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Security at CCI

Shalom.

At our November board meeting, we had a lengthy discussion regarding security at CCI. Below are the 5 points that were decided unanimously by our Board of Trustees.

1) We will have an armed guard at Shabbat services (Friday night and Saturday mornings), Religious School and special events.

In the last few weeks, Sgt. Hare has provided security for our community. We will continue to work with him and his colleagues to provide security at CCI. When we have services at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, this security will continue. Parents, you may want to consider speaking to your children about the security guard. Please feel free to reach out to Rabbi Linder or Jonah Berkowitz if you would like ideas on how to talk to your children about such matters.

2) Each member family will be assessed a \$100 security fee.

In the coming weeks, each family will be invoiced a \$100 security fee, to be paid over the next 90

days. If this is a hardship for you, please let the office and/or our leadership know. These funds will help with the costs of our security guard along with any other security measures that we may implement, both in the short term and in the long term.

3) Congregation Children of Israel is a gun-free facility.

According to Georgia's Safe Carry Protection Act (HB 60), firearms are only legal in houses of worship if leader's "opt-in" to the allowance of firearms on the property. Our leadership decided not to opt-in to this provision. This means that Congregation Children of Israel is a gun-free campus, with the sole exception of hired armed security. Please note that even if one is legally allowed to conceal carry a firearm, it is illegal to do so at CCI.

4) Doors will be locked during Temple events.

During Temple events, the doors will be locked. This includes (but is not limited to) adult education, meetings, and Religious School.

The security committee (details below) will work out the implementation of this.

5) We have set up a Security Committee that will meet regularly.

Upon advice from the ADL and the URJ, we will have set up a Security Committee. Among other topics, this group will look at best practices, provide suggestions and guidance, and consider ways to improve security from a combination of technology, access, and people. It's first meeting is in December.

Both of us mentioned at the board meeting, that we are thankful to be a part of the Athens community. We are blessed to have so many friends and partners that strive for all faith communities to be places of peace, sanctuary and blessing.

Rabbi Linder & Ken Sherman

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Dot Sparer In memory of Burt Sparer, much loved husband and
father, whose life exemplified tikkun olam

From the President

Dear CCI Families and Friends



Upon returning from our whirlwind trip to the Middle East last month, I fully expected to share with you a brief and breezy travelogue about our adventures in Israel and Egypt.

Then, tragedy struck in Pittsburgh, and everything changed.

Once again, we came face to face with our vulnerability, but we also saw our resilience and the strength of our community, locally and around the world. The memorial service organized by Rabbi Linder was, in my humble opinion, one of the most moving events ever witnessed at Congregation Children of Israel. It was a great affirmation of our fortitude, and of the loving friends we have across all faith communities. I will never forget the power and beauty of more than thirty local faith leaders joining the Rabbi on the bima in a show of love and solidarity.

Here are some of the comments I shared with the congregation that evening:

"In 1790, George Washington wrote in a letter to the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, 'The government of the United States . . . gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance.... May the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in this land continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants —while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to make him afraid.'

"For much of our lives – thankfully, in many ways – we go about our daily business reassured by the safe haven we have enjoyed in our country. And then, every once in a while, we are shaken out of our routine lives by the kind of horrific events that occurred in Pittsburgh this week. "We grieve deeply for the loss of those precious lives, and we pray for some measure of meaning and peace for the families of those brutally murdered, and for all caring

citizens. As a people committed to social justice, we grieve also for our country and for the hatred and anger that seem to be tearing our country apart.

"We may despair that our efforts are insignificant, but as Mother Teresa reminded us: 'We know only too well that what we are doing is nothing more than a drop in the ocean. But if the drop were not there, the ocean would be missing something.' Let us begin to refill that ocean of hope together."

I will end with these words for now. You will see in this month's Temple Times lots of information about the day-to-day business of CCI - great work continues to go on every day. But for now, I'll limit myself to what I hope are words of consolation and healing.

