

# Kayruv



# קירוב

“Judaism for Today In a Warm and Caring Environment”

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## FROM THE RABBI



Dear Friends,

This is a month full of lasts and firsts, which gives it a bittersweet quality. After thirteen years and fourteen High Holidays, saying goodbye to you, who were our community, is sad. At

the same time, new adventures await. Those moments of transition are the definition of the feeling of awe: we stand on a threshold between old and new.

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**Kayruv means “Welcoming.”**

It is not by accident that our tradition has a *bracha* for times of transitions, which is the *Shehecheyanu*. Saying a blessing for “first times” helps us cross the thresholds of the “last times” with the awareness of God’s presence even in these awesome moments, where that awareness can easily be consumed by anxiety and sadness.

Someone asked for some of my memories of CBI, and they are so many it is hard to choose. As I was cleaning my office, I came across many cards and photos: our arrival, the first adult education classes, our several Jewish festivals, Michaela’s baby naming, Hebrew school Purim plays, Nathaniel and Elliott’s *britot*, pre-Rosh Hashanah hikes, Ariella’s baby naming, Hebrew School activities... and among those pictures there were so many of us whom we buried and still miss.

All these moments made our community, and many more will come. Even though COVID has diminished our physical presence with each other, it has not diminished our sense of community and togetherness. After our first Zoom *bar mitzvah* so many of you wanted to keep having a Zoom service – and that is something positive that COVID has given us: the awareness of our distance and our need to be present again, and our spiritual needs for services. For that, I am so glad.



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One of the things I always shared with anyone who wanted to know more about our community is how we never lacked a minyan for all the years I have been with you. The one time we decided that a minyan wasn't going to happen, it eventually did happen, we just had "called the shot" too early. In a tiny community like ours, this is not a small accomplishment – and that depends on each and every single person present.

I know you will continue to show love for Judaism, Torah and *mitzvot* with Rabbi Nebel. For those who are particularly hurting because of our relationship, I want to share what happened when I came, in that first month of me being CBI's rabbi. Several of those who loved Rabbi Vivie Mayer deeply came to inform me, in my office, that they were leaving CBI because I wasn't her. "Nothing personal," they all guaranteed.

But I beg you not to do this: first, because our relationship does not have to end because I am leaving CBI; second, because your relationship to CBI ought to be larger than just with the rabbi; and third, because each rabbi brings her or his own Torah and personal gifts to CBI, and you will be enriched by new Torah.

Kohelet (Ecclesiastes) 3:5 mentions, in its famous list of "time fors", "time for embracing and time for letting go of the embrace." There are several *midrashim* about this, but none is as perfect as this very moment of experience for us to become aware of the bittersweetness of this time.

Mark, Michaela, Nathaniel, Elliott, Ariella and I are thankful for our embrace, it was long, rich and delightful. I personally hope you will embrace Rabbi Nebel with the same love and intensity. I know that CBI will go from strength to strength.

Warmly,

Rabbi Nelly Altenburger

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES



Hats off to our high school graduate **Grace Rudick**. Grace graduated from Danbury High School and is enlisting in the United States Coast Guard!

Grace was a teaching assistant in our Hebrew School for the past few years and served on the board last year as a junior trustee. We wish her all the best! Congratulations Grace!!

Dear CBI Friends,

Alvin and I are deeply touched and uplifted by the kindness and help offered by our CBI family throughout the challenging year we have faced. From calls, cards and letters, offers of help, meals, shopping, advice in finding appropriate resources and frequent visits (in the good old days when visits were possible) you have been there for us lovingly and consistently. B'nai Israel may be small in numbers but it is indeed large in its *Koach* (strength), caring and commitment. And we send a heartfelt *Todah Raba* for the healing quality of your love.

And we are so proud of Glen, Rabbi Altenburger, the Board, Cheryl and all those dedicated members who are tirelessly working to keep the congregation connected emotionally and spiritually. And your wonderful ability to inject humor into an often bewildering and frightening world helps us keep our perspective.

You make us optimistic that together we will have the strength to ensure our beloved synagogue's survival.

We are grateful to you and for you.

Love and *shalom*,  
Pat and Alvin Goldman

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends

*Mazel Tov* B'nai Israel! We have found a new leader!

