B’nei Mitzvah in the Time of Covid-19

Despite Covid-19 and the unpredictability of surges, declines and shifting Massachusetts social gathering rules, eight Shirat Hayam families celebrated B’nei Mitzvah over the course of this past year. Five held services at CSH with fewer than 25 guests; two held services in their homes with clergy support online, and one family held the service in their home with Rabbi Michael present.

Nat Mahler had the distinction of being CSH’s first Covid-19 Bar Mitzvah. Scheduled for March 21, 2020, it was exactly eight days after everything in the state shut down, including CSH. The Mahler family decided to have the service in their living room. They borrowed a Torah and siddurim from CSH and Rabbi Michael officiated from their home. Nat’s paternal grandparents, aunt, uncle and cousins attended and everyone else connected via Zoom, “which was a novelty back in the day!” Sara joked. For Kiddush, Jay’s parents brought bagels.

They were saddened that Sara’s family couldn’t travel from out of state, that the service could not be in the synagogue and that the evening celebration had to be cancelled. “At first I felt disappointed, but I soon realized that I had to rise to the occasion and do my best,” Nat said. Fortunately, he was able to have all his Bar Mitzvah lessons in person. “Studying for my big event went well and I was more than prepared thanks to my awesome tutor, Jan Brodie."

For Sara and Jay, having an actual Torah in their house was very special, a flip side of Covid-19 restrictions. “Also, the service was very intimate, special and a unique experience that will stand out in everyone’s memory,” Sara said. “And, our cat Pepper was able to attend!”

At first, Jeremy Sorkin, whose spring Bar Mitzvah was postponed until October 11, 2020, was worried that he might have to learn a new parsha when his original date was moved. But when Rabbi Michael suggested he keep the original parsha as an important date of maintaining the significance of his Bar Mitzvah, he was greatly relieved. Although it was difficult to continue his lessons virtually, his tutor, Jan Brodie, and Aunt Nancy Sorkin, spent countless hours preparing him during the fall. “This gave me so much confidence for performing the service on my big day,” Jeremy said.

When Jeremy’s parents, Amy and Jeffrey Sorkin, moved the original May 23, 2020, date to Columbus Day weekend, they never imagined they would be having a virtual Bar Mitzvah, but as the date approached, it became evident they would. In October, there was a 25-person limit on indoor gatherings, and their immediate family could be accommodated with friends and family watching from afar.

Unfortunately, Amy’s father (George Silverman), Jeremy’s only living grandparent, passed away in April. “That made it sadder for us, but we were still able to honor his memory and the memories of his grandmother Beatrice Silverman, and his grandparents, Rosalyn and Richard Sorkin. We definitely felt their presence at the Bar Mitzvah."

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APRIL 2021 — 5781

Calendar
APRIL 1 – 30, 2021

Minyan and Shabbat services broadcast online. Visit www.shirathayam.org “Community or co-sponsored events.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1
Passover

FRIDAY, APRIL 2
Passover
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat (see p. 2)

SATURDAY, APRIL 3
Passover
9:00 am Shabbat Services (see p. 2)
10:00 am Yizkor Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 4
9:00 am 8th Day Passover Service from Temple Sinai*
10:00 am Yizkor Service from Temple Sinai* (link at shirathayam.org/daily-minyan-covid-19-response/)
7:30 pm Counting the Omer (2 of 7)

MONDAY, APRIL 5
JCC International Jewish Film Festival begins (April 4-26)*
(Register at JCCNS.org)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7
7:30 pm Tzedek LaKol Speaker Series
(1 of 3) “We Shall Not Be Silent” kicks off with Gov. Deval Patrick
(Register at shirathayam.org/tzedek-lakol-justice-for-all/) See p 5.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8
7:30 pm Rescued Evidence Pieces of the Past* (go to lappinfoundation.org)

FRIDAY, APRIL 9
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat (see p. 2)

SATURDAY, APRIL 10
9:00 am Shabbat Services (see p. 2)

SUNDAY, APRIL 11
7:30 pm Counting the Omer (3 of 7)

MONDAY, APRIL 12
7:30 pm Becky’s Book Club: The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes (go to shirathayam.org/book-club/)

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Feel the Difference
**Rabbi’s Corner**

**Counting the Omer**

The only liturgical difference between the first and second Seders is that we start the mitzvah of Sefirat ha-Omer, the daily counting of the Omer (literally “sheaf”). What is this practice and its significance and, perhaps more importantly, what relevance does this ancient ritual have today?

