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From Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

WE DON'T HIDE

My dear friend Kitty Wolf sent me the following:

Conversations Your Jewish Friends are Currently Having:

“Did you change your name on Uber?”

“Are you taking down your mezuzah?”

“Is it safe to send my kids to school today?”

“Thanks for the invite. Will there be security?”

“Is it safe to go to shul this week?”

“Where would we go if we had to leave?”

“What would we do if we had to hide?”

To summarize: NEVER AGAIN IS NOW

For most of us, the wave of anti-Semitism we are experiencing is unlike anything we have seen before. People are, in a word, scared. And we have to ask ourselves what, exactly, we are supposed to do. This was writ large for me the other day, when I went to gas up the car. A young man wearing a kaffiyeh was pumping gas. I was wearing my kippah, and my blue Israel-solidarity ribbon. My daughter Dahlia was sitting in the passenger seat, scared, mouthing to me to “take it off” so our Jewish identity would not be known.

And I had a choice to make, right then and there, about the lesson I would teach my daughter, a lesson she would carry with her for the rest of her life. And without hesitation, I looked her firmly in the eye and said, “We don’t hide.”

My view reflects an ancient rabbinic discussion (you can find it in Talmud Sanhedrin 74a). There it asks the following question: If a non-Jewish nobleman tells you to transgress Jewish law or he’ll kill you, what should you do?

The answer of the rabbis is detailed, nuanced, and extremely relevant today.

First, if the transgression in question is a minor transgression, violate it in order to save your life.

Second, if the transgression in question is a major transgression involving idolatry, murder, or violent sexuality, better to be killed than transgress.



Third, those principles apply when it is not a general time of persecution. In a time of persecution, on the other hand, you must not violate even a minor prohibition, literally down to changing your shoelaces. In other words, full defiance in the face of threats.

Fourth, even when it is not a general time of persecution, you are only allowed to violate the minor transgressions if you are doing so in private. If you are told to violate even a minor mitzvah in public “yayhareg val yaavor” “let yourself be killed, rather than transgress.”

In other words, “We don’t hide.”

Complying with enemy demands weakens us and strengthens them.

The world is not used to seeing proud Jews, which is a major reason why Hamas is trying not just to kill us but to humiliate us, to put us in our (subservient) place. But more important, we are not used to being proud Jews, because it has rarely been asked of us to put our Jewish identity on the line in that way.

It’s being asked now.

The soldiers entering those damnable tunnels are asking now.

The survivors of the Gaza envelope massacre are asking now.

The hostages are asking now.

The people of Israel are asking now.

The souls of our ancestors are asking now.

And, most important, the souls of our descendants are asking now.

What will your answer be?

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

PS: The Maccabees of Chanukah fame faced similar questions. Because they gave the right answer, we are still here.

From Cantor Bruce Rockman

YOU TURNED MY MOURNING INTO DANCING

I love writing my monthly Hakol posts, especially when they correspond with our happiest holidays, such as Hanukkah. Clearly, you know ALL about the holiday of Maccabean and oily miracles. But if you do not, I suggest that you check out

www.myjewishlearning.com/article/hanukkah-101/ or call me and I'd love to catch up with you about it.

You might think that due to the tragic war in Israel that our celebration should be curtailed. We, with our sisters and brothers all around the world, will light our first Hanukkah candle on Thursday evening, December 7 and celebrate through Friday, December 15, and I imagine that we will see joyous videos from Israel, while negotiating a very trying situation, celebrating in solidarity with gusto-recalling the miracle of our victory over the powerful Greek army and the lasting endurance of our modern Jewish state.

Since the attack on Israel, we have been reciting, prior to each evening minyan, additional psalms in support of our brothers and sisters in Israel. On the website, myJewishlearning.com they state that the reason that we recite psalms is to provide us a way to communicate our feelings during difficult times.

"Illness, suffering, and loss *mute* us — they leave us without words. Overwhelmed, confused, distraught, despairing — and/or profoundly grateful, reflective, renewed, attuned — whatever our state, we are often left speechless, feeling that words fall flat, or do not convey what we want, need, or intend. In the face of these challenges, those who are in pain, as well as those who care for them, may need new ways of communicating, new tools for talking, and new modes of relating."

