

September-November 2018

Elul 5778-Cheshvan 5779

## ENACTING LOVE

BY RABBI KATIE GREENBERG

### CSAIR'S NEW DIRECTOR OF ENGAGEMENT & PROGRAMMING

This month of Elul leading up the High Holidays, I've been thinking a lot about what I want my first year as a rabbi to look like. I keep coming back to the job description a friend of mine gave. She said, "A rabbi's job is to love the heck out of everyone we meet!"

What does love look like?

The Book of Dvarim in the Torah gives us two answers. The first is in chapter 10 when G-d is commanding the Israelites to love G-d with all their hearts and souls.

Sounds familiar right? In the middle of these commandments to love it says "Circumcise the foreskin of your hearts. (10:16)" Rashi, our most famous commentator, says that this verse means you should remove the closure and cover that is on your hearts because it prevents G-d's words from entering in. Rashi is telling us we need to break open our hearts and ourselves open to be in full relationship with G-d. Another one of our famous commentators, Leonard Cohen, wrote "There is a crack, a crack in everything, That's how the light gets in." To truly be open with G-d or other people you need to share parts of yourself that are normally hidden. Loving someone is being vulnerable with them.



The second answer in the book of Dvarim comes through the repetition of the the word ahava, love, in chapters 10 and 11. It appears in the context of G-d loving humans and humans being commanded to love G-d. Jeffrey Tigay writes in the JPS commentary that love is expressed through benevolent acts. G-d loves the widow

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## HEBREW SCHOOL BEGINS NEW YEAR ON SUNDAY SEPT. 16

The Marsha Dane Stern Hebrew School at CSAIR – the largest and fastest growing Hebrew School in Riverdale – begins its new year on Sunday, September 16 at 10:00 AM.

The school strives to create a dynamic Jewish experience for all students and their families, and stresses parent involvement, community building, mastery of Hebrew reading, and knowledge of Jewish prayers and traditions.

The first day of class will welcome the entire family and feature a brief service, introduction to the Hebrew School program, classroom instruction, and a parent meeting.

Prospective students and their families are invited to join us for opening day, September 16th, from 10 AM – Noon.

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## CSAIR MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to nourish joyful and meaningful Jewish living and build an inclusive community through diverse approaches to learning, prayer, and acts of loving kindness.



## DAILY MINYAN TIMES

### Morning

Monday through Friday 7:00 AM  
 Sunday 9:00 AM  
 Legal Holidays 9:00 AM  
 (New Year's Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, December 25th)

### Evening

Sunday through Thursday 7:30 PM

### For Shabbat service times

go to [www.csair.org](http://www.csair.org), or call the shul office at 718-543-8400

## CSAIR welcomes people with disabilities!



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phone: 718-543-8400  
 email: [secretary@csair.org](mailto:secretary@csair.org)

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## NEW TEEN AND PRE-TEEN LED SHABBAT MORNING PROGRAM TO ENGAGE KIDS AGES 7-10

Starting after the holidays, we are excited to launch *HaMoadon* (clubhouse), a new Shabbat morning experience for kids ages 7-10 and led by teens and pre-teens. This new program will include a group of teen *Merakzim* who, with professional support, will plan games, Jewish learning and group building experiences. The teens will lead these activities with the help of pre-teen *madrichim*. The goal is to create an engaging, substantive and exciting Shabbat morning experience for our elementary school aged kids and to create a process to build the leadership capacity of our teens and pre-teens. Soon after the holidays, we will offer training for all volunteer pre-teen *madrichim* and plan to launch *HaMoadon* on Shabbat morning, October 13th. *HaMoadon* will meet each Shabbat morning from 10:45am – 11:30am in the Moadon (formerly known as the “youth lounge”). Please call or email for more information about this program or to sign up for the *madrichim* training session for 6th-8th graders to be held in the early fall.

Other Shabbat morning programs include:

**Tefilat Yeladim** in the Board Room: an inclusive, multisensory Tefilah (service) featuring singing, physical movement, manipulatives, stories and learning for kids ages 4-6; parent participation is optional. Led by Bernie Goldstein or Emily Hausman.

**Shabbat Shelanu** in the Taub Room: a Tefilah (service) for children ages 0-3 and their families featuring singing, dancing, stories and play. Led by Barbara Rothman or Hadar Schwartz.

All are invited to come downstairs on Shabbat morning to see our Shabbat morning youth and family programs in action.

Mason Voit, Director of Education and Jewish Family Life

## CSAIR WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Yoram Amiran & Judith Kunoff  
 Aviv Cohn & Kimberly Stickels

Adi & Gali Davidov

Arlene Flohr

Richard Goldstein &  
 Sondra Walter

Ari & Shimona Katz

James Kosakow &  
 Rebecca Michelman

Daryl Mazlish &  
 Abigail Sosland

Michael O'Neill

Leora Tannenbaum

## YCFP 5779 / 2018-19

The **Young Children's Family Program** is excited to ring in the new year! 5779 promises to be an extraordinary year for YCFP. In addition to all the Shabbat and holiday programs we offer, plans are in the works for more opportunities for families with young children to get together. More information is forthcoming – so be on the lookout for the following announcements from YCFP:

- Membership forms with information about dues.
- The High Holidays are around the corner, and we are offering services for children through age 7, as well as babysitting after youth services. Details will come shortly.
- We are updating our email list, so if you would like to be included, please email us at: [yfamilyprogram@gmail.com](mailto:yfamilyprogram@gmail.com).

We look forward to getting to know you and your family. Shana Tova!

Josh Binstock & Ariella Perkes-Schreiber, Co-Chairs

## BRING ON THE HARMONY

I get asked a lot what a Cantor is. I often say that it is sort of like a singing rabbi, and then I elaborate a bit further. Many people think of a cantor as the one who stands in front and sings. When the term “Hazzan” first appears in the Mishna, it isn’t connected to a musical role, but refers more generally to a synagogue officiant. The professional role of cantor as prayer leader doesn’t emerge until the 18th century. The most prominent cantors of the 19th and 20th centuries were famous primarily for their vocal virtuosity, although many were also composers of choral and congregational music. The best-known melody for “Shema Yisrael” was written by Salomon Sulzer in the mid-19th century as part of a choral setting of the Torah service.

Over the last several decades, the role has shifted toward song leading, and encouraging participation. There have probably been services led in more of a performative way and services led in more of a participatory way going all the way back to the Temple. Both styles are designed to create an intense experience of communal prayer and connection to the transcendent. My favorite kind of service blends the styles and moves through different textures, creating opportunities for active listening, for active participation, and allowing for the mind to wander where it will. Regardless of the type of music, it is harmony that makes me feel the deepest sense of connection spiritually, emotionally and intellectually.

