

Kayruv



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“Judaism for Today In a Warm and Caring Environment”

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FROM THE RABBI



Dear Friends,

We pride ourselves in being a warm and caring community. Many visitors are astounded not only by the number of people present at our Shabbat morning services, but also by how warmly they

are greeted, and for those who come more than once, how fast they become part of our community.

Welcoming is an art, an art that rests on the important Jewish idea that every human being is created in the image of God. And if we actually focus on that idea every time we greet someone, when we see each other as carrying God's presence, greeting can become a spiritual act – we actually see the presence of the other.

No wonder the Talmud has a dispute regarding just how great the art of welcoming strangers is:

Rav Dimi of Nehardea said *hachnasat orchim* - the welcoming of guests - takes precedence over the *beit midrash* - the house of study. Rav Judah said in Rav's name: *Hachnasat orchim* - the welcoming of guests - takes precedence over welcoming the *shechina*, the divine presence of God.

Only then is relationship actually possible: without the crucial movement of welcoming the other, there is no possibility of relationship.

But welcoming should not stop just at the gates, at the service. We must take this one step further, and continue to be welcoming of each other. Different people have different views on how things should be or ought to be, and living in community means welcoming and taking others' points-of-view into consideration. Sure, this takes a lot more strength and internal work than living

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Kayruv means “Welcoming.”



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and doing things alone, but it is a much richer process – one that ultimately can cause us to become better people.

If we are to create a real sense of community, we must all continually work on improving our ability to welcome others: it is not enough to have greeters at the front doors. We need to be welcoming of all of us: the core participants, the ones that are happy to be at the fringes, and the visitors.

As *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur* and *Sukkot* lie just around the corner, let us tap into God's presence within ourselves, and connect to God's presence in those we relate to. Let us greet and welcome.

Warmly,
Rabbi Nelly Altenburger

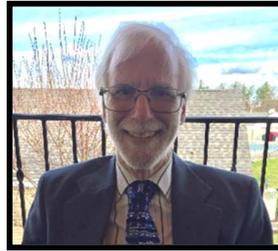
RABBI'S OFFICE HOURS

Rabbi Altenburger invites you to meet with her and will be available any day except Thursday and Shabbat. Please feel free to call or stop by.

May the sounding of the *shofar* call you to act on behalf of all those who are hungry in our midst!



FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends

Cheryl let me know it's time for the Kayruv article. I should be an old pro at this, as I have been the President for two months now, but it still caught me completely by surprise!

By the way, while we are near the topic of Cheryl Vanak, she does an absolutely amazing job at helping in every way to hold our synagogue together, and keep it running not merely limping! She goes way beyond her job! Thank you Cheryl and more on that another time.

We all heard recently about the hurricanes that were coming, and how people needed to prepare for them, and how people did prepare for them. We were able to see the sand bags, evacuations, empty grocery stores, etc. I am sure you can guess what that has to do with this Kayruv article? No, then let me help you. The High Holy Days are coming, and even for professional procrastinators like myself, it is time to prepare for them. Maybe the preparations won't be as visible as sand bags and evacuations, but forcing ourselves to think about what we have done through the year is as heavy as sand bags! We are one year closer to wherever we end up, and that makes one think about what is really important in our lives.

Younger folks may not be there quite yet! There are many things we never really think about in our early stages of life. Let me give you an example. As I was a teenager, I never thought about making a will. In my twenties, still never gave it a thought. Had kids, and yes made a simple attempt. In my 30's too busy to follow through, and in my forties, I can't remember those years. The point is now in our 60's, we still haven't finalized our wishes on paper. Perhaps that is the point of these holidays, they are like an alarm clock going off, waking us up to go do what we need to do, and now! Sure it is easy to make excuses, like this presidency keeps me too busy to do it, or.....There is always tomorrow, and why do today what you can put off for tomorrow???