**What is the practice?**

Sefirat ha-Omer is the counting of the 49 days between our festival of freedom—Pesach—to God’s giving of the Torah on Shavuot. Each night we recite an additional prayer that includes the verse, “Today is the ___th day of the Omer.”

**What is its significance?**

No other Jewish holiday involves a daily ritual countdown. This fact alone spotlights the importance of Shavuot, and our receipt of the Torah. For it was through the revelation at Mt. Sinai, that is through the instructions about how to conduct our lives, that God “brought us unto the Divine presence” (Exodus 19:4). The Torah is how we come close to God; it is our roadmap for a life infused with holiness.

**How might it be relevant for me today?**

We must first understand the more familiar holiday of Pesach as both an end in itself—we celebrate and remember our liberation—and a means to another end—we recognize that the reason we were liberated was in order to receive the Torah. This teaches us a very important lesson: that the exodus from Egypt should not be considered only as “freedom from,” but also and more significantly as “freedom to.” Thus, the question becomes not how will we celebrate our freedom, but what will we do with our freedom.

Contemporary spiritual practices emphasize the inner character refinement that one seeks to achieve by counting the Omer. I want to suggest another practice. If we celebrate our own freedom at Passover, in the days leading up to receiving the Torah, let us take one step towards bringing greater freedom to others. Let us also seek to fulfill the key biblical lesson of our servitude in Egypt, “You shall not subvert the rights of the stranger or the orphan. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt” (Deuteronomy 24:17-18).

**Taking it home.**

The march from liberation to Torah is a reminder that in order to celebrate the gift of Torah on Shavuot with integrity, we must utilize the freedom we’ve been granted at Passover to fulfill the Torah. During these days of counting the Omer, I encourage you to do one action to advance the liberation of the oppressed. Join Tzedek LaKol’s speaker series (see page 5) or find one action to advance the liberation of the oppressed. If we celebrate our own freedom at Passover, in the days leading up to receiving the Torah, let us take one step towards bringing greater freedom to others. Let us also seek to fulfill the key biblical lesson of our servitude in Egypt, “You shall not subvert the rights of the stranger or the orphan. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt” (Deuteronomy 24:17-18).

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**High Holy Days Appeal**

For all Zoom links go to [www.shirathayam.org](http://www.shirathayam.org) and click blue Guide to Virtual Services at top of home page (or [shirathayam.org/guide-to-virtual-services/](http://shirathayam.org/guide-to-virtual-services/))
We needed Purim this year more than ever! At least I did. Purim, traditionally, is both serious and frivolous. The serious obligations of Purim include the retelling of the Megillat Esther story, sharing food gifts and giving charity to the needy. Our more frivolous traditions: dressing in wild costumes, poking fun at the sacred in Purim shpiels (comedy skits) and even drunkenness. These frivolous traditions, understandably, are quite controversial and have drawn the ire of many of our Rabbinic leaders—past and present.

So where do these frivolous traditions come from and why do they endure despite the strong opposition? The answer is in an idea expressed in two words in the Megillah—V’nahapach Hu—which loosely means, “their world was turned upside down” as described in the Purim story.

According to the Megillah, the Jews of Shushan (Persia) first suffered the overturning of their world when out of nowhere their successful and happy existence was suddenly threatened by genocide—an experience all too common in Jewish history and usually without Purim’s happy ending. Tragically, this is all too common in our personal lives as well. How quickly our successful and happy lives can be turned upside down—a medical diagnosis, a horrible accident, a pandemic, a loss of a job, family strife.

Our frivolous Purim traditions help us not to take life too seriously. Yes, we need to plan and prepare for our futures, and yes, we best accomplish this by taking life seriously—very, very seriously. But Purim reminds us that in order to keep our sanity, we need—desperately need—to cut loose and shout or drink or party or even mock—especially mock. That subversive spirit was captured by our 15 wonderful child actors and Morah Janis and Moreh Jason in this year’s Purim shpiel, “Good vs Evil.”

We need to remind ourselves that life is fragile, that everything can turn on a dime and all of our best laid and most serious plans can be for naught. Frivolity helps us to survive the worst.

But we still plan and take our futures seriously. We have to. Life is serious. But, our lives are also ephemeral. Everything can change in an instant. And so we have Purim. One day a year to remind us not to take our lives too seriously. It is an important secret of our survival.

