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I often say that one of the reasons I became a rabbi was to have an excuse to keep going away to camp each summer. I grew up attending the Union for Reform Judaism camp in Wisconsin called Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI). The three summers I spent there as a camper were monumental in importance in my life. While there, I learned that one could infuse every part of the day with a Jewish value or teaching, that being Jewish was really fun, and that being around lots of other Jewish kids was very special. Oh, the tears that would flow from each of us on the last night of camp, during the Havdalah service that closed Shabbat.

Well, becoming a rabbi has allowed me to continue experiencing the magic of Reform Jewish overnight camp. As many of you know, an important part of the way in which I “give back” to the community is by spending two weeks each summer serving as faculty at a Union for Reform Judaism overnight camp. Since 2010, I have served proudly at Crane Lake Camp, in West Stockbridge, MA (and a sister camp to Eisner Camp, just 15 minutes away in Great Barrington). We at CBSRZ have a number of campers attend these camps each summer, where they make lifelong friends and experience Judaism in an entirely new way. Plus, thanks to our Nevas-Price Camp and Israel Scholarship Fund, we are able to generously subsidize their experiences.

In addition to these “general,” regional camps, the URJ has formed a number of specialty camps, which fall under their “6 Points” program. There are two sports camps (North Carolina and California), and two Sci-Tech camps (Massachusetts and California). Last summer, they opened their very first Creative Arts Academy, and I had the pleasure of serving on faculty there this summer for the first time.

As of this writing, I have just returned from my two weeks at CAA, and all I can say is that it was magical. For those interested in the many creative arts, it is heavenly. The campers (grades 4-11) can choose majors and minors from a variety of disciplines: Vocal Performance, Instrumental Music, Classical and Contemporary Theatre, Musical Theatre, Dance, Creative Writing, Visual Arts, and Culinary Arts. In addition, minors include choices such as songwriting and “the first chapter of my novel.”

Each faculty member is a rabbi, cantor, or educator at a URJ synagogue, and we have the privilege of helping to infuse each arts area with Jewish teachings. We faculty at CAA also happen to have a background in one of the arts, so I, naturally, was assigned to Musical Theatre and Classical/Contemporary Theatre. There were incredibly talented Arts Mentors who led these programs, and we faculty were fully integrated as participants, as teachers, and as role models. It cannot be overstated how important it is for the campers to see adults, and especially Jewish professionals, wrestling with their crafts, having fun and being silly, being

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The camp is built on five core values, which the camp’s director, Jo-Ellen Unger, helps us to live out each day: Creativity, Craftsmanship, Collaboration, Curiosity, and Grit. Every day begins with a Jewish teaching or story, delivered by the faculty, on the value of the day, and the day ends with a check-in—how did you exemplify this value today? Mindfulness and intentionality are part of each prayer experience, as well as the simple acts of saying HaMotzi or Birkat HaMazon before or after each meal. Shabbat services are filled with inspiring offerings from each arts area, including a full musical production number based on the Torah portion of the week.

Most importantly, the camp is an inclusive, safe, and loving community. The staff are welcoming of all gender expressions and sexual orientations. They are careful to be respectful of each other’s preferred pronouns, and they work hard not to use language which demeans or diminishes one another in any way. I only wish that we could bring this care for each other into the rest of the world.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these camps, for your children or grandchildren, I am always available to answer questions or share more about my experiences as a camper and as a faculty member. These camps are truly a life-changing gift to all who have the chance to attend.

As the High Holy Days approach, these CAA teachings are what I hope to bring with me into the new year: a desire to see and respect each individual for who they are; a celebration of the divine spark in every single human being; a willingness to be vulnerable as I work to better myself and my “craft;” and the ability to turn mistakes into a further expression of artistry, however that may apply. I pray that we keep our hearts open even through the darkest of days, as Jo-Ellen sang during the final Erev Shabbat service, from the musical version of As You Like It: “At our bravest and weakest, our worst and our best, still I will love.”

Wishing you a new year of light, love, return, and repair,
Rabbi Marci N. Bellows

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**A Cry For Help**

Are you interested in language, design and the workings of our synagogue? Then you qualify for a prestigious position on the staff of The Whole Megillah. It’s a great way to gain experience in putting together a publication and get more deeply involved with the congregation. I’m not going to be around forever and am hoping to find someone to whom, in time, I can pass the torch. I’m also on the lookout for a student from Kivvun, an area that I am not in touch with as much as I would like, to work as an intern. We publish new issues bi-monthly, and both positions will require a commitment of only a few hours per issue.

