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By the time you receive this edition of the Whole Megillah, you will have probably already heard the news that I will not be renewing my contract, which expires a year from now, on June 30, 2016.

When we part ways next June, I will have served this congregation for nine rich, challenging, and fulfilling years. I have made this decision because I feel I am ready for the next step in my career. I don’t yet know what my next step will look like exactly, but there are many possibilities ahead, and I’m excited to see what takes shape.

My family and I have only fondness and warm feelings towards this beautiful community, and we will miss you all deeply. You have given me and my family so much, and we look forward this year to sharing our gratitude for all of the blessings we have received.

It is a bit of a strange rhythm — rabbis usually announce that they are leaving a pulpit about a full year in advance, so that the congregation can look for a new rabbi. This means that we have still have a whole year together, and a lot can happen in a year.

I already know that in this year we will have many Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations, a number of conversions, and (God willing) some new babies being born in our synagogue family. It is sweet to look forward to sharing these life-cycle moments with all of you. We will be celebrating holidays and Shabbat, and learning of all kinds will continue within the halls of our shul. As is inevitable, there will be times of illness and death, loss and challenge. I will be here to support this congregation through all of these moments in the coming year.

At the same time, we will each be preparing for a big transition. I will be searching for a new position, and my family will be preparing for an eventual move. At CBSRZ, your search committee will work to discern the qualities that this congregation wants in a new rabbi and will be devoting a lot of time and focus to interviewing and selecting a candidate. We will need to learn how to make room for each other as each of us begins the journey towards our individual futures. I will be here to offer counsel and guidance on your process when and if you want my input. And I look forward to sharing with you how my process is unfolding as well.

For now, I want to thank all of our leadership, past and present, for the partnership we have shared over these years. I want to thank all of the staff with whom I work every day — especially our Cantor and Educator Belinda Brennan and our Temple Administrator Wendy Bayor. And I want to thank the entire congregation for the gift of our time together.

My heart is full as I reflect on the rich relationships we have formed as we have celebrated, mourned, learned, supported each other, challenged each other, and grown together. I have a great love for this community and for every individual and family whose life I’ve had the privilege to touch. I am proud of how we have built a strong spiritual community together — developing healthy governance, empowering strong and creative professional and lay leadership, transforming how we pray, innovating how we teach the next generation, creating opportunities to work collaboratively, engaging a large portion of the congregation in teaching each other and caring for each other, and the list goes on and on.

I imagine that my decision stirs up many emotions for you. Please know that I am here to listen and to share — my door is open, and we have plenty of time to say goodbye.

This congregation is in very good hands, with Stephen Davis at the helm of an excellent Board of Directors. He and I both believe that as I take my leave, we can give a great gift to CBSRZ — the gift of a healthy transition to a new rabbi.
**Tisha B’Av study session with Rabbi Goldenberg**

**Saturday July 25, 2015 at 7pm**

On Tisha B’Av, the 9th of the Hebrew month of Av, we commemorate the destruction of both the first and second Temples in Jerusalem, first by the Babylonians in 586 B.C.E. and then by the Romans in 70 C.E. Jewish tradition has also layered other tragedies on to this date, including the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492 and the Crusades.

After celebrating Havdalah, we will gather to study some texts related to the spiritual and theological meaning of Tisha B’Av. We’ll explore how the Rabbis of the Talmud as well as contemporary thinkers understand God’s role in these tragedies and how we should commemorate them. And we’ll see how we can find personal meaning in this day of holding and examining the broken pieces of our lives, as we begin the process of spiritual preparation for the High Holy Days.

**PrayerLab, focus on Healing**

**Saturday morning August 15 from 10:30–11:30am**

On the Shabbat morning just before first day of the month of Elul we will gather for a PrayerLab experimental service led by Rabbi Goldenberg and Cantor Belinda. The focus of this service will be on the theme of healing — for ourselves, for those we love and for the world.

**Preparing our Hearts/Acquainting ourselves with the new Machzor**

**Friday evenings August 21 and 28 at 7:30pm**

The new Reform movement machzor (High Holy Day prayer book) contains beautiful texts and teachings that can guide the process of teshuvah, or turning towards who we want to be in the New Year. In lieu of sermons, Rabbi Goldenberg will lead us in exploring these texts and themes and getting to know this aspect of the new Machzor.

**SAVE THE DATE ...**

**... AND MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDARS!**

**THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 3, 2015**

**CBSRZ CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

**First Friday service with Changing of the Torah Mantles**

**Friday evening September 4 at 7:00pm**

Join us for our First Friday of the month intergenerational Shabbat service. During this service we will change our Torah mantles from blue to white for the High Holy Days.

**Mary Donahue, guest lecturer:** Connecticut’s Jewish Farmers

**After Friday evening services September 11 at 7:30pm**

**Holy Scrollers Torah Study**

**Every Shabbat**

9:00 –10:30 AM

**Don’t Be Afraid of CBSRZ’s Social Media: Facebook, Blogs, and Twitter**

Just the words alone can cause tremors for some but, like it or not, they are here to stay. CBSRZ is using one or more of these sites and invites members to come along. It’s really not hard, and explore the joys of cyberspace.

Begin by clicking on www.cbsrz.org to bring up the Synagogue’s site and then click away at any of the colorful sites that you want to access. Click on the Facebook icon at the bottom of the page and you will be directed to the CBSRZ Facebook page and a treasure trove of information beginning with Ellen Nodelman’s blog about what it is like to be an adult Bat Mitzvah. Click on the Like icon so you can be counted as a Friend of CBSRZ and thus receive postings as quickly as they are sent.

Charles Savitt has launched a Twitter site. Be sure to follow us on Twitter @CBSRZ. Follow Rabbi Goldenberg on Twitter @rabbirg.
After eight eventful years in Chester, Rabbi Goldenberg has now chosen, with her family, to explore new frontiers once her current contract expires at the end of June 2016. We will miss her, Jim, Amina and Ziv, and the sparkle, wisdom, song and dance they have brought to us. I want to take stock of how far we have come under Rachel’s leadership. But first let me speak to the change ahead.