Today, one of my best friends is having life-saving surgery at Columbia Presbyterian. That I guess is what is making me think of this connection to the High Holy Days. That forces each of us to think about whether we will be here tomorrow, and what we might want to do, what we need to do for ourselves, for our families, and for our world before more time passes.

There are few great common denominators in our lives that we all share in this country. I think Thanksgiving is a day in which nearly everyone is doing something similar and at pretty much the same time. New Year's Day and Super Bowl Sunday are two other examples where pretty much every person is doing something similar at the same time. For Jews it is the High Holidays. No matter how religious, whether we be orthodox, conservative, reform, or don't even attend services, it is still a time when we have memories of family, and many of being in synagogues in those never ending services, and feeling a wee bit hungry! So these days are like our Thanksgiving, and our Super Bowl. It is the great common Bond of our being Jewish, and helping us realize that we all have so much in common, even among our great differences. Clearly, the way we live our Jewish lives is vastly different but we realize we are all part of "our family" through our commonality!

Many thanks to Joel Levitt for being the featured speaker at our last Schmooze and Booze. He shared stories from his family history, and left us with much to think about in our own family histories! The group really enjoyed the evening and it is not too late to get a copy of Joel's book, "The Tree of Lives".

October is our holiday month, so no Schmooze and Booze. In November, Dina and Sam Markind will be the featured speakers telling us about their recent trip to Africa and visiting the Jewish community there. You may recall when a leader from this African community visited B'nai Israel.

Future Schmooze and Booze topics might feature Jewish Humor from your family stories, and stories about your favorite synagogue from your past!

By the way, in case you are keeping track I don't recall anyone telling me the password demonstrating they read the Kayruv article last month. I will try again. I am very good at trying again. You can see I still wrote an article this month. The new password if you read this, is "cheese."

Till next time! Hope to see you over the Holidays!
Glen Lebetkin

Donations for CBI's On Going Food Drive



Our ongoing food donation program continues to be a success. Don't stop now! There are people in our Danbury community that need our help. This is a monthly donation program. Please bring a little something whenever you can.

HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2019



ROSH HASHANAH 5780

Sunday, September 29th

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Candle lighting: 6:22 PM

Evening services begin at 7:00 PM

Monday, September 30th

Morning Services begin at 8:30

**Babysitting available from
9:30 AM onward**

Children services begin at 10:30 AM

Storah time at 11:00 AM

Shofar sounding around 11:30 AM

Tashlich at 5:00 PM

Candle lighting after 7:19 PM

Tuesday, October 1st

Morning Services begin at 8:30 AM

**Babysitting available from
9:30 AM onwards**

Children services begin at 10:30 AM

Storah time at 11:00 AM

Shofar sounding around 11:30 AM

Havdalah after 7:17 PM

October 5th, Shabbat Shuva

Morning Services begin at 9:30 AM

Havdalah 7:10 PM

YOM KIPPUR



Tuesday, October 8th

Kol Nidrei Services begin at 5:45 PM

Candle lighting and fast begins - 6:07 PM

Wednesday, October 9th

Yom Kippur services begin at 8:30 AM

**Babysitting available from
9:30 AM onwards**

Children services begin at 10:30 AM

Yizkor at around 11:00 AM

Storah time at 11:30 AM

Study Session begins at 4:00 PM

Mincha and *Neilah* services begin

at 4:40 PM ~ *Shofar* 7:04 PM



SUKKOT

Sunday, October 13th

Candle lighting – 5:58 PM

Monday, October 14

Sukkot Day 1 services begin at 9:30 AM

Candle lighting after 6:56 PM

Tuesday, October 15th

Sukkot Day 2 services begin at 9:30 AM

SHEMINI ATZERET SIMCHAT TORAH



Sunday, October 20th

Candle lighting 6:46 PM

Monday, October 21st

Shemini Atzeret services begin at 9:30 AM

Yizkor at around 11:00 AM

Candle lighting for *Simchat Torah*
after 6:46 PM

Simchat Torah evening services begin
at 7:00 PM

Tuesday, October 22nd

Simchat Torah services begin at 9:30 AM

OCTOBER EVENTS

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**Saturday, October 26th Max Gambino is
Called to the Torah**



The Gambino family invites you to join in their *simcha* as their son Max is called to the Torah as a *bar mitzvah*.