B’shalom,
Cantor Alty

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**We Shall Not Be Silent: Conversations on Race**

Gov. Deval Patrick
Wed., April 7th 7:30 PM

Rav Tiferet Berenbaum
Sun., April 11th 4:00 PM

Rev. Dr. Andre Bennett
Tue., April 27th 7:30 PM

Virtual Speaker Series via Zoom featuring National, Jewish & Local Voices

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**Calendar**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 13**
7:30 pm Community Call-to-Action Against Antisemitism Book Read
Antisemitism Here and Now by Deborah Lipstadt (Register at shirathayam.org/adult-learning/)
Limited books still available.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14**
7:00 pm Jewish Rock Radio Yom Ha’atzmaut Community Celebration* (Register at JCCNS.org)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 16**
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat (see p. 2)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17**
9:00 am Shabbat Services (see p. 2)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18**
4:00 pm Tzedek LaKol Speaker Series (2 of 3) “We Shall Not Be Silent” with Rav Tiferet Berenbaum (Register at shirathayam.org/tzedek-lakol-justice-for-all/) See p. 5
7:30 pm Counting the Omer (4 of 7)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 23**
6:00 pm Holy Happy Hour Minyan (use reg. Friday night link)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24**
9:00 am Shabbat Services (see p. 2)
10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Caroline Oringer (link at shirathayam.org/shabbat-covid-19-response/)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25**
7:30 pm Counting the Omer (5 of 7)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 27**
7:30 pm Tzedek LaKol Speaker Series “We Shall Not Be Silent” concludes with Rev. Dr. Andre Bennett (Register at shirathayam.org/tzedek-lakol-justice-for-all/) See p. 5

**FRIDAY, APRIL 30**
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

**SATURDAY, MAY 1**
9:00 am Shabbat Services (see p. 2)
10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Alex Levine (Link at shirathayam.org/shabbat-covid-19-response/)

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Some Zoom programs you need to register for a personal link. This link is emailed to you and cannot be shared. For CSH programs, your link will be resent just prior to the event. Other programs, links for everyone are available just by clicking, on our website.
**CEE News**  An Exciting Purim Celebration!

Our CEE friends had an exciting Purim celebration! The children dressed in costume and each classroom had their own costume parade. We made noise makers and read Purim stories! Chag Purim, everyone!

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**Becky’s Book Club**

Join Becky’s Book Club facilitator and leader, Amy Cohn, for CSH monthly discussions. Named in memory of Becky Shepard z”l, who started the CSH congregational book club and passed away in 2014, the meetings take place on Zoom and are open to the community. The group will discuss *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes on April 12 and *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins on May 17. All meetings start at 7:30 pm. after minyan. Live Zoom link is available at shirathayam.org/book-club/.

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**CEE News**

Janis Knight, Director of CJE, shares this update:

Purim has passed and it was a lot of fun at CJE. The ultimate in masked holidays, of course, but at least our costumes were easier to create. Our students enjoyed a Purim Shpiel performed online for them by our own madrichim. Dr. Seussical Purim will go down in the books, along with the CSH Shpiel created by Cantor Alty and David Sparr.

Passover is coming and we intend to polish up on our 4 Questions, learn more about the parts of the Seder and explore concepts of freedom and servitude in our online classes. Depending on the weather, we hope to have an outdoor physically distanced event for CJE to mark the holiday. Students in the CJE received a special seder kit including their own laser cut puzzle seder plate, a matza cover to personalize and some more things to make the holiday special even as we celebrate the Exodus in unexpected ways.

Madrichim will get their own special seder event as a big thank you for the work they have put in while CJE students will celebrate together online on Saturday, March 20th.

Passover/Spring Break begins at the end of the month. As weather improves, we look forward to the possibility of outdoor CJE field trips and perhaps even tented classes again.

Kudos to our CJE teachers who continue to work hard and learn new skills every single week to make Jewish learning relevant and connective for our students. Kudos also to our madrichim who help and suggest and create and continue learning themselves.
Introducing Tzedek LaKol: Justice for All

Tzedek LaKol: Justice for All is a new CSH Affinity Group committed to exploring and addressing ongoing issues of racial and social justice facing our community and our country. Through programming, education, and engagement on racial justice issues through a Jewish perspective, Tzedek LaKol: Justice for All operates in service of tikkun olam, the Jewish concept of “repairing the world.” Organized by CSH members Barbara and Alan Sidman in October 2020, Tzedek LaKol has nearly two dozen members.