**This year, I want more harmony!** During the Selichot Beit Café, a kind of High Holiday pre-game, I would like to turn the audience into an instant choir. We will create a powerful experience of unity and harmony by learning parts to sing together. We will be singing a 3-part arrangement of a beautiful Middle Eastern melody for Chatanu Lefanecha, a poem from the Sephardic liturgy. All ages and voices are invited and welcome to be part of this extraordinary night of song. We will record it and create a video to share with the congregation. Weaving together a multiplicity of voices and melody lines is the best expression of a community made up of individuals worshipping together.

I also plan to experiment with the Hazzan’s Tisch this year – which has been taking place at CSAIR on Shabbat after Kiddush or after Shabbat Minha – and move it into homes. I want to bring people together to sing Zemiroth and other songs, to improvise harmonies, and share new melodies. A more personal location will hopefully enhance the sense of personal connection to the music and the experience of singing together. If you would like to attend or to host, please be in touch with me. Let this be the year of harmony!

Cantor Elizabeth Stevens



## JOIN US FOR SHABBAT DINNER in 2018-19

### Lechu Neranena Service And Dinner

Come ready to sing and welcome Shabbat at our intimate, spirited Kabbalat Service. Services begin at 5:45 PM. Sign up at [csair.org](http://csair.org).

Friday September 28  
Friday October 26  
Friday November 16  
Friday December 14  
Friday January 18  
*joint Tu B’shvat Seder*  
Friday February 8  
Friday March 8  
Friday April 12  
Friday June 7

### Ruach Shabbat Family Service And Dinner

Ruach Shabbat is CSAIR’s family-friendly Friday night experience. Enjoy a spirited, streamlined Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by a catered Shabbat dinner. Services begin at 6:00 PM. Sign up at [csair.org](http://csair.org).

Friday October 12  
Friday December 7  
Friday January 18  
*joint Tu B’shvat Seder*  
Friday March 15  
Friday May 10

## SELICHOT BEIT CAFÉ

An extraordinary night of song and inspiration with Cantor Stevens, Brian Gelfand and several members of the CSAIR community. This year there will be no audience. We will create a powerful experience of unity and harmony by learning parts to sing together.

Join us as the CSAIR Social Hall is transformed into an intimate space for reflection and prayer to help move us toward the Days of Awe.

### Saturday evening September 1, 2018

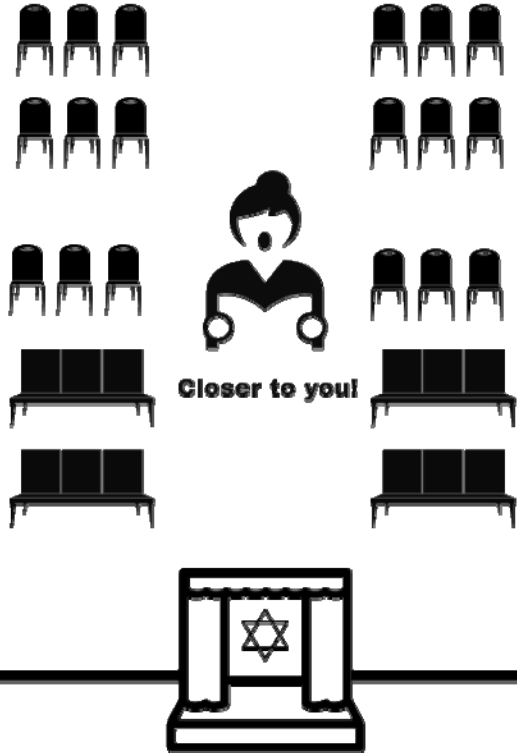
8:45 PM – Coffee and Desserts (courtesy of the Sisterhood)

9:15 PM – Program

10:30 PM – Changing of the Torah covers and Selichot service

# FOUR QUESTIONS: WHAT'S NEW FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS?

## Where will the Cantor stand



## What's new for teens?

On Day II of Rosh Hashanah, from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM in the Tent, come to

### Open Your Mind and Mouth

- Awesome Singing
- Discussion: "That's in the prayer book?"
- Snacks from Israel

### With Nahum Binder

(who leads the prayers in the Taub Room): percussionist, singer, and Jewish educator.

See page 5 for other Rosh Hashanah Day I and Yom Kippur teen programs led by the amazing Mason Voit.

## Who will lead the Davvening\*?

We are blessed with many talented davveners who will lead parts of the service! Key parts of the service will be led by Cantor Stevens in the Sanctuary Service and Nahum Binder, longtime Shaliach Tzibbur (prayer leader), in the Taub Room. This year, on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, the Taub Room Musaf service will be led by Barry Stern, an experienced Shaliach Tzibbur while Nahum Binder leads an amazing Teen Program (see above). Also this year, for the second part of Kol Nidre (after the Amidah), services in the Taub Room will be led by Cantor Elizabeth Stevens and services in the Main Sanctuary will be led by Nahum Binder.

\*Davvening is Yiddish for singing and chanting the prayers.

## Who is speaking where?

	Sanctuary	Taub Room
<b>Rosh Hashanah I</b>	Rabbi Barry Dov Katz	Rabbi Ethan Linden
<b>Rosh Hashanah II</b>	Rabbi Ethan Linden	Rabbi Barry Dov Katz
<b>Kol Nidre</b>	Rabbi Barry Dov Katz	Rabbi Ethan Linden
<b>Yom Kippur Day*</b>	Rabbi Ethan Linden	Rabbi Barry Dov Katz

\*Separate introduction to Yizkor in each service as well.

My grandmother used to say that one piece of wood cannot burn alone. A fire requires at least two pieces of wood that will catch fire from each other and create the flame that warms and illuminates. Similarly, we need each other to create fervor on the holidays. Our different voices, proximity, and a willingness to join together will help make these holidays into days that give each of us what we need for the year.

Rabbi Barry Dov Katz

# EXPERIENCE THE NEW CSAIR HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE AGED YOUNG ADULTS

## Rosh Hashanah Day I and Yom Kippur *Managing Time*

This year, we will confront the big question of time and the challenges of managing our time: How might we align our experience of time to reflect our values and priorities? How might a Jewish approach to time inform this effort? With the incredible Mason Voit.

## Rosh Hashanah Day II *Open Your Mind and Mouth*

Join Nahum Binder, Shaliach Tzibbur, prayer leader in the Taub Room, and Jewish educator, for some Rosh Hashanah singing, exploration of provocative themes in the liturgy ("That's in the Prayer Book?"), engaging discussion and Rosh Hashanah treats brought from Israel. Come ready to open your minds and your mouths!

