



# CoM newsletter

## Happy new year!

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## The Jewish Community Reaches Out

**T**his holiday season, the Jewish community participated enthusiastically in both celebrations and service projects!

As a Jewish community, we helped provide a holiday for the WMU John Seita Scholars by bringing meals and gift bags.

This is an incredible program that makes education and living expenses free at Western Michigan University for students who have been in foster care. As many of the students in the program do not have a home to go to at Christmas, they are permitted to stay in the dorms. Organizations volunteer to bring meals, snacks and gifts for the students. Our Jewish combined team from TBI and CoM took two of the days.

In addition, Jewish community members helped serve over 1,000 free dinners to the Kalamazoo community at the Blue Dolphin Restaurant on Christmas Day. This wonderful event has been a Kalamazoo tradition for the past 30 years.

**Volunteers for the Seita project** were Michelle Angel, Elliott and Betty Schimmel, Sue Goldenberg, Hillary Selznick, Ellen Flannery Winter, Henry Winter, Rhonda Messinger, Joan Hawxhurst, Lee Klingman, Emily Hoffman, Michelle Miller-Adams, Rachel Haus, Rabbi Simone Schicker, Maxine Berke, Jo and Jim McIntyre, Robin Pollens, Troy Zukowski-Serlin, Julia Serlin, Michelle Zukowski-Serlin and Raye Ziring.

**Blue Dolphin volunteers** were Michelle and Eliana Miller-Adams, Troy and Michelle Zukowski-Serlin, Julia Serlin, Jenifer Rubin-Behar, Gail Brot, Jim Voigt and Rebecca Pollens, Judy and Al Rosenthal, Elliot and Betty Schimmel, Cary Mannaberg, Jo and Jim McIntyre, Brad and Carolyn Kennedy, Beth Morrison and Raye Ziring.

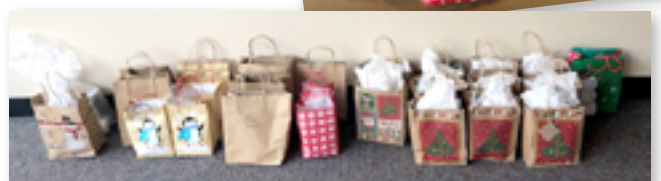
Special thanks to Michelle Zukowski-Serlin, who was the organizer for both the Seita Scholars project and the Blue Dolphin Christmas Day dinner!



*Some of the Blue Dolphin volunteers*



*Some of the Seita project volunteers*





# PARTY!

On Sunday, December 15th, Hanukkah came early to Kalamazoo! The festive community-wide event saw families from CoM, TBI, Chabad and the Kalamazoo area come together at CityScape to kick off the Hanukkah celebrations with an afternoon of traditional treats, activities and dancing to music from The Klezmer Fusion Band.

The party began with delicious latkes and a fill-your-own sufganiyot station, where we were able to pick our own fillings for the jelly donuts. Around the room, games of dreidel and corn hole were being played by kids of all ages.

In the craft corner, children got to create their own glittery hanging menorahs, dreidel banners and other Hanukkah decorations.

The Klezmer Fusion Band put on an amazing show featuring both traditional Hanukkah songs and modern classics that got people on their feet dancing!

Thank you to everyone who made this event possible: Beth Grode, Michelle Angel, Gerry Tregerman, Tamara Norman, Liz Siegel, Brad Kennedy, Carolyn Kennedy, Andrea Johnson, Sharon Kaufman, all the volunteers and the entire Programming team for helping to make this event a success!







MORE PARTY!





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always welcomes comments from CoM congregants and invites you to attend its regular meetings, held twice monthly.

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# High Holiday Feedback Requested

**High Holidays 5780 are fast fading into memory.**

The Religious Affairs Committee (RAC) seeks opportunities to improve the experience for all who attend, no matter what their depth of religious background.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts about the services, opportunities for your participation, oneg, break-fast, seating, children services, babysitting, etc.

