women's Torah Study 7 PM Hebrew I 7:30PM Men's Club 7:30PM 5 things You Always Wanted to Know Cl (Rabbi) 8:45PM Talmud	<u>6 10 Kislev</u> 9:15 AM Playgroup 11:15 AM Jews in the News 7:00 PM Caring Community	<u>7 11 Kislev</u> Heh Class trip to Sammy's Kosher Meat Market 6:00 PM Religious School Teacher's Meeting	<u>8 12 Kislev</u> 7:15 AM <i>Minyan</i> 10:30 AM <i>Ha Mishpacha</i> Discussion Group	<u>9 13 Kislev</u> 6:00 PM <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service CL: 4:09 PM 	<u>10 14 Kislev</u> Vayishlach 9:30 AM <i>Shabbat</i> Morning service 11:00 AM Jr Congr.
<u>11 15 Kislev</u> 9:15 AM <i>Minyan</i> 10AM Torah for the Troops Dalet Cl goes to Spanish Portuguese Synagogue Heh Cl trip to Tolerance Center USY attends Jawonio Carnival for others	<u>12 16 Kislev</u> 7:15 AM <i>Minyan</i> 4:00 PM N.S.P.T.A. "Happy Feet" movie 7 PM Hebrew I 8:45 PM Talmud	<u>13 17 Kislev</u> 9:15 AM Playgroup 11:15 AM Jews in the News 12:05 – 1:00 PM N.S. Teacher's meetg. 12:30 PM <i>Ha Mishpacha</i> Luncheon & program 8:00 PM Ritual Comm.	<u>14 18 Kislev</u> 7:30 PM Sisterhood Mah Jongg	<u>15 19 Kislev</u> 7:15 AM <i>Minyan</i>	<u>16 20 Kislev</u> 6:00 PM <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 6:00 PM Nursery School <i>Shabbat</i> Dinner & Service C/L: 4:10 PM 	<u>17 21 Kislev</u> Vayeshev 9:30 AM <i>Shabbat</i> Morning Service 10:30 AM <i>Kadima</i> 11:00 AM Jr. Congr. 8:00 – 11:00 PM MIDNIGHT RUN
<u>18 22 Kislev</u> 9:15 AM <i>Minyan</i> 8:45 – 10:30 AM Group A Snow Date 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM Gift Shop Open 10 AM Torah for the Troops 10:00 AM <i>Kadima</i> Goes to Sportime 10:30 AM ZIMRIYAH 2:00 PM PJ Library Program 3:00 PM We build the world's Tallest Lego Menorah	<u>19 23 Kislev</u> 7:15 AM <i>Minyan</i> 11:00AM Women's Torah Study Study 7:00PM Hebrew I 7:30 PM 5 Things You Always Wanted to Know Cl. (Cantor) 8:45 PM Talmud	<u>20 24 Kislev</u> 9:15 AM Playgroup 11:15 AM Jews in the News 12:30 PM Yiddish Club 5:45 PM We light the 1 st Candle on CSI's <i>Chanukah</i> 7:00 PM Exec. Comm. 8:00 PM Board of Trustees	<u>21 25 Kislev</u> Chanukah – Day 1  2 nd Candle lit	<u>22 26 Kislev</u> Chanukah – Day 2 9:15 AM <i>Minyan</i> 10:30 AM <i>Ha Mishpacha</i> Discussion Group 3 rd Candle lit	<u>23 27 Kislev</u> Chanukah – Day 3 NO SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED 6:00 PM <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 4 th Candle lit CL: 4:13 PM 	<u>24 28 Kislev</u> Miketz Chanukah – Day 4 9:30AM <i>Shabbat</i> Morning Service 8:00 PM SHLOCK ROCK CONCERT AT CSI 5 th Candle lit
<u>25 29 Kislev</u> Chanukah – Day 5 9:15 AM <i>Minyan</i> CSI serves Christmas Dinner at First Presbyterian Church in Ossining 6 th candle lit NO SCHOOL	<u>26 30 Kislev</u> Chanukah – Day 6 7:15 AM <i>Minyan</i> NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED Rosh Chodesh Tevet 7 th candle lit	<u>27 1 Tevet</u> Chanukah – Day 7 Rosh Chodesh Tevet 11:15 AM Jews in the News NO SCHOOL 8 th candle lit	<u>28 2 Tevet</u> Chanukah – Day 8 NO SCHOOL	<u>29 3 Tevet</u> 7:15 AM <i>Minyan</i>	<u>30 4 Tevet</u> 4:30 PM <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service NO SCHOOL CL: 4:18 PM 	<u>31 5 Tevet</u> Vayigashi 9:30 AM <i>Shabbat</i> Morning Service Sunday, January 1, 2012 Happy New Year NO SCHOOL