“Alan and I were becoming increasingly frustrated, angry, and dispirited about the racial injustice in our country,” Barbara shares. “The events such as the murder of George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, and Breonna Taylor pushed us to the point where we knew we needed to not just talk the talk but walk the walk and do our best to be a part of change in our community.” Jerry and Patricia Kreitzer, also CSH members, serve as co-chairs.

Tzedek LaKol’s first big initiative is the launch of a three-part speaker series, We Shall Not Be Silent: Conversations On Race. The series theme was inspired by the words of Rabbi Joachim Prinz, from his remarks at the March on Washington, August 28, 1963:

“I speak to you as an American Jew. As Americans we share the profound concern of millions of people about the shame and disgrace of inequality and injustice which make a mockery of the great American idea. As Jews we bring to this great demonstration, in which thousands of us proudly participate, a two-fold experience—one of the spirit and one of our history.

America must not become a nation of onlookers. America must not remain silent. Not merely black America, but all of America. It must speak up and act, from the President down to the humblest of us… not for the sake of the black community but for the sake of the image, the idea and the aspiration of America itself.”

We Shall Not Be Silent focuses and centers these necessary conversations by examining racism through national, Jewish, and local lenses, consisting of three virtual fireside chats moderated by a member of the CSH congregation, with an opportunity for a brief Q&A session with each speaker. Open to CSH members and the entire North Shore community, this free series will be presented via Zoom webinar. At the conclusion of the series, Tzedek LaKol will gather our CSH community virtually on Monday, May 3, to process and center together what we’ve learned with an engaging Community Conversation.

The We Shall Not Be Silent series invites all who attend and participate to do so with a willingness to learn and open hearts, to engage in impactful and productive discourse, and to learn practical tools, skills, and resources to further their own personal understanding of race and justice. Tzedek LaKol member Mimi Nelson Oliver hopes participants will “embody what they’ve learned from our series to help guide and shape their own personal approach to action and advocacy.”

We Shall Not Be Silent kicks off with Gov. Deval Patrick speaking about “Race in America,” on Wednesday, April 7, at 7:30 PM. Registration is free. To register, please visit shirathayam.org/tzedek-lakol-justice-for-all.

CSH Reenergizes Its Membership Program

Membership Committee Chair, Lori Kreevoy, and a wonderful group of congregational ambassadors are determined to keep CSH the warmest and most welcoming synagogue on the North Shore. The volunteer ambassadors will provide every new member with a personal contact at Shirat Hayam—first, a welcoming phone call, and—when we can be together in person again,—a more personal introduction to CSH. Lori is always in search of more people who are willing to lend a helping hand to build and strengthen our Jewish community. “It is my hope that the Membership Program creates an inviting and friendly environment, all the while expanding our congregation. Shirat Hayam is only as strong as its membership, so please get involved, and when the doors reopen, make a point to introduce yourself to someone you may not know yet or say hello to our new members,” she said.

Please reach out to Lori at Lori10201@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining the committee or serving as an ambassador.

Yom Ha’atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) Celebrations!

SAVE THE DATE for Jewish Rock Radio Yom Ha’atzmaut Celebration, April 14, 7:00 PM.

Celebrate Israel Independence Day with Jewish Rock Radio featuring Israeli superstars, David Broza, Josh Nelson, Chaya Mirel, Nefesh Mountain, Rabbi Josh Warshawsky, Rick Recht, Shimon Smith, Laurie Akers, Rabbi Lisa Silverstein, teens and college students from Israel, and special guest leaders including Dan Shapiro (Former US Ambassador to Israel), Rabbi Eric Fingerhut (President and CEO of JFNA), and more!

CSH is proud to be a community co-sponsor (along with Temple Emanu-El, EHS, JCCNS, Lappin Foundation, and Temple Sinai). Go to JCCNS.org for more information.

Men’s Club Will Award Scholarships

Alan Sidman, chair of the Men’s Club, reports that they are beginning to identify graduating high school seniors who are continuing onto a secondary education, for scholarship awards to be given out in June. The scholarships are awarded based on need, commitment to Judaism, and commitment to CSH. The scholarships are named after Howard Steven Feffer, a member of Temple Beth El who passed away at a young age, and also, Burt and Becky Shepard, tireless members and volunteers of Temple Israel and CSH. Contact Barri Stein (Barri@shirathayam.org) if you have a child graduating high school this spring.
B’nei Mitzvah

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They will be in our hearts and memories forever,” Jeff said.

