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We don't want to let the cat out of the bag just yet, but wait until you see what we have coming in January. Extreme Image Makeover... our Bulletin, E-mail blasts, Website and more! Watch for the new look coming to a mailbox or inbox near you!*

*In January, all members will receive a hard copy of the new and improved Bulletin in the mail. In February, the Bulletin will be available online, in the lobby, and snail mail hard copy for those who currently receive a hard copy. Thank you.
As I write this, we are reading Parsha where Abraham loses his beloved wife, Sara, mourns her and then proceeds to buy a burial plot for her. Indeed, it is quite remarkable to read about our ancestor, thousands of years ago, who embodied the mitzvah “kavod ha’meit” (honoring our dead), engaging traditions which we continue to this day. Although we Jews have our challenges, honoring our dead is not one of them. This is something we do exceptionally well.

As we move forward here at CSH, we are constantly looking for what I would call Double Mitzvahs (no, not the usual understanding of the double mitzvah). A double mitzvah is when a mitzvah is not only fulfilled, but in the process many other mitzvahs are simultaneously fulfilled - a two for one or more. And when it comes to kavod ha’meit - honoring our dead - many double mitzvahs await.

For instance, when a loved one dies it is, of course, a mitzvah to have a funeral service. The double mitzvah will be when we make it easy and available to have one’s funeral in the comfort of his/her own synagogue. Lifecycles of all types should take place in our spiritual home, the sad ones as well as the simchas. And in the process community is more organically a part of the lifecycle, and the community and family become more comfortable, less afraid of, death.

It is a mitzvah to attend a funeral. However, in this day and age family and friends can’t always be physically present. And although it is not the same thing as being there, CSH has the capability to connect loved ones who are separated by geography with the gift of technology and our shulcast on the web. It is truly a gift to offer this to a family separated during their time of grief.

It is a mitzvah to have a meal after the funeral, as well as to have friends and community provide ongoing meals for the bereaved. Again, due to the complexities of our modern age it is not always convenient, or even possible, to do so. CSH could and should be the default place to have one’s meals, as well as our catering staff cooking and coordinating the ongoing delivery of meals.

It is a mitzvah to eulogize the dead. However, it is even a greater mitzvah to write our own eulogy, to tell our own life story. And we hope to soon offer videography services where we can record on video first-hand documentation of our loved one’s stories as a service to our congregants and the world at large.

And it is a mitzvah to remember those stories long after our loved ones are no longer here to tell them. Now, with our virtual yahrtzeit/yizkor technology we can archive pictures, written keepsakes and that videography for generations to come.

These are double mitzvahs. They are mitzvot unto themselves and in bringing them home (to CSH) we will foster connections. We will connect people to community, to one another and to Judaism. In addition, we will fulfill a third mitzvah - becoming fiscally sustainable. Yes, these ventures will involve costs and fees just as every service provider and business is obligated to charge. However, this is not revenue for revenue sake. This is revenue being generated through offering meaningful, inspirational, top-notch services. This is revenue which will sustain our programming and offerings to our constituents and community. And this is revenue which will help us offset our costs making Judaism and Jewish communal life affordable to all. That my friends is not a double mitzvah, it’s a triple mitzvah. There are triple mitzvahs all around us. It’s time to recognize them, engage them and use them as we continue to reclaim authentic Judaism in every aspect of what we do.

Chodesh tov,
Rabbi B
Early childhood educators tell us that one of the most crucial stages in socialization occurs when a child is between 18 and 30 months old and attends another child’s birthday party. When the birthday cake is brought in, most of the little guests try to blow out the candles right along with the birthday child. As the child opens presents, little hands start to grab for the toys. Why do you think “party favors” were invented? To help children begin to distinguish between what’s mine and what’s his/hers. Toddlers must learn the difference between celebrating one’s own birthday and celebrating someone else’s.

Thus many Jewish educators will advise parents to give their children who want to celebrate Christmas a very important message: Christmas is someone else’s party, not ours. Just as we can appreciate someone else’s birthday celebration and be happy for them, we can wonder at how beautiful Christmas is, but it is not our party.

And then many parents make a perfectly understandable, but incomplete, leap. “Christmas is for Christians. They have Christmas. We are Jewish. We have Hanukkah.” In an attempt to substitute something for Christmas, the parent offers Hanukkah. In fact, Hanukkah is even better than Christmas. “Christmas is only one day. Hanukkah is for eight!” So now, incredible as it seems, the parental anxiety leads to the teaching that our party lasts longer, offers more presents, and is just as beautiful.

Of course, the problem is that it just isn’t true. Hanukkah cannot hold a candle to Christmas. As we have learned, it is a minor event in the Jewish holiday cycle and has never, until recently, been viewed as a central celebration for the Jewish people. Therefore, the customs and ceremonies surrounding Hanukkah pale by comparison to those of Christmas—which is one of the two major holidays of Christianity.

In fact, it seems clear that among Jews who stand on the periphery of Jewish life, the attempt to combat Christmas with Hanukkah is doomed to failure. Even the sometimes outrageous attempts by mass marketers to inflate the importance of Hanukkah as the “Jewish alternative” to Christmas feel wrong in some fundamental way. “Hanukkah Harry” and “Hanukkah bushes” and even “Smiley Shalom,” a Jewish version of “Frosty the Snowman,” cannot hope to compete with the magnificence of the Christmas celebration.

The answer to the child is incomplete. “We’re Jewish—we have Hanukkah” is only the beginning of the response. “We’re Jewish, and we have Hanukkah, Sukkot, Passover, Shavuot, Purim, Simchat Torah, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Lag B’Omer, Yom Ha’atzma’ut, Tu B’Shvat—and, most importantly, Shabbat every week.” The child who has experienced the building of a sukkah will not feel deprived of trimming a tree. The child who has participated in a meaningful Passover Seder will not feel deprived of Christmas dinner. The child who has paraded with the Torah on Simchat Torah, planted trees at Tu B’Shvat, brought first fruits at Shavuot, given mishloah manot at Purim, and welcomed the Shabbat weekly with candles and wine and challah by the time s/he is three years old will understand that to be Jewish is to be enriched by a calendar brimming with joyous celebration.