If you’re interested, please contact me, Sean Konecky at sean.konecky@gmail.com or by phone at: (860) 391-3165.
When the small group of Moodus farmers and merchants came up with the name Rodfe Zedek (Pursuers of Justice), for the little shul that they were founding in 1915, it reflected not only the ancient Jewish imperative for seeking justice but their own historical circumstances — having fled injustice, hardship and discrimination in the Old World — as well as their hopes for this new American world, a world where justice might indeed be pursued and secured. When Rodfe Zedek merged with Beth Shalom (House of Peace), whose own origins went back to the turbulent 1930s with fascism in Europe on the rise and World War II and the Holocaust in the offing, the two names merged as well, reflecting the desire of the newly combined congregation to keep the pursuit of justice and the hope for peace at the forefront.

Then in 2015, when CBSRZ was celebrating the centennial of its founding, it was decided that an award celebrating the contributions of those who had made significant contributions to the pursuit of peace and justice would not only be a fitting tribute to both the founders and all who followed in their footsteps but a spur to us all to continue such endeavours in the future. The first Pursuers of Peace and Justice Award was given to CBSRZ congregant Martha Stone in recognition of her groundbreaking work on behalf of social justice and, particularly, on behalf of children through her fight to reduce inequality in education, homelessness, and child welfare.

**Pursuers of Peace and Justice Award**

The following year, after the death of our congregant Phil Scheffler, a journalist who was relentless in his pursuit of truth and journalistic integrity, the award was renamed The Philip Scheffler Pursuers of Peace and Justice Award in his honor, in recognition of the necessity of a free and principled press to promote that pursuit.

The second award went, in 2017, to Andy Schatz, then chair of the CBSRZ Social Action Committee, board member and President of the Connecticut ACLU, board member of the National ACLU, and a lawyer known for his work in litigating a wide range of issues concerning prisoners’ rights, disability rights and discrimination against individuals with mental illness.

In 2019, with the discussion of the role of ethics in government raging around us, we decided to reach out beyond our own immediate community and recognize Norman L. Eisen of Washington, DC, author, Senior Fellow in Governance Studies at the Brookings Institution, CNN political commentator, and chair of the government watchdog group CREW. At Brookings, Eisen co-authored such reports as “The Emoluments Clause: Its Text, Meaning, and Application to Donald J. Trump,” “The Impact of Open Government,” and “Why Critics of Transparency are Wrong.” Eisen served from January 2009 to January 2011 in the White House as special counsel and special assistant to the president for ethics and government reform and as the U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic from 2011 to 2014. He is the author of *The Last Palace: Europe’s Turbulent Century in Five Lives and One Legendary House*. Most recently, he was named co-counsel to the House Judiciary Committee in its oversight of the Justice Department and special counsel Robert Mueller’s Russia probe. Norm Eisen has been profiled in *The Washington Post, New York Magazine, Politico, The Wall Street Journal* and *Tablet*. Named #11 on the “Politico 50” list of thinkers shaping American politics, he is also on the “Forward 50” list of the most influential and interesting American Jews. His work, interests and background along with his deep commitment to the Jewish tradition make him a worthy recipient of an award which stems from that same tradition and which seeks to shine light upon the fight for peace and justice.

This year’s Philip Scheffler Pursuers of Peace and Justice Award will be presented to Norm Eisen on Saturday, November 16, 2019. A Shabbat Service, commemorating Philip Scheffler and honoring Norm Eisen, will begin at 10:30 am, followed by a luncheon and an award presentation at which he will speak. The award presentation will begin at 12:30 pm. All events of the day are free and open to the public. Those wishing to attend are requested to RSVP via the CBSRZ website: go to CBSRZ.org/events or call the synagogue office at: 860-526-8920

**NORM EISEN,**

**2019 recipient of The Philip Scheffler Pursuers of Peace and Justice Award**

By Ellen Nodelman
“Every soul needs to express itself. Every heart needs to crack itself open. Every one of us needs to move from anger to healing, from denial to consciousness, from boredom to renewal. These needs did not arise yesterday. They are among the most ancient of human yearnings, and they are fully expressed in the pageantry and ritual of the Days of Awe, in the great journey we make between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.”
Rabbi Alan Lew

“And, the Eternal said, ‘I pardon you as asked.’”
Numbers 14:20.