Even with the technical challenges of shulcasting, Amy and Jeffrey were able to find a silver lining. “Our family was able to focus on what the true essence of a Bar Mitzvah celebration is—a very meaningful service conducted by Cantor Alty (Rabbi Michael was sick), a thought-provoking d’Var Torah by Jeremy and dancing the hora with our close family. It was truly a memorable experience for our family,” they said.

Two weeks later, on October 24, 2020, Hannah Schwartz also celebrated her Bat Mitzvah at CSH with a small family group and more than 100 others watching on Zoom. The weekend included a Shabbat dinner in an indoor/outdoor setting, a hybrid service Saturday morning, a drive-by parade after the service for local friends, a boxed Kiddush lunch outside, a Saturday night festive dinner and Sunday brunch—and lots of careful quarantining, testing and masking for those participating in person.

For her parents, Janna and George Schwartz, the biggest challenges were coping with the unknowns. “Even the clergy were even more daunting. For his parents, Cat and Tom Jefferies, the event was actually wonderful, with Tom’s family in England and their friends all over the world able to join them. “For many, this was the first Bar Mitzvah they had ever been to. We were really touched by how meaningful they found it and it felt wonderful to be able to share it with them,” Cat said. Although Cat admits they were nervous about the technology, J.R. Young, Rabbi Michael, Cantor Alty and Barri Stein all advised them. Family members from California to Canada to England and their friends all over the world able to Zoom in and read Torah, take Aliyahs and read prayers—and “it all went smoothly!” Cat said.

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Having the Torah in their home was very special and a highlight of the weekend and a true family event. They set it on a 19th century tablecloth that had travelled to the US with Cat’s grandmother, Jennifer Mazur. The family Kiddush was shared on Zoom, with Jake and his younger brother, Charlie, leading the prayers, followed by an outdoor pop-up and drive-by for well-wishers. “We had music playing and an amazing vibe going, so despite being outside and masked, it felt like a slice of normal,” Rachelle said.

They too borrowed Torahs from CSH, and “just having those scrolls in my home elevated us spiritually in a way that is hard to describe. But most of all, it was the indescribable pride we had in our son who had worked so hard and handled all the pivots and little disappointments with such grace,” she said.

Like his fellow Covid-19 B’nei Mitzvah celebtrants, Ned Jefferies was at first disappointed that his January 9, 2021, would be on Zoom instead of in the sanctuary, and then he was doubly disappointed that instead of Zoom (where he could have seen those watching), there were so many guests that they had to use Zoom Webinar. “It was cool seeing everyone’s messages in chat, though,” he said.

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Our deepest condolences to those who have passed away.

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**NON-MEMBERS:**

- **Toby Sloane**
- **Jayne Carey**
- **Herbert Goldberg**
- **Esther Talkov**
- **Beverly Shapiro**
- **Andrea Costello**
- **Doris Villa**

**BRODY MINYAN FUND**

In memory of Herb Lenthal having a scholarship awarded in his name
In honor of the birth of Ellen Reifler and Mark Messenger’s grandson, Dylan
In honor of the birth of Beth and Marc Andler’s grandson, Jaxxon from Doris Villa
In memory of Valentin Levin, father of Marina Giliver from Doris Villa

**In memory of**

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- **Mother, Sarah Brenner** from Beverly Shapiro
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**CENTER FOR EARLY EDUCATION FUND**

**GENERAL FUND**

In honor of the birth of Jacob Scott Moskowitz, grandson of Nancy and Andrew Leader-Cramer from Alice and Charles Leidner
In honor of the birth of Emma Madeline Perlow, granddaughter of Carolyn Perlow from Helaine and Jim Hazel
In memory of Harold Mack from Ellen and Robert Zirin
In memory of Robyn Goldstein, sister of Caryn Cohen from Cheryl and Arthur Schwartz
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**KIDDUSH FUND**

Get well wishes to Myra Gulko from Helaine and Harvey Cotton; Phyllis Sagan
In celebration of Ruth and Eric Kahn’s 60th Anniversary from Judy and Harold Kramer
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In honor of Rabbi Michael being selected as a fellowship recipient for LEAP and the Greater Boston Educational Leaders Cohort from Barbara Abramson; Ellen and Dick Alexander; Doris Villa