Ken Sherman
Board President

New Year, New Oneg Assignment Procedures

The Friday night Oneg following Shabbat services is a cherished weekly event in our CCI community. Beginning in **January**, in order to share the responsibilities more equitably among the congregation, everyone will be assigned a date to co-sponsor an Oneg. Each family will only be responsible to host the Oneg once or twice per year.

Hosts provide snacks while congregants spend a little time together after enjoying Shabbat services. Keeping that in mind, we hope that you and your family will be able to attend the service and Oneg (and not just drop off food), but of course, this is not always possible.

IMPORTANT: In order for this alphabetical assignment method to work smoothly, **the assignment stands.** If you know you will be out of town for your assigned Oneg, or something comes up unexpectedly, **be certain to communicate that directly to your co-sponsors** to determine how

you will **contribute**. (There are no set rules, but do your share, whatever that looks like -- just don't leave anyone in the lurch.)

These are the new procedures beginning in **January, 2019:**

Assignments for each month's Oneg sponsors will be determined by alphabetical order by (one person in the family's) last name. Three families will be assigned to host each Oneg.

[Note: Members who are not living independently, or are residing out of state, or are coping with chronic illness will not be included in the rotation. (Please inform the Oneg Coordinator or Rabbi Linder.) Likewise, B'nai Mitzvah families will not have an additional assignment since they provide each other's Onegs over the year.]

By the **15th of the preceding month**, you and your co-sponsors will receive an **email** designating your **assigned date**, so that you can **communicate with one another** to plan. Included will be

guidance about what needs to be provided and for how many. (For example, if you are assigned for January 2019, you will receive your email notice by December 15, 2018.)

As a **reminder**, you will see your **name**, your co-sponsors' names and the **date** you are hosting printed on the **first page** of the **Temple Times** newsletter for the **month of your Oneg**.

An **additional** friendly **reminder** will be sent via email to sponsors on **Monday of the week you are hosting**.

Final Note: If you have a **special date** in mind that you know you want to host, please tell me now, or give me plenty of notice. Don't forget to take a look at where we are in the alphabetical rotation of a given month, so I can do my best to tweak!

Thanks for supporting each other. We can do this together!

Questions? Contact me: lenorekatz@yahoo.com

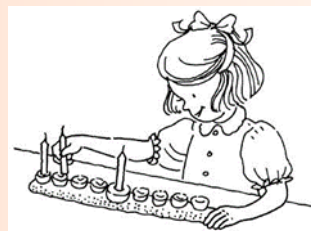
Chanukah Variety Show

Talented families sought for the 2018 Chanukah Luncheon Variety Show. This year's Chanukah show theme is family.

Do you and your sibling play music together? Do you and your Mom want to read a poem together?

Do you like to tell jokes with your Dad? Do you and your cousin do magic tricks?

The Annual Sisterhood Chanukah luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 9th at noon. See also page 6.



Rabbi's Upcoming Sabbatical

I am incredibly thankful to serve a congregation that values its rabbi's continuing education and development. As a part of the wonderful partnership that I share with our congregation, I have been given sabbatical periods during this current 5-year contract.

It is customary for a rabbi in his or her 6th or 7th year to receive a sabbatical. My sabbatical will be a 4-month period, and it will be taken one month at a time over the course of four years. That first month will be this coming January 2019.

During this month, I plan on serious Jewish study. I also hope to read many of the books in the wonderful series called My People's Prayer Book. I will also participate in Daf Yomi (literally "daily page,") a daily study of Talmud. Both of these will undoubtedly contribute in ways big and small to my learning and my teaching. I also plan to work on my musical skills, including guitar and piano/keyboard, singing, and even recording. Jewish music is one of the things that drew me into Judaism and the rabbinate, and I'm looking forward to further developing this passion and skill.

I will use what I've learned at services and events in our calendar, especially when music is concerned. I will also find several times and programs to share my learning (s) of the Talmud and other Jewish texts.

As we enter into this month of December, if you would like to get together and talk during the month prior to my sabbatical, feel free to email me, and I will be delighted to set a time to get together before January starts. We can meet in the office or for coffee.