If there is one thing our community has had to do over and over in the last 100 years since its founding, it is to find rabbis. We have had no fewer than 11 ordained rabbis covering about half that period, and countless student or lay leaders filling in as religious leaders during other years, according to research done by Ellen Nodelman. Now we are called upon to remember once again that we are together bigger than any one person, even a rabbi, and that our sacred and exciting duty is to map our path forward and identify the best person to lead us on it. If you have seen Jon Joslow’s brilliant film We Built This House, you may recall the story of how our building project almost went off the rails when Rabbi Doug Sagal announced halfway through the planning that he was moving on. George Amarant memorably relates in the movie how, in order to rescue the project, we had to shift from thinking that we were constructing a space for Doug, to understanding that our building was for us, and for the ages. That is where we are now. If this is a community for all time, then our duty is to find the best rabbi, as we did with Rachel eight years ago, and then do it again.

We do not have to reinvent any wheels. First, we have among our congregants people who have helped shepherd us from one era to the next. And we are blessed with so many who devote hours, energy, judgment and passion to making CBSRZ among the most vital spiritual, intellectual and cultural centers anywhere. You are our best resources. Second, the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ), together with its Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), offers us a host of guides and advice on how to undertake rabbi transitions. Their staffs have already provided important counsel. Third, independent rabbinical bodies exist to provide assistance. Finally, independent rabbinical bodies exist to provide assistance. Finally, we have a dedicated and effective board. As we plan the search, we will draw on all these strengths. I promise to keep the congregation informed on progress and to make sure the process is open to the suggestions and perspectives of all of us. Feel free to email me on this or any other matter at stephendavis110@gmail.com.

Synagogues don’t come with pause buttons; Our youth need attention; those in our community facing health challenges need care; our search for purpose and fulfillment through ritual, music, study, social action and meditation needs to remain vital. Plus, we have a timely opportunity to refresh by taking stock of our first century and planning for our second. We do not have the luxury of slowing down or delaying any of this. Instead, we must carry on these tasks with inspiration and vigor while also mounting a rabbi search.

Fortunately, we could hardly wish for a stronger moment in which to face these challenges. And we have Rachel to thank for much of that. During her tenure as rabbi she reshaped our religious services to embrace music and song, drawing more to our sanctuary. She framed a powerful message of welcoming when she became the first congregational rabbi in Connecticut to perform interfaith marriages. She put tikkun olam at the forefront of our community, including by leading youth initiatives and teaching about human rights. Rachel shepherded the first synagogue Caring Coordinator program in the state to help those in need. She led us through countless sessions of Torah and Jewish studies. And she has been there to hold hands with those of us felled by illness. When Rachel stands at the bima, hands on the shoulders of a bnei mitzvah or a congregant in need of blessing, we have all felt the spirit of the Shekinah coming through her smile and caring eyes.

In the year to come we will honor Rachel’s leadership, find a worthy successor, and continue with the sacred work of community. We built this house to do just that.
Planning for the CBSRZ’s Heritage Bus Tour Forges Ahead
CBSRZ Heritage Tour: Resorts, Synagogues, and Farms of Chester, Deep River and Moodus

Ellen Nodelman

Mark your calendars. On Sunday, Oct. 11, a luxurious bus will be pulling out of the Chester parking lot, loaded with congregants and other friends, to drive us back into CBSRZ history and show us the places where our synagogue had its beginnings, where our early congregants made a living AND a difference in very different, and sometimes difficult, times, and where later on their successors added to that legacy and created the congregation we have today.

We will be seeing the original synagogue and its successor in Moodus, along with some of the farms and resorts that sustained the families that built that synagogue so early in the 20th century. We will then go on to sites in Chester and Deep River where others, including farmers from that area along with business owners and professionals, created still another Jewish organization which ultimately joined together with the earlier to create today’s CBSRZ. Retracing our roots will give us a sense of the unusual factors and founders that make CBSRZ such a unique place.

We are fortunate enough to have Mary Donohue, an expert on early Jewish farms, resorts and synagogues of Connecticut, as our bus tour guide. Last November (only the second of November, but, of course, the coldest, windiest day of the fall season) a group of us went on a bus tour of other early rural CT synagogues, a tour led by Mary; and it turned out to be everything we hoped for and more. We asked her to be part of the CBSRZ heritage tour and to our delight (and relief) she agreed and has been working with, and helping, us ever since.

We’re already gone on two scouting trips with Mary. On the first, only a few weeks after our bus tour (and, of course, featuring another cold, windy day), we went to Moodus under the kind auspices of Jackie Michaels and Joel and Morty Pear. Then at the end of March we took Mary around, first, to see the Deep River and Chester sites, this time guided by Roberta Friend Buland and Nathan Jacobson, Chester natives brought up in the early Deep River synagogue. Later that day we then went back to Moodus to see the places we knew we wanted to include on the trip and to begin figuring out the details (where to park, when and if we stop, how long to stay, where to turn around). And, wouldn’t you know it… we were, once again, at the mercy of yet more outrageously cold wintry weather.

We will be doing still more of this advance exploration and planning, and we’re certainly hoping that we’ve used up all the bad weather allotted to us. Surely the next few scouting ventures will be less ‘interesting’ (as in the old curse, may you live in interesting times). When fall rolls around, October 11 should be a glorious day (from my lips…), the leaves should be coming into full peak, and the touring should be comfortable, yet stimulating!

We’ll have a touring bus, replete with plush padded seats and a sound system so Mary can fill us in on the details about “our” farms, resorts and synagogues (the ones that we have seen or are/ will be seeing) and a bathroom to use if necessary. We are providing lunch for everyone, so all you need to do is bring your curiosity, your questions and your cameras.

We know this will be an opportunity you won’t want to miss.

Bus Tour Committee: Paula Feder, Sandy Herzog, Ellen Nodelman, Deb Rutty, Linda Rigono, and, of course, Mary Donohue
Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek Heritage Bus Tour
Resorts, Synagogues and Farms of Chester, Deep River and Moodus

Sunday, October 11, 2015
9:30 – 1:30 (lunch included)

The bus will leave from and return to CBSRZ at 55 E. King’s Highway, Chester. Please arrive by 9:15am.

Come join us on a historic tour of the early East Haddam Jewish farms, resorts and synagogues on one side of the river and the Jewish farms, meeting places and synagogues on the other as well. Find out why and how these immigrants came to Connecticut and what they accomplished, beginning way back in the latter part of the 19th century and the early part of the 20th century. See what has been built on the foundations that they laid for us. Our guide will be Mary Donohue, author of A Life of the Land: Connecticut’s Jewish Farmers and the assistant publisher of Connecticut Explored, a magazine dedicated to exploring Connecticut history.

Cost: $50 which includes transportation, lectures, admission and a light lunch.