During Hanukkah, we recite Psalm 30, which refers to the dedication of the temple, a reference to the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after it was desecrated by Antiochus' army. We also recite this psalm daily as a part of our morning service.

The singer, Debbie Friedman, of blessed memory stated that this psalm referring to the Holy Temple is



representing our temple, our holy body. Self-care and how thanks to our relationship with our Protector, we request God's shelter and how in the end we can depend upon our God to turn our mourning into dancing.

You turn my mourning into dancing so that my soul might sing to You So did my soul sing to You, And it not be stilled.

O G-d, my G-d, forever I will thank You. O G-d, my G-d, forever I will thank You, O dear G-d.

Now I sing praises to the Holy One Who lifts me up when I have fallen. And I cried to You to heal me And You have answered all my prayers.

I ask that You be gracious and hear me Adonai. I have called to You to help me, You've supported me with joy.

You turn my mourning into dancing So that my soul might sing to You, so did my soul sing to You, And it not be stilled. You turn my mourning into dancing.

Happy Hanukkah-Thank You G-d- You have Turned my Mourning into Dancing.

Cantor Bruce Rockman

From President Charlie Valan

THE SAD REALITY OF TODAY'S WORLD



Usually I try to focus this space on upbeat and inspiration. This month, it is only reality and I ask you read this.

A little over five years ago on a beautiful Shabbat morning in Pittsburgh, a group of Jewish worshippers attended services at the Tree Of Life Synagogue and on that day, 11 of them never saw the outside of the building again. They didn't know that this would be their last service or that the safety and comfort of the religious experience would result in a tragic end. But none of us, especially in the world we are facing today, truly know what tomorrow will bring and the evil that can invade a safe haven of love. And at this moment, the threats are more aggressive.

Never in recent history has the fabric of surrounding Judaism been as negatively portrayed as it is right now. And the sad reality of that are we as a community must be more protective to the threats than ever before. While we all wish we could simply ignore the challenge, thinking it can never happen here is taking the position of gambling on our B'nai Tikvah's family safety and the cost of losing that bet doesn't give us wiggle room to "Try Again". The finality is irreversible.

The Board of Directors of CBT has had some of our most serious discussions over the subject of protecting our membership. We have spoken to Homeland Security, The Federation, USCJ, local law enforcement, and I have personally via email exchanged conversations with no less than 20 other synagogue presidents from Los Angeles to Scranton to right here in Jersey. None of them are ignoring the realities of taking action and we need to as well at CBT.

With that said, a decision to increase a live security presence at all our Friday and Saturday Shabbat services, Religious School on Wednesday & Sunday, and all our meetings is necessary in our immediate future in order to be better prepared in case someone with ill intent decides CBT is on their radar. We are not doing this out of fear. This is out of love for our members, community, and caring. Do we believe and have we been alerted to a direct threat? Well, all you need to be is wrong just once. And taking that chance is not practicing love and caring.

We will be utilizing a combination of The North Brunswick Police Department for larger community participation, and security (trained ex-law enforcement and retired military personnel) who are very effective for less crowded activity. There is a cost savings using security over NBPD, but each provides the appropriate safeguards to fit our needs. The Board will be working with all our committees to focus meetings concurrently on specific days to save on the hours needed to protect everyone.

While we truly wish our current financial realities would cover this, it won't. Therefore we are going to ask our members for a stipend and investment into our security fund to help offset the cost. Each family will be accessed by a formula taking into account whether you're a single member or two person adult unit as well as whether you have kids in the religious school. This amount will be placed directly into our security fund and will ONLY be used for the funding of live security. It will never be used for any other purpose.

Our evaluation on need will be made by our security committee (in direct communication with law enforcement) on a monthly basis and will be reduced as warranted. Future yearly assessments into the security fund will be in direct proportion to how much is used and what is needed moving ahead. If we feel environmentally more secured, the decision to reducing security will result in savings that will limit the amounts requested. Additional contributions into the fund are always appreciated.