Rabbi Rhonda Nebel will be joining us,

virtually, on July 1, 2020. I am sure that we will do our best to give her a warm B'nai Israel welcome and make her feel right at home! You will be introduced to Rabbi Nebel through our monthly Kayruv and also through the Daily Kayruv!



This will be our last Kayruv with Rabbi Altenburger at B'nai Israel. It has been over fourteen years that she has guided us, comforted us, celebrated with us, and taught us. We are better people because she has shared her life with us. We have witnessed the birth and growth of Michaela, Elliot, Nathaniel, and Ariella. We have had such joy in seeing them grow and being part of their lives. Mark has been part of our synagogue family over these many years and it is hard to imagine B'nai Israel without the Altenburger family! We wish them *mazel* and success on their new journey and are glad that they will still be our neighbors in Connecticut.

I do want to give a huge shout of appreciation to Dr. Paul M Simon who headed our rabbi search committee. He worked tirelessly and did everything in his ability to facilitate this search. He did it out of love for B'nai Israel, and continues to be the cover person for B'nai Israel's theme, "Ask not what B'nai Israel can do for you, rather what can you do for B'nai Israel!"

Other committee members also deserve a big pat on the back. That would be Dina Markind, Sarah Namer, Heather Mazarakos, and Marlene Gittlitz! Thank you all.

We are hard at work in many areas and would welcome volunteer help in any of the following areas:

**Zooming Services** - Do you have technical know-how you can offer?

**Sprucing up the Rabbi's house** - Are you good at painting, cleaning, and handyman type assistance?

**The Ritual Committee** - Would you like to help plan for the Holidays, and discuss all things ritual? Many *mazel tovs* to the entire Graber family for pulling off our first Zoom *Bar Mitzvah*! They will go down in our history books! They all participated beautifully, and were kind enough to share their joy with our B'nai Israel family. Pierce did himself and all of us proud!

We have more *B'nai Mitzvah* scheduled.

July 11 - Hannah Mandell

July 25 - The Mazarakos twins, Alex and Daniel

August 29 - David Hirsch

October 31 - Rachel Frenkel

I must say I was really appreciative and heartened by the participation in our virtual town meetings to meet and discuss the rabbi candidates. Equally heartwarming was the number of responses to the surveys. They were most helpful! I am hoping we can continue that level of participation and caring for B'nai Israel.

I want to offer a personal comment. I was so completely grateful that our members showed they could listen to other opinions with respect and caring. At the end of the search all truly exemplified that we shared one purpose, and that was to do the best possible thing for our congregation. I had forgotten that is how democracy is intended to work; that no matter who wins an election, the next day we are all in it together, and work towards common goals. B'nai Israel is lighting the way by example!

That leads us to the next announcement. Tune in to our annual congregational meeting (see page 4) via Zoom on June 29 at 7:00 P.M. Watch for the link via email along with the Slate of Officers.

If you can't wait that long to join a meeting, feel free to visit our Board meeting this Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. also via Zoom.

Don't forget to tune in daily with the Daily Kayruv! Love to hear what's on your mind! Call or email and let us know! Stay healthy!

As always, until not,  
Glen Lebetkin

## JUNE EVENTS

### June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Annual Congregational Meeting

#### CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

Dear Friends:

Every year at about this time, the congregation holds its annual membership and election meeting. This year our meeting will be on **Monday, June 29, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.** via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

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Following is the agenda as well as the Slate of Officers and Trustees for election.

Please make an effort to attend this important meeting. Join us via Zoom, and tell us about your needs and concerns. Be heard.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,  
Glen Lebetkin, President

### Agenda for Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on June 29, 2020:

1. President's Report
2. Rabbi's Report
3. Financial Report
4. Endowment Committee Report
5. Nominating Committee Report and Election
6. CBI Future Direction
7. Discussion
8. Adjournment
- 9.