“The first mitzvah in the Torah is ‘Let there be light!’ So we are commanded: in everything you do, be a menorah, a bringer of light. Live with honor, act with integrity, do your work with passion – and the radiance of your deeds will live after you. May our ideals burn bright, forever unextinguished, and may we live our lives like the flames we kindle – always stretching upward, striving for the good, reaching for You.”
Mishkan HaNefesh

We ask: Have we the will to change? And if not now, when? – Mishkan HaLev

Saturday, September 21
6:30 pm Selichot Service, including screening & discussion of Won’t You Be My Neighbor? and changing of the Torah mantles

Sunday, September 29
7:30 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah service

Monday, September 30
9:30 am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service, followed by Tashlich
2:30 pm Rosh Hashanah Family Service

Tuesday, October 1
9:30 am Rosh Hashanah Service, 2nd Day

Friday, October 4
7:30 pm Shabbat Shu'ah - Erev Shabbat Service

Sunday, October 6
1:00 pm Cemetery Memorial Service
Fountain Hill, Deep River
2:30 pm Cemetery Memorial Service
Rodef Zedek, Moodus

We encourage you to bring your children and teenagers to services. Parents are welcome to bring very young children into the Kivvun wing for a break and there will be supervision for children, second grade and up, also in the Kivvun wing on the morning of the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on the morning of Yom Kippur. There will be an audio feed of the service in the playroom. Teenagers are permitted to congregate in the conference room which will be dedicated as a quiet space.

“Shanah tovah means both a good year, and a good change. Today you can change the rest of your life. It is never too late.”
Rabbi Laura Geller

It is customary to clothe the Torah scrolls in white during the High Holy Days, and to clothe ourselves in white garments from Erev Kol Nidrei through the end of Yom Kippur. White refers not to purity and unblemished perfection, but to forgiveness, as Scripture says, “Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow.”
(Isaiah 1:18)

“Like grapes in the wilderness, I found Israel; like the first fruit on the fig tree in its first season, I saw your fathers...”
Hosea 9:10

“That we may start fresh/That we may come clear/That we may know sweetness and peace/Throughout the year/ That we may find love/ Where we need it most/ And open our hearts and minds/ And draw each other close.”
Judith Kate-Friedman
"Listen, all you who wrestle with your fate: the intimate and the infinite are one. Trust that unity with your whole heart, doubt and all; with your whole soul, and with all the powers at your command. Remember it; repeat it everywhere, working or resting, sitting or walking, night and morning, alone and to all you love. See it written on your hand, on your brow, in every common place and in every face." Catherine Madsen

Ben Azzai used to say: Treat no one with scorn; regard nothing as useless, for all people have their moment, and all things have their place. Diamonds, when found in the ground, may look like worthless pieces of glass. It takes an expert to see the precious gem that is hidden within. Become an expert in human beings. Learn to see each one as a diamond in the rough. Based on a teaching of Rabbi Abraham Twerski

**Tuesday, October 8**
7:30 pm Kol Nidre

**Wednesday, October 9**
9:30 am Yom Kippur Morning
2:30 pm Children's Service
4:00 pm Afternoon service
with Yizkor and Neilah, followed by our community Break-Fast

**Friday, October 11**
6:30 pm Family Sukkah Decorating & Pizza Dinner
7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

**Sunday, October 13**
6:00 pm Erev Sukkot Service

**Friday, October 18**
6:30 pm Hang in Sukkah Dairy Potluck Dinner
7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

**Saturday, October 19**
9:00 am Holy Scroollers in the Sukkah

**Sunday, October 20**
5:15 pm Yizkor Service
6:00 pm Erev Simchat Torah Service

"God does not wish, according to the words of a prophet, that man should build Him a house again, for heaven is His throne and earth His footstool; it is not only in holiness and the height that He delights to dwell, but with the contrite and lowly of spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, to revive the spirit of the contrite. He who is infinitely above the domains of the mighty descends to those who lie in the dust of the earth and shares their afflictions." Martin Buber, The Prophetic Faith