CHANUKAH

Chanukah commemorates the victory of the Jewish forces, led by Judah Maccabee, over the Syrian forces (often called Syrian-Greeks because they had come under the influence of Greek culture) led by Antiochus Epiphanes in the year 167 BCE. Antiochus had outlawed circumcision, *Shabbat* observance and other customs basic to Judaism. He then desecrated the holy Temple in Jerusalem by placing the statue of a Greek god in the Holy of Holies, and conducting sacrifices of unclean animals.

After three years of fighting, the forces led by Judah recaptured the Temple on the 25th of *Kislev*. They found it in ruins. As they began to repair and rebuild it, crowds of Jews congregated to celebrate and bring proper sacrifices to God. One version of the story tells us that the Jews celebrated the rededication of the Temple for eight days since they had been denied access to the Temple for the eight days of *Sukkot*. Of course, we are all familiar with the legend in the Talmud that recounts one cruse of oil found with the seal of the *Cohen Gadol* (High Priest). It was sufficient for one day, but a great miracle happened and the oil burned for eight days.

KINDLING THE LIGHTS

This year the first *Chanukah* candle is lit on Tuesday, December 20th, before dark. One candle is lit on the first night, two the second night and so on, adding a candle each subsequent night. The “*Shamash*” candle is lit first and used to light the others. On the first night the candle is placed on the far right of the *menorah* (as it faces you). Each night a candle is added to the left and candles are lit left to right, so that the newest candle is always lit first, the second newest second, and so on.

People often use larger candles on Friday night because these candles must burn for a period of time after complete darkness sets in. The CSI gift shop has a wonderful selection of candles, *menorahs* and gifts for *Chanukah* and all year, please be sure to stop in. The dates they are open are listed on the bulletin calendar and on our website: www.csibriarcliff.org.

On Friday night, December 23rd candles are lit before *Shabbat* candles and Saturday night, December 24th, candles are lit before *Havdalah*, so as not to delay the performance of the *mitzvah*.

While kindling the lights say the following blessings:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.

Baruch attah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, asher kid shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'haldlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Praised are You, *Adonai* our God, Ruler of the universe whose *mitzvot* add holiness to our life and who gave us the *mitzvah* to light the lights of *Chanukah*.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

Baruch attah Adonai, Eloheinu melekh ha-olam she-asah nissim la-avoteinu by-yamim ha—heim u-va-z'man hazeh.

Praised are You, *Adonai* our God, Ruler of the universe who accomplished miracles for our ancestors in ancient days, and in our time.

On the first night only add the following benediction:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Baruch attah Adonai, Eloheinu melekh ha-olam shehecheyanu vekiamanu vehigianu lazman hazeh.

Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, for granting us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this day.

After lighting the candles:

These lights we kindle to recall the wondrous triumphs and the miraculous victories wrought through Your holy *kohanim* for our ancestors in ancient days at this season. These lights are sacred through all the eight days of *Chanukah*. We may not put them to ordinary use, but are to look upon them and thus be reminded to thank You and praise You for the wondrous miracle of our deliverance.