My gratitude to the congregation extends to our Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Gerson. Rabbi Gerson will be leading services three of the four weeks in January, and he will be facilitating the adult education classes at their scheduled times. Additionally, Rabbi Gerson's graciousness will extend to any life-cycle events and/or time sensitive matters. Confirmation will meet during January as scheduled, with Elizabeth Bernstein and Sammi Fuller (our AFTY advisor) facilitating classes. I cannot thank Rabbi Gerson enough, as his generosity is a wonderful gift to the life of our congregation.

During the month of January, if there is an emergency, please contact the Temple Office (athenstemple@gmail.com, 706.549.4192), Rabbi Gerson (ravgerson@aol.com), or the president of our congregation, Ken Sherman, (shermankathens@gmail.com). I will be in touch with all three of them as needed during the course of January, and I will respond to all emails starting when I get back in the office on Friday, 2/1, and I will be excited to be on the bima during our Sisterhood service that evening.

I'm very much looking forward to my sabbatical. It will be a wonderful opportunity for me, and I am incredibly grateful to the synagogue for supporting me so graciously while I take it. I am excited about the opportunities to deeply engage in the passions of my rabbinate, and equally excited to share the fruits of this sacred time with you in the weeks, months and years that follow.

President's Note

CCI Families and Friends

As your temple president, and on behalf of our entire board, I want to share our excitement about and support for the Rabbi's upcoming sabbatical. As the Rabbi has written, his studies and activities in January

will be a time for him to deepen his love and understanding of Talmud. He will also have the opportunity to continue to develop his Jewish music skills repertoire – we look forward to lots of joyful singing and celebrating upon his return in February!

The board is deeply committed to providing the Rabbi with opportunities to grow his knowledge and skills, and we look forward to seeing and hearing in a variety of forums how this experience has enhanced his leadership of our congregation.

Message from Rabbi Linder

Judaism has always been a religion that engages with the world. Our precepts and Mitzvot are all about what it means to live in a just, merciful society, one in which we remember that we were slaves in the land of Egypt. Most of our Mitzvot are in the category known as *bein adam l'chavero*, between a person and another person. In this sense, living Jewishly entails political involvement.

In recent months, as our society becomes more polarized, I try to follow our tradition's example and occasionally share my thoughts on our society and our world. When I preach, I try as best as I can to

speak to the moral imperatives of Judaism, and not increase the partisan divide that already exists. That being said, I do believe that it is the job of clergy to talk about political issues from time to time.

If I ever preach about something that upsets you, I invite you to contact me so that we can find a time to talk, especially as my words reflect only one perspective, and I strive to learn from different opinions.

Just like many of you, I have strong opinions on a variety of topics, political and otherwise. At times, I share these on my personal

Facebook page. I welcome any of you to connect with me on Facebook, but also understand if you choose not to, especially as I am prone to share personal beliefs and opinions on social media that are not directly grounded in Jewish tradition.

Judaism teaches us that we should, and must, talk about difficult topics. The goal is not to necessarily agree with one another, but to listen to one another and ultimately, learn from one another.

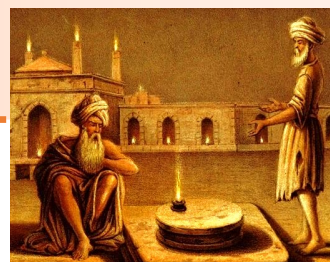
The Miracle of Chanukah

The real miracle of Chanukah is not that oil lasted 8 days instead of one. The miracle is that despite persecution and difficulties, our ancestors would not compromise their Jewish identity. They wanted to pray, learn, celebrate, mourn, and live, as Jews.

During the holiday, we light the menorah to proclaim our Jewish identity. We should be proud to put our menorahs in the window in order to follow the Talmud's dictum to *publicize the miracle*.

There's a *midrash* that suggests that the real lights of Chanukah are not the candles that burn down. **We** are the lights. As the meaning of the holiday suggests, we re-dedicate ourselves to the ideals of Judaism, to the repair of our world, and to being an *or hagoyim*, a light unto the nations.

Have a happy and meaningful Chanukah.