You can send your remarks to me via email at: **[enorman@congregationofmoses.org](mailto:enorman@congregationofmoses.org)**.

Thank you -

*Earl Norman*

Interim Chair, RAC



# Bagelicious!

Every Sunday 8:30 am - noon  
 at the Congregation of Moses

Get a coffee and a Bagel Beanery  
 bagel with schmear for just \$2.

Schmooze with friends for free!

*Sponsored by the CoM Coffee and Bagel Group*



# Shabbat schedule

FRIDAY January 3 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY January 4 9:30 a.m.  
Torah: Genesis 44:18-47:27 *Judah Ari-Gur*  
Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28 *Judah Ari-Gur*

FRIDAY January 10 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY January 11 9:30 a.m.  
Torah: Genesis 47:28-50:26 *Rabbi Spivak*  
Haftarah: I Kings 2:1-12 *Lee Klingman*

FRIDAY January 17 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY January 18 9:30 a.m. "Chai Chi" Shabbat  
Torah: Exodus 1:1- 6:1 *Earl Norman*  
Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23 *Earl Norman*

FRIDAY January 24 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY January 25 9:30 a.m.  
Torah: Exodus 6:2-9:35 *Michelle Angel*  
Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21 *Michelle Angel*



**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO CHANT TORAH AND HAFTARAH.**  
Help and coaching are available if you would like to learn.  
Please contact Rabbi Spivak.

## Shabbat candle lighting times

January 3 5:04 p.m.  
January 10 5:11 p.m.  
January 17 5:19 p.m.  
January 24 5:28 p.m.



## Bracha for candle lighting

*Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai Elo-hei-nu me-lech  
ha-o-lam a-sher kid-shan-u be-mits-vo-tav  
vi-tzi-van-u l'had-lik-ner shel Shabbat.*

# Member Art Exhibition at COM

An exhibition of the paintings, drawings and prints of artist and member Sherry Deems will be on display at Congregation of Moses this month. A couple of examples of her work are shown here and Sherry offers the following Artists' Statement.

***“I only like work that surprises me and I only keep work that I like.”***

*This sums up my attitude to the work in this exhibit. It represents work created over the last 40 years or so that I have chosen to keep and see every day.*

*My work has primarily been about my response to the natural world, whether it is a drawing that is recognizable or an abstract response to a feeling generated in response to the environment.*

*I have chosen to also show a few works that are more traditional, both portraits and interior room views. These works are on loan and not part of my permanent collection.*

*I have taught at Virginia Commonwealth University, The Hand Workshop of Richmond and Savannah College of Art and Design. Currently, I am a part-time faculty member at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. In addition to teaching, I have been a guest lecturer, juror and visiting artist throughout the southeastern United States.*

*I have exhibited both nationally and internationally, including Eastern Europe, England, Brussels, India and Australia. My work was selected for the prestigious U.S. State Department's Art in Embassies Program.*

*My commitment to art and arts education have been recognized nationally. I am listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in American Art and Who's Who in The World, among others.*



# January 2020

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			1 No R.S. - winter break; Synagogue office closed	2	3	4
5 No R.S. - winter break	6	7 OvB Meeting, 7:00 pm	8 R.S. @ TBI	9 Coffee Talk, 11:00 - noon 	10	11
12 R.S. @ CoM	13 Hadassah Book Club, 3:00 pm 	14	15 R.S. @ TBI	16	17	18 "Chai Chi" Shabbat, (Tai Chi) before services, 8:45 am
19 R.S. @ CoM; Bulletin Deadline, 8:00 pm	20	21 OvB Meeting, 7:00 pm	22 R.S. @ TBI	23	24 Rabbi in Benton Harbor	25 Rabbi in Benton Harbor; Second Cup study group; "Parents Night Out" beginning at 5:45 pm
26 R.S. @ CoM; Miss Chocolate Fundraiser Kickoff	27	28	29 R.S. @ TBI	30	31	