It is beyond critical that full participation of our members is necessary at this time. This is not something that is being asked without caring. As was said during the High Holidays, we recognize how challenging it is in today's world. But the sad reality is the world right now is not predictable. No one should feel anything less than protected when coming to CBT. That is the love, caring, and compassion of our community and we hope as more positive trends are seen, the less this will be necessary.

The assessment structure will come under separate cover and will be open to discussion at the Mid-Year Meeting on Sunday, December 10th at 10am. Everyone is encouraged to attend. We will continue as always to seek out Federal, State, and any other grants or sources that can be used to offset our financial cost, more importantly now than ever.

Charlie Valan



Men's Club News



Craig Cohen & Brian Berness, Co-Presidents

In October, Dr. Bruce Ruck started off this year's speaker series with an informative presentation about his role in stopping "The Killer Nurse", Charles Cullen. Stay tuned for information about our next speaker.

Please join us on January 7th at 1pm in honoring CBT Man of the Year, Terry Katz and Youth of the Year, Jordyn Weintraub. If you are interested in attending or placing a congratulations message in the ad journal, please contact Steve Katz (skatz56@aol.com) for more information.

CBT Men's club would like to help reduce the CBT's carbon footprint one step at a time.

Here's how we are starting:

- CBT Men's club will purchase containers that will allow for the collection of recyclables from the waste stream.
- Organic matter is collected and composted from a variety of events at CBT.
- Aluminum tabs are being collected in a container outside the office and will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities in New Brunswick, NJ. RMHC sells the tabs to a recycler and the money generated helps to offset the costs to families that have a child at Robert Wood Johnson Children's Hospital. Please start collecting at home or work and drop off your donations in our container.
- If you have any questions or suggestions, please attend our next breakfast meeting, or contact Craig Cohen, pbgrebe2001@yahoo.com, or 609-651-1265.



MEN'S CLUB

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

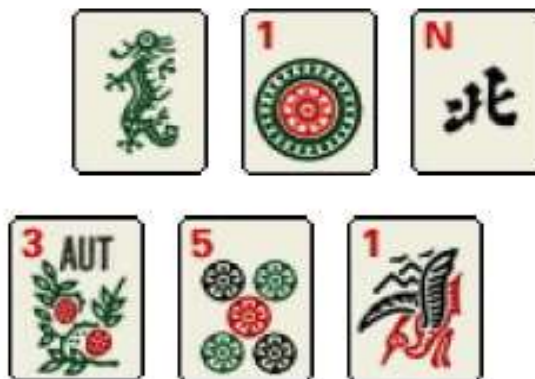




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It's difficult to believe that it is already time to plan and organize our 2023 Needy Family Program. This will be our 22nd year helping families in need with clothing, household items and basic necessities.

Last year, we were able to help 20 families!

At this time, we are only accepting monetary donations.

If you would like to participate, please email me at jbbd11@verizon.net and let me know in which of the following capacities:

- Monetary donation- Go to B'nai Tikvah.org, and click on "Connect"; then click on "Social Action", then click on Needy Family. A donation page has been specifically set up for this program.
- Send a check made out to B'nai Tikvah, indicate Needy Family Program in memo line

Any form of participation will be greatly appreciated.

For additional information, please email me at jbbd11@verizon.net

Thanks so much!

Janice Baer

THE GALA IS BACK...SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Gala

March 9, 2024

Let's all come together to celebrate our Sweeter than Wine Honorees, Marty and Marci Abschutz on March 9, 2024. Details will be out soon. We hope to see everyone there for a night of schmoozing, dinner and dancing. We'd love to have more voices involved in the planning so let us know if you would like to join the committee steering the event. If joining a committee is not your thing you can still help. To make the night a success we need prizes for our silent auction and advertisers for our journal. Let us know if you can help with one of these items. You just need to send an email to gala@bnaitikvah.org or reach out to one of the gala co-chairs, Nancy Asher-Shultz, David Shultz or Marc or Bobbi Binder! Let's work together to make this night a success for our community!