The Gift Shop

The Gift Shop has been overseen by our most capable Sisterhood members,

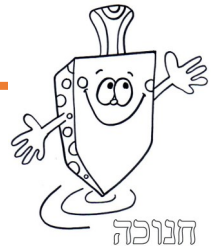
Lynn Elmore and **Shelly Cohen**.

They have brought in beautiful items for all our needs and gift requirements for years.

With the renovation it is unclear what space, if any, will be available for the gift shop. The decision was made to close the gift shop. Thank you to all who came and bought items from the pre-Chanukah sale.

Thank you to those who came to help with the sale. And a very special thank you to Lynn and Shelly for yeowomen's work on behalf of all at CCI for years.

Sisterhood Brings You... The Annual Chanukah Luncheon Party



The Annual Chanukah Party is December 9th at noon. A good time will be had by all! Come and participate in the fun. Please be sure to RSVP to susan_schaffer@hotmail.com or text or call her at 706-254-8882 by Tuesday, December 4.

Latkes are provided. Dessert is provided by Sisterhood. Please bring a dairy or vegetarian dish to serve 12. It's a Jewish thing to share meals together; your dish contributes to the joy.

Religious school is released for the day so we can all be together. Adults \$5.00 / Children \$3.00.

Entertainment!

This year its family style. All ages are welcome. Get your relatives to perform with you, whatever your fun or talent. Does anyone in your family sing? magic tricks? mime? play an instrument? tell jokes? Contact Lizzie Z. Saltz: lizziesaltz@gmail.com, preferably before Thanksgiving.

All-male Latke makers: please join together for a jolly good time making latkes in the CCI kitchen. Ray Kaplan at ray.m.kaplan@gmail.com is waiting to hear from you! Donations of unwrapped toys or clothing of all sizes will be donated to the Salvation Army. Please help fill the boxes for those in need.

The **Annual Sisterhood Raffle** has been moved to the spring of 2019.



Join Sisterhood Today!

Lizzie Saltz outlined in the November TT some of the many activities Sisterhood does to contribute to Jewish life at CCI. I would like to add my voice to hers, and all of us on the Sisterhood Board. For years I could hardly participate

due to work and family commitments. Many of you are in the same position. Yet I believe that there are many "little bits" of things which you probably could do to help Sisterhood and, by extension, CCI. Please join Sisterhood. You could

come or not to activities as you have time and interest. And maybe you could volunteer to do a "little bit". We have a Facebook page: Congregation Children of Israel Sisterhood or reach us at cci.sisterhood@gmail.com

Role-Playing to Help Parents



One of the outcomes of the Parent discussion Marilyn Gootman facilitated on Sunday, November 4 for all PJ Library and Religious School parents, was the idea that a role-playing session could help parents cope with the challenges of communicating with children about the recent rise in anti-Semitic incidents and violence and intolerance in general.

On Wednesday, December 5, from 5:30-6:30 a role-playing session designed to address these issues and more will be led by Dr. Jerry Gale, who has many years of experience with improvisation and therapy. In the tradition of Playback Theater, participants will play out various scenarios with parents and children addressing difficult subjects.

Babysitting will be provided for children who do not attend Hebrew classes at that time. While an RSVP is not required to attend, if parents would let Marilyn know in advance about their babysitting needs she will be able to arrange for sufficient sitters. Her email is marilyngootman@gmail.com.

WRJSE Biennial Convention

The Women of Reform Judaism's Southeast District held their 37th Biennial in Miami the weekend of Oct. 21st, which I attended. It is an amazing experience to be amidst such a large gathering of like-minded Jewish women, and to talk with them about what they are up to in their temples. I would encourage any woman from our temple to go and experience it for themselves. (You don't have to be a Sisterhood member to join the WRJ or attend their events, although the WRJ is supported in large part by Sisterhoods across the country.)

Though I was unable to attend the entire conference, I did enjoy many of the events, especially the musical ones and the Shabbat services at the enormous and very modern Temple Beth Am. (Their architecture reminded me very much of the plan for our new sanctuary.) Their cantor,

Rachelle Nelson, even wrote an original song to honor the WRJ Biennial, performed by a full-on band! Many officers of the WRJ national office were in attendance, such as Blair Marks, WRJ past president, and Susan Bass, current WRJ president, who was a very compelling speaker.