# February 2020

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# Yahrzeits

## January 3, 4 (7 Tevet – 13 Tevet)

Dr. Herbert Barak*	Edward Brody*	Ben Brot*
Jacob Cohen*	Uzetta Cohen*	Elizabeth Ellison
Arnold Finn*	Jack Gerber*	Joseph Grekin
Molly King*	Muriel Krefman	Arlene Lando*
Nathan Marcus*	Sadye Levy Rubin	Louis Schechter
Raleigh Schechter	Rebecca Schwartz	

## January 10, 11 (14 Tevet – 20 Tevet)

Leah Budin*	Bernard Deutsch	Haim Noah Feder
Samuel Kirsch	Joseph Klingman	Harvey Lipsitt
Vivian Pollack*	Leo Salomon*	Charlette Schupan*
Dr. Sam I. Stein*		

## January 17, 18 (21 Tevet – 27 Tevet)

Dr. Morris Berkson	Barbara Gross Finestone*	Nesha Gerber*
Isadore Halpert*	Bessie Ellias London*	Rose Paull*
Bernice Roodin*	Sidney Schwartz*	Ben Zimmerman*
Jesse S. Zimmerman*		

## January 24, 25 (28 Tevet – 5 Shevat)

Gordon Bennison*	Barry Berke	Samuel Colef*
Frances M. Fisher	Sussman Gerber*	Chester Holstein
Joseph Kahn	Bella Kaiser*	Ethel Kotzer*
David Leder*	Annelise Loeser*	Louis Miller*
Sylvia Nierman*	Zachary Price*	Bertha Shinberg*
Marilyn Silverman*	Samuel Slosberg*	Dr. Morris Sofen*
Louis William Wachtel*	Myer Winick*	

\* Denotes a memorial plaque in the synagogue

# Mishpacha

## MAZEL TOV TO

Rae Lee Howard on her granddaughter Jenna's Excel Dance Studio class being picked to dance and perform in a group of 50 at Disney World in Florida.

## SPEEDY RECOVERY WISHES TO

Mabel Stenesh and Lee Tregerman

## CONDOLENCES TO

Gail Brot and family on the passing of her mother, Miriam Brot

Rabbi Spivak and family on the passing of his cousin, Greg Tapfar

Former member Janet Skulnick on the passing of her husband, Harvey Skulnick

— Donations have been made to the following funds. —

## GENERAL FUND

Mazel Tov to Rae Lee Howard on her granddaughter Jenna's Excel Dance Studio class being picked to dance and perform in a group of 50 at Disney World in Florida.

Wishing Mabel Stenesh and Lee Tregerman a speedy and complete recovery.

Condolences to Gail Brot and family on the passing of her mother, Miriam Brot.

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*Wilma Kahn & Phil Horwich, Tamara & Earl Norman, Diane & Harvey Fogel, Judy Davis & Al Rosenthal*

*Beth & Stephen Grode, Shirley Wise, Pnina & Judah Ari-Gur, Cindy & Larry Beer, Men's Club*

*Emily Freed & Brad Hershbein, Joanne & Mike Simon, Liz Thall*

In honor of Judy and Lowell Seyburn's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

*Alison & Stephen Levine*

In loving memory of Judah's sister, Naomi Yehudit Polatof.

In loving memory of Pnina's mother, Zipora Feder.

In loving memory of Judah's father, Reuven Aglanov.

In loving memory of Pnina's father, Haim Noah Feder.

*Pnina & Judah Ari-Gur*

In loving memory of my father, Irving Lieberman.

*Judy Davis*

## BUILDING FUND

Mazel Tov to Rae Lee Howard on her granddaughter Jenna's Excel Dance Studio class being picked to dance and perform in a group of 50 at Disney World in Florida.