*See old friends and make new ones*  
12-noon • in the tent

## YOUTH & FAMILY HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE 5779 / 2018

<p><b>Rosh Hashanah I (Sept. 10)</b> <b>Rosh Hashanah II (Sept. 11)</b></p> <p>YCFP 10:30 AM (parents and kids ages 0-6) Hebrew School classrooms</p> <p>Family Service 10:30 AM (parents and kids ages 7-10) Tent</p> <p>Pre-Teen Service 10:30 AM (ages 11-13) Beit HaMidrash</p> <p>High School/College Creative Service 12:00 PM Tent</p>	<p><b>Yom Kippur (Sept. 19)</b></p> <p>YCFP 10:30 AM (parents and kids ages 0-6) Hebrew School classrooms</p>	<p><b>Yom Kippur (Sept. 19), continued</b></p> <p>Family Service 10:30 AM (parents and kids ages 7-10) Tent</p> <p>Pre-Teen Service 10:30 AM (ages 11-13) Beit HaMidrash</p> <p>High School/College Creative Service 12:00 PM Tent</p>
<p><b>Shabbat Shuva (Sept. 15)</b></p> <p>Shabbat Shelenu 10:45 AM (parents and kids ages 0-3) Hebrew School classrooms</p> <p>Tefilat Yeladim 10:45 AM (kids ages 4-6, parents optional) Board Room</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Join us for the</i> <b><i>MASS BLAST</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rosh Hashanah Days I and II at the conclusion of services</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Who</b> All kids who want to blow a shofar.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Where</b> Meet Mason in Main Lobby at 1:00 PM.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>What to do</b> Bring your own shofar or borrow one (a limited number of shofarot are available to borrow, or purchase one at the CSAIR gift shop).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>What's going to happen</b> At the end of services, everyone with a shofar will line up in the center aisle of the main sanctuary and join in for the LONG Tekiah Gedolah shofar blast.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Questions</b> Email Mason at educationdirector@csair.org</p>	<p><b>Sukkot I (Sept. 24)</b></p> <p>YCFP 10:45 AM (parents and kids ages 0-6) Taub Room</p> <p><b>Shabbat Hol Hammoed (Sept. 29)</b></p> <p>Shabbat Shelenu 10:45 AM (parents and kids ages 0-3) Taub Room</p> <p>Tefilat Yeladim 10:45 AM (kids ages 4-6, parents optional) Board Room</p>
<p><b>Erev Yom Kippur (Sept. 18)</b></p> <p>Children's Service 7:00 PM (ages 6-12) Beit HaMidrash following recitation of Kol Nidre</p>		<p><b>Shemini Atzeret (Oct. 1)</b></p> <p>YCFP 10:45 AM (parents and kids ages 0-6) Taub Room</p>

# HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE 5779 / 2018

All services take place in both the Sanctuary and Taub Room unless otherwise noted

\*\*When Yom Tov follows Yom Tov or Shabbat, light candles by transferring a flame from an existing flame

## SELICHOT

### Saturday September 1, 2018

Minha/Maariv (Sanctuary)	7:11 PM
Selichot Beit Café and Program (Social Hall) <i>A musical program preceding the Selichot service, including a Sisterhood-sponsored dessert.</i>	8:45 PM
Selichot Service	10:30 PM

## EREV ROSH HASHANAH

### Sunday September 9, 2018

Light Candles	6:56 PM
Minha/Maariv (Sanctuary)	6:56 PM

## ROSH HASHANAH I

### Monday September 10, 2018

P'sukei D'Zimra (Sanctuary)	8:30 AM
Shaharit – Torah Reading	9:00 AM
YCFP (parents and kids ages 0-6 – HS classrooms)	10:30 AM
Family Service (parents and kids ages 7-10 – Tent)	10:30 AM
Pre-teen Service (ages 11-13 – Beit HaMidrash)	10:30 AM
Shofar	10:45 AM
Sermon	11:00 AM
Musaf	11:30 AM
Teen/College Creative Service (Tent)	12:00 PM
Tashlikh (Meet at SAR Parking lot)	5:30 PM
Minha/Maariv (Taub Room)	6:55 PM
Light Candles after**	7:55 PM

## ROSH HASHANAH II

### Tuesday September 11, 2018

P'sukei D'Zimra (Sanctuary)	8:30 AM
Shaharit Service – Torah Reading	9:00 AM
YCFP (parents and kids ages 0-6 – HS classrooms)	10:30 AM
Family Service (parents and kids ages 7-10 – Tent)	10:30 AM
Pre-teen Service (ages 11-13 – Beit HaMidrash)	10:30 AM
Shofar	10:45 AM
Sermon	11:00 AM
Musaf	11:30 AM
Teen/College Creative Service (Tent)	12:00 PM
Minha/Maariv (Taub Room)	6:53 PM
Yom Tov Ends	7:53 PM

## SHABBAT SHUVA

### Friday September 14, 2018

Light Candles	6:47 PM
Minha/Maariv (Beit HaMidrash)	6:47 PM

### Saturday September 15, 2018

Shaharit (Sanctuary)	9:00 AM
CSAIR KIDS SHABBAT	
Shabbat Shelenu (parents and kids ages 0-3)	10:45 AM
Hebrew School Classrooms	
Tefilat Yeladim (kids ages 4-6, parents optional)	10:45 AM
Board Room	
Minha/Maariv (Beit HaMidrash)	6:47 PM
Shabbat Ends	7:47 PM

## EREV YOM KIPPUR

### Tuesday September 18, 2018

Early Minha (Beit HaMidrash)	2:00 PM
Light Candles	6:41 PM
Kol Nidre	6:41 PM
Children's Service (ages 6-12 – Beit HaMidrash)	7:00 PM
<i>following recitation of Kol Nidre</i>	
Shirah B'Kippur (Library)	<i>following services</i>

## YOM KIPPUR

### Wednesday September 19, 2018

P'sukei D'Zimra (Sanctuary)	9:00 AM
Shaharit – Torah Reading	9:30 AM
YCFP (parents and kids ages 0-6 – HS classrooms)	10:30 AM
Family Service (parents and kids ages 7-10 – Tent)	10:30 AM
Pre-teen Service (ages 11-13 – Beit HaMidrash)	10:30 AM
Sermon	11:45 AM
Teen/College Creative Service (Tent)	12:00 PM
Yizkor	12:15 PM
Musaf	12:45 PM
Study Sessions (in various rooms)	3:00 PM
Minha (Sanctuary)	5:00 PM
Neila	6:30 PM
Fast Concludes (Break-fast in Tent)	7:55 PM

## Get a Head Start on 5779

Need some energy to start Rosh Hashanah? Want a few quiet minutes to reflect on the year that was? Looking for hope?

Come to services on Erev Rosh Hashanah where we will welcome the new year by singing new melodies and humming ancient chants, by listening to a story aimed at kids and some Torah to frame the holiday, and by connecting with others.

Sunday September 9, 2018 at 6:56 PM in the Sanctuary.

## Tashlikh on the Hudson

CSAIR congregants are invited to gather near flowing waters to symbolically distance ourselves from the sins of the past year and prepare for the year to come.

Join us on Monday September 10, 2018 at 5:30pm in the SAR Parking lot at 254th Street and Independence Avenue. Services will be led by Rabbi Barry Dov Katz. Bring your own bread!