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Mary M. Donohue Lecture on Jewish Farmers

Join us on September 11 for Shabbat Services, starting at 7:30 p.m. and a slideshow lecture by Mary M. Donohue. The event will be sponsored by the Adult Education Committee in preparation for the 100th Anniversary of the founding of CBSRZ. Ms. Donohue’s topic will be:

A Life of the Land: Connecticut’s Jewish Farmers

Connecticut’s Jewish farmers have been considered a novelty since they began to arrive from Eastern Europe in the 1890s. But in Connecticut, Jews carved out lives as successful farmers. The illustrated lecture will present the early history of Jewish farmers, country synagogues and Jewish resorts in the region. Ms. Donohue has more than 30 years experience as a historic preservationist and architectural historian and is currently the assistant publisher of Connecticut Explored magazine. She co-authored three award-winning publications including most recently A Life of the Land: Connecticut’s Jewish Farmers published by the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford. In 2012, she was awarded the Janet Jainschig Award for Professionalism in Historic Preservation by the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation and in 2011 the Frederick Law Olmsted Award by the Connecticut Association of Landscape Architects. She serves on the Connecticut Civil War Commemoration Commission as well as on the board of several heritage and arts organizations.

Ms. Donohue will be our bus tour guide on the October 11 historic trip through Moodus, Chester and Deep River when we will see the sites where the early Jewish farmers, boarding houses and resorts were located. We will also see the shuls which sustained the religious life in the early days.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for Friday, September 11 for Ms. Donohue’s lecture and for the bus tour on October 11. You will be in for a treat!
Bill Farran’s black and white linocuts of the front and back views of our Temple, based on photographs by Deborah Rutty, are featured on the cover of high holiday cards being sold by CBSRZ. Packages of eighteen cards, selling for $25/pkg, can be purchased in the Temple office starting July.

Bill Farran’s wonderful linocuts of our Temple can now be ordered. Six choices of both the front and back views of CBSRZ are displayed on the wall to the left of the front entry doors.

All the linocuts are matted, numbered and signed by the artist. All measure 16” X 20” including the mat and sell for $150 each. For tax purposes, two-part payment is necessary...one check made out to Bill Farran for $100 and a second check made out to CBSRZ Commission in the amount of $50. Orders must be accompanied by payment in full.

Checks may be mailed to Wendy at CBSRZ or dropped off at the Temple office. You will be contacted when your order arrives. Linocuts must be picked up at the Temple office during business hours, Monday through Friday, 10AM to 3PM.
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Confirmands

Brian Jubelirer

In confirmation we discussed how Jews view God. It would seem like a straightforward topic. God appears in almost every torah portion, during every ritual or holiday, and before every amen. Yet somehow, despite referencing and thanking God every day, Jews vary on how we see the eternal one.

Upon thinking about God, many see in their mind a muscular guy on a cloud, maybe a crown on his head and a long white beard. It's the usual artistic representation of God. Michelangelo used it. So did Monty Python, and it's an accepted depiction of God that everyone can understand when it is put in a picture or movie. Not surprisingly, this is not the only way to understand God. For some this might suffice, but many people, Jews and non-Jews alike, struggle with finding an idea of God that better suits their personal beliefs and their own understanding. Some may prefer to think of God as a conscience, an internal feeling that guides one to do good. Why did you take time to give directions to that man who seemed lost, even though he didn't ask? It was that innate motivation to do good, God nudging you on the shoulder to keep true to his commandments and do mitzvahs for others. God can also be interpreted as the actual doing of good. When you do a good deed, you are doing the work of God quite literally. Your hands are Gods when you give money to the poor, or light Sabbath candles. Some see God as the source of the eternal rights that we all know. We know that being honest and helping others is the right thing to do because God has given everyone that same basic knowledge. Maybe our cognitive functions are our outlet to God, and by using reason and logic, we can bridge the separation between God and man. Still some feel that God is in the relationships we have with others. When we care for someone and love, we are experiencing that connection with God too. There are countless ways to understand the God we call “One”, and these are just a few of the methods we discussed in Confirmation.

Yet after learning about all of the differing views on God, I'm still not sure how I personally view God. However, this doesn’t mean that I learned nothing from confirmation. Rather I feel I learned something equally valuable. In addition to what God can be to me, I learned what God is to others. Confirmation wasn’t about finding one answer; it was about exploring the question at every angle. I have my entire life to find out what God means to me, but knowing and respecting what God is to others is an invaluable skill that I’m glad I have today.

Liam Ber

If someone were to ask me “Do you believe in god?” I would respond, “It’s not a simple yes or no answer.” There are many different beliefs that I don’t necessarily agree with. For example: the Idea that God is all controlling and leaving all forms of self-reliance behind is not how I see God. I picture God as a more influential entity rather than a “puppet master” that controls your every action. Think of God as the feeling in your gut when you are about to make an important decision. God is there to guide you and influence you positively, not to control your actions.

God is a confusing and controversial subject; and after spending time with Rabbi G, I realized the significance of God in my life. Being an independent person (more stubborn than anything) I find myself not relying on God as often as others might. This does not mean that God is not in my life. I have formed opinions based on my personal experi-
ences, and these opinions have formed my morals. For me prayer is not a way to literally solve problems; prayer is more of a motivation or emotional support to help me make my life or the world better. I still have to do my part. God isn’t going to do everything for me. In Confirmation, we studied a teaching that explained God didn’t speak all Ten Commandments. All God said to us was Aleph (which is silent). This gives us free will to interpret the laws and form our own commandments based from what we believe is right or wrong. I believe that God works in partnership with me (and you) to make the right decision and to work on making the world better.

Avery Bikerman

Being confirmed today means to me that I have the ability to form my own understanding of what God is, and to pursue the study of religion in the amount that is best for me. In the process of confirmation, we study many different concepts of God, and learn about the connections and similarities between different viewpoints and thinkers. By exposing ourselves to many broad concepts of God, and allowing ourselves to see which stand out as the most meaningful to us, we can begin to determine the way in which we see God ourselves. My vision of God is based upon a few of the concepts we have covered over the year. One concept included how we as a people bring out God through the relationships we form and maintain. I believe that we as a society create the entity of God as we form expectations for one another as to how we should treat each other, much like the commandments state. As we follow these expectations and rules and interact with one another, we form the source of values we perceive as God. Therefore we ourselves have an aspect of God within us, as we can have great impacts on society and can set new precedents for how we behave. Technology acts as an example of the power every person can possess by allowing people to interact from anywhere on Earth. By expanding the audience that we can affect, and to have the capability to spread knowledge to anyone, we can influence the way each other think. Whether it is through social media, YouTube, or news websites, anyone with access to the internet has been influenced by the media we view and send. We must rely upon our morals and values that we have learned to determine whether to use this power for good or bad. But this creates a paradox in the fact that we both receive our morals from the information we receive and influence the very people that have influenced us. We need to be careful in the ways we possess technology, like other aspects of life, as we can have a great influence on each other.
Max Conley