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*Maxine & Neal Berke, Sallie & Ken Goodman, Rae Lee Howard, Valerie & Ken Eisenberg*

In loving memory of my father, Fred Arkush.

*Carolyn Kennedy*



# Mishpacha

## MARVIN AND ROSALIE OKUN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In honor of Rosalie Okun. And in celebration of Chanukah.

*Barb Brown & Jane Greischar*

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*The Fischell Family, Judy & Lowell Seyburn*

## HERMAN AND ROSE FISHER LIBRARY FUND

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*Marilyn & Art Feinberg*

## JOYCE AND MORTON FISHER KITCHEN/KIDDUSH/ONEG FUND

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*Michelle & Alan Angel*

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*Michelle & Alan Angel, Gloria Besbris, Mabel & Jochanan Stenesh, Brot & Gross LLC*

*Sandy & David Badt, Shirley Grekin, Renay & Marvin Berkowitz, Stefany & Fred Brot*

In loving of Beatrice Lee Rocklin, mother of Sharon Schwartz.

*Sharon & Paul Schwartz*

## JACK LEVENE CANTOR FUND

In loving memory of my father, Andrew H. Levene.

*Candi Levene*

## HONOR AND MEMORIAL FUND

In loving memory of my mother, Jean Tregerman.

*Lee Tregerman*

In loving memory of my son, Victor Paul Tuchman.

*Hy Tuchman*

# Mishpacha

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Mazel Tov to Judy and Lowell Seyburn on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

*Kim & Arlen Rubin*

Condolences to Gail Brot and family on the passing of her mother, Miriam Brot.

*Jill & Rudy Ruterbusch, Kim & Arlen Rubin*

In loving memory of my uncle, Max Ernst.

*Marjorie Gaynor*

## HARRY AND LILLIAN SOFEN LEARNING CENTER

Condolences to Gail Brot and family on the passing of her mother, Miriam Brot.

In loving memory of Lillian Sofen, Nancy Zarnow's mother.

*Nancy & Hilary Zarnow*



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# NEW PROGRAMS

Watch for these new programs coming in early 2020!

## Parents Night Out

Children of all ages from anywhere in the community are welcome at CoM when we host a night out for parents. Plan that date night you've been wanting!



### **Saturday evening, January 25**

Bring your children to CoM at 5:45 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:00 with Havdalah, games, crafts, snacks and movies to follow. Pick-up by 9:30 pm latest.

Free to CoM members, \$5 per child for non-members. More details and signup to come!

## Fun Night In

### **Saturday, February 8, 7:00 pm**

Adult game and crafts night. Details coming soon.

## "Chai Chi" Shabbat

### **Saturday, January 18, 8:45 am**

Tai Chi before Shabbat services, led by new member Patty Conlon.

# The Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice

From political and financial scandals to rapid progress in biomedical science and technology, the complex issues of modern society are, at their core, issues of ethical and moral concern.

Now more than ever, we require a solid understanding of how Jewish ethics can inform our discussions and decisions about the critical questions of the day. Judaism has a long history of wrestling with moral questions, responding to them in a way that considers all sides of an issue.

***The Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice*** from the Jewish Theological Seminary will be presented by Rabbi Spivak throughout the coming year. The first three segments are scheduled as follows. Signup information is coming.

**February 6, 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm at CoM**

*The Sources of Jewish Ethics: Law, Narrative and the Lived Experience*

**March 19, 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm at CoM**

*Ethical Dimensions of Food Production*

**April 23, 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm at CoM**

*Ethics of End of Life Care*

Future topics, yet to be scheduled, include:

- *Is Lying Ever Ethical?*
- *Disabilities and the Ethics of Inclusion*
- *The Ethics of Torture and Just War*
- *Is Teshuvah Possible? Rethinking Mass Incarceration*
- *Modern-Day Slavery and Our Ethical Responsibility*







## Kindergarten Learning Fun

This summer I got a phone call from a kindergarten parent who offered to help with crafts and dance in the kindergarten class. I value parent and congregational involvement in our school and worked with the Joint Religious School Committee to develop a formal role for this volunteer. Mariana Levin was offered the newly developed volunteer position of Room Parent for the Kindergarten class.

