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Words from the Rabbi

The Torah defines Shavuot (literally meaning “weeks”) as occurring 49 days after Passover. Starting on the 2nd day of Passover, we count each evening. We count for 49 straight days in a period known as the “Counting of the Omer.” Shavuot is over the 50th day.

Our rabbis suggest a meaningful connection between these two holidays. Passover represents freedom. Starting as free men and women, we start marching toward Mount Sinai. 50 days later, we receive Torah. The Torah represents the responsibility of Jewish life that we take. Freedom on one side, responsibility on the other.

On Shavuot (Saturday May 19, 6:00 PM), we will celebrate the giving of Torah along with the confirmation of our two 10th grade students, Sidney Jacobs & Sachio Goodie. Both of these young men have freely chosen to “confirm” their Jewish identities. Sidney & Sachio will participate in the service and there will be several readings from our 9th grade students as well. I hope that you are able to celebrate the giving and receiving of Torah with these two wonderful young men and their families. I’m pleased that Rabbi Gerson will join me on the bima for this special holiday and service.

Israel is a focal part of our Jewish identity. As the poet Yehudah HaLevi wrote, “My heart is in the east while I am in the west.” As Jews living outside of Israel, it is our responsibility to think about Israel’s place in our hearts.

May 14th marks the 70th anniversary of the first reading of Israel’s Declaration of Independence. This Shabbat will be dedicated to our home land of Israel, as we celebrate this anniversary with prayer, song and reflection.

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Lilly Shulimson Bat Mitzvah
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Services at a Glance

Friday 5/4, 6:45 Shabbat Service

Friday 5/11, 6:45 Shabbat Service

Saturday 5/12, 7:00 Havdallah & Bintel Brief (see page 4)

Friday 5/18, 6:45 Shabbat Service celebrating Israel 70th year

Saturday 5/19, 6:00 Shavuot & Confirmation

Friday, 5/25, 6:00 Shabbat Service w/ Shirah Chadashah, Lily Shulimson leading

Saturday, 5/26, 10:45 am Shabbat Service & Bat Mitzvah of Lily Shulimson

Words from the President

Dear Friends,

May is a month of culminations and new beginnings! Our wonderful Religious School just ended a wonderful year. Yasher Koach to our Director, Jonah Berkowitz, and all involved with the running of the Religious School. In a few weeks (on the 19th), we will celebrate Shavuot, and the confirmation of our 10th graders. The Shulimson family will celebrate as Lily becomes Bat Mitzvah on the 26th.

I hope everyone is planning to attend the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday May 16 at 6:00pm, where we will review the past year's events, look forward to the next year, and hear from our outstanding candidates for Officer and Trustee positions.

Our process of selecting a new Administrator continues. We bid a fond farewell to Rachael Myer on April 18. The committee is hard at work identifying and recruiting her replacement. In the interim, we will have a gap in that position, probably for a small number of weeks. Huge thanks go to Caryl Berzack and Carmen Tesser for agreeing to fill in on part-time basis, and happily, our old friend Chris Burgoyne has agreed to come in some of the time as well. I thank you in advance for everyone's patience, as these efforts are not expected to add up to full time coverage. As always, if you need anything, please feel free to contact Rabbi Linder or me.

~Adam

Please share our joy when our daughter,
Lily Faith is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah
Saturday May 26, 10:30 am
Kiddush Luncheon follows
Dan and Anna Shulimson



Coffee Fundraiser - New Shipment Monthly!

Our delicious Shalom coffee is available for walk-in purchase at \$10 in the CCI business office, and you can also special order larger quantities.

If you want to guarantee that you'll be able to get more than a few cans, or if you want whole beans rather than ground, just let the office know before the 1st, of any month and we'll add extras to the order.

Our Shalom coffee is custom blended for us by Jittery Joe's. A can of Shalom coffee is a delicious and unique gift for friends, family, and colleagues. It is ground fresh each month, so you know it is always at its best.

INTERFAITH SANCTUARY COALITION (ISC)

IHNA Host Week—The Host Week takes place May 6-13. Many volunteer slots are being filled by CCI volunteers and those from First Presbyterian, but the May 13 slots, being on Mother's Day, have been a challenge to fill.

The Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition met on April 23 to discuss how to provide various types of assistance to designated needy immigrant families in the community. Interested CCI members will soon have an opportunity to "adopt" an immigrant family or to be a co-buddy to help with various tasks and needs such as providing rides to a physician appointment, offering a meal, helping with translation or checking in with the family.

On another note, Coalition members and supporters successfully appealed to Clarke County Sheriff Ira Edwards to change his practice for handling inmate detainees as coordinated with ICE. In his April 13 press release, "The Sheriff intends to communicate and report immigration status as previously practiced, but [he] will not honor ICE requests to detain persons after criminal charges or other holds are resolved unless such requests are accompanied by a judicial warrant or court order."

Athens Homeless Shelter—

Thanks to Ray and Holly Kaplan, the Merckles, Roy and Janet Martin, and Deborah Franco for providing dinners in recent weeks.

-David Alper
Social Action Chairperson



Tzedakah



Tzedakah Opportunity

The Athen's Homeless Shelter is in *desperate need* of infant and baby items, such as: diapers, wipes, Desenex, diaper bags, blankets, formula, etc.

We have placed a large bin in the front hall for items to be donated.

If you have any questions, please contact rusti rusti.klein@gmail.com

Religious School Happenings

We have had a great year in our Religious School, and I would like to thank everyone who helped make this a success, including parents, students, and those who volunteered their time and skills. If you are a parent or community member and have a skill or idea for next year, I would love to hear your thoughts!

I would also ask that we all take a moment to thank all of our teachers who have worked so hard this year to improve our Religious School. Our students have made some incredible leaps and bounds, and that would not have been possible without our incredible staff! Thank you!

The Religious School is currently looking for teachers for the 2018-19 school year. We have a number of positions open, so if you or someone you know is interested, please contact Jonah at ccirdirector@gmail.com.

This year, the Religious School has put our student registration online. Please contact Jonah if you need the website information for online registration for your children. -Jonah Berkowitz

In 1906, Abraham Cahan, editor of The Forward, started the Bintel Brief, an advice column for recent Jewish immigrants.

A Havdalah Event: A Staged Reading of The Bintel Brief

Saturday, May 12, 2018 7:00-9:00 PM

Director: David Z. Saltz • Producer: Lizzie Z. Saltz

Seven members of the congregation will be reading letters originally written in Yiddish by Jewish refugees from 1906 to 1966 and published in the *Jewish Forward*, the newspaper for Yiddish speaking immigrants. In its day the *Forward* had enormous influence over Jewish life, with 275,000 readers at its peak. The letters were published in the Bintel Brief (Yiddish for “a bundle of letters”), the *Forward's* popular column which offered advice on readers’ problems, from the intimate and domestic to business matters. The editor who started the column wanted the column to be “assembled out of those letter that revealed the most interesting nooks of people’s souls.”

The reading follows the Havdalah service on May 12 at 7pm. It is directed by David Z. Saltz and produced by Lizzie Z. Saltz, with music by Nina Borremans. Participating readers are Jake Berne, Lizz Bernstein, Richard Friedman, Reg McKnight, David Z. Saltz, Havivah Z. Saltz, Lizzie Z. Saltz, Barry Wolk.

***Parents, please note that the content is Mature.



Sisterhood News

Our Sisterhood would like to send a special thanks to all who helped with and participated in another wonderful Seder. We had over a hundred people attend!



Thank you to everyone who helped make a very successful Seder this year: A special thank you to Nina Borremans, Rachael Myer, Rabbi Linder, Lizz Bernstein, Ron Schwartz and Andree Kosak -- Trumps was amazing -- and Natalie Hull and Peter Hoffer for donating the wonderful new Haggadahs!!! Thank you to everyone who helped set up, prepared traditional foods and/or prepared desserts: Lynn Elmore, Barbara Densen, Julia Shore, Marsha Crowell, Monica Braver, Natalie Hull, Tammy Gerson, Bette Ehmcke, Sherri Barron, Madeline Staub, Tara Weiszer, Misty Friedman, Phyllis Wolk, Deena Kushner, Frieda Etkin, Bonnie Murphy, Lizz Bernstein and Mark Hall.