Then, of course, there are parents who believe that the December lesson, that Jews are different than almost everybody else, is an inescapable part of being Jewish, unless you live in Israel. There is a great value in being unique, different, valuable in your own right. In fact, for them, the celebration of Hanukkah in proximity to Christmas is a boon. They want their children to identify with the Maccabees’ struggle for religious liberty and for the right not to assimilate into the majority culture. Is this not the very same struggle that we Jews living in a predominantly Christian society must also wage?

At the same time, most Jews are comfortable in North American society. The great promise of religious freedom has indeed created the diversity of culture that characterizes the free world. When we live side by side with other people of other religions, we must respect and appreciate their customs, arts, and traditions.

What does appreciation mean? It means that there is nothing wrong with enjoying the beauty of someone else’s celebration. Is there any doubt that the music of Christmas is lovely and quite moving? Any number of rabbis and educators will admit that they are “closet carolers.” How can one grow up in this culture and not learn the words to “White Christmas”? Can we deny the beauty of the Christmas tree, its ornaments and decorations? Not really. Shall we be embarrassed at finding ourselves moved to tears by the Christmas scene in It’s a Wonderful Life? If we are strong in our Jewish commitments, there is little danger that appreciating the warmth and beauty of another’s holiday will threaten our fundamental identity. The Maccabees and generation of Jews fought so hard for their identity and so should we.

Dr. Ron Wolfson is the Fingerhut Professor of Education at American Jewish University and the president of Synagogue 3000.
When I was a child, I remember going to shul and listening to the kids’ choir during the mussaf service. My cantor would daven with his emotive cantorial voice, and then the kids would sing a few melodies like “l’dor vador” and “Yism’chu”. The choir would sing in unison, and there were always soloists. I would return home singing their melodies, wishing I had been part of their “performance.” But I was far too shy to ask if I could join.

The cantor also performed duets with the best singers. I remember each duet, note for note. My favorite one, “v’hu yashmieninu,” actually came from Boro Park, Brooklyn, where my cantor grew up. I would return home each week from shul, lock myself in my room, and sing both parts of the duet, pretending to be both cantor and child soloist. Today, as a cantor myself, I continue the tradition of singing that duet as well as other more contemporary melodies with child soloists and kids’ choir. In fact, one of my greatest goals as a cantor is to pass forward the inspiration and joy that I found as a child through synagogue music.

My cantorial school thesis explored this exact topic. In my thesis, I maintained that through “performance” in synagogue, children develop a positive connection to shul, and internalize the music and liturgy of our people. Moreover, they experience the “traditional service” in a thoroughly enjoyable way. They are not bored because they are actively engaged in the service in an artistic way. From their perspectives, they are not “learning,” they are singing and having fun.

While I knew this to be true from my own childhood experience, I decided to test the theory at the Park Avenue Synagogue in New York City, where I last served as cantor. At Park Avenue, our choir, called “Tavim” (musical notes), went far beyond any of my expectations. The kids who were drawn to it were not only talented, they also loved to perform. Each time they sang, their bond to one another grew deeper; they were a family of like-minded, artistic children. What was most exciting to me as an educator was how much they learned! They became fluent in the prayers (through music, of course) and they learned the choreography of davening because they led the congregation with me. Another pleasant surprise was the congregation’s response to them. The kids brought so much beauty and authentic spirituality to our services. They brought happiness not only to the shul-goers, but to the entire community as they sang, not only on Shabbat and holidays, but at synagogue events and even at a local nursing home.

On January 11, we will begin rehearsals of our very own children’s choir, “Cantor’s Kids”. The choir will be open to all children, grades 2-6. We will meet every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30. The only thing your kids need to bring is their love of music!

Please let me know if you have any questions!

L’Shalom,
Cantor Elana

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781.599.8005, Ext. 12
Shabbat Olam

The community is invited to

Kabbalat Shabbat
featuring International Jewish Music
(no charge to attend service only)

followed by a

Moroccan Shabbat Dinner
Dinner - $18.00 a person

at Shirat Hayam
Friday, December 9
Service begins at 6:00 pm

RSVP* for dinner by December 5 to: CSH@ShiratHayam.org
or 781.599.8005, or mail your check for $18/person to CSH,
55 Atlantic Avenue, Swampscott 01907
You may also make your reservations online by clicking on the calendar link.
*Sorry, we are unable to accept walk-ins and payment at the door.

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Shabbat Around the World
Robert A. Krentzman, Chief Executive Officer

We here at CSH hope that you and your family had a wonderful and festive Thanksgiving. We hope you have had many simchas throughout your lifetime to be thankful for and to remember. We also hope that many of those simchas were experienced in one way or another with your CSH family and friends.

I personally am very thankful to have become part of your CSH family. In the short time that I have been here I have been introduced to many people who, I know, will become a part of my life, personally, spirituality and professionally. I have been exposed to so many diverse programs and events in the 3 months since I started here and there are so many more to come. CSH is a “busy” and “bustling” place to be!! The activity and energy here is staggering. To keep up with you people, our staff needs to be on their toes 24/7!!

I was flattered to be invited to speak at a CSH Brotherhood breakfast where I was introduced to Burt’s famous hash brown potatoes!! Boy were they good!!

The topic for the discussion was my vision at CSH. After telling the group that I had 20/20 vision with glasses, I realized that this was not what they were looking for. So we then talked about things like:

• making CSH the pinnacle of Jewish spirituality, education and social activity on the North Shore...
• building the CSH brand and image... wait until you see our January 2012 Bulletin, TW@CSH, and our Website...
• making CSH a place where parents, grandparents and children WANT to be, not HAVE to be...
• placing pictures and articles about ALL events at CSH to be seen not only by our own Congregation but also by our surrounding communities... not just to see what the program was, but to see what they missed so they will not miss it next time...
• using our Social Hall, not only for Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and Weddings, but for music programs, lecture series, educational studies and community programming, etc...
• advancing our Web-casting capabilities so that members who are with their families out of town but still want to be with their CSH families, or those in nursing homes and people who cannot get to shul but want to pray, from all over the country, can share in our amazing Shabbat Synaplex and Holiday experiences...
• expanding our state of the art Electronic Memorial Board to include a Life Video Archive of our loved ones to perpetuate their memory AND their personality.

And these are but a few of the remarkable things we can and will bring to CSH. BUT... you knew there was a BUT... we need your help. We are reaching out to all CSH members to help on committees and with programs, thus offering new blood, ideas and perspectives, insuring that our already active members stay involved longer and not burn out faster! This is critical to the sustenance of our ability to offer and run the quality programming and events we have come to take for granted.