On Saturday morning I attended a stimulating session called "A Jewish Perspective on the #MeToo Movement," which boasted a plethora of extremely qualified discussants. At the Honors Luncheon I learned a lot about the WRJ's history. Did you know that they were founded back in 1913? Or that they invented NYFTY? Or that they advocated for women in the rabbinate early, with the first female graduate of HUC-JIR in 1972? (See wrj.org for more!) They fund a large number of URJ rabbinical and cantorial students every year. One of the most heartwarming testimonials at the Gala Dinner was by the

sole male presenter, Rabbi Steven Lebow of Temple Kol Emeth of Marietta, Georgia; who thanked the WRJ profusely for supporting him from childhood through college, allowing his dreams to become reality, as he came from a large low-income family.

In the afternoon, acclaimed Jewish musician Julie Silver wowed the crowd with her phenomenal positive spirit and glorious voice (look up her YouTube videos!). Later I gave a talk called 'Artsy Shmartsy: Creative Programming,' which was, an illustrated overview of many of the engaging arts programs CCI has hosted over the years. The Havdalah was held on a rooftop deck with a picture perfect sunset seen through a screen of palm trees. Idyllic.

Lizzie Z. Saltz
Sisterhood Board Member



Sisterhood Shabbat Service

The Sisterhood Shabbat Service is scheduled for Friday, February 1.

We hope everyone will join us for this special Shabbat service.

A Book and a Nosh

Our next title for "A Book and a Nosh" is *The Middlesteins* by Jami Attenberg. We will meet on Sunday, December 16 at 2 pm at the home of new member Pamela Zohar.

I will send a reminder out closer to that date and ask that you RSVP to Pamela at that time.

Thank you to Marlene Stewart for a lovely job hosting yesterday as we discussed Philip Roth's timely *The Plot Against America*. You will find an updated reading list for 2018-2019 below.

Happy reading!
Barbette

Outwitting History by Aaron Lansky

Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline

The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street by Susan Jane Gilman

The Dove Keepers by Alice Hoffman

Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kel



Cultural Arts

CCI Sisterhood members and friends were treated to a gallery talk by potter and sculptor Alice Woodruff at Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation. Alice's show, "Warrior Women:

From Invisible to Formidable" with a Nod to #MeToo tells stories through her figurative work, spinning true tales of grief, anger and rage.

A Note from Rusti Klein

Again, many thanks to all of you who have provided baby supplies for the women and children's homeless shelter. May I ask for additional help for the shelter? They are always in great need of any and all cleaning

supplies. I will continue checking the Tzedakah box and will take what you have generously donated to the shelter.

Happy Chanukah!

Religious School

The Religious School is still looking for a 4th grade teacher to begin in January. Please let Jonah know if you are interested, or if you know of someone who might be interested!

December 9 is the last day of Religious School before Winter Break. The 6th grade and older students will be taking a field trip to the Breman Museum in Atlanta on December 16.

The first day of Religious School following the break will be January 6.

Social Action

Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens (IHNA)

Thanks to Sherri Barron for completing volunteer training to work with families in our partnership with the First Presbyterian Church during Host Weeks. Also, thanks to volunteers Vicki and Dean Krugman along with Bonnie Murphy who provided meals or van transportation during the recent Host Week (Nov. 11-18). The IHNA office is moving! As of Thanksgiving week, the IHNA office is now located at the First Baptist Church, across the street from the prior Hancock Street location.

Project Safe

Thanks to Dot Sparer for her recent donation. Donations of clothing, furniture, and household items can be made at the Project Safe store, which is located on Hawthorne Avenue.

Athens Homeless Shelter

Please consider buying or preparing dinner meals for Shelter mothers and their children. The Shelter is located at 620 Barber Street; phone 706-354-0423. You can choose a service date by using signupgenius.com on the Athens Homeless Shelter site. There are also volunteer

opportunities at the Shelter for babysitting, becoming a tutor, and donating a service or needed supplies.