Recently at my sister’s Bat-Mitzvah, I had an unexpected religious moment. As the service began the call was given to put on the Talitot. And as I wrapped myself in this Talit, which was given to me by my Grandfather from when he became Bar-Mitzvah 70 years ago, I looked around and saw my family and friends doing the same. It became clear to me in that moment that I am a part of something very powerful. I realized my role in an ancient community that remained thriving in the modern world. This moment wholly changed me and convinced me to return to Judaism. I did not return for God, I am still unsure if God even exists. I returned for “Israel”, which can be taken in many different ways. I did return for the community of Judaism, for those within that community who have had such a profound impact on my life. However, I think that I also returned to become Israel, one who wrestles with god. My Jewish identity is evolving, and I think that something in me wants to evolve and grow into what I will eventually be. I don’t know what form my Jewish Identity will take on as I progress through life.

I can’t sum up my Jewish identity for you, put a bow on it and call it a day. To do so would be essentially a lie. I will however say that I am willing to struggle, to wrestle with myself, with god. It is possible that I will never find a conclusive answer to who I am as a Jew. It would be sad even, if I gave up and just said “I am a man who holds the Sabbath and prays on Saturdays” because to cease to seek answers would be to abandon Israel. My struggle with my own identity is what defines that very identity. Thank you.

Post Bat Mitzvah Interview with Sarah B. Conley

Tell the congregation a little about yourself.

My name is Sarah B. Conley. I am 13 years old, and in 7th grade at Lyme Old Lyme Middle School. I like to make food, and then consume the food that I just made. I just had my bat mitzvah.

What excites you the most about your Bat Mitzvah?

Probably giving all the donations to IRIS—that was really cool. IRIS is an organization in New Haven that helps refugees acclimate to life in American society. The people at IRIS get them homes, teach them English and help them find jobs. They give refugees money, and supply them with clothes and food.

What did becoming a Bat Mitzvah mean to you?

It really meant that I would be considered a more mature figure, in the community and also in my family I’d get more responsibilities during seders and other get-togethers. It’s a really big achievement, and I feel really good that I was able to pull it off.

Thoughts about your Torah passage?

My passage was Vayikra, from Leviticus. It’s instructions on how to sacrifice animals, which was kind of a downer. First when I read it, I thought it was pretty bland and I couldn’t get anything out of it. But once you think about it, you begin to find the meaning; that it’s really just an older version of praying. It’s not about killing the animal, but sacrificing something in order to get closure, or to get relief, or offer a prayer.

Have you done a Mitzvah project?

I made almost 50 banana breads for a bake sale to benefit IRIS. I also spread word throughout the community asking for donations of clothes, coats, kitchen equipment, linens and other essentials. A lot of people contributed, which made me really happy. I raised $526 and brought two cars full of clothes and household goods to IRIS.

Any advice for other kids?

Start preparing early. So that if people ask you, ‘What are you going to do for your bat mitzvah?’ you can sing your entire Torah portion from memory. And just blow their minds.

Youth Coordinator

We are seeking an individual to work in partnership with synagogue educational leadership to expand current Teen Youth Programming including: coordinating teens in the work of Teaching Assistants (Madrichim), and Service Projects (Avodah), planning and leading 3-4 Youth Events, chaperoning off-site events. The position entails 15-20 hours a month with additional hours for chaperoned trips. The ideal candidate will have a commitment to inspiring Jewish identity, strong interpersonal skills, teen programming experience, ability to work independently, and initiative to create and implement programs. If interested, please contact Belinda Brennan either by phone (860 – 526 – 8920) or e-mail (edcant@cbsrz.org).
A documentary film by Jon Joslow on Sol LeWitt’s vision for a synagogue and the community that brought it to life.

The premiere of Jon Joslow’s film We Built Its House was attended by an SRO crowd at Arnold Gorelik’s Madison Art Cinema on Sunday June 14. The opening had the red carpet treatment it richly deserved, attracting not only the glitterati of CBSRZ but members of the wider Shoreline community as well.

The film tells the story of how a community translated Sol LeWitt’s inspiring vision, first sketched out on the back of an envelope, into a sacred space of wood and concrete on farmland near the banks of the Connecticut River. The landmark is the vibrant Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek (House of Peace, Pursuers of Justice) congregation. One of the most striking synagogues in the world, it fuses the mystery of geometric complexity with the architectural spirit of synagogues of Eastern Europe. It is also the only building Sol LeWitt ever designed. The film aims inward to enhance pride and knowledge among congregants, and outward to raise broader public awareness of this unique space.

Though the film has had its opening it is still very much a work in process. The premiere of Jon Joslow’s film We Built Its House “Producer Project” invites supporters of CBSRZ to be listed as Producers in the permanent screen credits of this film, expected to be an important part of the congregation’s story for years to come. Producer titles can be in a name, and/or in memory or honor of someone, or anonymous, or in the name of a business or entity. All contributions go to CBSRZ, principally to fund our youth education programs. Donations are tax deductible. Here is the list of Producers as of the time of publication.

**Executive Producer ($2,000+)**
- Carol LeWitt and Bruce Josephy in memory of Sol LeWitt and Donna Moran
- Clo and Stephen Davis in memory of Sol LeWitt and Donna Moran
- Seidman Family
- Jo-Ann and Michael Price in honor of Leo and Libby Nevas
- Hila and Saul Rosen
- David Zeleznik and Maxine Klein
- Jack and Helen Davis
- Jewish Foundation, Create a Jewish Legacy New Haven, and Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven

**Producer ($1,000-$1,999)**
- Nancy Fischbach & Martin Wolman
- Susan & Robert Furman
- Michael Roth & Kari Weil

**Associate Producer ($500-$999)**
- Rita Christopher and H. David Frank
- Anonymous Donor

**Producer ($100-$499)**
- Mark Swidler in memory of Harvey Payton
- Lary Bloom and Suzanne Levine
- Neil Gottfried and Marilyn White-Gottfried
- Harvey Hoberman: in honor of Ruth Solomkin and CBSRZ
- Susan Joslow and Thomas Holland
- Polly Kipp and David Loiterstein
- Lois and Martin Nadel
- Harvey Payton
- Herb and Phyllis Ross

**Assistant Producer ($100-$499)**
- Dorie and Michael Greenspan
- Ali Rosenblum and Elizabeth Jones
- Rabbi Rachel Goldenberg and Jim Talbott
- Lary Bloom and Suzanne Levine
- Mark Swidler in memory of Jacques Swidler
- Sean Konecky
- Anonymous Donor
- Kay and Maia Chiat
- Rita Fink
- Lois Glazer: in memory of Ed Glazer
- Lenny and JoAnn Goldberg
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Reception to follow
Please arrive early

Reservations Required
Tickets: $18.00 Donation

Please send your check to CBSRZ 55 East Kings Highway Chester, CT 06412 by June 5th to have your name(s) added to the guest list.