Slate of Nominees for Election to positions of Officers and Trustees of Congregation B'nai Israel presented by the Nominating Committee at the Annual Membership Meeting to be held on June 29, 2020:

#### OFFICERS

President	Glen Lebetkin
First Vice President	Nadja Raver
Second Vice President	Barbara Levitt
Treasurer	Lois Stein
Financial Secretary	Paul Simon
Recording Secretary	Isabel Kaplan
Corresponding Secretary	*

#### TRUSTEES - Continuing not subject to vote

Joe Namer  
Barbara Weisblatt

#### 2020 – 2022 Term

Robbyn German  
Julie Leventon  
Asya Takken  
Lori Chefec

#### Additional Nominations

Please refer to the excerpt from Article X, Section 2 of the synagogue by-laws.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

With the new year around the corner, the Ritual Committee is looking for additional members.

If you are interested, please call me at 203-470-7023 or my Co-Chair, Charlie Cahn, at 203-788-7124.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sarah Namer  
Co-Chair of the Ritual Committee

## THE MANDELL FAMILY CELEBRATES HANNAH BECOMING A BAT MITZVAH

Once again in keeping with social distancing practices due to Covid-19, the Mandell family will meet at the synagogue with Rabbi Nebel on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

The B'nai Israel community wishes congratulations and *mazel tov* to Joseph Mandell, and, of course, to Hannah, the newest adult member of our congregation.

## MEET HANNAH MANDELL



I knew it was going to be a good interview because Hannah laughed at my jokes. It is a sure sign of genius!

Hannah told me that she was the only Jewish person in her class.

**Glen:** Where were you born?

**Hannah:** In Danbury, from ages 3 - 8, I lived in Torrington, then moved back to Danbury.

**Glen:** How far back do you remember in your life?

**Hannah:** My preschool teacher was Miss Mooney! The first book I remember reading was Clifford the Valentine!

**Glen:** What were your early interests?

**Hannah:** There was a creek behind my house, where I would find fish, turtles, and frogs. I looked for little animals.

**Glen:** Did you have pets as you grew up?

**Hannah:** Always. dogs, cats, and a turtle.

**Glen:** Did you ever have any turtle soup?

**Hannah:** It was a snapping turtle, I was not allowed to touch it.

**Glen:** Snap, crackle, and pop! Do you have a pet now?

**Hannah:** One dog, Jazzy.

**Glen:** Was Jazzy a musician, with such a musical name?

**Hannah:** He was actually my grandmother's dog. We inherited him.

**Glen:** What are your favorite games to play? Do you play computer games or board games?

**Hannah:** Not really, generally I'm outside a lot with my friends. We ride bikes, go in the woods, go in the neighborhood. We ride our bikes everywhere around Danbury. We get ice cream and go to the park.

**Glen:** How many speeds are on your bike?

**Hannah:** I never got the hang of using those. It's a 10 speed, but I generally leave it on the same speed.

**Glen:** When you walk in the woods do you ever get ticked off with ticks?

**Hannah:** No, maybe once when I was little.

**Glen:** Do you use electronics?

**Hannah:** I'm on my phone a lot with social media and watching videos.

**Glen:** Is social media tough at your age? Kids your age can gang up on other kids?

**Hannah:** For a lot of kids it is, but not for me. I just use it to keep up with my family members, my baby cousins, and see what everyone is doing.

**Glen:** Tell me how your best friends influence you. Tell me about your best friend, how she influences your life.

**Hannah:** My best friend Aralyn, she puts up with so much from me. I stay at her house a lot. She teaches me things, she makes sure I am doing well. We hang out a lot. Whenever I don't know something I call Aralyn.

**Glen:** Who has been the biggest influence in your life?

**Hannah:** It is definitely my father. He works so hard to take care of me and teach me to be a hard worker too. Especially doing it on his own, it has shown me what kind of work you have to put in to succeed in life.

**Glen:** I think you just got 95% of what is important in life because working hard I believe is the most important ingredient to a successful life. Studies that have shown that geniuses who got all A's through high school and never had to study, have not had as much success in life, because they never learned how to work hard. Because everything came easy to them. Good for you, you

have a good role model, and learned a good lesson!

**Hannah:** He was even telling me last night, if you dream for it, and work at it, you can get it!

**Glen:** Wow, that would encourage you to spend more time dreaming!

**Glen:** What is your favorite subject in school?

**Hannah:** It has always been English, but this year, it is science.

**Glen:** Is that because of your teacher?

**Hannah:** It is.

**Glen:** I see you smiling, tell me about that teacher.

**Hannah:** Miss Solimene, everyone hates her. Everyone thinks she is the meanest, strictest, worst teacher...and she yells at everyone, and gets everyone in trouble. She is mean, but she is my favorite teacher. She has got to be the best teacher I ever had.