We are looking for your help with our web-site maintenance, putting together our monthly Bulletin, working with our audio/video and web-casting systems, helping us develop our marketing strategies and materials, etc. If your expertise, hobby or passion is in any of the above, please reach out to us and we will get you involved.

By the way, we intend to hold periodic “Let’s talk” meetings, open to all to come and share your thoughts on how we are doing here at CSH... the good AND the bad... what we aren’t doing that you wish we would and what we need to do better. But please understand, come with your ideas and your thoughts, but also come prepared to invest your energy... we promise it will be worth it!!

From the Krentzmanns (Lily, Brian, our dog Grace and me) to our CSH family, we wish you a happy holiday season and only the very best of what 2012 has to offer.

Bob
This month we thought we’d give you a peek behind the scenes at CSH. When you look behind the curtain, you will see lots of hardworking lay volunteers and staff people generating and implementing new initiatives to complement our existing offerings. In addition to monthly meetings of the board of directors and the executive committee, numerous committees meet on a regular basis to oversee our budget, building, spirituality, membership, education and other programs and initiatives.

The Rabbi has taught us that we are not bound to do something a certain way just because that is the way it has always been done. We as co-chairs of the board, our fabulous executive committee members, and the members of their committees are constantly brainstorming for the next great idea.

The examples are too numerous to mention; here are but a few.

- Our membership committee, under the leadership of Joe Selby, is planning to adopt customer-oriented strategies from the business world to recruit, welcome and retain new members, and to debrief departing members so we can learn what we can do better.

- In addition to managing the upkeep of our physical plant (the air conditioning system is undergoing a major modernization, for example), our building committee, under the leadership of Tom Levenberg, is examining changes to our building, big and small, so that our space will best serve the expanding needs of the congregation, and so that we can fulfill our vision of becoming a premier function facility on the North Shore.

- Our spirituality committee, led by Susan Goldberg, is working with Cantor Rozenfeld to incorporate new music into our services, and to offer our children additional opportunities for music education. Great things have already been accomplished in a short time; weren’t High Holy Day services lovely?

- Our technology committee, led by superstar lay leader Chris Hockert, is working on a re-launch of a new and improved CSH website, as well as improvements to the sound system in our sanctuary and social hall.

- Our CEO Bob Krentzman is hard at work negotiating a contract to lease space to a cell tower company to generate new revenues to support our programming.

- Howie Abrams, chair of the education committee, is exploring the launch of a premier speaker series.

We hope you enjoyed this peek behind the curtains. This glimpse gives you a sense of the new ideas we are developing. Please let us know what you think!

Melissa and Andy
December is a wonderfully busy month in the Preschool! The children are starting to learn about Hanukkah, and will be creating menorahs and decorations to take home. And, if you listen carefully from wherever you are, you might just hear the children’s voices singing Hanukkah songs during our Shabbat celebrations each Friday, with Rabbi B, Cantors Elana and Emil, and Marcy Yellin. Sometimes our friends from the JRC/Aviv Center come to enjoy Shabbat challah and juice with us and join in all the Shabbat songs.

We invite you to come hear the children in person and join us on a Friday – it is a special way to end each week - from 11:00-11:30 a.m., right in the Chapel.

We also invite you and your family and friends to help support our Preschool while doing some of your holiday shopping. There will be a variety of giftware for sale by the talented parents of our Preschoolers. This event will take place on Thursday, December 8th, and Friday, December 9th, 8:30 a.m. - noon, right in our Preschool hallway. How convenient!

Please know that registration for our Preschool and PlayCare programs will begin next month, January 2012. Registration will be open to Shirat Hayam members and currently enrolled children. Then, in February, registration opens to the community. We have several programs to choose from, starting at 7:30 am and continuing until 6:00 pm daily.

We are very fortunate at our Preschool to have many families who celebrate diverse holidays and, on behalf of my Preschool staff, we wish everyone a wonderful holiday season!

Leslie
Shalom Chaverim:

I was recently traveling as part of my serving on the board of the National Association of Temple Educators. While I am still struggling with my ankle and on crutches, I was concerned and not exactly sure how I was going to navigate my way through the airport.

I figured out the parking - using park, ride and fly which was pretty crutch-friendly, and got to the front door of the Jet Blue terminal. At that point I was on my own. But was I? As the sliding doors opened, and I took my first crutch step into the terminal, a man stood up from a bench and came over to me asking how he could help. As it turns out, there are people at every entrance of every terminal who are tasked with watching for anyone who needs help and then offering it.

I’m not a world traveler - in fact, I usually only travel by air once a year - twice at most. Yet in all my traveling through airports, I never ever noticed these workers, male and female, kind, polite, and incredibly helpful.

On the way out through Logan, my helper actually helped me through security - assisting with my bags, shoe (only one at the moment) removal, and then walking me through the metal detector. He went through while the TSA had to make sure that my cast was actually just a cast and was not hiding any socks of mass destruction.

So, my new friend helped me reassemble myself on the other side of security, and then pushed me through the entire airport. He dropped me off at the gate under the excellent care of the flight attendants who made sure that there would be a similar helper awaiting me at the other end of my trip.

All in all, four different helpers, some male, some female, all significantly smaller than me enabled me to travel with a minimum of fuss. Of course, I did my best to show my appreciation - with tips and genuine thanks. Each of them was more polite and helpful than the previous.

All of this reminded me to pay closer attention to the world around me. Make a point of noticing those around you who might, and often do, blend in so well as to be nigh invisible. And in paying attention, thank them for their help. When (and if) you ever need it, they will be there.

L’shalom,
Jed
Marla Gay, Director of Congregational Life

It still never ceases to amaze me. Veterans’ Day weekend. No CJE. No occasion. Just plain ol’ Shabbat. Two hundred people came together to celebrate Shabbat and enjoy Shabbat Cafe.

Rumor has it that Conservative Synagogues are failing around the country. What are we doing right?... Just about everything. What are the failing synagogues doing wrong?... Just about everything. Our willingness to try new things and not be afraid of failing on occasion is what I consider one of our greatest strengths. We are constantly reinventing and creating new goals for ourselves.