Tickets can be sent to you by mail or will be available at Will Call starting at 10:15am. Please indicate your preference.
PICTURE GALLERY

Steve Nadler photographing the Joslows

Filmmaker Jon Joslow and President Steven Davis prepare for their photo portrait

Architect Stephen Lloyd greets Saul and Hila Rosen as Rita Christopher looks on
Deb Rutty

Music & More concert starring Jeff and Ann Barnhart as “Ivory & Gold” delighted the audience with their expansive repertoire of piano and violin music.

Conductor Itay Talgam with co-author Lary Bloom at Books & Bagels featuring Itay’s new book *The Ignorant Maestro*.

Dalia Lazar offers encouragement to an aspiring young pianist.

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Scholar-in-Residence Alan Morinis
100 Years Old—and the Birth of Something New:

The Pursuers of Justice and Peace Award

2015 is the centennial year for Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek, a congregation founded in 1915, a time when neither justice nor peace was assured for anyone, much less for the Jewish population—neither in Europe, where World War I was raging, nor in the more welcoming shores of the United States where prejudice and bigotry still prevailed. The small group of Jewish farmers who had, somewhat improbably, settled in Moodus and banded together to start a congregation still believed that justice was possible and that its pursuit was mandatory; Rodfe Zedek (Pursuers of Justice) was their testament to that belief.

Fast forward another half century and the other part of “The Congregation with a Long Name”, Beth Shalom (House of Peace), found its origins in equally tenuous and troubling times, the 1930’s and ’40’s, its founders drawing strength from one another and from their ties with Jewish tradition. They sought to establish a congregation that was to reach into a future that was at once very different from and yet inextricably connected to its past.

In this centennial year, Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek will present the first Pursuers of Justice and Peace Award. This award will commemorate the spirit that imbued those responsible for the congregation’s existence, a spirit that still animates our congregation 100 years later, giving that spirit a concrete representation visible not just to our congregation but to the outside world, and linking us and our successors in years to come with our founders and their vision.

On Saturday, Nov. 14, the recipient of the Pursuers of Justice and Peace Award will be announced and the award presented to a person who has made significant contributions to the pursuit of justice and/or peace. That person will be someone with ties to our area whose actions reflect the values inherent in that pursuit, values imbued deeply in the heart of Judaism, someone whose actions also serve to inspire others.

We invite members of the congregation to nominate individuals whom they believe to be worthy recipients of this award. We ask you to fill out the form, on the following page, listing your name and contact information, the name of your proposed recipient (and contact information for that person as well), and a brief description of the criteria that you believe qualifies the recipient for this award. The Award Committee will be meeting in August to select the recipient, so we ask you to submit your nomination as soon as possible, and no later than August 1.

Please send your nominations to the attention of Wendy Bayor, either through email (wendy@cbsrz.net) or mail (Wendy Bayor, Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek, 55 East Kings Highway, Chester, CT, 06412).
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CBSRZ NOMINATION FOR PURSUER OF JUSTICE AND PEACE AWARD

Name of Nominator

Contact Info for Nominator:

Name of Nominee:

Contact Info for Nominee:

Description of Nominee’s Qualifications for Award:

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CBSRZ’s Work with United Action Connecticut—
a year in review

As one of eleven members of United Action Connecticut (UACT), CBSRZ has participated in and leveraged our commitment to social action. UACT’s members extend from the Hartford area to Waterbury to the Norwich area, covering a huge section of the state and providing access to many communities as a result. This permits not only a wide variety of education programs but legislative impact. Linda Rigono and Johanna Schaefer are members of the UACT board of directors.

Together these organizations recognize the need for public awareness and advocacy for the population that faces everyday challenges with mental illness. Working with Keep the Promise coalition and National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to advocate and impact legislation for comprehensive community mental health system and upholding the rights of adults, children and families tackling with the inefficient statewide system. A further effort to fundraise and heighten awareness, UACT and CBSRZ teamed up for the NAMI Walk 2015 in May. The team raised over $1600 and eight members joined the walk in Bushnell Park.

UACT also continues to make immigration reform a centerpiece of its social justice organization work. Even preceding President Obama’s executive action in November 2014 to defer action on deportation, UACT had achieved significant reforms in Connecticut. Legislation UACT successfully supported in 2013 led to the ability for undocumented citizens to obtain drivers’ licenses this year. As a result our roads are becoming safer and providing better...
access to jobs and services. Legislation has also included better opportunities for financial aid for immigrant college students, penalties for wage theft and a domestic workers’ bill of rights. UACT continues to do its part to educate the public on immigration reform and continue to work closely with immigrant organizations such as Manos Unidas in New Britain and Ministerio de Herman- dad in Meriden, which help produce immigration forums known as “Coming to America.” CBSRZ hosted a “Coming to America” forum in March, at which our congregants shared their own families’ immigrant stories and realized how similar our ancestors’ experiences were to those immigrants today.

We look forward to working with UACT further in the years ahead.

**STUFF A TRUCK**

After fortifying themselves with pizza and soda, a group of kids set off from the synagogue one grey Sunday afternoon for the Stop & Shop in Old Saybrook. Despite years of semi-hysterical parental instruction to the contrary, their mission was to approach, smile at, and talk to total strangers—to urge them, politely, to pick up an extra box of cereal, jar of peanut butter, or bag of rice for the annual CBSRZ Stuff the Truck food drive to benefit the Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries.

Becca Rosenblum-Jones, Ziv and Amina Goldenberg assumed the command position outside the main entrance. Noa Kleinberg, Gloria and Jack Conley, and Jack’s friend Michael Kleir manned the opposite end, making sure that no shopper escaped through the automatic doors without a list of the soup kitchen’s most-requested items. Recognizing, perhaps, that the smaller, cuter kids would snag more cans of beans than a pair of jaded teenagers, Max Conley and Lili Kleinberg beat a strategic retreat to the truck, ready to lift and lug, when not texting.