MAOZ TSUR



מעוז צור ישועתי לך נאה לשבח
תפון בית תפילתי ושם תודה נזכה
לעת תכין מטבח מצר המנבח
אז אגמור בשיר מזמור חנכת המנבח

Ma'oz tsur yeshu'ati lecha na'eh leshabeakh.

Tikon beit tefilati vesham todah nezaveakh.

Le'et tachin matbeakh mistar hamnabeakh,

'az 'egmore beshir mizmor khanuat hamizbeakh.

Rock of Ages, let our song praise Your saving power. You amid the raging throng were our sheltering tower. Furious they assailed us, but Your help availed us. And Your word broke their sword when our own strength failed us. Note: Full *Chanukah* guides are available on the lobby tables.

HAPPY CHANUKAH !

P E O P L E

Mazal Tov to:

Drs. Alex Fijman & Marjory Alabre on the birth of their third child, Oliver Solomon on November 24th.

Matt Belitz, son of Liz & Mitch Belitz, who has signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Marist College for the next 4 years.


Thank you to all those who signed up for our Blood Drive and Organ Donor Registration which was scheduled for Sunday, October 29th, but was cancelled due to the recent snowstorm. Our next blood drive is scheduled for **Sunday, February 5, 2012**. Please mark the date on your calendar.

An Apology to Faith Kavy who was missed in our November "High Holiday *Todah Rabbah*" column. Faith was one of the service leaders for the Children's Holiday Services.

Speedy Recovery **Barbara Schoenfeld, Meryl Weinberg** and **David Zuckerman**.

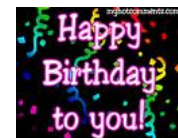
We Mourn the Loss of our
Long Time Member,
RICHARD PASTERNAK.
Our condolences to his wife, Robin,
Children Melissa & Matthew,
extended family and friends.

Mazal Tov to the following members who will celebrate anniversaries in December.

1 Robert & Lisa Josephberg	21 st	
2 Melvin & Ruth Speier	39 th	
5 Barry & Susan Willner	29 th	
6 Seth & Deena Kornblau	14 th	
Richard & Carmela Westle	14 th	
7 Scott & Robyn Berman	26 th	
Stuart & Stacy Halper	20 th	
David & Beth Lachtman	15 th	
10 Eric & Lisa Nadler	16 th	
Ira & Lisa Schwartz	11 th	
11 Michael & Alyssa Sokoloff	38 th	
13 Jeffrey & Ilene Calderon	19 th	
15 Eric & Barbara Beroff	21 st	
15 Giora & Karen Payes	10th	
16 Adam & Jacqueline Moskow	16 th	
16 David & Jewel Weiss	22 nd	
17 David & Lisa Zimmerman	17 th	
18 Jonathan & Erica Kolbrener	17 th	

18 Jeffrey & Robyn Shiovitz	28 th
19 Joshua Diamond & Zhanna Glazenburg	18 th
22 I. Sid & Joan Schneider	43 rd
Gary & Bette Slutsky	49 th
24 Matthew Weiss & Vivian Anshel-Weiss	33 rd
26 Richard & Betsy Rosenblum	40 th
27 Eric & Elizabeth Dworkin	19 th
30 Gary & Lisa Lehrman	33 rd
31 Thomas & Donna Hannan	17 th

Each child brings his or her own blessings into the world. The following children, members of our congregation and/or school, will celebrate a birthday during the month of December. They will be called to the *bimah* to receive a blessing on **Friday, December 2nd, at our 7:30 PM December Family Night//Shabbat Rocks service and new member welcome**. Please take your name card out of the "birthday box" in the front lobby and present it to a Ritual Committee usher if you would like to be called up to receive a birthday blessing.



Note: Our new member welcome dinner will be held at 6:00 PM prior to services. If you would like to host a new member family at dinner, please call the office, 762-2700.