That being said, the single most important thing that makes it work for Shirat Hayam is YOU. CSH congregants are just the best. So many of you have become “regulars” on Shabbat or at different programs run throughout the week. We have a dozen women who show up twice a week to play mahjong. Book club draws a crowd of about 30 each month. Rosh Hodesh with Cantor Elana is growing each month. Our Spirited Sisters remain as spirited as ever. Were you there for Izzy Abrams’ classes on Jewish humor? There was a roomful of people who left here laughing each week! Were you one of the 300+ people who came here for the Fifth Annual “Make a Joyful Noise” event? How about Simchat Shabbat, Musical Shabbat, Renewal, Yoga Minyan, Nosh & Drash, Healing Havurah, and all of our Shabbat programming! Have you attended a CSH second night seder? If not, you’ll have another opportunity this coming Passover. Movies & Midrash - 50+ people each time the rabbi teaches! How about Simchat Torah... a DJ? Yes, and the kids loved it. Preschool, CJE, Magic Moments, Farm Day... my head is spinning just trying to remember all we’ve done this year. And I just realized that I forgot a big one... our Israel trip! Almost 40 people who barely knew each other came together and created a new family of friends and indelible memories. Remarkable!!

So, if you haven’t attended any of the above lately, here’s my question to you... What are you waiting for? Are we missing something? Is there something you would like to see happening at CSH that just isn’t? I can tell you it’s not from lack of trying. Call me, email me - let me know what we can do to make your Shirat Hayam experience more meaningful.

My challenge to you for the coming year is - stop by once in a while (besides Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur). We’d love to see you.

A great opportunity to stop by will be Shabbat Olam on December 9! Wonderful music from around the world, good food and a great community... what more could you ask for?

I look forward to seeing you soon.
L’hitraot,
Marla

Save the Date
January 28
Yoga Havdallah...
Events Calendar
December 3rd – LaserQuest lock-in
January 6th – 9th – RAC L’Taken trip, Washington, DC
January 22nd – Ski & Snowboard trip to Loon Mountain
February 5th – Snow Tubing
February 19th – 24th – Habitat For Humanity, North Carolina
March 3rd – Improv Asylum
April – Date and Event to be confirmed
April 22nd – J-Serve
May 20th – J am Space Beach J am

Lounge Dates
December - 1, 8, 15, 22 @ TEE
January - 5, 12, 19, 26 @ CSH
February - 2, 9, 16 @ TEE
March - 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 @ CSH
April - 5, 12, 26 @ TEE
May - 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 @ CSH

Junior Lounge
December 6 - @ TEE
January 10 @ CSH
February 7 @ TEE
March 6 @ CSH
April 3 @ TEE
May 1 @ CSH

HEBREW ON THE NORTH SHORE FOR BEGINNERS
This is a conversational Hebrew class offered by Hebrew College at Shirat Hayam. Registration and all fees must be arranged directly through Hebrew College. Contact information listed below:

In the beginner course, students will learn the structure of Hebrew language, including basic grammar and vocabulary. The Ulpan class uses the model of Modern Hebrew, while also making use of examples of classical Hebrew used in Biblical, rabbinic, and medieval texts. This introductory class will focus on four skills of learning a language: speaking, writing, reading (with no vowels) and comprehension. By the end of this course students will have acquired the skills of basic conversation, read without vowels build a vocabulary of at least 300 words.

February 13 – May 9, 2012
Mondays and Wednesdays,
9:30-11:20 am OR 6:30-8:20 pm
at Congregation Shirat Hayam

More Information and Registration:
Tzilla Barone
617-559-8812 or Email: tbarone@hebrewcollege.edu
Family Life Bowling

Please join the Family Life Committee on Sunday, December 4, 1:30 - 3:00 pm at Metro Bowl, 63 Foster Street, Peabody

$5.00 a child (not to exceed $15.00 each family) which includes:

😊 Bumper bowling for kids under 8
😊 Regular bowling for kids 8 - 12
😊 Shoe Rental
😊 Hot Chocolate and Munchkins
😊 Coffee for the adults

and...

as much bowling as you can fit in by 3pm!

rsvp to: FamilyLife@ShiratHayam.org
for more info: sheri@hounddogco.com

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Family Life Committee
Chair: Mikaela Levine

Welcome to Shirat Hayam Family Life!

Family Life activities are a wonderful way to meet other families with young children. We hope you will take advantage of some (or all!) of the great programs we are planning. If you would like to get involved or have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me!

Hope to see you soon ~

CSH Family Life Chair: Mikaela Levine - familylife@shirathayam.org

Todah rabah!

Thank you to Sheri Schapiro for chairing the Family Life Bowling event!

Family Life Programs!
Save these dates...

2011
December 4, Sunday
Bowling

2012
January 6, Friday
Simchat Shabbat*

January 21, Saturday
Movies and Mexican

February 5, Sunday
Baking with Bubbe (Kids under 8)

February 5, Sunday
Tu B’Shevat planting (Kids 8-12)

March 4, Sunday
Community Purim Carnival

March 16, Friday
Simchat Shabbat*

March 25, Sunday
Roller Skating (Kids 8-12)

April 27, Friday
Simchat Shabbat Kibbutz Experience*

May 20, Sunday
Luau w/ Bonfire

*All of our Simchat Shabbat programs will have a tikkun olam element. Please stay tuned for details!
Boker Tov Breakfast is available from 8:30 am with coffee and nosh

**Babysitting**

**Ages up to 3**
**Downstairs Playroom**
An adult must remain in the building.

**8:30 - 11:45 am, Babysitting - weekly**
Babysitting will be provided so parents may attend services.

**Limud Shabbat - Kids’ CJE Experience**

Center for Jewish Education
*Ages 4 and up*
**9:00 am - noon, weekly**
**Tzofim for CHA students, 10:00 am**
For a full schedule of Limud Shabbat activities, please contact Jed Filler, CJE Director, at: cje@shirathayam.org

**Traditional and Alternative Service Schedule**

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**FOR EVERYONE - MAIN SANCTUARY**
**11:45 am to noon**

**Ruach Rally**
Concluding Prayers and Kiddush/Motzi

**Community Shabbat Café at Noon**
Attire is casual.
Nosh & Drash
Pick up your “Nosh” in the CSH Atrium and enjoy a Torah study session on the stage at 10:00 am with the following guest scholars for December:
3 - Rabbi Howard Kosovske; 10 - Dr. Harvey Zarren; 17 - TBD; 24 - Rabbi Ken Weiss; 31 - No N&D

Early Mystic Minyan 8:30 am
As it says in the Mishnah, the early mystics would gather together and sit for an hour before even attempting to formally engage in prayer. So too at CSH we offer the Early Mystic Minyan as an option for practitioners of meditation to come and sit as we begin to open up the space of our Chapel on Shabbat and of our hearts in the early quiet hours before the crowds arrive. There will be minimal, if any, instruction for the first fifteen minutes. It is a time to gather one’s self and one’s thoughts together through individual prayer without words.