**Glen:** Why, after that introduction?

**Hannah:** I don't know, I've always clicked with her. Everyone says we look alike. I talk to her. Whenever I had an issue in school with friends, she always has me sit in her classroom through lunch, or I could just go to her classroom and cry.

**Glen:** So what you are saying is that she takes a personal interest in you?

**Hannah:** Oh yeah, she has brought me cool snacks, saying "I saw this, and thought you would like this." She will always be one of the best teachers I have ever had. I definitely like that she is more structured and strict because there is more of a schedule and this is how it needs to be - with order.

**Glen:** What about your bedroom? Is it structured, neat and in order?

**Hannah:** No, not at all!

**Glen:** What about your other favorite subject, English? Do you like to write?

**Hannah:** Reading and writing have always been my favorite.

**Glen:** What are your favorite books?

**Hannah:** John Green is definitely my favorite author.

**Glen:** Oh, did he eat the wrong foods and turn green?

**Hannah:** No, his writing has always reached out to me more. John Green is definitely my favorite author.

**Glen:** Tell about one of his books and how it touched you.

**Hannah:** There are so many great books. I think Clifford Town is my favorite. A lot of his books are about teens finding themselves but it goes beyond that and has more meaning. In "Papertown", which

is my favorite by him, this girl goes and does all these crazy things. She goes to Sea World and disappears, and everyone searches to find her. A lot of the quotes are just beautiful.

**Glen:** Are you a Harry Potter Fan?

**Hannah:** I started reading the novels when I was seven and finished when I was eight.

**Glen:** What is your favorite movie?

**Hannah:** Oh that's such a hard one!

**Glen:** You can mention several.

**Hannah:** I think it's going to be the Goonies, and the Princess Bride.

**Glen:** The Goonies, is that a comedy?

**Hannah:** Not really, it is about a group of boys and they always talk about this treasure, and they go in search of it.

**Glen:** And what was the second movie you mentioned?

**Hannah:** The Princess Bride.

**Glen:** What was the plot of that?

**Hannah:** There are so many things happening in the movie. This farm girl falls in love with someone who disappears at sea. She ends up marrying someone else, the king, and her first love turns up when she is on a crazy adventure with the king.

**Glen:** At this point, since we have talked about favorite movies, how about TV shows? Do you have a favorite or two?

**Hannah:** I can't even remember half the TV shows I watch.

**Glen:** How about a musical group? Do you have a favorite?

**Hannah:** Sublime, they are from the 90's.

**Glen:** What was your favorite vacation?

**Hannah:** I went to North Carolina to see Jack graduate from Marine Boot Camp. We made a family vacation out of it and went to the Beach and jet skied and went shopping!

**Glen:** That's where you sit in the thing and ride. Was that fun?

**Hannah:** It was so much fun, but Jack kept tipping us over.

**Glen:** Was that on purpose?

**Hannah:** I'm not sure!

**Glen:** At this point do you have any idea of what you want to be when you grow up?

**Hannah:** I want to be a defense attorney, and I want to go to the University of San Francisco for undergraduate school and then to UConn for Law School.

**Glen:** Yaay UConn! Now how do you know this so definitely?

**Hannah:** I can't tell the future and know what's going to happen but that's what I want to happen!

**Glen:** How did you decide on the University of San Francisco?

**Hannah:** Reasonable tuition, high graduation, and success rate!

**Glen:** You've looked into this already?

**Hannah:** Yes, I have!

**Glen:** Oh my Gosh! That is scary. So wait, you are on a career path! What do you want to be when you grow up?

**Hannah:** A defense attorney.

**Glen:** How did you decide that? Did you watch these detective shows?

**Hannah:** Everyone has told me I would make a good attorney!

**Glen:** Do you like to argue with people?

**Hannah:** Debate class has always been my favorite.

**Glen:** What have you debated?

**Hannah:** I could debate anything under the sun!

**Glen:** You don't care what side you are on? Or do you have to pick the side you believe in?

**Hannah:** Generally, this is so terrible, I don't care which side I am on. I can usually defend either side. I will always have a side that I lean towards but I could defend either.