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Shabbat Shalom

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CBT's Shabbat Dinner Series has become a truly wonderful experience, bonding together many generations of CBTers - those with young children and those with grandchildren, our founding members with our newest members, and everyone in between. We've joined forces with other synagogue groups, added Tot Shabbat, hosted Board Installations and even enjoyed USY-led services following one of our dinners!

WAM (Ways & Means, Activities & Membership) is thrilled to offer the series again this year with some new dinner themes and corresponding menus like Tu BiShabbat and Shabbat de Mayo and will also include fan-favorites like the highly attended Chametzfest just before Pesach.

In order to sustain this beautiful tradition of breaking bread as a diverse community, we humbly request your support. A Shabbat Dinner sponsor helps make our joyous meals possible, maintains an inclusive per person cost, and sets us up for a successful year ahead.

Shabbat Dinner sponsors are being offered in 3 tiers, as follows:

Shabbat Shalom Sponsor (\$72)

Shabbat Blessing Sponsor (\$180)

Sabbath Queen Sponsor (\$360)

Please reach out to WAM@bnaitikvah.org for more information.



BNAITIKVAH.ORG/SHABBATDINNER

CBT BOOK CLUB

Lynn Biderman



Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 5, 7:30pm.
We will be discussing "The Hidden Affair" by Pam Jenoff
This is an in-person meeting only, no Zoom.

Happy reading,
Lynn Biderman, CBT Book Club Chair

2023-24 Dates:

February 13: t/b/d

April 15: t/b/d

June 18: t/b/d

August 20: t/b/d

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A Personal Message from Laura Waksman

I Stand for Humanity

During this deeply painful time for our Israeli brothers and sisters, for Jews around the world, and for Palestinians, one thing has become clear; two peoples are destined to live in one land together, neither are going anywhere, and without addressing generational trauma, there will not be a path forward. Without getting to know the "other", engaging in dialogue, hearing their narrative, and addressing the past, it seems there is little hope for peace.

There is no shortage of peace movements in Israel, I have learned in the past month. Roots/Shorahsim/Judur (Friendsofroots.net), a movement of understanding, non-violence and transformation, is located in the West Bank and was founded about ten years ago. They have held two very moving Zoom sessions open to the public in the last month, one of which I attended, both of which are on their You Tube channel, Roots/Shorashim. They will be doing a U.S. speaking tour in February and March.

Together Beyond words (beyondwords.org.il), a women's peace movement, is 20 years old. They hold workshops and trainings for Palestinian and Jewish women, and more recently for men, and have a theater ensemble which re-enacts stories from both sides.

I must highlight an extraordinary young man, now serving in the IDF, Rudy Rochman, a self-identified "activist for Jewish rights." He's been interviewed by various news outlets since the war, which are posted on his You Tube channel, Rudy Rochman, but it is his earlier videos which I strongly encourage you to watch. He calmly and deftly

engages in dialogues with hostile, and open-minded people on college campuses, outside the AIPAC conference, and on the streets of Europe.

While thinking about Jewish-Muslim relations, I remembered that there is a national Jewish-Muslim women's peace movement here, Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom, which was founded in Highland Park in 2010. Their mission is to build trust, respect, and relationships between Muslim and Jewish women of all ages. I googled them, found their website, sospeace.org, and discovered that their annual east coast conference will be taking place this coming Sunday, November 19th at Rutgers. Sadly, the mid-west and west coast conferences have been cancelled. I learned that interest in the conference and membership in the organization has increased significantly since the war began. Encouraging. In response to the rise in interest, they lowered their conference fee for first-time attendees, and I registered. I plan to write about my experience at the conference in the next Hakol. There is plenty of relationship building needed here too.



SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

Social Action at B'nai Tikvah notes:

Your generous donations helped our members in need this month. We collect food year-round for the JFS kosher food pantry. Please place your donations in the wicker trunk outside the office near the blue double doors.

Save the Date- Chaverim: December 19th from 12-2. The program TBA, but hopefully it will be a musical one!

Light an extra Shabbat candle/s for an Israeli woman who cannot light. Bring them home.

Pray for the peacemakers. Pray for the innocent. Pray for the soldiers.

Al tishcach et hatikva- Don't forget the Hope.