Julieta Antman	Molly Levitt
Ari Ben David	Danielle Lewitas
Lila Mae Berkowitz	Jared Lorenz
Ava Jean Berkowitz	Tyler Nass
Gabrielle Einhorn	Brooke Nusbaum
Jason Fineberg	Julia Orientale
Gregory Fishkin	Jill Reiner
Marissa Gershowitz	Joseph Schluger
Max Haberman	Caleb Schumacher
Laura Horowitz	Sabrina Venezia
Charlotte Landau	Olivia Wrubel

CSI YOUTH LED MIDNIGHT RUN Saturday, December 17th



What is Midnight Run? Westchester volunteers bring clothing, food and a little companionship to homeless people living on the streets of Manhattan. CSI is one of the many religious and civic groups who participate. Preparations for the "Run" will take place at CSI at **8:00 PM on the 17th**. To volunteer and/or sign-up for the "Run" you must be registered for Hebrew High School or be a Teen Social Action Member. For more information on what is needed email youtheducator@csibriarcliff.org **Thank you to David Saias** for leading us in this Midnight Run.



Call the Religious School Office,
762 762-6396 for contact info

RCC=Red Cross Certified

CPRC=CPR Certified BLS=Basic Life Support
AED/Defibrillator LS/Lifeguard Certified

Arin Cotel-Altman	10 th Grade	RCC
Julia Baer	10 th Grade	RCC
Melissa Band	College (holidays & breaks)	
Emily Band	College (holidays & breaks)	
Ross Beroff	11 th Grade	
Julia Bloom	11 th Grade	
Samantha Brown	College	
Danielle Crosswell	11 th Grade	
Meredith Davis	College	RCC
Logan Davis	11 th Grade	
Avital Drucker	College	
Matthew Drucker	11 th Grade	
Rachel Dworkin	9 th Grade	
Randi Fineberg	11 th Grade	RCC
Nicole Fuhr	College	
Monique Goldstein	12 th Grade	
Sarah Goldstein	10 th Grade	
Marnie Halper	11 th Grade	
Jill Hampton	11 th Grade	
Rebecca Handsman	9 th Grade	
Rebecca Hannan	9 th Grade	RCC
Andrew Horowitz	College (holidays & breaks)	
Daniel Horowitz	9 th Grade	
Jeffrey Horowitz	9 th Grade	
Emily Jampol	College	
Sari Josephberg	11 th Grade	CPR
William Kahan	College	CPR
Robert Karp	9 th Grade	
Emma Klein	11 th Grade	RCC
Joni Kretzmer	College	
Erica Lesser	11 th Grade	
Amy Levine	12 th Grade	RCC
Jessica Linde	12 th Grade	
Michael Linde	12 th Grade	
Benjamin Loeb	College	
Danna Marcus	College	
Tal Mintz	11 th Grade	RCC
Jamie Nadler	9 th Grade	
Annie Peskoe	12 th Grade	LS/CPR/AED
Emma Preston	12 th Grade	
Erica Robins	10 th Grade	
Jason Robins	10 th Grade	
Eitan Rude	11 th Grade	LS/CPR/AED
Sam Rude	11 th Grade	LS/CPR/AED
Sarah Ruthen	11 th Grade	

Jessica Scharf	12 th Grade	
Zoe Scheier	12 th Grade	
Heather Schneck	10 th Grade	
Marisa Seligman	12 th Grade	
Ashley Seruya	12 th Grade	
Nicole Silberman	9 th Grade	
Abbe Slobodin	College	
Paige Spector	11 th Grade	RCC
Samantha Sternschein	12 th Grade	RCC
Julia Stiffman	College	RCC
Emily Taffet	College	
Rachel Taffet	College	
Allison Tilles	11 th Grade	RCC
Casey Tilles	10 th Grade	RCC
Julia Weiss	10 th Grade	LS/CPR/RCC
Zoe Yellen	College	
Eliana Zuckerman	11 th Grade	

Mazal Tov

to the following students who have signed up for Hebrew High School, and to their parents for encouraging their children to continue their Jewish Education.