"Throughout the year, our actions condemn us; throughout the year our deeds are open to blame. But on this day we rise above our human failings. Fasting, praying, wrapped in white tallitot, we stand like angels, reaching for the Divine. On this one day, we catch a glimpse of what we could be – we celebrate the better angels of our nature." Based on Midrash Tehillim 27:4

"For on this day shall atonement be made for you, to cleanse you from all your sins...and you shall be clean before the Eternal." Lev. 16:30
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Sukkot

The Festival of Sukkot begins on Tishri 15, the fifth day after Yom Kippur. Sukkot is a seven-day festival so unreservedly joyful that it is commonly referred to in Jewish prayer and literature as the Season of our Rejoicing. It is during this holiday that we thank God for the harvest food and are grateful for God’s protection. It is a time to feast and welcome visitors in the Sukkah. We hope you will join us for our very special Sukkot activities!

Family Sukkah Decorating and Pizza Party will be on Friday October 11 at 6:30pm
We will be decorating our sukkah and enjoying pizza followed by Shabbat Services at 7:30pm

Erev Sukkot services will be on Sunday October 13 at 6:00pm.
Erev Sukkot services will including a blessing for our new congregants.

Our annual “Hang in the Sukkah” potluck dinner will be on Friday October 18 at 6:30pm
Please bring a dairy dish to share. This is a rain or shine event. If the weather is not cooperating, we will eat inside. Shabbat services will follow at 7:30pm with choir and piano.

Holy Scrollers will be held in the Sukkah on Saturday October 19 at 9:00am (weather permitting).

Help Decorate Our Sukkah

We will be putting the final touches on our sukkah and decorating on Friday October 11 at 6:30pm. Many hands make light work! And it’s a fun way to get to know your fellow congregants. We will provide pizza and salad and finish decorating before Shabbat services at 7:30pm. Please email Laura Roman if you have any questions… landdroman@gmail.com or call 860-301-9590.

Simchat Torah

Following Sukkot comes the dancing and festivities of Simchat Torah, Rejoicing with the Torah. On Sunday, October 20, we celebrate the cycle of reading the Torah!

A yizkor service will precede Simchat Torah Services at 5:15pm

Erev Simchat Torah Service will be at 6:00pm.
During Simchat Torah services, we will gather, take out the Torah scrolls and dance around the synagogue as people dance and sing along. The dancing with the Torah is known in Hebrew as b'akafot – which means to march around. There are seven b'akafot, so as soon as the circle around the sanctuary is completed, the Torah is handed to another person to complete a circle and the ritual begins anew.

The b'akafot we will be in the social hall where we will unroll one of the Torah with the assistance of the congregation. The children will stand in the middle of the circle surrounded by the Torah. If you’ve never seen the Torah unscrolled, you won’t want to miss it!
A good Nazi? It certainly sounds like a contradiction in terms. But that is who and what Major Karl Plagge was, and *The Good Nazi* tells his story, the story of the only German officer to be recognized as a Righteous Gentile.

*The Good Nazi* is the result of a family trip to Lithuania by Durham resident and Middletown physician, Dr. Michael Good. The child of Lithuanian Holocaust survivors, Good grew up with stories of their survival and knew how fortunate they were to be among the few (2%) Jews from Vilnius to survive. He took a trip to Vilnius with his parents, wife and children to see the places from which they had come and meet some of those responsible for their survival, including two families who had sheltered his father and saved his life. His mother told the story of a Major Plagge, the German commandant of the work camp to which her family had been sent who saved her family’s life. Who was this man? Michael Good returned from his trip determined to find out.

Years of research and collaboration with survivors of the Vilnius work camp and with German archivists, historians and German Army experts followed, and the first result was Good’s 2005 book, *The Search for Major Plagge: The Nazi Who Saved Jews*. Then with the book finished, he began working on a documentary film. The result is the film that we will be showing.

A joint venture with Madison’s Temple Beth Tikvah, the film showing, open to the general public as well, will take place on a date to be announced that works for both congregations and at a place which can accommodate a large audience.
PICTURE GALLERY

Cluppin Spielers, CBSRZ’s house band, in a command performance.
Linda Pinn, Rick Silberbeg and the artist hang the work of Miriam Stern for upcoming exhibition on Main Street.