Laura Waksman

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING



Join us for our 2nd 3-Part Series on Jewish Hollywood



Nov 30 @ 8:30pm In The Beginning



The American film industry was started primarily by Jews who had emigrated from eastern Europe and settled in cities like New York and Chicago, supporting their families by dealing in everything from clothing to food to jewelry. Transfixed with the flourishing of nickelodeons and storefront theaters in the early 20th century, interests for a number of them shifted to the entertainment business. Soon, some made their way to Southern California, where they opened the large-scale motion picture studios that became Paramount, MGM, Warner Brothers, 20th Century Fox, Columbia and Universal. Discover how men like Zukor, Laemmle, Mayer and Cohn began Hollywood with their ambition, ingenuity and keen instincts

Jan 18 @ 8:30pm Funny Girls: Part 2



It was clear from the outset that we could only cover so many laugh-worthy ladies in our first edition, so here's another collection of uproarious Jewish women for you to nibble on! We've got it all covered here, from movie stars like Oscar winners Goldie Hawn and Judy Holliday to TV favorites like Fran Drescher and Golden Girls Bea Arthur and Estelle Getty. We also make room for standup sisters Rita Rudner and Elaine Bosler to raunchy mirth makers like Sophie Tucker and Rusty Warren. All this and the titter-worthy talents of Sarah Jessica Parker, Lainie Kazan and more!

Feb 22 @ 8:30pm Those Were The Days



From Barry Levinson's Diner, Tin Men and Avalon and Woody Allen's Radio Days and Bullets Over Broadway to the much-beloved My Favorite Year, The Chosen, Brighton Beach Memoirs and An American Tail. we present a collection of nostalgic Jewish films that affectionately look back on the good old days of yesteryear. We also discuss their roots in the time-honored tradition of Jewish storytellers like Sholom Aleichem, Chaim Potok, Philip Roth, Michael Chabon, Cathleen Schine and others, and then give some attention to such sentimental TV shows as Brooklyn Bridge, The Goldbergs and The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel.

Once again, we welcome back our program hosts Irv & Laurence...

Irv Slifkin

- Teaches film and journalism classes at Temple University and Rowan College.
- Author of the books Filmadelphia: A Celebration of a City's Movies and Groovy Movies: Far-Out Films of the Psychedelic Era.
- Writes for The Philadelphia Inquirer, Entertainment Weekly, and more!



Laurence Lerman

- Worked with MGM, Sony, Music Box Films, and Kino Int'l, where he helped launch the home entertainment division.
- Has written for Variety, Entertainment Weekly, The Morning Call and Video Business Magazine, where he served as a Senior Editor for 15 yrs.
- Is the co-founder and editor-in-chief of DiscDish.com, a popular Blu-ray and DVD website offering reviews, news and interviews.



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- I would rather pay higher dues than get a credit on my dues
- I am on a diet

Here are some facts about our Gift Card program:

- Over the last fiscal year, Gift Card profits to CBT were over \$3700
- Over \$1230 was given back to members in dues' credits
- \$79K in gift cards were purchased by **ONLY 39** member families—less than 13% of our membership

Can you imagine if more of you purchased gift cards?

PLEASE consider purchasing gift cards/scrip. We do our best to make them as accessible as possible. Call the CBT office to make arrangements to pick them up, or have them delivered to you. THANK YOU!

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MEN'S CLUB MAN AND YOUTH OF THE YEAR



**Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs North NJ Region
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Terry Katz



CBT Men's Club Man of the Year

Jordyn Weintraub



CBT Youth of the Year

Mazel Tov!!!

When: Sunday, January 7th, celebration starting at 1:00 pm

Where: B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnigans Lane, North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Cost: MC members \$52, non-members \$70;

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Confirm attendance/questions to Steve Katz skatz56@aol.com

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BIKUR CHOLIM COMMITTEE

Bikur Cholim – We're Here for You

Bikur Cholim comes from the heart. We all work on this committee because we care so much about our Congregation. Whether we provide a ride to a doctor's appointment, do light grocery shopping, deliver a Shabbat dinner, call Super Seniors once a month or send a Bikur Cholim get well card and call you, it is our pleasure.