In her day job, Mari teaches math teachers and has a deep understanding of teaching methods and lesson planning. I observed that she was very organized and visiting her home I saw how she and her husband, Aaron, managed to keep their two small children involved in activities that were both fun and educational even while they entertained me and Alex Goldenberg, our kindergarten teacher. The logistics involved were truly impressive. All of this skill was being offered to our school as a gift.

As I look back on what Mari has given to the Kindergarten class during the fall semester, I am truly amazed. Mari came up with ideas for more than a dozen projects, gathered and prepped the supplies and led the children in each activity. Every Sunday she comes with her own two children, Akiva and Juliana, carrying bags of activities she has prepared. She guides our little ones through a routine of crafts and dance that begins their day. Here is a bit of what she has prepared for our smallest children and what they have created.

When we introduced the letter Kaf, Mari led the children in making their own kippot. On Rosh Hashanah, Mari and the children made holiday cards. For Sukkot, Mari and the children painted gourds and made lulavs and etrogs. On Simchat Torah, they made flags for their march through the synagogue with the Torahs. When the children were introduced to the letter Hey, Mari showed the children how to make braided Havdalah candles. When they learned the letter Chet, they braided Play Doh challah. One day Mari brought an amazing art box and the children colored tzedakah boxes. As we prepared for Hanukkah, Mari brought clay and the children made hanukkiot which were baked in the oven. They made Hanukkah cards and for our Hanukkah celebration, Mari brought felt for the children to make felt Menorahs and baked sugar cookies for each child in the school to decorate and



*The kindergarten class with teacher Alex Goldenberg, right, assisted by Nava Haus, left.*





enjoy during our Hanukkah celebration.

Right before our eyes, Mari has enhanced our Kindergarten curriculum adding fun, colorful crafts, teaching dance and assisting the teachers.

Thank you Mari for all of your creativity and hard work. You add so much to our Kindergarten class and we are so very fortunate to have you.

As always, I appreciate the honor of teaching our children.

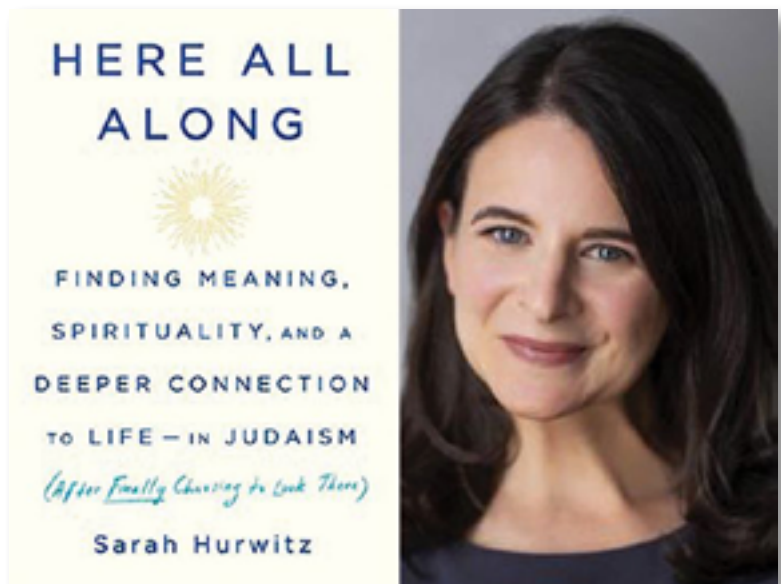
*Nora Chaus*  
Director



# Let's Read Together

Join other members of the Jewish community on February 20 at 1:00 and 7:00 pm when we meet to discuss Sarah Hurwitz's new book, *Here All Along: Finding Meaning, Spirituality, and a Deeper Connection to Life —in Judaism (After Finally Choosing to Look There)*.