The mission was an unqualified success: over the course of three chilly hours, punctuated by frequent bathroom breaks, the kids collected 583 pounds of food and $332. Then they got cold and went home, leaving the adults on mop up detail.

“Where’s that little girl?” asked one slightly irate shopper, emerging with a bag of groceries. “She’s the only reason I bought these.”

—Amy Conley
Johanna Schaefer, We Will Miss You

Most of us test the water a little, before submerging — maybe Johanna Schaefer did that so quickly that none of us noticed. What we did notice is that all of a sudden she was an active, committed member of our Social Action committee.

Over the past three years, Johanna has seen us through a number of transitions in Social Action. We soon learned that we could depend on her for ideas, a presence both supportive and comforting, and an unusual readiness to dig in and work hard.

When we needed a supervisor for our scheduled dates at the Deep River soup kitchen (serving 36 to 50 people regularly), there was Johanna. Volunteers from CBSRZ and the Deep River churches liked working with her as leader, and the guests praised the food.

When SAC added mental health as a target item, it was Johanna who came forward to work with NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness). She has worked to enact legislation on their behalf and has participated in the fundraising NAMI walks.

She also joined Linda Rigono on the board of United Action of Connecticut (UACT) and has given ideas and energy to future joint UACT-CBSRZ work.

As a professional writer in public relations, she has helped write many of our Whole Megillah articles. But she has done much more — she has drafted a new webpage for social action that we hope to install before she leaves us for Florida in September.

What most of us will miss most, though, is her presence. She has helped out at all of our social action events — even those which she did not organize — with work, food and support to make the programs work well; and sometimes
covered for others who couldn’t make a meeting or event.

We wish Johanna all the best. We hope she knows that we will really try to fill the spaces she leaves with us. The memories, though, we will keep and treasure.

IMPORTANT FORUM TO BE HELD AT CBSRZ ON AUGUST 2

For perhaps the first time, two Jewish organizations with opposite views on the international movement, begun by Palestinians in 2005, to boycott, divest from and sanction Israel (BDS) will meet in a forum to discuss the BDS movement in the U.S. and its implications for the peace process in the Middle East.

The goal is to educate the CBSRZ community on this issue of growing concern throughout the American Jewish community, and the forum, on August 2, 1–4pm at CBSRZ, will not be open to the public. After the panel presentation and question and answer period, we will hold a facilitated small group discussion using the format we have become accustomed to at CBSRZ that we learned from the Jewish Dialogue Group, which allows for each person to be heard and emphasizes listening and on creating a safe environment in which strong opinions and feelings can be shared.

The forum will feature Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP), perhaps the only Jewish organization that supports BDS, and J Street, which is often critical of Israeli policy on peace and Palestinians but opposes BDS. Robert Gelbach, a retired professor at SCSU and co-chair of the New Haven chapter of JVP, and Shaina Wasserman, Regional Director of J Street, will be the primary panelists, and other organizations may be added. Rabbi Goldenberg will provide Jewish framing or context and Andy Schatz, chair of the Social Action Committee, will moderate.

BDS advocates (i) boycott of products of companies (Israeli or other) that profit from violation of Palestinian rights, as well as Israeli athletic, cultural and academic institutions, (ii) divestment from investment in such corporations, particularly by institutional investors, and (iii) sanctions against Israel in the international community for its policies with respect to the Palestinians and the territory that has been part of Israel since the 1967 war. BDS has been receiving increasing attention on university campuses across the United States and in the media.

BDS stirs up such strong feelings that most Jewish organizations will not even appear at an event with any organization — including any Jewish organization — that supports BDS. Hillel, the Jewish organization on college campuses, not only opposes BDS, but it refuses to allow any of its campus chapters to host speakers who support BDS.

Opponents of BDS claim that BDS seeks to delegitimize Israel. Proponents say it seeks to put pressure on Israel with respect to specific policies and positions but not to delegitimize Israel itself.

Opponents sometimes claim that BDS is fundamentally anti-Semitic and that it subjects Israel to standards not applied to other countries. Proponents (including many Jews) say that neither they nor the movement is anti-Semitic but that opponents seek to ensure that Israel is held to the same standards with respect to human rights as other countries.

Consistent with the Social Action Committee theme of “celebrating diversity,” we are presenting this program for the open discussion that has forever been a hallmark of Jewish life.

Please come, learn and discuss.

More Books For York Prison

In May, we enjoyed gathering an exceptional richness of books at the Durham Library. As do most local libraries, Durham Library mounts a book sale one or more times a year. Our committee was invited to take any books remaining at the end of the sale for donation to York; due to scheduling, they even allowed us to take books during the sale!

In June, we trekked to York with our treasures. In addition to the nine bags of books from Durham Library, friends and congregants have donated some three boxes of books.

York has seven book clubs, so multiple copies are much in demand, including as many as five of Orange Is the New Black, Gone Girl, The Perks of Being a Wallflower, Son, The New Jim Crow, This Is How You Lose Her, and The Casual Vacancy. They also especially like books by James Patterson, Tess Gerristen, Patricia Cornwell, Iris Johansen, Nicholas Sparks, Jodi Picoult and Janet Evanovich, or books on Spirituality, Self-help, Women’s health issues, as well as Poetry and Memoir/Biography.

We continue to collect books for York. Please ask your local library to let you know when it will dispose of books and might help. And please deposit any books in the box in the CBSRZ entryway. Past experience tells us they will be well appreciated.
ARZA

Shalom Haverim,

The results of the World Zionist Congress elections are in, and we are proud to report that ARZA was the clear winner. We secured 56 seats out of a possible 145—almost 40% of the U.S. delegation, and as many seats as the next two slates combined. Thank you for your passion, your commitment, and your work.

This is a great victory for Progressive Judaism in Israel, and for all those who care about this important cause. We are now able to join with others who share our vision and continue to work for the causes and issues about which we care so deeply.

We campaigned on important issues such as religious freedom, gender equality, and a two-state solution. Now we can proudly say that our delegation—the largest of the U.S.—will come together in October in Jerusalem to express our passion and involvement as well as our concern for the future. Our success in these elections comes at a critical moment for current events in Israel.

Brief Analysis:

We, the Reform and Reconstructionist movements, received almost 40% of the votes which means that liberal Judaism will hold a solid majority in the World Zionist Congress this October.