8th Grade

Daniel Birnbaum
Elizabeth Gellman
Matt Kutcher
Eliza Marcus
Jonah Schumacher
Haley Sirota
Brandon Thrope

11th Grade

Brandon Fuhr
Emma Klein
Erica Lesser
Sylvia Lustig
Harrison Palefsky
Wendy Willner

9th Grade

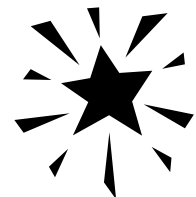
Randy Ginsburg
Josh Gottlieb
Rebecca Hannan
Daniel Horowitz
Jeffrey Horowitz
Rob Karp
David Kolbrener
Samara Levy
Joseph Mortman

12th Grade

Ryan Morris
Annie Peskoe
Emma Preston
Aaron Rosen
Yaron Rubin
Samantha Sternschein

10th Grade

Raney Diamond
Ryan Rosen
Heather Schneck
Julia Weiss



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JEWISH/COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS

On Sunday, December 11th, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, the Rosenthal JCC will host a community *Chanukah* event that will include an **Israeli Art Expo** representing 45 different Israeli artists. The show will include handcrafted Judaica items, ceramics, Roman glass, paintings, jewelry and much more. This will be a wonderful opportunity to support Israel while doing some early *Chanukah*/holiday shopping. There will also be fun activities for children.

The JCC is looking for volunteers to help out for an hour or two during the day. If you would like to help, contact Lisa Roberts, lisa@rosenthaljcc.org or call Lisa at 914-741-0333 x 24. CSI is a co-sponsor of this event!

On Wednesday, December 14th, Schechter Westchester Lower School holds an open house from

12:30 to 2:00 PM. The campus is at 30 Dellwood Road in White Plains. Calling all 3s and 4s and parents too! You are invited to join them for lunch and lots of fun activities. Meet the kindergarten staff and school administrators. Call Diana at 914-948-3111, ext. 4370 for more information.

The JCC Mid-Westchester at 999 Wilmot Road, Scarsdale, is showing “**The Jewish Gauchos**”, directed by Juan Jose Jusid (Argentina, 1975). You will enjoy this film for a fascinating look at the pioneers of Argentinean Jewry and the origins of what became a thriving Jewish community spawning the first Jewish “gauchos”. Call the JCC at 914-472-7630 or go to www.jccmw.org for more information.

If you would like to **donate furniture in good condition (no upholstered pieces please)**, call Joanne at The American Cancer Society (The Discovery Shop) in Chappaqua, 914-238-4900 to arrange for pick-up. All donations are tax deductible.

TO OUR MAILBOX:

Dear Rabbi Kane,

I would like to thank your congregation for once again hosting a fabulous *Sukkot* Celebration for persons with developmental disabilities. As always, your volunteers were wonderful! They were able to provide their guests with a truly joyous Jewish experience. Please extend my appreciation to your USY leader Beverly, Cantor Shiovitz, Roni Shapiro, Abbe Marcus and all of CSI’s terrific teen and adult volunteers for their participation in the festivities.

I look forward to sharing future holidays with you and thank you for your continued contribution to the *Havorah* program.

With every good wish,
Gail Abramowitz Oliver,
Havorah Coordinator
Westchester Jewish Community Services

Dear Rabbi Kane,

On behalf of the Ossining Food Pantry and the individuals and families we serve, please accept my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your very faithful and steadfast support of the Pantry and for your recent “Operation Isaiah” project resulting in the collection of food on behalf of the Pantry having a value in excess of \$2,700. Please extend these words of thanks to the members of Congregation Sons of Israel for their wonderful kindness and support of the Pantry. We at the Pantry are fortunate to have such very special friends like CSI and its members.

Martin B. Engelhardt, Jr., President
Ossining Food Pantry