Sukkah of the Signs by Ronald Rael and Virginia San Fratello, Oakland. It is traditional to eat and sleep in the sukkah for one week each fall, as a way of practicing a kind of ceremonial homelessness and empathizing with those who don’t have a roof over their heads. As a political statement, and as a way of transferring the prize money to those in need, Sukkah of the Signs is clad with cardboard signs purchased from destitute individuals across the country.
A Heartfelt Thank You to those of you below who have made a Pledge or have already made a Gift of Righteous Giving to Our Campaign for our Community.

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Dear Friends,

I want to bring you up to date on the work that our Security Committee has been doing since its formation last November.

But first, an announcement! On Sunday, September 8 we will hold our first congregation-wide ALICE training. The acronym stands for Alert, Lockdown, Counter, Evacuate; the sessions are designed to teach participants how to respond to a range of critical situations. Our own Ruth Levy, a certified EMT and ALICE trainer, will lead the training with a team that includes outside security specialists and members of local law enforcement.

People of any age and fitness level can participate, although space is limited. The ALICE session will be open to members on a first-come basis; keep an eye out for an email invitation later this summer, or if you prefer, contact Wendy in the office to register.

Giving our members the resources and training to protect themselves and those around them in an emergency is one of the primary goals of the security committee. An equally important goal is to make our synagogue and its campus more secure.

This is an ongoing process, with a lot to take in. Please take the time to read through this update and feel free to reach out with questions.

**EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING:**
Our first priority was securing the entrance to the synagogue. Our new Access Control system enables us to keep the building locked at all times (except the start of services) while allowing fast, easy entry for members. Every family now has a unique code to unlock the door during normal hours of operation, services and events; please contact Wendy if you don’t have a code.

The codes have been programmed with different levels of access so that members can get inside the building for committee meetings, Holy Scrollers, evening choir rehearsals and the like. **HOWEVER, THE DOOR CODES DO NOT WORK ON OUR ALARM SYSTEM.** If you do not have an alarm code and you are the first person to arrive when the building is locked, please wait outside until someone who is authorized to disable the alarm arrives. When in doubt, use the buzzer. If you enter the building while it is alarmed, the alarm will sound, summoning first responders. Two new buzzer intercoms have been installed in the kitchen and Kivvun wing.

Soon, boulders will be installed inside the traffic island and along the synagogue façade to protect the building from vehicular assault. We have applied for federal funding for additional structural reinforcements to safeguard our main entrance and side entrance, and for shatterproof window film for our entranceways and prime gathering places.

We have also applied for funding for improved lighting in the parking lot, as well as new lighting for the traffic circle and long driveway.

**INTERIOR OF THE BUILDING:**
There are now **secure lockdown areas** where people can shelter throughout the synagogue. Deadbolt and pushbutton locks have been installed on the doors to the bathrooms, the administrative wing and the large storage room in the social hall. The doors to the conference room, kitchen and classrooms now have magnetic lock strips, to facilitate a fast lockdown. Shades have been installed in the classrooms and kitchen and will soon be installed in the library and conference room.

Five **panic buttons** have been installed throughout the building—in the sanctuary, social hall, Kivvun wing, administrative wing and kitchen—under protective covers. Unlike the silent panic buttons in the administrative offices and on the bima, these buttons trigger an audible alarm, alerting others in the building as well as first responders to an emergency.

We have acquired four **emergency medical kits** which are now stationed throughout the building, in addition to the defibrillator kit at the entrance.
For special events and large services, we will continue to hire a licensed security guard. We have strengthened our partnership with local law enforcement officers, who have participated in training events with us and gotten to know the synagogue facility and our community.

Reminder: CBSRZ policy prohibits firearms or weapons of any kind on synagogue property, including the building, the grounds and the parking lot. Weapons may not be stored inside parked cars. Only law enforcement officers and hired guards are exempt from this policy.

TRAINING:
Training will be our main focus going forward. So far, we have held two events to learn what to do in a range of critical situations, from health emergencies to active threats. In March, we held a four-hour training on emergency medical techniques for clergy, staff members, teachers, student teachers and lay leaders. Later that month, we hosted our first ALICE training for clergy members, staff members, teachers and lay leaders. Our own Ruth Levy, a certified EMT and ALICE trainer, led the training with a team that included two outside security specialists, Connecticut State Trooper Matt Ward and Chester Police Officer Rob Monday.

We would like to offer ALICE training to any member who wants to take advantage of it—starting with the session on September 8. We will also host an evening forum led by an FBI specialist.