Renewal Minyan - 8:45 - 9:50 am
The Renewal Minyan is an attempted synthesis of keva - the traditional structure of tefillah (Jewish prayers) with kavanah – spiritual depth within the prayer itself. During the Renewal Minyan we are committed to traversing the Shabbat morning tefillot structure (Birkot HaShachar, P’seukei D’Zimrah, Shachrit), but not necessarily davening (praying) each and every prayer along the way. Our aim, again, is to strike a balance between breadth and depth, and within a one hour period that is a fine balance, to be sure.

Torah Yoga 10:00 am
A full-body Shabbat experience. Torah yoga incorporates yoga practice with a Shabbat theme.

Nosh and Drash - 10:00 am
Grab a cup of coffee and nosh at the Boker Tov Café, and join the guest rabbi or scholar for a Torah-based Shabbat learning experience.

Tzofim - on Limud Shabbat days - for CHA students: Designed as an Israel-based learning and experiential program, Tzofim will meet on Shabbat from 10:00 - 12:00. Students will participate in a variety of activities and subject areas, including Ulpan (spoken Hebrew), Israeli culture, Tefillah (prayer), and modern Israeli music and art.

SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING FOR DECEMBER

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CSH DECEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Daily Minyan**
Monday - Friday mornings: 7:30 am
Monday - Thursday evenings: 7:00 pm
Sundays: 9:00 am and 6:00 pm

**Shabbat**
Friday evenings: 6:00 pm
Saturday mornings begin at 8:30 am (see Synaplex schedule)
Saturday evenings: 6:00 pm
Saturday, December 31, 4:00 evening minyan
CSH Minyannaires

Please consider helping to make a minyan - once a week, once a month - whenever you can. Those needing a minyan to say kaddish would greatly appreciate it.

Thanks to these members of Shirat Hayam who helped support our daily services in November:

*denotes service leaders

Attend a daily service and add your name to this special list.

The Congregation Shirat Hayam Kiddush Fund helps support our Shabbat Kiddush luncheons, and is a meaningful and thoughtful way to celebrate a simcha or honor, remember a loved one, or commemorate a yahrzeit. For information about sponsoring or co-sponsoring a Kiddush, please contact Barri Stein at: barri@shirathayam.org or 781.599.8005, Ext. 11.

Todah Rabah

Thank you to the following people who participated in the November Shabbat services:

Torah Readers: Murray Goodman, Diane Levin, Eli Biletch

Haftarah Readers: Ellen Gordon, Howard Abrams, Alan Sidman, Bob Biletch

If you would like to read Torah or chant a Haftarah, please let Cantor Emil know!
CSH Family Announcements

Joan and Murry Rich’s granddaughter, Emily Rich, became a bat mitzvah in Florida

Marilyn and Sonny Stoll celebrated special birthdays

Norma and Sherman Freedman’s granddaughter, Vanessa, became a bat mitzvah

Larry and Lori Groipen’s daughter, Jennifer, married Nick Jasilli

Arnie and Rand Bergman’s daughter, Devra, is engaged to Brad Posner

Rabbi Neal Loevenger and his wife Jenn have a new baby boy

If you have a special occasion or news that you would like to share, please call or email to let us know!
If you know of someone who is ill or in the hospital, please notify the office so we may arrange a call, visit or perhaps a meal.
781.599.8005 or CSH@ShiratHayam.org
Spirited Sisters: Circle at the Sea

Come celebrate the joy of Judaism, and the soul connection and support of our sister seekers. Together we will share in spiritual conversation and exploration. We will sing, dance, study, observe, play and share from the heart as we touch into mystical, magical, meaningful women’s experiences and deep gifts of our foremothers.

The circle meets monthly and will be led by those of us who wish to share our gifts, talents and interests in this co-created gathering. You are invited to attend one or all. All women are welcome and no Hebrew is necessary.

On the following Sunday evenings, once a month - 7:00 to 9:00 pm at CSH:
2011: December 18
2012: January 15; February 12; March 18; April 15; May 20; June 17

For more information, please contact Mimi at: healthenergy@verizon.net or 781-631-0318.

Visit our website!! www.spiritedsisters.org

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ALL NEW!

Isha L’Isha Women’s Rosh Hodesh Group

Join Cantor Elana Rozenfeld as we explore Abraham Joshua Heschel’s “The Sabbath.”* We will discuss enriching the home Shabbat experience by connecting your own personal spirituality to Judaism.

This program is open to all women who share the desire to enrich their spiritual lives through study from a woman’s point of view. For more information, please contact Barbara Sidman at: barbarasidman@comcast.net.

No prior Hebrew or Judaic knowledge required. All women are welcome. Attend one, some or all!

On the following Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm at Shirat Hayam

2011: December 27
2012: January 31; February 21; March 27; April 17; May 22; June 19

*A limited number of copies of this book are available at CSH for $10.50.
American Red Cross Holds Blood Drive at Congregation Shirat Hayam

The American Red Cross and Congregation Shirat Hayam are holding a blood drive to support the community blood supply for patients in need. Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood, and every pint donated could save up to three lives.

The Red Cross is urging the public to make an appointment to donate blood at CSH on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 from 2:00-7:00 pm by calling 1-800-RedCross (1-800-733-2767) or visit www.redcross-blood.org.

The American Red Cross Blood Services Northeast Division must distribute approximately 3,000 units of blood each day just to meet the basic needs of area patients.

Individuals at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission) who weigh 110 pounds or more and are in general good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card and other form of positive ID when you come to donate.
Condolences to
Edith and Ben Spector on the loss of Edith’s sister, Marcia Wolinski
Alan and Barbara Sidman on the loss of Alan’s aunt, Louise Moll. She was the great-aunt of Ila Sabino and J a son Sidman.