At the Congress, American Jews will have the opportunity to express their strong feelings about the issues close to our hearts, and then work to affect change in those areas. We will be one step closer to making Israel the Jewish state that we know it can and should be.

As a reminder, the results of this election help determine our influence in Israel’s national institutions, the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Jewish National Fund. Our team, led by the leadership of ARZENU (ARZA’s umbrella organization of worldwide Reform Zionists), will now begin the process of negotiating with Israeli political parties and determining our positions based on the power that you, our voters, provided.

Acknowledgements:

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who voted and who worked to get out the vote. We would like to also thank the superb lay and staff team led by Michael Laufer, Philip Meltzer and Rabbi Karen Fox as well as our campaign manager, Ilana Kaplan. Our sincere appreciation goes out to the ARZA staff, and the lay leaders who demonstrated dedication and perseverance through this long and often arduous campaign.

This campaign would not have been successful without the leadership of the Reform Movement, led by Rabbis Rick Jacobs, Aaron Panken, Steve Fox, Danny Freelander, Jonah Pesner and Rabbi Deborah Waxman of the Reconstructionist Movement. Our leaders in Israel—Rabbi Gilad Kariv, Anat Hoffman, Rabbi Noa Sattat, Yaron Shavit and Reuven Marko, as well as Rabbi Larry Engleland and Dalya Levy of ARZENU—worked tirelessly to bring messages of importance to our movement statewide.

Of course, we would not be anywhere without our congregational leadership. We cannot thank enough the hundreds of rabbis, cantors, educators, youth directors, executive directors, administrators, and congregational election teams for all that you did to galvanize your members, families, and friends to come together at this important moment. Every vote made a difference, and we were honored and humbled by your efforts.

This campaign was indeed an investment in Israel’s future, and we offer our deepest thanks to the hundreds of investors and donors who saw with us the need to run a robust and well-funded campaign. We met our goal and were able to maintain fiscal responsibility, and are happy to report that your efforts and investments paid off. Below you will find the breakdown of votes, and we will be posting on our website further analysis of what this means and how it has changed since the last election.

As the results have now come in, let us rejoice by proclaiming, “This year in Jerusalem!”

Religious Affairs At CBSRZ

3rd Annual Friday Shabbat Service and Summer BBQ

Please join us on Friday, August 7 for an early Shabbat service (5:45) followed by our 3rd Annual Summer BBQ at 6:30! We will be grilling chicken, hamburgers, veggie burgers and hot dogs. Please bring a non-dairy side-dish (salads, rice dishes, vegetables—anything without milk, butter, cheese or yogurt) or non-dairy dessert (fruit is great—again, no milk, butter, cheese or yogurt) to share. BYOB! Don’t forget a blanket! Please respond to the office no later than Monday, August 3rd. We want to make sure we have enough meat for everyone!

3rd Annual Shabbat at Cedar Lake

Have you always wanted to celebrate Shabbat in a bathing suit? Come and beat the heat Friday, July 17 at Cedar Lake in Chester where we will celebrate Shabbat lakeside! Please join friends and family at 5:45 pm at Cedar Lake under the pavilion for a short but sweet Shabbat service followed by dinner and a dip in the lake. Dinner will be brown bag, which means bring your own food and utensils! We will bring Challah, candles, wine for kiddush and some soft beverages.

Cedar Lake is located in Chester on Route 148, next to Camp Hazen. From Old Saybrook or points south, take route 9 North to exit 6. When you exit the highway, turn left onto Route 148. Follow 148 for approximately 1.5 miles. Immediately after passing Camp Hazen, you will see the lake entrance on your right. Parking is directly across the street on the left.

We will meet under the pavilion at 5:45 pm for services. If it is raining we will have Shabbat services and dinner at CBSRZ also at 5:45 pm. Hope to see you at Cedar Lake!
(all attachments can be reviewed in the Temple office)

1. President’s Welcome: Stephen Davis: “We have a quorum, the meeting is called to order!” Immediately, he turned the meeting over to the Rabbi.

2. Rabbi’s Report: Rabbi Goldenberg reviewed the past year: “There have been major improvements in Chesed and Pastoral care. We hired a Community Care coordinator; Iris Freeman, which has been tremendous. The new High Holiday machzor is available for perusal and will be used for the Holidays this year. We have been deepening the skills of our lay leadership.” The Rabbi went on to announce that she will not be renewing her contract. S. Davis then opened it up to comments.

3. President’s Report: Stephen Davis (attachment): “The Congregation is very strong. We have spent much effort to reposition our Youth Education programs. We have visionary steps to overhaul our website. We have created a Caring Coordinator position, which is unique to our region. We are pioneering new ritual with our prayer labs. We are going back to our farming roots and creating an Ethical Kosher program. We are celebrating our 100th year anniversary, which will start on Sunday morning with the premier of the documentary “We Built this House”. We now have to undertake a Rabbi search, but the great work we are doing here shouldn’t stop. Synagogues don’t come with pause buttons. And we have done this before many times over the last century—the community has a total of 11 rabbis over that period, plus countless student and lay religious leaders.”

4. Treasurer’s Report—for approval: Kevin Fox (attachment): “We are doing very well. The Legacy Program is coming to the end of its second year. There will be a 3rd and 4th year offered to us. We have a yearly audit, but this year we had a third party “stress” test, as well. Some technical inconsistencies in audit will be resolved by 8/31.” Motion to approve, Roni Berson, 2nd by D. Zeleznik. Unanimously voted yes. So moved.

5. Budget Vote—for approval: S. Seidman (attachment): “We are financially sound.” Budget reviewed. Includes a 7.5% increase in dues to make the budget balance. Questions answered. Stephen added that the board has voted to introduce “free will” tuition in K-3 as a way of reducing barriers to entry for families with young children. The budget also makes an investment in our Caring Coordinator program and in our new website. Motion to move by M. Gardner-Frum, 2nd by E. Pinn. Unanimously voted yes. So moved.

6. Election of Officers and Board Members: Martin Wolman (attachment). Motion to approve Resolution 1 by Nomination and Governance Committee, moved by S. Peck, 2nd by K. Fox. Unanimously voted yes. So moved. Stephen Davis thanked Linda Rigono and Laura Roman for their great work and dedication to the board.

7. Centennial Celebration—for information: Lary Bloom and Sue Fine (attachment): The two briefed the meeting on events scheduled, and asked that members take a basket to fill for the silent auction to be held at the centennial celebration on Oct. 3.