The WRJ Southeast District Interim Kallah will be held the weekend of April 20-22 at Camp Coleman.

We are also looking forward to our end of the year Donor Luncheon which will be held at 1:00 p.m. on April 22 at the Athens Country Club. Special guest speaker Tzipporah Gerson-Miller, clinical social worker/therapist, will discuss Ancient Wisdom for Modern Living. Ms. Gerson-Miller is the owner of Inner Sky Therapeutics in Atlanta, and she is a clinician with the Shalom Bayit program at The Jewish Family and Career Services.

Please RSVP by April 13 to lelmorewbd@gmail.com .

The next Sisterhood meeting will be at the South Kitchen + Bar restaurant on *May 23 at 5:30 p.m.* Please consider joining our Sisterhood Board. Our Sisterhood plays an important role in the congregation. We help in numerous ways: socially, educationally, financially, and programming. There are many wonderful opportunities to connect and socialize in a warm and friendly atmosphere.



Sherri Barron

Danny Siegel, author, lecturer and poet recently spoke at CCI under the auspices of the Schwartz Symposium. Danny's talk was filled with wonderful ideas for what we as individuals can do to save the world. In addition to his evening talk, Danny spoke with the students in our religious school.

Many of us were inspired by Danny's words. One person who took action immediately was Jadon Allen, son of Heather Schwartz. The next day, when he was at Steak and Shake with his grandfather, he asked the manager what they did with the crayons left on the tables after families left. Jadon made an agreement with the manager that if the servers put them in a bucket provided by Jadon, Jadon would pick them up regularly and make sure they were given to children who could use them such as those at Project Safe.

When Jadon returned to pick up the bucket, the servers asked him what inspired him and what group he was affiliated with. He proudly said he was from CCI and that an important part of Judaism is to help and give to those in need. Time for us all to kvell!



What: PJ Library Family Music Jam

When: Sunday April 29th from 3-5pm

Where: @Nuci's Space 396 Oconee Street Athens GA

- An afternoon of live music, dancing, and community! PJ parents and community members will showcase their musical talents.
- Pizza, snacks and kid-friendly beverages will be provided by PJ Library. A cash bar will be available to purchase beer or wine.
- Nice spring weather? We'll open the garage door for open-air music hall!

RSVP marilyngootman@gmail.com

Key:

RS=Religious School

CC=Confirmation Class

MAY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 5:30-6:30pm Last Day of Hebrew School	3 5:45pm Yoga	4 9am-12pm Shabbat Sing 6:45pm Shabbat Services	5
6 9:30am-12pm	7 5:45-7:15pm Zumba	8	9	10 10:30-11:30am Adult ED 5:45pm Yoga	11 9am-12pm Shabbat Sing 6:45pm Shabbat Services	12 7-9pm Havdalah: A Bintel Brief
13	14 5:45-7:15pm Zumba	15 Temple Times Article Deadline	16 6-8:30pm CCI Annual General Meeting	17 5:45pm Yoga	18 6:45 pm Shabbat Services- Celebrating Israel at 70	19 6-7:30pm Shavuot & Confirmation
20	21 5:45-7:15pm Zumba	22	23	24 10:30-11:30am Adult ED 5:45pm Yoga	25 6:00pm Shabbat Services w/ Shirah Chadashah	26 10:30am-12pm Lily Shulimson Bat Mitzvah
27	28	29	30	31 5:45pm Yoga		

Donations
March 16 -
April 15



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Marilyn & Louis Schwartz in honor of Helene Schwartz's Birthday
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PJ Library

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Synagogue Renovation Fund

Larry & Sandy Baumwald in in memory of Hans Mayer
Toni Crapser in honor of Helene Schwartz's 70th Birthday
Ray & Holly Kaplan in memory of Laverna Mueller

Youth Group

Barbara & Gil Spivack in honor of our son's Wedding, Jordan to

"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much"