**Glen:** What is your favorite food?

**Hannah:** Oh my gosh, French fries! I could eat them for breakfast, lunch and dinner!

**Glen:** Is that particular French fries from a particular restaurant? Or French fries you make?

**Hannah:** Nope, just French fries!

**Glen:** How about your favorite dessert?

**Hannah:** I don't know, that one is hard! I like brownies a lot. I like brownies with ice cream on top!

**Glen:** Well said!

**Hannah:** A warm brownie with ice cream on top!

**Glen:** You mentioned that you stay in touch with your family through social media. Do you have a large family?

**Hannah:** It's like, not a super large family, but a fairly large family. I don't keep in touch with all of them but I'll talk to all of them here and there. My family is definitely important to me, cause who else do you have in life? Really, truly.

**Glen:** Well said. Have you ever broken any bones?

**Hannah:** I have not. I have always been afraid of everything and don't do super crazy things, because I was afraid I might get hurt.

**Glen:** I never broke any bones until a few months ago, when roller skating with our four grandchildren, I fell boom on my wrist and broke it!

**Hannah:** Oh wow!

**Glen:** Do you do any cooking?

**Hannah:** Yes and no, I like to but I don't have the opportunity to, but I really like to. The problem is, after I cook I hate doing the dishes. I hate cleaning after cooking.

**Glen:** That is why people get married! If you do the cooking, the other person has to do the cleaning!

**Hannah:** Not in my house.

**Glen:** I'm the cleaner.

**Hannah:** I do like cooking though.

**Glen:** Good, now at my age, which is not young, I can cook three things. I've learned to cook an egg, I can make spaghetti and I forget the third thing!

**Hannah:** My favorite recipe is super easy, I take chicken cutlets, I take egg, bread crumbs, and it takes 15 minutes.

**Glen:** Good for you! How has the virus changed life for you?

**Hannah:** It is a lot more fun!

**Glen:** Really! O.K., let's hear it, tell all!

**Hannah:** I can wake up at 10:00, go to the beach at 11:00, not go home till 6:00 and do school work for half an hour and be done!

**Glen:** Do you have to go online while you are at the Beach?

**Hannah:** No, as long as school work gets done before midnight, I'm good! What happens is they post all the assignments, and you just do it before midnight that day, and you are good!

**Glen:** Where do you go to school now?

**Hannah:** Broadview Middle School, but actually tomorrow is my last day! I transition to Danbury High School next year!

**Glen:** That is pretty exciting. Are you nervous about it?

**Hannah:** I cried last week, I don't want to change! I am excited about it but change in general freaks me out a little.

**Glen:** I think that happens to everyone.

**Hannah:** Sometimes change can be a good thing.

**Glen:** Were you in any groups in middle school like chorus, or you mentioned debate club?

**Hannah:** I did everything. I did book club, I did unified sports, I did theatre, I did concert choir, band, I was in the leadership program, and I was in student council.

**Glen:** Woe, woe, woe!

**Hannah:** I was in writing club and math team. I thought I was crazy.

**Glen:** Which was your favorite activity?

**Hannah:** My favorite was definitely creative writing club, but the one I stuck through for three years was theatre.

**Glen:** Were you in some shows?

**Hannah:** I was Tracy Turnblad, in Hair Spray, which was fun. We did the "Lion King" and this year

we were supposed to do "Into the Woods" but it got cancelled.

**Glen:** What do you think this virus business has taught you? Did you learn any lessons from it?

**Hannah:** I think I definitely learned not to take so many things for granted, like not being able to see people. My great grandmother, Marion Mandell lives around the corner from the Holiday Diner. Not being able to go out to dinner with my great grandmother, that has definitely been a big change.