Minha/Maariv will follow at 6:55 PM at CSAIR in the Taub Room.

## Shirah b'Kippur

Following Kol Nidre services, join Rabbi Katz and guest Shaliach Tzibur Nahum Binder for 30 minutes of singing Hebrew songs whose words and melodies evoke the moods of Yom Kippur. All voices welcome!

Tuesday September 18, 2018 in the Library following Kol Nidre service.

# SUKKOT / SHEMINI ATZERET / SIMHAT TORAH 5779 / 2018

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## SUKKOT

### EREV SUKKOT

**Sunday September 23, 2018**

Light Candles	6:33 PM
Minha/Maariv (Sanctuary)	6:33 PM

### SUKKOT I

**Monday September 24, 2018**

Shaharit – Lulav and Etrog (Sanctuary)	9:00 AM
YCFP (Taub Room)	10:45 AM
Minha/Maariv (Sanctuary)	6:31 PM
Light Candles after **	7:31 PM

### SUKKOT II

**Tuesday September 25, 2018**

Shaharit – Lulav and Etrog (Sanctuary)	9:00 AM
Sisterhood Lunch in Sukkah	12:30 PM
Minha/Shabbat Maariv (Sanctuary)	6:29 PM
Yom Tov Ends	7:29 PM

### HOL HAMMOED SUKKOT

### SUKKOT III

**Wednesday September 26, 2018**

Shaharit – Lulav and Etrog (Beit HaMidrash)	6:45 AM
Minha/Maariv Services (Beit HaMidrash)	6:10 PM

### SUKKOT IV

**Thursday September 27, 2018**

Shaharit – Lulav and Etrog (Beit HaMidrash)	6:45 AM
Maariv (Beit HaMidrash)	7:30 PM

### SUKKOT V EREV SHABBAT

**Friday September 28, 2018**

Shaharit – Lulav and Etrog (Beit HaMidrash)	6:45 AM
Light Candles	6:24 PM
Minha/Maariv (Beit HaMidrash)	6:24 PM

### SHABBAT HOL HAMOED (SUKKOT VI)

**Saturday September 29, 2018**

Shaharit – Koholet / No Lulav and Etrog (Sanctuary)	9:00 AM
CSAIR KIDS SHABBAT	
Shabbat Shelenu (parents and kids ages 0-3)	10:45 AM
Taub Room	
Tefilat Yeladim (kids ages 4-6, parents optional)	10:45 AM
Board Room	
Minha/Maariv (Beit HaMidrash)	6:24 PM
Shabbat Ends	7:24 PM

### HOSHANAH RABBAH (SUKKOT VII)

**Sunday September 30, 2018**

Shaharit – Last Lulav and Etrog (Beit HaMidrash)	9:00 AM
Light Candles	6:21 PM
Minha/Maariv (Beit HaMidrash)	6:21 PM

### SHEMINI ATZERET

**Monday October 1, 2018**

Shaharit	9:00 AM
YCFP (Taub Room)	10:45 AM
Yizkor	11:00 AM
Minha/Maariv, Hakafot and Dancing (Sanctuary)	6:19 PM
Light Candles after**	7:19 PM

### SIMHAT TORAH

**Tuesday October 2, 2018**

Shaharit (Sanctuary)	9:00 AM
Hakafot and Dancing (Sanctuary)	10:15 AM
Minha/Maariv (Beit HaMidrash)	6:17 PM
Yom Tov Ends	7:17 PM

*You could be a lucky winner...*

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- Provides an excellent view of the stars.

### Two ways to enter:

- 1) Send an email to [engagement@csair.org](mailto:engagement@csair.org) with "Portable Sukkah" in the subject line.
- 2) Leave a note for the office with your name, phone number and/or email address that says, "I would like to win use of a sukkah this year!"

**Winners will be chosen by raffle at 2:00pm the day before Yom Kippur.**

## HELPING EACH OTHER STRIVE TO BE OUR BEST

A few days ago my husband overheard part of a conversation I was having with my sister. He caught me completely red-handed; I had not been at my personal best. I had let an old resentment surface and been undeniably petty in my choice of words. After the conversation with my sister had finished, Michael shared with me what he had heard, and pointed out to me what that must have sounded like to my sister. We discussed it for a few minutes. His comments gave me pause to really consider what I had said and the motivation behind it. I was able to go beyond my defenses (admittedly not immediately!), and recognize I had some real work to do in the way I often communicate with my sister.

Shortly after I was at Shabbat morning services and it was announced that Rosh Hodesh, the new month of Elul was just around the corner. Since Elul leads up to Rosh Hashanah and all the other High Holidays, it's an opportunity to focus on preparation and repentance for these days, mending relationships with others and recognizing how we may be better in so many ways, which hopefully lasts the whole year through. The conversation I had had with Michael about my words with my sister came to mind, and how it helped me recognize my choice of words and how I can improve. For me, it underscored the need for others in our lives to push us to strive to reach our personal best. It's not only the constructive criticism of a spouse, it's being part of a solid Jewish community. This is how I've always understood the use of plural language for the Vidui, or confessional prayers through the liturgy of Yom Kippur; that alphabetical litany of a wide range of transgressions. The blame is not placed on individuals for specific sins but rather we as a community are collectively responsible, not unlike a team, we will support each other to reach our personal best both as individuals and as a community.



Our CSAIR community supports us in so many ways throughout the year. We enjoy Shabbat and holiday meals together, learn with distinguish scholars, dance at Simchat Torah, parade at Purim, celebrate together in joy and help each other through hard times. Now is the time to consider the various ways we can support our community. Last year in 5778 we intro-

duced an experiment; three levels of "inclusive membership", Pillar, Guardian and Leader, whose membership amounts were higher than the actual cost of running the synagogue divided by the membership, which is the Sustainer level. These three higher levels include other gifts made throughout the year such as Kol Nidre, Phonathon and our annual Gala Celebration. We honestly weren't sure how that would be received, and we were delighted that 21 members joined at those levels, and close to 50 joined at the Sustainer level. Membership forms are steadily being received by the office and we are positive and hopeful that the numbers for Pillar, Guardian, Leader and Sustainer will significantly increase for 2018-19.

We know that there are many ways to demonstrate your commitment to the CSAIR community and these financial gifts are just one of those ways. The generosity of the inclusive levels of membership makes it possible for CSAIR to do some much over the course of the year, including offering membership, education and services for all who wish to belong.

Thank you for everything you each do to ensure that CSAIR continues to enrich our lives. When our community is strong and vital, we're all much better positioned to reach our personal best.