In honor of the birth of our granddaughter, Charlotte Ellie Needles, daughter of Mrs. Lisa Shuman and Dr. Mark Needles from Sandra and Arnold Shuman
In appreciation of Rabbi Michael officiating at my father’s funeral from Marina Giliver
In memory of Robyn Goldstein, sister of Caryn Cohen from Marjorie and Randy Patkin
In memory of Michael Turkanis from Ellen and Robert Zirin
In memory of Abe Babbitt from Stephen Simmons from Jim Sherman

**In memory of**

- **Mother, Ethel Carlyn**
- **Father, Robert Carlyn** from Cynthia Carlyn
- **Father, Leo Rotman** from Leonard Rotman
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- **Son and brother, Michael Turkanis** from The Turkanis Family

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**KIDDUSH FUND**

Get well wishes to Myra Gulko from Helaine and Harvey Cotton; Phyllis Sagan
In celebration of Ruth and Eric Kahn’s 60th Anniversary from Judy and Harold Kramer
In honor of the birth of Jaxxon Riley Ferguson, grandson of Beth and Marc Andler from Phyllis Sagan
In memory of Robyn Goldstein, sister of Caryn Cohen from Reggie and Lew Weinstein

**RITUAL FUND**

In memory of
- **Stephen Simmons** from Marla and Philip Gay

**LEV FUND**

In memory of
- **Mother, Ida Kagan** from Spencer Kagan

**MERKEN TALLIT FUND**

In memory of
- **Mother, Belle Rosenkrantz** from Alice Leidner

**RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

In honor of Rabbi Michael being selected as a fellowship recipient for LEAP and the Greater Boston Educational Leaders Cohort from Barbara Abramson; Ellen and Dick Alexander; Doris Villa

In honor of the birth of our granddaughter, Charlotte Ellie Needles, daughter of Mrs. Lisa Shuman and Dr. Mark Needles from Sandra and Arnold Shuman
In appreciation of Rabbi Michael officiating at my father’s funeral from Marina Giliver
In memory of Robyn Goldstein, sister of Caryn Cohen from Marjorie and Randy Patkin
In memory of Michael Turkanis from Ellen and Robert Zirin
In memory of Abe Babbitt from Stephen Simmons from Jim Sherman

**In memory of**

- **Mother, Ethel Carlyn**
- **Father, Robert Carlyn** from Cynthia Carlyn
- **Father, Leo Rotman** from Leonard Rotman
- **Nephew, Jonathan Ogan** from Robert Ogan
- **Son and brother, Michael Turkanis** from The Turkanis Family
CONGREGATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Meet Jenna and Joe Sheridan

Every issue, The New Wave spotlights a congregant as a way to help us get to know each other by putting a face with a name. This month, Jenna and Joe Sheridan share their thoughts on Shirat Hayam and its special, personal meaning for their family.

What role did Judaism play in your childhood?

Jenna: It provided a lot of opportunity for time with family. I grew up in a conservative Jewish household and went to Solomon Schechter Day School. On Shabbat, I would spend time with my grandparents who were holocaust survivors.

Joe: I would often attend Friday night services with my family and then go on Saturday mornings with my Zadie.

What brought you to CSH?

Both: After relocating from Newton, MA, we wanted to find a Jewish community for our family. We both always enjoy walking to services and luckily Swampscott is a small town and Shirat is nearby!

What keeps you at CSH?

Jenna: I became a Bat Mitzvah here a very long time ago and I am excited for our children to one day do the same.

Are you involved in any committees, activities? Could you describe?

Joe: I am a member of AIPAC and we both are excited this year to join the Swampscott Community Garden.

Jenna: I am on the Parent Advisory Committee at Shirat Hayam Preschool (CEE).

Could you tell us a little about your family? What do you do professionally?

Jenna: We have two daughters Kinley (3 years old) and Harper (1.5 years old) who attend (and love!) Shirat Hayam Preschool and a rescue dog Lyla (11 years old). I grew up in town and we are so fortunate to have extended family here. I am a Physician Assistant at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Joe is an attorney at Goulston and Storrs.

Anything else you would like to add?

Both: We can’t wait for in person services again when it’s safe to do so!