**Glen:** You mentioned going to the beach, which beach do you go to?

**Hannah:** My uncle has a private beach on Candlewood Lake. We call it a beach but it is really a lake.

**Glen:** Have you gone in the water this year?

**Hannah:** Of course! Every day!

**Glen:** You have been going in every day????

**Hannah:** It takes a couple moments to get used to the cold, and then you are good!

**Glen:** Oh my gosh!!!! You were in chorus also?

**Hannah:** I was in concert choir, that was the audition group.

**Glen:** What were some of your favorite pieces?

**Hannah:** We did Carol Of The Bells in seventh grade.

**Glen:** That's a good one!

**Hannah:** That was fun, we had lights, and different colors.

**Glen:** Broadview has a good reputation for their chorus.

**Hannah:** We do. That reputation is strong.

**Glen:** What does *mitzvah* mean to you?

**Hannah:** A good act, something you do for someone, just something good that you do. Even smiling at someone passing by, you can tell they are not having a good day. Something to benefit someone other than yourself.

**Glen:** I love to hear that. It really only takes five seconds to make someone's day! We are going to have at B'nai Israel a *mitzvah* project. This is where you choose a community service project of your choice, and do it for at least a month in honor of someone special to you, someone that you love, or someone that you want to honor, or in memory of someone who has passed away. I hope we can reach out to the students in Hebrew School and you might consider doing that for someone special to you.

**Hannah:** I haven't heard about that yet, I definitely am super interested in that!

**Glen:** That's awesome! What instrument did you play in band?

**Hannah:** I played violin and then dropped it and started piano.

**Glen:** You know I am a violin teacher?

**Hannah:** I think we discussed this two years ago, when I was in the middle of doing it. Before you were President.

**Glen:** Do you still play the piano?

**Hannah:** Not regularly, I am a little rusty, but I can. I know a few songs.

**Glen:** Good for you! What have been two or three highlights in your school life?

**Hannah:** I know in the fifth grade there was this contest around Thanksgiving. They gave you a turkey template, and you had to decorate it, and you got awards for whoever disguised the turkey the best. And I made mine, Donald Trump! I won first place! I will never forget that!

**Glen:** So Donald Trump has his roots in the Turkey?

**Hannah:** I just remember that was my big idea, and I won!

**Glen:** Was he full of stuffing? I will leave that one alone. How about in middle school? Any highlights?

**Hannah:** There are so many.

**Glen:** Did you see any instances of bullying in the middle school?

**Hannah:** Not particularly. Honestly, no.

**Glen:** Can you tell me one thing that you are left with from your Hebrew School education?

**Hannah:** I started so late. I started learning Hebrew around twelve. I had my *mikvah* and became Jewish when I was twelve, so everything was happening so late and everything was rushed. Everything was super fast. Everything I should have learned my entire life was squeezed into two years. So taking away from it, even the meaning of being Jewish, just going there and being with people from the same Jewish community. I will definitely take with me the diversity of being Jewish, people's experiences of being Jewish. How they learned it, and how they practiced it. It's so vastly different - how people practiced, learned and observed. Even learning Hebrew. That's something I will never forget.

**Glen:** Were you able to see a parallel between being Jewish and George Floyd and Black Lives Matter?

**Hannah:** It's hard to compare, it's different types of discrimination and injustices but there are definitely the similarities of people being oppressed and thought of differently and being attacked because of who they are and what they believe in and what they look like. I definitely see the parallel, but it is like comparing apples to oranges.

**Glen:** Wanting to be a lawyer and watching the George Floyd episode play out, do you have any thoughts that come to your mind about the news in the last two weeks?

**Hannah:** I have so many opinions about it, it is a touchy subject. There are so many ideas on the spectrum of what is going on, how justice should be and needs to be served. There is the thought that all lives matter too, of course, understandable, obviously, but there is more need.

**Glen:** Have you seen any silver linings from the pandemic we are going through?

**Hannah:** I feel like it has brought people closer together. More people have reached out over the phone, and families have gotten closer together. And I definitely think that is something to acknowledge. Through all the bad there is still that good piece where people spend more time together. And it has made people more grateful for what they actually have.

**Glen:** Wonderful, Do you have any plans for this strange summer we are experiencing?

**Hannah:** I am definitely going to be babysitting my cousins a lot. I just recently got in touch with some of my family members. My cousin is pregnant with twins.