Abby Pitkowsky, CSAIR President

### CSAIR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Here is this year's lineup for the CSAIR Book Discussion Group, facilitated by Sharon Kern-Taub:

- Sunday October 21, 2018: **All the Rivers** by Dorit Rabin Yan
- Sunday December 16, 2018: **Waking Lions** by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen
- Sunday March 3, 2019: **I Married a Communist** by Philip Roth
- Sunday June 23, 2019: **Katerskill Falls** by Allegra Goodman

See 2018-19 Adult Education Brochure for more details

### KOSHER COOKING

*with Judy Matthews*

*assisted by*

*Leona Chudy and Faye Warren*

### From Our Table to Yours

**Four dinner menus that include new and cherished recipes**

**FIRST SESSION: MENUS 1 & 2**

Monday October 22 & November 5  
6:30-8:30 PM

**SECOND SESSION: MENUS 3 & 4**

Monday January 14 & January 28  
6:30-8:30 PM

See 2018-19 Adult Education Brochure for more details



## ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS FOR 2018-19 TAKING SHAPE

The 2018-19 curriculum for CSAIR's Gerson D. Cohen Institute for Adult Jewish Learning is being finalized as this issue of the Synagram goes to press. Here is a preview of some of the exciting classes in the works. And of course keep an eye out for full details in this year's Adult Education Brochure, which will be available in hardcopy and also online at [www.csair.org](http://www.csair.org).

This year's offering is a rich and varied one. The fall schedule includes an evening of Muslim-Jewish dialogue on Thursday November 15 with Dr. Mehnaz Afridi (Director of the Holocaust, Genocide & Interfaith Education Center at Manhattan College) and Rabbi Dr. Ron Kronish (Founding Director of the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel), as well as an evening with Dr. Ruth Westheimer (in conversation with Rabbi Katz) at the opening 5779 meeting of – and sponsored by – the CSAIR Sisterhood on Wednesday October 25.

The spring schedule will include multi-session courses taught by, among others, Professors Wendy Zierler of Hebrew Union College, Diane Sharon of the Skirball Center at Temple Emanuel, and Richard Sacks of Columbia University, and award-winning poet Sarah Stern will again offer her Poetry-Writing Workshop

Food will of course be on the menu as well, with offerings that include Judy Matthews (assisted this year by Leona Chudy and Faye Warren) teaching a series of classes entitled "From Our Table to Yours: Four dinner menus that include new and cherished recipes."

Music is also featured prominently. Cantor Marcia Lane will teach a course on the history of Jewish music from the Temple to the great 19th century cantors. The Hazan's Tisch will, as always, meet throughout the year, enhanced for 5779 by a new and exciting format (see Cantor Stevens' article on page 3 above). And Intimate Voices will be celebrating its 10th anniversary season presenting world-class chamber music right here at CSAIR.

As always, the year's offerings will also feature special programming to mark important dates on the Jewish calendar, including for Selihot on Saturday evening

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## MUSLIM-JEWISH DIALOGUE

with Dr. Mehnaz Afridi  
*Assoc. Professor of Religion and  
Director of the Holocaust, Genocide &  
Interfaith Education Center  
at Manhattan College*

and Rabbi Dr. Ron Kronish  
*Founding Director of the Interreligious  
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and Adj. Professor at Brandeis Univ.*

Join us for a discussion of important questions about Jewish-Muslim dialogue including:

What are the main challenges facing Jews and Muslims who engage in dialogue today?

How can we overcome fear and ignorance of each other?

What role does the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, as well as the memory of the Holocaust and other genocides, play in the dialogue?

**Thursday November 15, 2018  
8:00 PM**

See 2018-19 Adult Education Brochure for more details

## A HOUSE DIVIDED: THE BOOK OF KINGS I AND II



**RABBI KATZ'S TUESDAY MORNING CLASS  
BEGINS OCTOBER 16**

King Solomon's death begins a period of political instability for Israel. The nation will confront a civil war, murders that will shake it to its core, religious challenges, and ultimately exile. As we study the Book of Kings I (chapters 11-22) and Kings II (chapters 1-25), we will meet royalty such as Jehosaphat and Jereboam, Ahab and Jezebel, watch the prophets Elijah and Elisha in action, and encounter women and men attempting to survive and maintain faith during chaotic times. What kind of leader can help a nation thrive? What is the role of religion in society? Can a prophetic voice remind people of ultimate values? These are some of the questions we will explore together. Tuesdays 10:30-12-noon.

Sponsored by the CSAIR Sisterhood. This year-long class is free for Sisterhood members or members of CSAIR and an affiliate. Others: Nominal fee. All texts will be provided in English. You may bring a Hebrew text for reference.

## DR. RUTH WESTHEIMER

*in conversation with  
Rabbi Barry Dov Katz*



**Wednesday October 24, 2018**  
*after evening Minyan*

Presented and Sponsored by the  
CSAIR Sisterhood

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for more details

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# ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS FOR 2018-19 TAKING SHAPE

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September 1 (see page 3 above), Kristallnacht on Thursday November 8, Yom Hashoah on Wednesday May 1, Yom Haatzmaut on Wednesday May 8, and our annual all-night Shavuot Tikkun beginning on the evening of Saturday June 8.

Finally, don't forget our many year-long programs, highlighted by Rabbi Katz's Tuesday morning class beginning October 16 and this year entitled "A House Divided: The Book of Kings I and II." But the varied list also includes:

**The Book Discussion Group** (for this year's books, see page previous page), facilitated by Sharon Kern-Taub

**Text Wrestlers**, CSAIR's monthly Shabbat Torah-portion discussion group, facilitated by Dr. Diane Sharon

**Hebrew Poetry Book Group**, focus on the Hebrew texts, facilitated by Dr. Barbara Mann

**Hug Ivri**, CSAIR's monthly Hebrew discussion group (after Kiddush), facilitated by Yaakov Taitz

**Yiddish Vinkl**, CSAIR's monthly Yiddish conversation group (after Kiddush), facilitated by Charles Goldfischer

So check the Adult Education Brochure for details (available online at [csair.org](http://csair.org) as well as in hardcopy), and come learn with us in 2018-2019.

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## *Intimate Voices* CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

Mark your calendars for the 10th season of Intimate Voices, world-class chamber music in our lovely and acoustically excellent sanctuary – the perfect intimate venue for experiencing chamber music of all periods! Please note that this season all our concerts at CSAIR will be on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 PM. Our audience base has grown over the years, and we hope that this change will enable more of our friends from both near and far to join us.

**3 Sunday afternoons at 3:00 PM**

November 11, 2018 / January 27, 2019 / March 10, 2019

**Free Sunday Afternoon Sensory/Autism-Friendly Family Program – Date TBA**

Violinist Renée Jolles and cellist James Wilson will be joining me for the 10th straight year, and we are delighted to welcome back violists Melissa Reardon and Dov Scheindlin, clarinetist Alan Kay, and for our annual January Baroque concert harpsichordist Carsten Schmidt (along with one of his beautiful harpsichords). This season will feature beloved masterworks such as Beethoven's exhilarating and dramatic String Quartet Opus 18 No. 4 in C Minor and Mozart's sublime Quintet for Clarinet and Strings, as well as little-known 20th century gems such as the virtuosic and folkloric Duo for Violin and Viola by the Hungarian composer László Weiner who died in the Holocaust in 1944 at age 28, and the piercingly beautiful Lyric for Strings by George Walker, the first African-American winner of the Pulitzer Prize in Music.