Refuah Sh’lemah - Get well to
Herb Goldberg, Boris Richman, Richard Salinsky, Jeffrey Blonder, Bernie Siskind, Faylyn Levine, Sue Weiss, Lili Berkovits

Donations

RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
In honor of Herb & Ellie Schultz’s new home
   by Rose Schultz Weisthal and daughter, Laurie
In honor of Rabbi B for all his help with our recent wedding
   by Joe Simons and Lynette Stiles
Thank you to Rabbi HaLevi for his kindness
   by Cynthia and Lenny Poster
In honor of Rabbi B and Ariela HaLevi’s new home
   by Eunice Brody; Diana and Ed Caplan
In honor of our cousin, Richard Salinsky, receiving SIGMA’s 2011 Distinguished Marketer Award
   by Don and Barbara Weiner
For a full and speedy recovery for Richard Salinsky
   by Bernie and Sri Gelber
In honor of Richard Salinsky
   by Susan Wels and Irwin Rome
Thank you to Rabbi B for his caring and kindness to Boris Richman
   by Beverly Richman

In memory of:
Mother, Marsha Levy
   by Susan Kauder

CANTOR ELANA’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
In honor of Cantor Elana’s new home
   by Diana and Ed Caplan

CANTOR EMIL’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
In memory of Millie Alpert
In memory of Amy Sorkin’s mother, Bea Silverman
In memory of Lenny Lieberson’s brother, Nathan Lieberson

In honor of the weddings of Lori and Larry Groipen’s daughters, Julie and Jennifer
   by Phil and Elaine Sevinor
Thank you to Cantor Emil for the Aliyahs
   by Natalie White
In honor of Cantor Emil for his valued support in the creation of Joyful Noise 2011
   by David and Michele Tamaren
Get well wishes to Mark Ross
   by Madeline Stark and Family; Natalie White; Carl and Sandy Shalit
Wishes for a speedy recovery to Lili Berkovits
   by Carl and Sandy Shalit, Madeline Stark and Family; Natalie White

In memory of:
Sister, Zelda Rotman
   by Phil Sevinor
Sister, Rose Volch
   by Elaine Sevinor
Brother-in-law, Jack Rotman
   by Phil and Elaine Sevinor
Parents, Mortimer and Phyllis Cohen
   by Shari Pressman

CSH PRESCHOOL FUND
In memory of Joan Garfield’s brother, Charles B. Soucy
   by Beverly A. Kahn and Family
In appreciation of Congregation Shirat Hayam’s online services
   by Kimberly Williams

In memory of:
Brother-in-law, Lt. Bernard Lipsky
   by Bernard Siskind

CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION FUND
In appreciation of Michele Tamaren
   by Fran Freiman

GENERAL FUND
In honor of Wendy Roizen’s marriage to Conrad Wicks
   by Harriet Flashenberg; Ellen and Steve Frankel; Judith Murray and Joseph Kadich; Fran and Bob Rosenblatt
In honor of Joan Rich’s special birthday
   by Emily Andreano
In memory of Judith Lepow
   by Sam and Carol Denbo
In appreciation of the Mishebeirach being said for my cousin, Miriam
   by Gloria Sax
In memory of Meryl Wolff’s father, Martin Greenstein
by Karen Rosenberg

In memory of:
Father, David Kirstein
Husband, Daniel Turkanis
by Ruth Turkanis

SAMUEL BRODY MINYAN FUND
In memory of Pearle Goldberg
by Herb Goldberg
In memory of Reggie Weinstein’s mother, Sylvia Robinson
by Phyllis and Jack Karas
In memory of Carol Levin’s brother, Yale Strogoff
by Eli and Muriel Talkov
Thank you to Karen Needel and Ellen Alexander for their kindness
by Cynthia and Lenny Poster
A warm welcome to Cantor Elana Rozenfeld
by Eunice Brody
In memory of Marcia Wolinski
by Linda and Ralph Dunn
Get well wishes to Mark Ross
by Natalie White; Carl and Sandy Shalit

In memory of:
Mother, Sarah Spector
by Benjamin Spector
Father, Henry Kabatchnick
by Muriel Talkov
Mother, Annie Spector
Father, Oscar Spector
by Arnold Spector
Father, Samuel Forman
Mother, Beatrice Forman
by Frances Barbanel
Father, Josiah Razin
by Robert Kline
Brother, Jack Wintman
by Bernice Rothbard
Mother, Mildred Shanker
by Ruth Shanker
Mother, Dora Shaffer
by Shea Rood
Father-in-law, Nathan Strauss
by Elsie Strauss
Grandfather, Mark Meyer
by Mark Meyer
Mother, Mincy Noe
by Stacey Gordon
Beloved husband, Samuel Finkle
Mother-in-law, Anna Greenberg
Brother-in-law, Frank Finkle
by Mildred Finkle
Brother, Jacob Lipsky
by Sidney Lipsky
Father, Benjamin Sandler
by Beatrice Sandler
Husband, Kenneth Miller
by Lois Miller and Family
Brother, Julius Rozeff
by Eunice Brody
Father, Ansel Kraft
by Jane Haymon
Uncle, Alfred Elsberg
Grandmother, Martha Elsberg
Grandfather, Albert Elsberg
by Madeline Stark
Mother, Florence Kaplan
by Howard Kaplan
Mother, Florence Samuelson
Brother, Jack Samuelson
by Janice Cohen
Mother, Bertha Yanofsky
Father, Philip Yanofsky
by Barbara Levine
Grandfather, Jacob Greenbaum
by Dorothy Tatelman
Father, Louis Cohen
by Mark Cohen
Mother, Pauline Alexander
by Lawrence Alexander
Mother, Anna Price
by Gerri Gordon
Mother, Bertha Leidner
by Charles Leidner
Father, Irving Goldberg
by Howard Goldberg
Father, Jack Richmond
by Arlene Addis
Brother, Philip Goldman
by Gloria Sax
Father, Joseph Mendelsohn
by Mara Mendelsohn
Close friend, Pearl Pearlstein
by Robin Cooper
Mother, Ruth Goldstein
by Carolyn Perlow
Father, William Shapiro
by Carol Denbo
Aunt, Ida Poleschuck
by Jackie Rosenfield
Father, George Leventhal
by Herbert Leventhal
Father, Albert Katz
   by Carole Spatz
Sister, Louise Klein
   by Melvin Shapiro