ON BEING A JEW

Being a Jew is a very important thing to me. The Torah is the book that I have been reading for the longest. And because the Torah is the book that I take the most seriously, the Ten Commandments are the rules that I follow in my life. Even though the Ten Commandments are simple rules like honor your parents or don't commit homicide, everyone should follow them. They are some qualities that everyone should have.

Also, having only one G-d is something I take seriously. I also think of G-d to be something else. G-d doesn't have a gender or a race, G-d is just a thing that is there when we need it. That is why being a Jew is important to me.

Max Gambino

MEET MAX GAMBINO



Max describes himself as a nice, hardworking kid who doesn't give up.

He is an only child with a cat named Destiny and two cousins.

Outside of school he likes to hang with friends and will be playing flag football this winter.

He attends the boys and girls club of Ridgefield summer camp and loves that the kids are nice and he gets to swim.

This summer his family went to Texas. They toured Austin and went to a water park. The master blaster was the best ride.

Max likes the Patriots, Red Sox and the Yankees and even ran the bases at Fenway Park once.

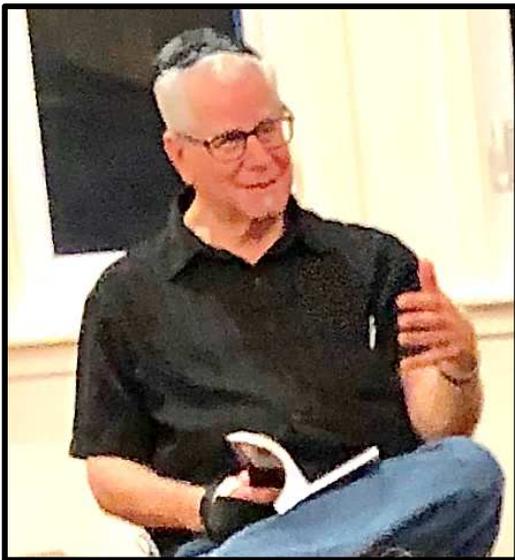
He's excited about his *bar mitzvah* party with his family and hopes to continue participating in the synagogue by leading parts of the service.