Our concerts will again be enhanced by a full roster of Tastings@IntimateVoices, all included in the ticket price: a sampling of craft beer in November courtesy of our new friends at Gun Hill Brewing Company; a return of Brent Delman, aka TheCheeseGuy, with his delectable artisanal kosher cheeses in January; and our annual wine-tasting in March, generously donated – for the tenth straight season! – by Gary Wartels at Skyview Wine and Spirits.

We are also very happy to announce that New York-Presbyterian Allen Hospital has generously renewed its support for the upcoming season. We are honored to have them join us as our Corporate Community Partner for a 4th consecutive year! With the continued generosity of our audience and community in addition to this grant, we plan to continue our expanded outreach roster again this season, offering our Family Program in a sensory/autism friendly format to reach all families, and again bringing our music to classes at the Riverdale Early Childhood Center for children with special needs, as well as continuing our visits to area nursing homes, rehab centers and the James J. Peters VA Medical Center to play for those in the community who are not able to come out and hear music.

So save the dates and check online for more program and artist information and to purchase tickets ([www.intimatevoices.org](http://www.intimatevoices.org)). Online ticket sales are open. We look forward to another great season of world-class chamber music!

- Sheila Reinhold, Music Director

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# YOUTH LOUNGE TRANSFORMED INTO OUR NEW “MOADON”



The Youth Lounge has a new look and name! Thanks to the generosity of the Hack Family and friends of Cliff Nerwen and Shula Lerner (who contributed in honor of Cliff and Shula’s wedding), the lounge been painted, carpeted, and brightened. We built a shelving storage unit, put toys into containers, installed fans for better ventilation, repurposed and filled an old bookcase with kid’s books, and added four bean bag chairs. The Voit Family donated a foosball table and, last but not least, hooked rugs representing the Twelve Tribes (made by members of the Sisterhood and for many years located in the lobby stairwell), were professionally cleaned and re-mounted in the lounge. So the Youth Lounge is now our new Moadon, open and ready for business!



## ENACTING LOVE

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and orphan through providing food and clothing. We love G-d through observing the mitzvot. Love means acting lovingly.

Love means being vulnerable and it means action. There are many ways to show both aspects of this love. We can act out love through showing up for each other for life cycle events. We can act out love by calling people out when they are not living up to their best selves. We can act out love by showing up for things we really don’t want to do because it matters to someone else.

Corey Booker, the Senator from NJ, was on my favorite podcast “On Being.” He spoke about seeing his work as a politician as enacting love. He said “what is needed now is understanding that there are sacred spaces between us, and they need to be fueled and injected with an unapologetic, courageous, daring love.” Enacting that love is often very hard.

I’ll give you a personal example. I was living in Israel when my brother was graduating with his masters degree in New York. I didn’t feel it made sense for me to come to the graduation because I only had a two day window before I started a new job. My brother and I are close and it meant a lot to him that I see him graduate. So I flew from Israel on my birthday and came to New York for less than 48 hours so I could be there to see him walk across the stage. Every time we talk we say I love you, but by physically demonstrating that love to him, it reinforced that love in a way that my words never could.

My brother is now living in Los Angeles and works at Hillel. I was pregnant last year and due during the high holidays. He said he would probably not be able to come to my daughter’s naming because it was the busiest time of year for him. I was crushed. But when my daughter was born he got on a plane and came to New York for 36 hours to come to her ceremony. We showed up for each other even when it was hard. That’s real love. It’s about enacting your feelings.

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*Save the Date*

### KRISTALLNACHT PROGRAM

Thursday November 8, 2018

See 2018-19 Adult Education Brochure for more details

### VOLUNTEER MENTORS AND STUDENT TEACHERS NEEDED

Christ Church Riverdale is beginning a new program in September to provide tutoring and mentoring to students at the English Language Learners International School (ELLIS) at the JFK High School campus. ELLIS students are recent arrivals to the U.S. and have very limited English skills.

They are looking for student teachers to assist in the classroom at ELLIS two mornings each week, and volunteer mentors to work with students in small groups on Wednesday afternoons at the Christ Church parish hall. For more information please contact Bill Yaggy at: [wyaggy46@gmail.com](mailto:wyaggy46@gmail.com).

# MEN'S CLUB UPDATE

Hello Friends!

What a difficult summer. We sadly lost our beloved hero, Men's Club President Emeritus Irving Ladimer, who passed away in July at the amazing age of 102. It was Irving who first inspired us to get involved in the Men's Club and to connect with our fellow CSAIR members. We will never forget his leadership, his charm, his friendship, his positive attitude, and the way he always worked hard to help others.

May God bless Irving Ladimer, and our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences go out to his family. We will all carry on as best we can without him – but we know that things will never be the same. We have all lost a hero and an icon, and the Men's Club has lost its best friend forever.



And then, on July 19th, our ten-year streak of always making a Thursday night minyan came to an end. But as we look back on those ten years what we feel above all is grateful:

- Grateful for all the Thursday nights you joined us
- Grateful for your support.
- Grateful for your friendship.
- Grateful for the opportunity to be your men's club.

So thank you all – and we are starting on a new streak so join us on Thursday nights.

In August we were happy to host our new Director of Engagement and Programming, Rabbi Katie Greenberg, to a meet and greet event. We are glad you're here and look forward to working together.

And in the meantime, look out for our yearly mailing which includes your new Men's Club membership card that offers you wonderful savings at local establishments and a sign up for the below event.

And we hope – after the holidays are over – that you can join us Sunday Morning October 7th for the triumphant return of the Mighty Men's Club Brunch of Honor. This year our Persons of the Year will be that wonderful and deserving couple: Walter and Marge Tolub!

So in other words, All rise, because Here Comes The Judge (and wife)! We'll have all our famous Mighty Brunch favorites: comedy, music, tasty food with delicious desserts, lemonade, our "knights of the round bagel!" ceremony and a few surprises. So save the date.

See you all in Kiddush!

Best Regards,

Joel Chaiken Men's Club Co-President

## SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN

CSAIR aims to provide children with a positive and enriching educational, spiritual, social and cultural environment that promotes their intellectual, moral and emotional growth. We are deeply committed to safeguarding the young people in our community such that they feel and are safe at all times. To that end, we strive for the highest standards with respect to protecting the children in our community from abuse. With that goal in mind, we have created Safeguarding Our Children, A Child Protection Statement, which may be found at:

[www.csair.org/safeguardingourchildren/](http://www.csair.org/safeguardingourchildren/)

The members of the Child Protection Committee (Dr. Cliff Nerwen, chair; Miriam Westheimer, Sandy Mislow, Mason Voit, Abby Pitkowsky and Rabbi Barry Dov Katz) welcome your thoughts, reactions and feedback. The committee members can be contacted at [childsafety@csair.org](mailto:childsafety@csair.org).