The Mission of the Bikur Cholim committee is to provide comfort and support to the members of the CBT community who are ill, homebound, isolated and/or otherwise in distress. We take this very seriously.

Please feel free to call me if we can support you: Jill Stone, 732.306.5731.

We hope you don't need the following items, but they are available to borrow. Durable Medical Equipment includes canes, crutches, knee scooter, walker and wheelchairs. Please call Lesley, in the office, and she will check out whatever you need.

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Jill Stone, Chairperson
On behalf of the Bikur Cholim Committee

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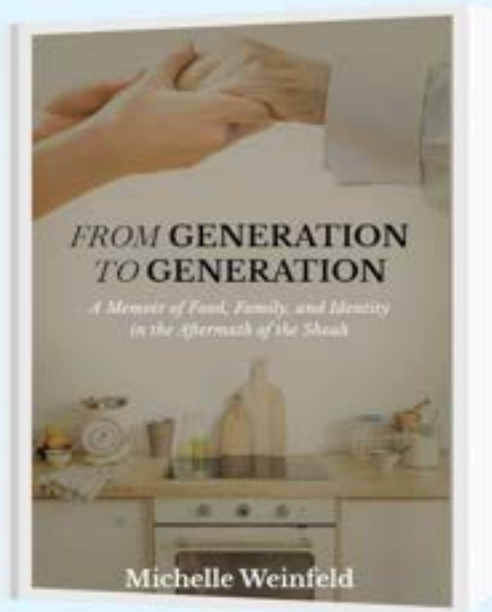
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ABOUT AUTHOR...MICHELLE WEINFELD



MICHELLE WEINFELD

Author of *From Generation to Generation: A Memoir of Food, Family, and Identity in the Aftermath of the Shoah*



About the Author

Michelle Weinfeld graduated from the University of Maryland with a Masters in Finance and has gone on to work as a CPA. Passionate about Jewish learning, Weinfeld is involved with 3GNY, a nonprofit focused on grandchildren of Holocaust survivors who educate people about the Holocaust through family stories. Weinfeld's love of history and storytelling drove her to write her debut intergenerational memoir, *From Generation to Generation*, which interweaves her experiences with antisemitism with the story of her grandfather, a Holocaust survivor.

Early Praise

"*From Generation to Generation* reminds us to view Holocaust survivors as *what they are*: real people who experienced unimaginable yet real evil, not as 'characters in a movie.' An engaging picture of Jewish culture across generations, Weinfeld surfaces the reality of antisemitism in today's world through her relationship with her grandfather."

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The congregation wishes Mazel Tov to:

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The congregation wishes Congratulations to:

Nancy and Paul Zankel, on the marriage of their son, Samuel Zankel to Megan Brewi-Zankel

The congregation extends condolences to:

Andrew and Naomi Jackenthal and family, on the loss of Andrew's mother, Doris Jackenthal

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 2 - JCFS, 11am-12pm | 17 - Men's Club Program |
| 3 - Religious School | 19 - Chaverim, 12-2pm |
| 3 - CBT Chanukah Party, 10am | 20 - NO Rabbi Lunch & Learn |
| 4 - CBT Board meeting, 8pm | 20 - Religious School |
| 6 - Rabbi Lunch & Learn, 12pm | 24 - NO Religious School |
| 6 - Religious School | 25 - Chesed for Chanukah |
| 7 - Rabbi Lecture in Monroe (afternoon) | 25 - CBT Office Closed |
| 8 - CBT Shabbat Dinner, 6pm | 27 - NO Rabbi Lunch & Learn |
| 10 - Congregational Meeting, 10am | 30 - Maya Zink Bat-Mitzvah |
| 10 - Religious School Chanukah Party | 31 - NO Religious School |
| 10 - PJ Library Chanukah Program | |
| 11 - Sisterhood Board Meeting, 8pm | |
| 13 - Rabbi Lunch & Learn, 12pm | |

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Sunday 9am & 7:30pm

Monday 7:30pm

Tuesday 7:30pm

Wednesday 7:30pm

Thursday 8am & 7:30pm

Friday 6:30pm (unless otherwise noted)

Saturday 9:30am

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