8. Committee Reports—for information (Dashboard attachment): Belinda Brennan talked about changes in the Youth Education program at CBSRZ; it is now to be called Kivvun (direction), as we are teaching life, meaning, and purpose; it will not be your normal “school”. She and the Education Committee are working with Erica Udoff on a marketing brochure and plan. Ed Pinn noted that Linda Pinn had worked with Bill Farran to produce a woodcut of our synagogue, commissioned by the Wednesday Minyanaires, and notecards were made for sale. There are also prints that Bill Farran made of our synagogue, and originals are available for sale. Henry Resnikoff presented that we have a new holiday machzor and we are still looking for people to buy the two book sets for donation to the congregation for $36. Bruce Josephy and Michael Price are on the URJ board, and they just came back from their board meeting. Bruce Josephy summarized takeaways. He said “The Reform movement is alive and well in this country.” Some highlights of this meeting included a new formula for MUM dues, a $4 million donation to Camp Newman, a new Rabbinic training program in Moscow, big focus put on camps, a new position called “vice president for audacious hospitality”, and Women of Reform Judaism is very active.

9. Questions and comments from congregants were entertained.

10. Surprise presentation: a specially prepared trailer for “We Built this House” was shown.

11. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.
The OY, then the JOY

At a recent training session for Chesed members, Rabbi Hesch Sommer spoke about what it means to be a part of a caring Jewish community and how Chesed members help foster that community. He spoke about how we balance individual commitment with commitment to the community, even when it is uncomfortable. The Torah teaches us about tzedakah: righting an injustice and creating a sense of fairness and equality. We don’t give out of a sense of altruism or just because it feels good, just the opposite. The Torah establishes a covenant between God and the Jewish people that requires us to give, to right a wrong, to create equality, with the expectation that it will be done for us one day if we need the help.

Or, as Rabbi Sommer so delightfully puts it, we experience the OY (I’ve got to do this even if I don’t want to) and then the JOY (the feeling you get when helping others), vs. the JOY (charity) then the OY (again, they need help again?)

The covenant we create within our community through being there for others and knowing others will be there for us, is at the very core of what it means to create a caring Jewish community and it makes CBSRZ a very special place to be.

A Moment in Time: The People of Little Italy in 1976

Photographer Steve Nadler is currently exhibiting his work in a one-man show at The Italian-American Museum on Mulberry Street in New York City. His photography captures the people and the flavor of this colorful neighborhood during a tumultuous period. Steve says about working there: “I started out thinking only about photographing the physical area and wound up making friends and hearing wonderful stories. I think the reason I was so drawn to this neighborhood and its people is that it felt very much like my old neighborhood. Hanging out there brought back so many wonderful memories of my youth, spent on street corners, with my friends watching the world stroll by.”

Steve Nadler Photography specializes in both fine art and commercial photography. In 2007, Nadler retired from the telecommunications industry, after 37 years in sales and marketing management. Prior to his retirement, he was enrolled in the Digital Photography Certificate Program at Rhode Island School of Design.

Machzor Giveaway

CBSRZ has now adopted the new JPS machzor (High Holy Days prayer books). For a limited time we are offering the old machzor free of charge to congregants. If you would like to receive a copy, please see Wendy in the office. As we are still trying to raise money for the purchase of the sets of new machzors, donations will be cheerfully accepted.

MAZEL TOV FOR NEW ARRIVALS!

A double mazel tov to grandparents Henry Resnikoff and Daphne Nielsen. Shiloh William was born to parents Christine and Joshua Resnikoff on June 17 weighing in at 7.5 pounds. Cade Resnikoff, pictured here with his brother Mason, was born to parents Dana Seaborg and Jacob Resnikoff on April 25.
Memorial Plaques
Tamuz 14, 5775 - Av 15, 5775

David Irving Adler—father of Rochelle Dauenheimer
Dora Tomim Adler—mother of Rochelle Dauenheimer
Yolanda Baliko—sister of Tony Rizano
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Scott Angel—cousin of Leslie Krumholz
Hazel Archambault—mother of Ray Archambault
Joseph Bar—father of Doron Bar
Harry Caville—grandfather of Lynn Caville
Natt Craig—grandfather of Michael Craig
Gusie Davis—grandmother of Stephen Davis
Raymond O. Fielding—grandfather of Irving Friedman
Abraham Glassman—grandfather of Ron and Rich Glassman
Blooom Glickman—mother of Sharon Taubman
Dr. Louis Glickman—father to Sharon Taubman
Abraham Gottfried—father of Elie Gottfried
Isadore Gottfried—grandfather of Ellen Gottfried
Rose Hanenbaum—mother of Norman Hanenbaum
Jeanne Hoberman—mother of Harvey Hoberman
Joan Hoberman—wife of Harvey Hoberman; daughter of Ruth Salomkin
James Jubelirer—father of Brad Jubelirer
Irving Kal—brother of Gene Kal
Abraham Kandel—father of Marilyn Kal
Ruth Kaulmann—mother of Janie Pittendrigh
Pearl Klein—mother of Maxine Klein
Barney Levine—observed by Steven and Frani Ross
Abraham Lelis—father of Sol LeLis
Menachem Mandel—stepfather of Stephen Rozenberg
Barbara Margolis—dear friend of Marilyn White-Gottfried
Isadore Gottfried—grandfather of Ellen Gottfried
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Condolences are extended to
Shelley Sprague and Steven Barosz on the loss of Shelley’s stepmother, Esther Sprague Sparkes
Terry and Jeff Bernstein on the loss of Terry’s mother, Joan Morse
Francine Farkas Sears on the loss of her brother, Dr. Norman Moss
Susan Savitt and Charles Savitt on the loss of their uncle, Bennet H. Pearl
The Jubelirer family on the loss of Brad’s uncle, Gil Harocha
The Merriam Family on the loss of Emily’s mother, Joanne Viator
Myra Fishman and Howard Fishman, on the loss of their husband and father, Harvey Fishman
Adrienne and Phil Hutt, on the loss of Adrienne’s sister, Judy Fein

Please remember to inform Linda Sherman, chair of the Chesed Committee, if you or someone you know is ill, in need of help, or has experienced a death in the family. Our Chesed Committee is here to help.
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Mama Loshen  By Marilyn Kalet

Strasheh mich nit
Don’t threaten me

Gib mir nit kain eonhoreh
Don’t give me a canary (the evil eye)

Nishgedeiget
Doesn’t worry

A lek un a shmek
What you get when a hostess serves peanut size hors d’oeuvres and too few of them

Hok mir nit un tsheinik
Don’t bother me (literally, don’t bang on a tea kettle)