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM:
We are setting up an emergency notification system that will enable us to send congregation-wide text messages in the event of a crisis. If you’d like to be included, please email Wendy.

GOING FORWARD:
Although our committee has been working hard, improved security is not the responsibility of one committee or a few designated people—it is the responsibility of every member of our community, including you! Everyone has a role to play — whether that is making sure the door stays closed, speaking out if you see a suspicious vehicle, familiarizing yourself with emergency exits or participating in a training event.

Thanks for your time and attention.
— Amy Conley, Vice President and Security Committee Chair

**Fifth grade celebrating Dr. Seuss Day**

**Annual Clothes Drive for Parkville Community School**

For the past five years, we have sponsored a clothing drive for Parkville Community School. This Hartford school which currently has about 535 students in Grades PK through fifth grade, has 83% of its students from low income families. Students and/or their parents come from 20 different countries.

Many of you contributed in the past from the goodness of your hearts in the true spirit of Tzedakah. You have donated uniforms and warm clothing and some of you have sent in cash donations which enabled us to purchase needed uniforms.

I am again appealing to your kindness as we begin another school year. Uniforms are urgently needed in sizes 6 through 12. Shirt colors are white or navy blue; pants, jumpers or skirts colors are navy blue or khaki. Families are struggling to put food on the table and uniform donations would be greatly appreciated. Many don’t have washing machines. The little ones visit the office frequently because of ‘accidents’, and there are not always replacements available.

It is early but the students will need coats/jackets/scarves and mittens.

Please feel free to contact me at Sandherz1899@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Donations can be placed in the Parkville School labeled boxes in the school wing.

This is a preschool class holding up donated school supplies.

In appreciation,
Sandy Herzog
Social Action Committee
Help CBSRZ Help Others!

Please start putting aside food for the CBSRZ High Holiday Food Drive.

For many years, CBSRZ has collected and donated over 2000 pounds of food to Shoreline Soup Kitchen & Pantries. We can be proud that our collection is one of the largest single annual community food drives benefitting SSKP.

Although all non-perishable food is welcome, the following staples are especially necessary:

- Canned soups
- Cereal & oatmeal
- Instant milk, powdered milk
- Fruit juice
- Baby items: baby food, disposable diapers, etc.
- Tuna fish
- Peanut butter
- Canned tomatoes, all types — spaghetti sauces
- Rice and pasta — all kinds,
- Canned vegetables, Canned fruit, instant potatoes
- Meals in a can — ravioli, spaghetti, hash, chili
- Baking mixes, muffin or bread mix, baking basics
- Diabetic foods, "open-and-eat" foods (flip top cans)

SAC will provide bags for the food during Rosh Hashanah and collect bags stuffed with food during Yom Kippur, but please feel free to bring food to CBSRZ sooner and drop it off in the entryway. Some of the food collected will go to the Chessed Committee to distribute to our own members who are struggling to make ends meet, including families who live in areas not covered by SSKP.

Also, if you’re interested in attending a Social Action Meeting, the first meeting of the fall will be Sunday, October 20th from 12:15-1:15. If you haven’t been involved in the past, but are curious about how you might fit in to the community’s social action activities, this is a great time to come. The committee is starting with a new committee chair, and some new ideas from community members. Hope to see you there!

Distinguished Guests

On October 16, we’ll be welcoming visitors from the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford once again to CBSRZ to see the synagogue and explore both its history and its Sol LeWitt connections in an event sponsored by the Historical Society entitled The Art of Sol Lewitt. When the visitors arrive, Ellen Nodelman will fill them in on the history of CBSRZ and Carol LeWitt will talk about Sol’s design for the synagogue. Afterwards, the visitors will go to the LeWitt house for a tour of the house and Sol’s studio. Last year’s tour, booked solid, was a great success, and we’re delighted to have the opportunity to offer a new tour to those who weren’t able to reserve a place last year.
Condolences are extended to:

Rita Christopher, on the loss of her husband, David Frank
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Many thanks to these recent Oneg sponsors

Kierstine Pupkowski
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Happy Birthday! Yom Huledet Sameach!

September
Benjamin Rosenblum-Jones  September 8
Danielle Williams  September 25
David Bixon  September 27

October
Aria Sinnappen  October 4
Moreh Eric  October 29