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## SISTERHOOD UPDATE

Greetings from CSAIR Sisterhood. We hope you have enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable summer. The Sisterhood program planning committee met during June and July to plan our calendar for the year, which promises to be rewarding and interesting. We are still planning, and we welcome your ideas and suggestions.



Our first Sisterhood program for 5779 will be our annual pre-Rosh Hashanah flower sale. We are selling flowers from Israel to beautify your Rosh Hashanah tables. Flower pick-up will be at CSAIR on Sunday morning Erev Rosh Hashanah September 9 from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Order forms are available at the Shul; please place your orders by Wednesday September 5.

The annual Sisterhood Sukkot lunch will be held on Monday September 24, in the CSAIR Sukkah. Please join us for a festive meal and great company to fulfill the Mitzvah of eating in the Sukkah on Sukkot. Please make your reservations no later than Thursday September 20.

We are planning a very special program for our opening general meeting on Wednesday October 24 (after evening Minyan). Please join us as we welcome CSAIR Sisterhood member Dr. Ruth Westheimer, in conversation with Rabbi Katz. Refreshments will be served, come meet and greet old friends and make new friends.

For those of you who are not yet members, we invite you to join our Sisterhood. While we will continue to carry on our legacy of supporting our beloved CSAIR, we need new members and that means YOU! Please consider volunteering in our gift shop, helping us plan social and fundraising programs, and supporting Torah Fund of Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

Sisterhood would like to publish a second edition of our popular "Our Voices" literary magazine. Please forward articles, poems, reviews, memoirs to our literary edition Ellen Greenblatt at [egeditor613@gmail.com](mailto:egeditor613@gmail.com). We would love to hear from you.

Best wishes for a healthy, blessed, peaceful 5779 and a joyous Chag.

Margaret Danishefsky, Sisterhood President

### SISTERHOOD JOINS OUR FRIENDS IN WISHING YOU ALL A SWEET AND PEACEFUL 5779

Rabbi Barry Dov Katz & Shoshi Talesnick, Avital, Shai & Ariel Katz, Cantor Elizabeth Stevens & Rabbi Mark Popovsky & children, Marilyn Altman, Bette Baum, Betty Baumel, Shirley Bender, Zillah & James Byrd, Deborah Berlinger Eiferman, Tammy & Chuck Brass & family, Estelle & Ed Cohen, Leona Chudy Cohen & Harris Cohen, Susan & David Cohen & family, Cheri Cummins Markle, Margaret, Fred, Kevin & Deena Danishefsky, Yolande Deyfuss, Erica & Ephraim Edelman & family, Elaine, Elliot, Zachary, Alex & Emily Epps, Marjorie W. Fein, Norma Finkelstein, Martha & Allen Frazer, Lydia Freudenstein, Naomi & Jack Funt, Lillian Gewirtzman, Sarah & Philip Giller, Jacqueline Gold, Saul Mackler, Batya & Galit Wiener, Betty & Hank Golomb, Carole & Mark Gothelf, Harriet Granfield & family, Carolyn & Harold Graybow, Marci Greenberg & Mark Zozula, Ellen Greenblatt & Barry Greif, Deborah & Kevin Johns, Barbara Jurist-Feldschuh, Rachel & Shalom Kalnicki, Dorothy Klein, Janice F. Klein, Terri Kornicki & Marshall Kaminer, Vivian Kasen, Rebecca Kaye, Razel & Gary Kessler, Joyce & Arthur Koven, The Kronish-Maudlin Family, Tilda Landovitz, Cantor Marcia Lane, Friedel Leopold, Sheila Lesser, Terri Levine & family, Rabbi Laurie Levy & Rabbi Steven Altarescu, Faye & Meyer Lieman, Edith Litt & family, Judy & Steven Matthews & family, Kate McQuown, Dianne & Philip Meranus, Ruth Mukherji, Evelyn Mutnick, Anita & David Nerwen, Leah Praskin, Roni Richter & Daniel, Lenny & Chloe Faiwiszewski, Elsie Ruzal, Carrie Ruzal-Shapiro & family, Polly & Alan Schoenfeld, Phyllis & Charlie Schulberg, Aviva & Joel Schwab, Renee, Elana & Shira Schwartz, Susan Schwartz, Mitch Posilkin, Jessie, Sarah, Josh & Marla, Deborah Shapira & Barry Stern, Leomi & Irwin Simkin, the Smookler-Keisman Family, Rhoda Sperling & family, Dorothy & Alan Stolzer, Marj & Walter Tolub, Fran Turitz, Ettie Ward, Leslee L. Wechsler, Robin & Ted Weinstein, Judith & Pablo Weinstein & family, Vivian & Charlie Weintraub, Goldie & Alan Witrock, Florence & Marty Wolpoff & family, Dr. Howard Young & Mrs. Miriam Young.

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## ENACTING LOVE

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I feel that this work of cracking open my heart and loving everyone through actions is at the core of my work as a rabbi. You may be wondering what the work is that I do here at CSAIR. I am here to help connect members more with each other, with the shul and with the Jewish community as a whole. We can do that together by radical acts of kindness towards one another. My job is to help you love each other.

I am here to help people when they need to figure out how to pay dues and maintain a strong and active presence at shul regardless of their financial situation. I'm here to learn all of your stories. My job is to try and help everyone feel loved by me and CSAIR when they walk into my office.

I am here to help think big picture about the shul and collaborate with the rest of the staff to think about how we can continually improve what we do. My job is to help the staff love you more.

I am here to help cultivate new volunteers and active lay leadership who will bring us to new places we never dreamed we could go as a shul. My job is to help you love CSAIR back.

Though loving everyone is a core part of my work as a rabbi, I believe it is also the core part of our work as human beings. Elul is a time for us to think about who we are striving to be and what our best selves can look like. Take a minute during your high holiday preparations to think about who you will break your heart open to this year? What will you do in the coming year to enact your love? Who will you show up for even when it is hard?

"There are sacred spaces between us, and they need to be fueled and injected with an unapologetic, courageous, daring love." I look forward to working with you, breaking open our hearts to each other, and loving the heck out of one another.

Rabbi Katie Greenberg, Director of Engagement and Programming

### RJP ENGAGING YOUNG ADULTS

Are you 20 to 30 years old and looking for something fun to do with other young, Jewish adults? Then the **Riverdale Jewish Project (RJP)** is a group you should check out. Whether you are in college, grad school, grew up here at the shul and are just coming back to town, or you've moved here and are beginning to find a home in the community, this is a group for everyone in their 20's and 30's. Bring friends, colleagues, significant others, or come alone and meet new people! Visit us on Facebook at Riverdale Jewish Project, and watch the weekly CSAIR bulletin and emails for our upcoming programming.