After a decade of serving as a political speechwriter, Hurwitz needed to decompress from her demanding and stressful job. At 36, she was a lapsed Jew with time on her hands. By happenstance, she saw a notice for an introductory course on Judaism and embarked on a years-long journey to discover layers upon layers of Jewish knowledge and practice. Judaism provided her with spiritual nourishment and challenged her intellectually. Her path shows it is never too late to reconnect with your Jewish heritage.



This book is for you if you never went to Hebrew School, dropped out after your bar or bat mitzvah, have a high Jewish literacy or haven't given any thought to diving in. Hurwitz gives the reader a front row seat to her journey.

Both the Kalamazoo Public Library and Portage District Library have copies. Look for a copy in CoM's Fisher Library in January.

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## Important Notice

A CoM member is offering a place to live at a very low rental cost in return for some child care assistance for one youngster.

If you would like more information, please contact Rabbi Spivak by calling 342-5463 or emailing him at [avocet68@aol.com](mailto:avocet68@aol.com). Thank you.



# JANUARY Celebrations



The Congregation of Moses wishes **mazel tov and yom huledet sameach** to our members who are celebrating anniversaries and birthdays this month. If you would like to be included in our monthly recognition of birthdays and anniversaries, please contact Joanne Simon at 324-6054 or [jhsimon@charter.net](mailto:jhsimon@charter.net).

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1/2 Steve Koss
- 1/2 Rachel Inselberg
- 1/3 Rod Anderson
- 1/4 Gloria Besbris
- 1/5 Madeline Strauss
- 1/6 Emily Hoffman
- 1/7 Sandy Rose
- 1/7 Davi Lando
- 1/8 Leslie Bez
- 1/11 Richard Kirschner
- 1/15 Beth Morrison celebrates a Special Birthday!  
Mazel Tov!
- 1/16 Fran Raffel
- 1/19 Gary Adelman
- 1/22 Avery Howard
- 1/22 Nan Goldenthal
- 1/23 Elana Spivak
- 1/24 Danielle Beer
- 1/30 RaeLee Howard
- 1/30 Susan Welbourne celebrates a Special  
Birthday! Mazel Tov!



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/9 Diane & Bruce Minsley




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# Coffee Talk

January 9 and February 13  
11:00 am - noon

Join Rabbi Spivak in the “Sofen Room Cafe” for Coffee Talk!

Come for a relaxed hour of socializing and interesting chat. Noshes provided.



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## Caring Connection

**Caring Connection**—compassionate volunteers for the Congregation of Moses family. **Caring Connection** is a network of volunteers who would like to support our CoM members in times of need, whether during an acute crisis or a need for ongoing support.

The people on the list below, all part of **Caring Connection**, welcome your call. They have agreed to make their names and contact information available so that you can choose to connect with the person you feel most comfortable talking to.

*Call, email or text (all numbers are cell phones unless otherwise indicated)*

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# Hadassah News

## NOVEMBER EVENT

Seventeen people shared an afternoon on November 17, kibitzing while carefully, critically and enthusiastically tasting three hummus dishes. The air was thick in anticipation of which of the creative, imaginative versions would win the competition. The voting was very close.

Three creative cooks, Valerie Eisenberg, Beth Grode and Gerry Tregerman, were on the edge of their seats. And then the announcement came - by a narrow margin, Valerie's hummus was the winner. Congratulations for all three creations!

The main program was Tamara Norman's heartwarming experiences sharing a trip to Israel with her young granddaughter Olive and husband Earl. The proud grandparents had wanted to share their love of the land and help Olive feel a part of it. The fun, spontaneous trip was full of adventure and spectacular scenery. We might expect many more trips before she's grown.