**Glen:** Oh you are going to be learning how to change diapers! Have you done that already?

**Hannah:** I babysit already.

**Glen:** Good for you! Do you have any advice to ten year old Hannah, what would you say to her?

**Hannah:** That is an easy one, going into the real pit of fire. Just enjoy it, all of it, all the little moments.

**Glen:** And now, what advice would you give to fourteen year old Hannah?

**Hannah:** That is a hard one... Make good choices!

**Glen:** Excellent.

**Hannah:** Always try to do the right thing!

**Glen:** This has been a paid advertisement by Hannah. Wow, I really thank you for sharing. Thank you. I look forward to reading the article you write in the Kayruv and to your *Bat Mitzvah*. Are you looking forward to getting it over with, are you nervous about it or just excited?

**Hannah:** More than anything, I am excited for afterwards, not about the party, but the feeling that I did this and being proud of myself for everything. I have gone through the past two years of being at the synagogue three or four days a week, like studying and spending time with Rabbi Altenburger. It has been constant, and there is a feeling of relief that I did it!

**Glen:** Excellent, You deserve to feel that way! I hope we will see you in the synagogue, after the *Bat Mitzvah*.

**Hannah:** For sure. I spoke to Rabbi Nelly, and the plans were for me to teach the nursery class at the Hebrew school. That was something I wanted to do, because Grace is going to college, and they will need a new teacher.

**Glen:** That is so wonderful!

**Hannah:** I think that is a *mitzvah* itself, for me personally and I really am excited to work with the younger kids.

**Glen:** Maybe that could be your *mitzvah* project for Project Pam. I am excited to hear that. Hannah I am trying to get our little cousin to join our temple too.

**Glen:** That would be awesome. Hannah, I really thank you, and this has been wonderful, and again I thank you.

## ON BEING A JEW

To me, being a Jew means a sense of community. Being Jewish means going to a Saturday service with a group of people with whom I share something. It reminds me to be good to my neighbor, and to help one and other. I feel that being Jewish allows me to identify where I belong, and helps me to define my values. Although Judaism did not become a large factor until later in my life, it has become something very important to who I am, and I hold my Judaism close to my heart.

Hannah Mandell

## SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

☆ **Shabbat, 28 Sivan, June 20, Shelah-Lekha:** Scouts are sent out to the land of Canaan and bring back a fearful report which results in forty years of wandering in the desert. *Haftarah: Joshua 2:1-24*

☆ **Shabbat, 5 Tammuz, June 27, Korah:** Korah and his band challenge the leadership of Moses and Aaron. The earth opens up and swallows them. *Haftarah: 1 Sam. 11:14-12:22*

☆ **Shabbat, 12 Tammuz, July 4, Hukkat-Balak** God instructs Moses and Aaron regarding the red heifer; Miriam dies; Moses hits a rock to bring forth water rather than speaking to it; Aaron dies. King Balak unsuccessfully contracts Bilaam the prophet to curse Israel. *Haftarah: Micah 5:6-6:8*

☆ **Shabbat, 19 Tammuz, July 11, Pinehas:** In the fortieth year a census is taken of the Israelites and Joshua is appointed as Moshe's successor. *Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:2-2:3*

## CANDLE LIGHTING

June 19, 2020	8:13 PM
June 26, 2020	8:14 PM
July 3, 2020	8:13 PM
July 10, 2020	8:10 PM
July 17, 2020	8:06 PM

## Yahrzeits

### 30 Sivan, June 22, 2020

Harry Nackman (Joyce Shenker)

### 4 Tammuz, June 26, 2020

Harry Kaplan (Barry Kaplan)

### 7 Tammuz, June 29, 2020

Jacob Smeer (Dina Essinger)

### 12 Tammuz, July 4, 2020

Leon Bank (Alex Bank)

Joseph Zimmerman (Shoshannah Zimmerman)

### 14 Tammuz, July 6, 2020

Louise Ellen Alpher (Harriet Lebetkin)

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- ☆ Barbara Weisblatt in honor of Rochelle (Hutchings) Schneider and Michael Schneider and their friend Paul who takes care and helps the Schneiders; Karen Hutchings, the Lebetkin Family; and to all who gave me a Purim Basket

### **A Note About CBI's Food Drive**



Although our food donation program cannot continue during this period. As soon as we are able to come together at the synagogue, we will resume this program.