For more information email: Yoel Shulman, Engagement Coordinator, [yoel@riverdalejewish.org](mailto:yoel@riverdalejewish.org)

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The great Jewish principle of hiddur mitzvah – that when we do a mitzvah, we should do it in the most beautiful way possible – is at the heart of the mission of our Judaica Gift Shop. When you come by and visit, you will see a rich variety of beautiful and unique Judaica at every price point: tallitot, mezzuzot, hanukiot, kiddush cups, children's toys and much, much more.

As a new year approaches, we welcome you to drop into the shop and explore the many opportunities we offer to enhance your Jewish life, and to bring the joy of hiddur mitzvah to your every celebration, in 5779 and for many years to come. Celebrate 5778 in style with a special tallit and headcovering for the New Year from our Sisterhood Judaica Shop.

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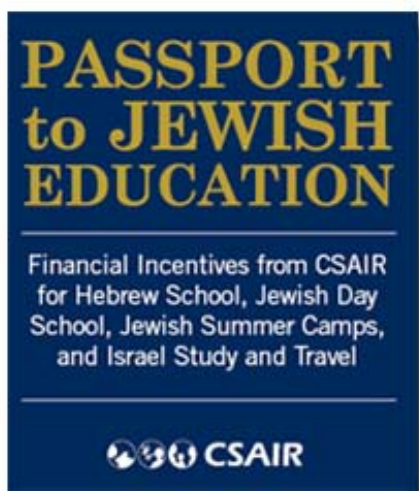
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# PASSPORT TO JEWISH EDUCATION



Since its inception in 1954, Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale has been committed to providing our congregation's children with opportunities to engage in a variety of Jewish and Israel-focused educational experiences to help them develop strong Jewish identities and connections to Israel.

To encourage families to benefit from as many of these experiences as possible, through the generosity of our scholarship programs we offer the children of CSAIR members a **PASSPORT TO JEWISH EDUCATION**.

Passport to Jewish Education is a comprehensive program designed to defray the cost of formal and experiential Jewish education for the children of CSAIR members.

Through Passport to Jewish Education, all CSAIR members will be eligible for their children to receive a one-time incentive to encourage enrollment in The Marsha Dane Stern Hebrew School or attend a Jewish day school of their choosing. Additionally, members can avail themselves of incentives for their children to attend a study or travel program in Israel, Jewish overnight camp, Jewish day camp, and attend a specialized Hebrew immersion program while at camp.

CSAIR children who meet the criteria may participate in multiple incentive programs. Children participating in one or more of these experiences may be eligible to receive incentives for hundreds or even thousands of dollars toward the cost of tuition.

Below you will find information on the financial incentives available for the children of CSAIR members to participate in Jewish education experiences.

## **Marsha Dane Stern Hebrew School**

A child enrolled in Grade 2 in our Hebrew School is eligible for a \$350 incentive. (In addition, need-based scholarships remain available for families with children throughout the Hebrew School.)

*\*Funded by the Paul and Louise Weissman Fund and by the Sam and Bev Zucker Memorial Scholarship Fund*

## **Jewish Day School**

A child enrolling for the first time in a Jewish day school, or in a Jewish high school, is eligible for a \$2,000 incentive.

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## **Summer Camps**

### **Ramah Nyack Day Camp**

A child entering grades kindergarten, 1 or 2, enrolling in Ramah Day Camp in Nyack for the first time, is eligible for a \$750 incentive. An additional \$500 incentive is available for campers at Ramah Day Camp in Nyack, to participate in the "Sha'ar" Hebrew immersion program.

### **Overnight Summer Camp**

A child entering grades 4 or 5, enrolling in an overnight summer camp for the first time for 3 weeks or longer, is eligible for a \$1,000 incentive to attend a Ramah overnight camp, or a \$750 incentive to attend a not-for-profit Jewish overnight camp included in the Foundation for Jewish Camp (FJC) camp directory. A complete listing of eligible camps can be found on the FJC website at [www.jewishcamp.org/find-camp](http://www.jewishcamp.org/find-camp).

*\*Funded by contributions to CSAIR's annual Ma'ot Chitim Fund and from the Camping Fund established through CSAIR's Gala honoring Rabbi Barry Dov Katz and Shoshi Talesnick. Funding for the Sha'ar program comes from the family of Judith Susser.*

## **Israel Study and Travel**

The Herman and Sarah Schwartz Israel Scholarship Fund provides a \$1,000 scholarship annually to a CSAIR student for an Israel study or travel trip. Recipients are required to write about the experience afterwards and complete a community service project approved by CSAIR Education staff.

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Applications for all Passport to Jewish Education incentives and scholarship programs are available at the CSAIR office. Passport to Jewish Education is a CSAIR pilot program made possible by generous contributions and bequests. For more information, go to [www.csair.org/passporttojewisheducation](http://www.csair.org/passporttojewisheducation) or contact Rabbi Katie Greenberg, CSAIR Director of Engagement and Programming, at 718-543-8400 or [engagement@csair.org](mailto:engagement@csair.org).



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**Deadline for ordering: Wednesday, September 5**

**Pick-up Date: Sunday, September 9 (from 9:00 – 11:30 AM)**

**FILL IN INFORMATION BELOW TO PAY BY CASH OR CHECK**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of bouquets** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each

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Please return this form to CSAIR office.

If paying by check, make check payable to CSAIR Sisterhood and write "Flowers" in memo section.

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**\$45 PER SET**

orders of 3 or more sets, deduct \$5 per set

**TO ORDER**

**please return this form to the office no later than Thursday, September 13**  
or place your order online at [www.csair.org](http://www.csair.org) and follow the link

**PICK-UP DATES:**

Friday, September 21 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Sunday, September 23 from 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM



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**CSAIR's Sunday Morning Café**  
**Starting September 16th**

***The coffee's on us!***

Sunday mornings from 9:30 AM – 12-NOON CSAIR's **Downstairs Lobby** is transformed into the best café in Riverdale. Enjoy Fair-Trade coffee and Israeli teas (served in eco-friendly cups!) and, of course, a little something to go with them. Bring a book – or bring your laptop...we're wireless.

Sit, sip and schmooze. Come for the minyan (9:00 AM) – and stay for the coffee.

Become a sponsor of the Holy Grounds Café – email:  
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**The Holy Grounds Café is open!**



**CSAIR GALA 2018**



*Ensuring our outstanding educational, social and spiritual programming!*

Thank you to all of the generous supporters in our community for making the recent CSAIR Gala a great success! Every gift that we received made the 2018 celebration one for the record books – we surpassed our goal and reached \$111,000, ensuring we can continue our outstanding educational, social and spiritual programming in 2018-2019. Check out photos of the event (at [www.csair.org/gala2018](http://www.csair.org/gala2018)), which highlighted our talented and wonderful honorees.

We look ahead to another great year of community growth and celebrations together. Your support and