KIDDUSH FUND
In memory of our parents, Allan and Fannie Fine
and Paul and Molly Germain
   by Charlotte and Donald Fine
In honor of Robert Monegro’s new home
   by Eunice Brody
In memory of Reggie Weinstein’s mother, Sylvia
Robinson
   by Ron and Shari Pressman
In memory of Edith Spector’s sister, Marcia
by Roz and Sid Marcus; Barbara Meyer and
Family
In memory of Carol Levin’s brother, Yale Strogoff
   by Phyllis and Jack Karas
In honor of CSH
   by David and Rose Rosenthal
In honor of Seymour Stoll celebrating his 90th
birthday
In honor of Marilyn Stoll celebrating her 85th
birthday
   by Lynne Schlassberg
In memory of Edith Alpert
   by Samuel and Carol Denbo
In honor of Norma and Sherman Freedman’s grand-
daughter, Vanessa, becoming a Bat Mitzvah
   by Ida Freedman

In memory of:
Mother, Bessie Tassel
   by Frances Babbitt
Mother, Zelma Felsman
   by Sheila Shuman
Mother, Muriel Rosenstein
   by Michael Greenberg
Father, Samuel Schlager
   by Sadie Appelstein
Sister, Gertrude Gam
Mother, Celia Gam
Brother, David Gam
   by Frances Gam
Uncle, Bennie Gartz
   by Doris Hirsch
Mother, Rebecca Bailen
   by Jacob Bailen
Father, Sam Kantor
   by Fran Walker
Mother, Betty Walker
   by Robert Walker

Mother, Rose Abrams
   by Howard Abrams
Mother, Sara Mack
   by Harold Mack
Mother, Rosamond Richmond
Aunt, Edythe Schur
   by Arlene Addis
Father, Abraham Kazis
   by Israella Abrams
Great-grandmother, Esther Calish
   by Karen Rosenberg
 Husband, Gerald Price
   by Sally Price
Father, Donald Foreman
   by Rand Foreman-Bergman
 Wife, Lois Rosen
   by Leslie Rosen
Mother, Betty Liss
   by Michele Tamaren
Mother, Selma Leibowitz
   by Lenny Leibowitz
Mother-in-law, Annie Tuttman
   by Grace Tuttman
Mother, Sara Goldman
   by Gloria Sax
Father, Benjamin Hander
   by Helyne Hamelburg
Father, Nathan Polonsky
   by Norma and Sherman Freedman
Father, Shloma Gankin
   by Bella Fridman
Father, Barry Schwartz
   by Heleene Fink
Brother, Morris Shaffer
   by Leonard Shaffer
Brother, Harold Kirstein
   by Ruth Turkanis
Mother-in-law, Chana Grossman
   by Anne Grossman
Father, Alfred Goldstein
   by Judy White

TORAH FUND
In memory of:
Sister, Judith Keisman
   by Frances Goldfield

HENRY MERKEN TALLIT MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of Elaine Merken’s dear and close friend
and companion, Stan Berenson
   by Roberta (Gilda ) Issokson
In memory of Burt Wolinski’s loving wife, Marcia
   by Elaine Merken
In memory of:
Father, Maurice Dinerman
by Elaine Merken

SMITH LANDSCAPE FUND
In memory of:
Father, Gerald Schlosser
by Jill Goodman
Father, Barnett Cohen
by Sheldon Cohen

IDA KALICK FLOWER FUND
In memory of:
Father, Jacob (Jack) Clebnik
by Eleanor Levingston

TREE PLANTED IN ISRAEL
In honor of our father, Robert, and Roberta Soltz
joining the CSH family
by Jeffrey and Beth Kasten
In memory of husband and father, Edward Steinberg
by Carl and Sandy Gold Shalit
In memory of Beatrice Silverman
by Florence and Harry Wigetman

TIKVAH FUND
In memory of Edith Spector's sister, Marcia Wolinski
by Sidney and Bea Strome

BURT SHEPARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND
In memory of:
Father, Harry Schwartz
by Sheila Rich
Father, Melvin Pressman
by Ron Pressman

HOWARD STEVEN FEFFER SCHOLARSHIP FUND
In memory of:
Father, Sidney Feffer
by Lawrence Feffer

HAROLD FRISCH PROZDOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND
In memory of Bea Hershberg’s daughter, Laurie Hershberg
In memory of Millie Katzen Alpert
by Susan Frisch Lehrer and Rhonda Frisch Cooper
In memory of:
Father, Sidney Frisch
by Howard Frisch

MILTON AND ESTELLE FEINSTEIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
In appreciation of Rabbi B’s leadership, guidance
and sermons through the New Year and saying Yizkor at the cemetery for my parents, Estelle and Milton Feinstein
In honor of Cantor Emil receiving emeritus status
and his continuing excellent voice
In honor of Cantor Elana’s first New Year with Shirat Hayam, her beautiful sweet voice and a warm welcome to her husband, Rafael
In memory of Edward Kaden, beloved uncle and great-uncle of Sandy Feinstein Yackolow and Barry and Susan Yackolow
by Sandy Feinstein Yackolow and Barry and Susan Yackolow

Did you know?
You can now make donations to CSH online at:
www.shirathayam.org /about/giving.php

MISHEBEIRACH LIST
When you place a name on the mishebeirach list at Shirat Hayam, it will remain on the list for 30 days. If you would like it to remain on the list for the next cycle, please call to renew the name.
Names are read every Shabbat during the Healing Havurah.
Please call to add the names of anyone in need of healing.
J F&CS Family Table of the North Shore

J F&CS Family Table, the largest kosher food pantry in New England, provides healthy food on a monthly and emergency basis to North Shore individuals and families in need. Its mission is to alleviate hunger in a way that meets nutritional and spiritual needs.

Monthly Food Donation List:
Canned Fruit, Crackers (whole wheat), Cereal (low sugar/multigrain), Kosher Soup, Peanut Butter, Tomato Sauce, Beans (canned or dried), Canned Vegetables, Rice (Brown), Tuna, Pasta (whole grain), 4-roll pack toilet paper, rolls of paper towels.

NO EXPIRED ITEMS PLEASE!!!!

If you would like to make a monetary donation toward the purchase of Shabbat, holiday and other foods, please contact Tamar Moskowitz at tmoskowitz@jfcsboston.org or 781-693-5593.

There is a drop-off box outside the closet in the CSH lobby.

Webcasting Worldwide at CSH!