Hadassah thanks everyone who donated food, our hostess Rhonda Messinger, and Tamara and Earl for their presentation. Editor's note: Jerusalem has just been named as the world's fastest growing tourist destination by Euromonitor International reports. The number of tourists in 2018 was up 12% over 2017, and the numbers for 2019 are expected to show a 38% increase over 2018. Clearly, it's time for your next trip!

## HADASSAH FIRST TO USE NEW TUMOR DIAGNOSTIC TEST

The Hadassah Medical Organization's Department of Molecular Pathology and Diagnostic Tumors department is the first in the Middle East—and just the third outside of the United States—to conduct the new tumor diagnostic test Foundation-One-CDx (F1CDx) within its own laboratories.

F1CDx detects and identifies genetic changes in cancerous tumors. Looking at 324 genes within a single sample of a patient's tissue, the test identifies substitutions, insertions, mutations and alterations. As a result, the new test will guide decisions regarding immunotherapy protocols and expand options for targeted personalized therapies. This is a big step towards improving growth in "personalized medicine." Read more about this and other Israeli innovations at [nocamels.com](http://nocamels.com).

## MAH JONGG MARVEL

Valerie Eisenberg is somewhat of a celebrity in the Hadassah mahj group. She played eight games at the same table, with some of the best mahj sharks, and won seven of the games. Unheard of!



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# iEngage: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

## **iEngage: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

*A Shalom Hartman Institute Lecture and Study Series*  
**Led by Rabbi Simone Schicker**

Through video lectures, text study, and lively group discussion, we are pleased to bring the world-renowned faculty of the Shalom Hartman Institute into the Temple B'nai Israel community in January.

**iEngage: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict** explores one of the most divisive issues affecting the Jewish people today: the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Through the study of Jewish narratives about Israel and the unpacking of the complex meanings of peace in Jewish tradition, participants are invited to explore the ideas and values that animate different attitudes toward the conflict and how these values shape their own political understandings. Though a shared political platform may not be attainable, this course strives to achieve a shared respect for our differences.

Together we will engage in a new values-based discourse about Israel, including topics such as: Living with Difference, the Israel We Imagine, Jewish Narratives of Peace, Attitudes Towards the Land, Justice, Self-Preservation, Compromise, and the Idea of Jewish Exceptionalism.

**Each session includes** text study and discussion led by Rabbi Simone Schicker, and video lecture and interviews with leading Hartman scholars.

**Dates (Sundays): January 12, 19, 26; February 2, 16, 23  
March 15, 22, 29; April 5, 19, 26**

**Time: 3:00PM-5:00PM  
Location: Temple B'nai Israel**

**Cost including materials: \$20 for members, \$36 general public**  
**RSVP by January 3rd** to Julie Lewandowski at 269.342.9170 or  
[admin@templebnaiisrael.com](mailto:admin@templebnaiisrael.com)

# Mazal's Bat Mitzvah Project

## The Animals Need You!

**Did you know that the SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) relies entirely on donations?**

**Items needed include:**

- Dog/cat toys (sturdy)
- Leashes (new or gently used)
- Dog treats (soft)
- Used blankets (washable)

**For a more complete list, please visit**

<https://www.spcaswmich.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Basic-Needs.pdf>

**You may leave your donations in a box in the lobby of CoM. Whatever you donate will be delivered to the local SPCA office.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Mazal at [mazalhaus@gmail.com](mailto:mazalhaus@gmail.com) or (269) 382-0989**





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## DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS



The temperatures are falling outside but the meter for our D&W Direct Your Dollars collection is still rising. We just reached 66.6%! Yes, we have collected \$100,000 worth of receipts and our goal of \$150,000 is in sight. Thank you to all who have made this possible and please continue to drop off your receipts in the envelope located outside the CoM office.

Please do not cut off the any part of the receipt. The total in the "Direct your Dollars" portion of the receipt must be present. Notice that there is no "Direct Your Dollars" amount when you purchase prescriptions only or an item under \$1, like bananas.

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