Our Daily Bread

Lynn Elmore and David Alper will be determining a meal service luncheon date for February. The lunch program is located at the First Baptist Church.

For more information on these and other social action volunteer programs and to share additional ideas, please contact David Alper, at alperd22@gmail.com or at 708-817-9580.

More exciting news for Athens PJ Library

The Harold Grinspoon Foundation has selected the Athens PJ Library and PJ Our Way Programs to participate in their Parent Get Together Grants. Any family currently enrolled in PJ Library or PJ Our Way can apply for a grant to host 2-10 families who are raising Jewish children. Each host can host up to three times until

June and receive up to a \$100 grant each time.

Parent Get Togethers can be anything families want to do with two or more other families that would reflect Jewish practice or values. Celebrating Jewish holidays or Shabbat/Havdalah; family volunteering; service projects or something else.

The grant can also be used for parent get together and PJ Our Way Kids get togethers (9-11 years old.)

Both Marilyn Gootman and the national office will provide advice and support. Please contact Marilyn Gootman at marilyngootman@gmail.com for more information.



CCI is going to Israel!

We are going on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Israel from **March 7 thru March 17, 2020**. We currently have 23 people planning to go! If you would like more information, please contact Rabbi Linder.



Services at a Glance

Friday December 7, 6:45 PM Shabbat Service w/ Choir. Service led by John Haines

Saturday December 8, 10:30 AM Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of John Haines

Friday December 14, 6:45 PM Shabbat Service w/ Shirah Chadashah

Friday December 21, 6:45 PM Shabbat Service

Friday December 28, 6:00 PM Shabbat Service w/ Rabbi Linder playing guitar on select songs



John Haines' Bar Mitzvah

Please join John and his family in prayer and celebration during the weekend of his Bar Mitzvah on December 7 and 8.

This simcha will be a wonderful time for our community to be together.

Sanctuary Renovation Schedule

The CCI Sanctuary & Social Hall Renovation's Design Committee is working on design details of the ark, furnishings, finishes, and flooring.

The projected renovation schedule was shared in last month's *Temple Times*, but we wanted to share it again.

The current proposed schedule is as follows:

December 2018- August 2019

Construction phase

In the coming months, CCI will celebrate with a groundbreaking for our \$1.3 million Sanctuary and Social Hall

Renovation. We will celebrate our congregation's memories and look forward to our future in a bright, beautiful renovated sanctuary and social hall. Please stay tuned.

For more information about the renovation — or to make a gift, visit www.ccisrael.org/renovation or call CCI at 706-549-4192.

Elizabeth Katz

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Schedules change frequently. Always check for updates online at ccisrael.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Key: RS = Religious School HS = Hebrew School						1
2 Chanukah 9:30-12 RS	3 Chanukah	4 Chanukah 11:30-12:30 Yoga for Everyone with Mel 7-8:30 Board Mtg	5 Chanukah 5:30-6:30 Hebrew School	6 Chanukah No Adult Ed 5:45-6:45 Yoga with Mel 7-9 Choir Rehearsal	7 Chanukah 6:45 Shabbat Service w/Choir Lead by John Haines	8 Chanukah 10:30 Bar Mitzvah of John Haines
9 Chanukah 9:30-12 RS 12-1 Annual Chanukah Party & Variety Show	10 Chanukah	11 5-8:00 AM Film Festival Mtg 11:30-12:30 Yoga for Everyone with Mel	12 No Hebrew School	13 10:30-11:30 Adult Education 5:45-6:45 Slow Flow Yoga with Mel	14 6:45 Shabbat Service w/Shirah Chadashah	15
16 No RS	17	18 11:30-12:30 Yoga for Everyone with Mel	19 No Hebrew School	20 No Adult Ed 5:45-6:45 Slow Flow Yoga with Mel	21 6:45 Shabbat Service	22
23 No RS	24	25 Office Closed No Yoga	26 No Hebrew School	27 10:30-11:30 Adult Education 5:45-6:45 Slow Flow Yoga with Mel	28 6-7:15 Shabbat Service	29
30 No RS	31					