Rabbi B would like to share the following email from a webcast viewer (reprinted with the writer's permission):

Hi Rabbi B,

Wishing you and your family Shana Tova. This is Ray who emailed you from Scotland to tell you how much I enjoyed the online services at Shirat Hayam. I have since returned to Israel after a 20 year absence and have returned to my family’s Kibbutz, Kfar Hanassi in Northern Israel. I still log into the services when I can. Kfar Hanassi is a renewed kibbutz, so opening the doors to outside residents has been great, more younger families are seeking Masorti services for their kids and where 20 years ago, walking around here with a kippah would have been unthinkable, unless of course it was for a Brit, Wedding or Funeral, I have been accepted warmly back into the community as a kippah wearing Masorti Jew. With the support of some North American kibbutz members and younger families, I am starting a Shabbat Service once a month at the beginning. The Liturgy will be Conservative and the atmosphere warm, welcoming, explanatory and relaxed.

I led the service for my friend’s Shabbat Chatan here on kibbutz and the feedback was amazing and interest grew for me to make this a permanent fixture. We have a new Torah, which from contributions from kibbutzniks was repaired after being saved from a shul in Prague and brought with many others to Britain ready for distribution to communities throughout the world. I can’t explain the feeling to you when reading this Torah, knowing its history and knowing that by its use we are keeping alive the memories of its previous Torah Leiners who perished during the Holocaust. Thank you for continuing to be an inspiration in my life and of course a big thanks to Cantor Berkovits and other cantors for making shul services mean something again to me. With hard work, determination and a strong belief in Ahavat Yisrael and Tikkun Olam, I can be part of building something very special here on Kibbutz.

Please G-d one day on your next visit to Israel and based on your time, you will be a guest here one Shabbat. We would be honored.

I will close for now, wishing you and Congregation Shirat Hayam well, over the fast.
Ray
Dear Shirat Hayam Member:

How many of you shop on Amazon.com? Are you doing it via the Shirat Hayam website? I have discovered that many of you are not aware you can do this. The synagogue gets a percentage of the sales when going through its website.

All you have to do is go to www.shirathayam.org. Scroll down the page. On the right side under the rabbi’s notes, under the Donate button, click on “other ways to support Shirat Hayam.” Scroll down the new page until you get to Amazon.com. Click the “Go” button and you will be on Amazon.

This is a great way to purchase Hanukkah gifts or anything you need. If you purchase over $25 worth of items, you usually get free shipping.

Happy shopping!
Harriet Diamond

The CSH Yard Crew was hard at work on a beautiful fall day!
The Council of Sages recently enjoyed two fabulous field trips. One to the Peabody Essex Museum - thanks to Joan Rich for coordinating! The other trip was to see the production of *Legally Blonde* at the North Shore Music Theater. Great fun was had by all!

Plans are underway for winter and spring. If you have any programming ideas, please let me know!

Marion

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**Movies and Midrash**

*with Rabbi B*

**on Wednesday, December 14**

**Film to be announced.**

Join us at 11:30 for lunch and movie!

RSVP if you’re joining us for lunch.

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**Council of Sages ~ Marion Garfinkel, Chair**

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Herman Cadiff
Lee Cadiff
Joseph Cadiff

by Norma, Jonathan and Andrew Finn

We apologize for the error.

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**Today I Am a Woman:**

*Stories of Bat Mitzvah Around the World*

Edited by Barbara Vinick (CSH member) and Shulamit Reinharz, Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, Brandeis University


Discounted copies of Barbara’s book are available at CSH.

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**High Holy Day Book**

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Chesed Committee
Karynn Needel and Beth Hoffman, Co-chairs

The Chesed Committee has been very busy providing meals, rides, visits and general emotional support to the congregation, as needed. The committee’s mission is to help congregants and their families in times of crisis. They are the first responders, there to do triage until other “sources” are notified and become available.

If you want to become a part of this GREAT committee, please let us know. There is a little something for everyone to do within the Chesed Committee!

Please contact us if you know of someone in need. We can only help those that we know about. Thank you!

Contact Karynn Needel at: kneedel@comcast.net or Beth Hoffman at: bkh59@hotmail.com.
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Join us for a special Hanukkah Shabbat Café and sing-a-long on Saturday, December 24!

First night of Hanukkah is Tuesday, December 20

Blessings for lighting the Hanukkah candles:

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, asher kid-shanu b’mitzvotav v’tzivanu l’hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, she-asah nissim la’avoteinu ba-yamim ha-hem u-va-z’man ha-zeh.

On the first night only: Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, she-heheyanu v’kiy’manu v’higiyanu laz’man ha-zeh.

A video how to light the candles:
http://www.myjewishlearning.com/holidays/Jewish_Holidays/Hanukkah/At_Home/Candlelighting/Video_How_to_Light.shtml
Please join the Brotherhood on “Erev Christmas” for

KOSHER CHINESE,
A MOVIE AND A FEW LAUGHS

featuring

“Young Frankenstein”
The saga of a young Jewish physician who rejects assimilation and returns to the family Necrology medical practice and...
The “Three Stooges” in their monster hit “The CSH Board Meeting” It’s a LAFF RIOT !!

Saturday, December 24, 7:00 pm at CSH
CSH Brotherhood Provides Kosher Chinese Food.
You provide some wine to share.
$18.00 a person - checks payable to: CSH Brotherhood
Please RSVP to: csh@shirthayam.org by December 22
Everyone is welcome at all Brotherhood Events
But (here is the fine print): no children please for this happening
Freshly baked challah from Cheryl Ann’s Bakery in Brookline will be delivered to CSH and will be available for pickup between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. every Friday.

All children feel special when they contribute this tasty treat to the Shabbat table. Even if you don’t have a formal Shabbat dinner, the addition of a challah will help make the evening feel special.

The first delivery of the winter/spring session will be Friday, February 3, 2012, and run through Friday, June 8, 2012. There will be no delivery on February and April vacation weeks and the two April Fridays of Passover. If you would like to order challah, please fill out the order form below and return it with a check made payable to CSH Preschool, 55 Atlantic Avenue, Swampscott, MA 01907.

The cost of the challah for the winter/spring season is

Large braided $95 ~ Small Square $75

If you are unable to pick up your challah, or if your child is absent, please arrange for pick-up of your challah, or it will be donated.

Orders must be received by Friday, January 20, 2012

If you have any question, contact Leslie Rooks Sack at 781.598.3311 or email: leslie@ShiratHayam.org

Challah order form for winter/spring 2012
Enclosed is my check for $ ________________

Name ______________________________________________________________
Phone ______________________________________________________________
Email ______________________________________________________________
Type and quantity:
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