Nadja Raver

GOOD TIMES WE SHARED

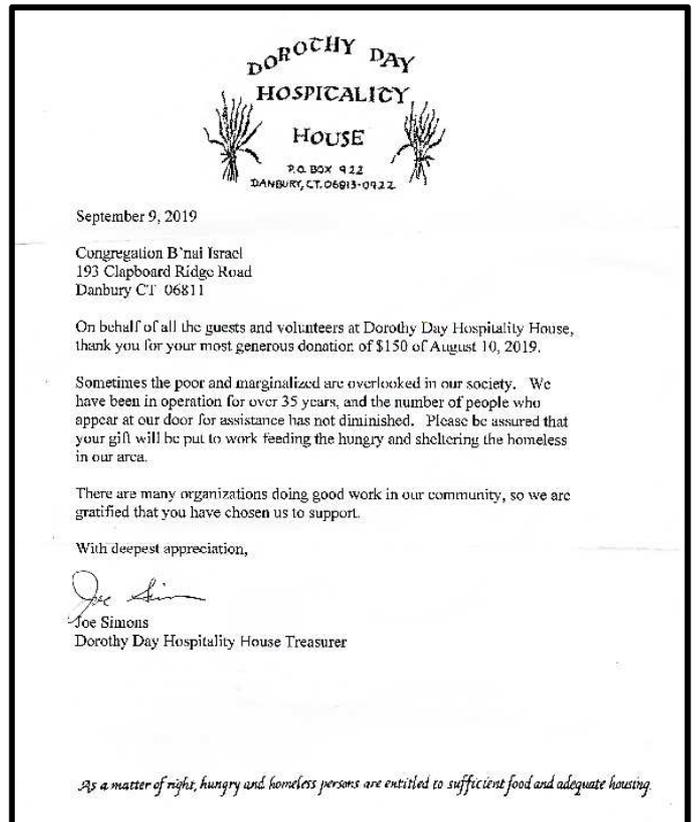
SEPTEMBER'S SCHMOOZE & BOOZE

Our president, Glen Lebetkin, has created a monthly event called "Schmooze & Booze." This is a great opportunity to meet our members, hear guest speakers, and just, well, "schmooze." The September Schmooze & Booze night featured our member Joel Levitt. Joel has recently delved into his genealogy and written a book titled "*The Tree of Lives/A Journey Through Genealogy.*"



FOOD DRIVE UPDATE

In last month's Kayruv, we shared with you our day of collecting food that was delivered to the Danbury food pantry and the Dorothy Day Hospitality House. We received this thank you from Dorothy Day.



SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

☆ **Shabbat, 6 Tishrei, October 5, Vayelekh:**

Moshe prepares himself and the people for his death. *Haftarah:* Hosea 14:2-10, (Micah 7:18-20)

☆ **Shabbat, 13 Tishrei, October 12, Ha'azinu:**

Come and listen to one of the most beautiful poems in all *Tanakh* (Bible). *Haftarah:* 2 Sam. 22:1-51

☆ **Shabbat, 20 Tishrei, October 19, Sukkot Day 6 Exod. 33:12-34:26**

Haftarah: Ezek. 38:18-39:16

☆ **Shabbat, 27 Tishrei, October 26, Bereshit:**

The meaning of being created in the image of God. *Haftarah:* Isa. 42:5-43:10

☆ **Shabbat, 4 Heshvan, November 2, Noah:** God destroys the world by flood and renews humanity through Noah. *Haftarah:* Isa. 54:1-55:5

☆ **Shabbat, 11 Heshvan, November 9, Lekh lekha:** Abraham and Sarah are called by God to set out for Canaan and become a people.

Haftarah: Isa. 40:27 -41:16

CANDLE LIGHTING

October 8, 2019: <i>Erev Yom Kippur</i>	6:07 PM
October 11, 2019:	6:02 PM
October 13, 2019: <i>Erev Sukkot</i>	5:58 PM
October 14, 2019: <i>Sukkot Day 1</i>	
Light candles after	6:56 PM
October 20, 2019: <i>Sukkot Day 7</i>	6:46 PM
October 21, 2019: <i>Simchat Torah</i>	
Light candles after	6:46 PM
October 26, 2019:	6:39 PM
November 1, 2019:	5:31 PM
November 8, 2019:	4:23 PM

YAHARZEITS

10 Tishrei, October 14, 2019

Carole Stein (Michael Stein)

14 Tishrei, October 13, 2019

Douglas Wise (Marian Wise)

15 Tishrei, October 14, 2019

Shirley Lerner (Fredda Fuchs)

21 Tishrei, October 20, 2019

Louis S. Rosenberg (Alice Cahn)

23 Tishrei, October 22, 2019

Engeltje Smeer (Dina Essinger)

25 Tishrei, October 24, 2019

Rubin Maser (David Maser)

Barry Tabachnick (Rochelle Hutchings)

29 Tishrei, October 28, 2019

Rose Mendlovitz (Pat Goldman)

4 Heshvan, November 2, 2019

Morris Mark (Paula Cook)

6 Heshvan, November 4, 2019

Michael Frenkel (Evan Frenkel)

7 Heshvan, November 5, 2019

Aaron Shenker (Martin Shenker)

11 Heshvan, November 9, 2019

Samuel Silverstein (Roslyn Friedman)

15 Heshvan, November 13, 2019

Karl Bank (Alex Bank)

THANKS! THANKS!

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