May Yahrzeits

Yahrzeits May 4th

Sarah Bass	Grandmother of Marc Weiszer
Martha Biskin	Mother of Harvey Biskin
Leonard Densen	Father of Alan Densen
	Father-in-Law of Barbara Densen
Lucian Feldman	Father of Edmund Feldman
Mary DeLeon Franco	Grandmother of Deborah Franco
Ruth Goldsleger	Mother of Cheryl Goldsleger
Miriam Gootman	Mother of Elliot Gootman
Alice Gottlieb	Aunt of Terry Blumberg
*Anna Held	
Louis Henry Hoffer	Father of Peter Hoffer
Nathan Karp	Grandfather of Cindy Karp
John I. Mullen	Father of Barbara Grossman
*Henry Rosenthal	
Ida Lois Silver	Grandmother of Seth Lawrence Waltman
May Vogel	Grandmother of Michael Jacobs
Vera Welborn	Grandmother of Jennifer Welborn

Yahrzeits May 11th

*Lena Abroms	
Linda Bell	Sister of Cathie Chasman
Edwin Brownell	Grandfather of Andree Kosak
	Father of Katherine Kosak
*David Dynin	
Goldie Fetter	Grandmother of Marcy Lynne Simon
Simon Fetter	Grandfather of Marcy Lynne Simon
Saul P. Kardon	Grandfather of Eric Kardon
Helen Kurtz	Mother of Paul Kurtz
Robert Malloy	Grandfather of Shelly Cohen
Anna Minsk	Aunt of Cheryl Goldsleger
Laverna Mueller	Mother of Holly Kaplan
Sylvia Reinstein	Mother of Bonnie Johnson
Faga Masha Wasserman	Grandmother of Heidi Davison

Yahrzeits May 18th

*Joseph Eldodt	
Marvin Kardon	Uncle of Eric Kardon
*Rosalind L. Kauffman	
Dora Kushner	Mother of Sidney Kushner
Murray Porter	Father of Carol Kurtz
*Frederick Praeger	
*Jacqueline Routman	
Joseph Sheinberg	Brother of Bayla Biskin



Yahrzeits May 25th

Howard James Amster	Father of Jon Amster
Irving Casper	Father of Florence Schwartz
	Grandfather of Ron Schwartz
Janice Cooper	Sister of Bruce Johnson
Sylvia Grossman	Mother of Gary Grossman
*Jacob Brandt Joel	
Jeanne S. Katz	Mother of Joel Katz
Pauline Kautz	Mother of Susan Stern
Stanley Kurpit	Father of Roberta Merkle
*Carl Lewis	Father of Carlene Cristal
Abraham Morris	Uncle of Jan Harris
	Uncle of Barbara Pavone
*Frances Ann Rosenthal	
Emmet Sanders	Father of William Kenneth Sanders
*Ruth Tesser	Mother of Abraham Tesser
Mary Weiss	Wife of Harvey Weiss

Yahrzeits June 1st

Ruben Bilsky	Father of Phillis Wolk
Joella Coker	Aunt of Lynn Wasserman
Arthur Feinstein	Father of Kenneth Feinstein
	Grandfather of Rachel Murthy
Helene Goodie	Grandmother of Adam Goodie
Helene Grossman	Stepmother of Gary Grossman
Orville Loux	Father of Nicholas Loux
*Irma Mae Gerber Lubin	Mother of Lauren Zeichner
*Hans Mayer	Father of Sandy Baumwald
*Chauncy Mintz	Father of Annette Jay
Milfred Richman	Father of Marsha Rosenthal
Leah Weiner	Aunt of Art Weiner

Baruch Ha'ba, Welcome!

Congregation Children of Israel (CCI) is a reform congregation in Athens, Georgia. CCI brings the Athens Jewish community together to live joyously rich Jewish lives. We strive to bridge tradition and modernity, as worship links our precious history with fresh approaches to spirituality. We are dedicated to each other, and to learning from the gifts that each of our families brings to our congregation.

The Torah teaches 'love your neighbor as yourself.' In keeping with this central teaching, Congregation Children of Israel strives to be inclusive and accommodating, creating a warm and welcoming environment for all who come to us in peace. We provide a home to members of the Jewish community of all races, ethnicities, national origins, sexual orientations, and gender identities.

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