Online calendar is updated daily at ccisrael.org

Donations November 15 - December 15

General Fund

Victoria Cohen-Crumpton in memory of Samuel Meltz
 Frieda Etkin in memory of Barry Wolk
 Francine Fogelman in memory of her husband, Murray Fogelman
 Francine Fogelman in memory of her mother, Belle Efron
 Francine Fogelman in memory of her father, Hyman Efron
 Jerry Gale in memory of his mother, Lorraine Gale
 Joel & Lenore Katz in memory of his father, Leon Katz
 Richard Kurtzman in memory of Edie & Larry Cohen
 Michael & Lois Linder in memory of mother Eleanor Linder
 Sharon Loef in memory of mother-in-law, Sarah Loef
 Jack & Renee Mouilso in memory of Dorothy Naimon
 Louis & Marilyn Schwartz in memory of mother, Ann Shapiro

Synagogue Renovation

Brandt Joel
 Elizabeth Rock

Religious School

Nora & Andrew Postnieks in memory of Edie Cohen

Choir Fund

Bernard & Carlene Cristal in memory of Seymour Cristal
 Dot Sparer in memory of Dr. Henry B. Sachs
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 Dot Sparer in memory of Kate Sachs

Torah/Prayer Book Fund

Curtis Landers in memory of Larry Cohen
 Curtis Landers in memory of Edie Cohen

Youth Group

Barbara & Gil Spivack in memory of Irene Altholtz, mother & grandmother of Barbara & Jordan Spivack
 Barbara & Gil Spivack in memory of Bob Spivack, father of Gil Spivack

Zumba on Hold

Zumba classes are on hold until after the completion of the

sanctuary renovation next year.
 Thanks! Julie Range

Order Your Memorial Plaques

Memorialize your loved ones with permanent plaques on the CCI Sanctuary Memorial Board.

Your memorial plaques will be individually set and cast by the US Bronze Company. This process takes about eight weeks.

Wording can be arranged any way you like, and can combine English and Hebrew. Some plaque layouts can memorialize more than one person and can accommodate additional lines of text.

For a donation of \$500, members can display a standard plaque

measuring 2x10 inches. Double plaques measuring 4x10 inches are available for \$1,000.

Nonmembers please contact the office for pricing and availability.

Order by sending the correct wording,





December Yahrzeits

Yahrzeits Dec 07

*David Abrams	
*Florence Applefield	
Harold Cohen	Father of David Cohen
*Seymour Cristal	Father of Nardy Cristal
Jacob Lion Friend	Grandfather of Sandy Baumwald
Sylvia Galen	Mother of Robert Galen
*Bernice Held	
Barbara Wray Serna	Aunt of David Alper
Robert Spivack	Father of Gil Spivack

Yahrzeits Dec 14

Florence Brandon	Mother of Gary Shore
*Paul Deutschberger	
Clarence Ehmcke	Father-in-law of Bette Ehmcke
*Hans Fliegel	Father of Evan Fliegel
Lorraine Gale	Mother of Jerry Gale
Doreen Gerson	Mother of Rabbi Ronald Gerson
Hillis Ralph Groover Jr	Father of Sherrie Gibney-Sherman
Alfred Levinson	Uncle of Nina Thanz Borremans
Belle Loef	Step-Grandmother of Terry Blumberg
*Sarah Gottlieb Loef	Mother of Terry Blumberg
	Mother-in-law of Sharon Sacks Loef
Greta Marcus	Grandmother of Barry Goldner
Dorothy Naimon	Mother of Renee Mouilso
Dora Powell	Mother-in-law of Edwina Powell
*Louis Sacks	Uncle of Sharon Sacks Loef
Irving Paul Schiller	Father of David Schiller
Martin Wasserman	Father of Heidi Davison
Hattie Weisberg	Grandmother of Heidi Davison

Yahrzeits Dec 21

Gerold Goren	Father of Barbara Gale
Leon Katz	Father of Joel Katz
Bernard Morenstein	Father of Julia Shore
Yavin Oshri	Father of Assaf Oshri
Eli Saltz	Father of David Zucker Saltz
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