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Rabbi's Reflections



As we come to this season of gratitude and rededication, I am struck by how timely both the holidays of Thanksgiving and Hanukkah happen to relate to my life at this moment. For me, Thanksgiving shapes my gratitude of what it means to be a Jewish American who, regardless of divisions and politics, is so thankful that our people continue to enjoy an incredible story here in the United States. Hanukkah comes to remind me that even though we have found a place in this great country, we must hold onto our Judaism and not let outside forces take away the values, rituals, and community we hold so dear.

A person who embodied this idea of gratitude and a love of Judaism through the way she lived her life, was my Safta (my grandmother). Just a few weeks ago, my Safta passed away in Israel and it has been heartbreaking that I cannot be with my family during this time. I feel so blessed that even though she lived thousands of miles away, I was able to spend years of my life with her when I would travel to Israel, when I studied in Israel (on multiple occasions), and the few times she came to the US to visit us.

My Safta was born in Yemen and described her home, life, and experience there as one of beauty and blessing. Unfortunately, in the 1940's, the situation for Jews in Yemen began to change and in 1949, she and her family (including my Dad who was a baby at the time) were airlifted out of Yemen (Operation Magic Carpet) and brought to safety in Israel. Safta always talked about the early years of her time in Israel as the hardest of her life. She had to live in a tent under brutal conditions and harsh winters. The country had just been founded and was struggling to keep up with the many Jewish immigrants flooding Israel's shores.

Eventually, Safta and her family were given a tiny home and settled in the city of Givat Olga on the outskirts of Hadera (the mid-point between Haifa and Tel Aviv). There, she continued to build a family, her home, and the traditions she brought from Yemen.

There is nobody I loved hugging more than my Safta. Her 4'9" stature (on a good day) and multiple blankets that she would wrap herself in (she was always cold) was truly like having your own life-size teddy bear. Some of the best moments we had together was when I would come after class (when I was at Tel Aviv University) and watch *The Bold & The Beautiful* with her... she couldn't read the Hebrew translation and she didn't know English... so, she would make up her own plot line based on what she saw and often it was better than what the writers of the show had come up with. We would laugh so hard at how right or wrong she understood the show.

As a Yemenite woman, she was never taught to read or write but a major gift she was given was her incredible hands. Her hands could shape, build, scrub, cook, sew, and do so much more with perfection. If I was stuck on a desert island, she would have definitely been my first choice to save me. In addition to her abilities and street smarts, she was the most amazing cook and lived to feed her family - I often ate more at her house than any human being should ever consume. My favorite was her Yemenite soup or of course, her jachnun (buttery dough baked overnight for Shabbat).

Safta's favorite saying was "*zeh ma-she'yesh...* this is what is" and she would often start each sentence with "*b'ezrat Ha'Shem...* with God's help." These two phrases kept her going through some very difficult moments in

life. What was most incredible is that she truly lived each moment with that spirit – you can only control how you react to what comes your way and God is always walking with you and will help you overcome bumps along life’s road. Many people have shaped who I am today, but truly, my Safta, was instrumental in my connection to Judaism and my gratitude for every moment of life. I will always treasure the time we had together.

May this Thanksgiving be a holiday that despite difficulty and darkness we recognize the blessings of those who have helped shape our lives and may this Hanukkah be one where we reaffirm our love of Judaism and recognize the incredible CTJ community we are privileged to be a part of.

Rabbi Kalev

Celebrate Every Night of Hanukkah with CTJ

Thursday, December 10, 6 p.m. - Passing the Light

Friday, December 11

6 p.m. - **Candlelighting**

7 p.m. - **Hanukkah Gelt Lane Drive by at CTJ**

Saturday, December 12

Shabbaton 1 - 6 p.m.

6 p.m. - **Ugly Hanukkah sweater contest**

Sunday, December 13, 6 p.m. - Virtual Hanukkah at the Point

Monday, December 14, 6 p.m. - Chef Rachael - Spice Up Your Latke

Tuesday, December 15, 6 p.m. - Hanukkah in Santa Monica

Wednesday, December 16, 6 p.m. - How long does your dreidel spin?

Thursday, December 17, 6 p.m. - Paying it Forward

Friday, December 18, 6 p.m. - Get Lit!



B'nai Mitzvah Students

October - December 2020



Parker Levin
October 24, 2020



Ethan Polidi
October 31, 2020



Megan Ostrick
November 7, 2020



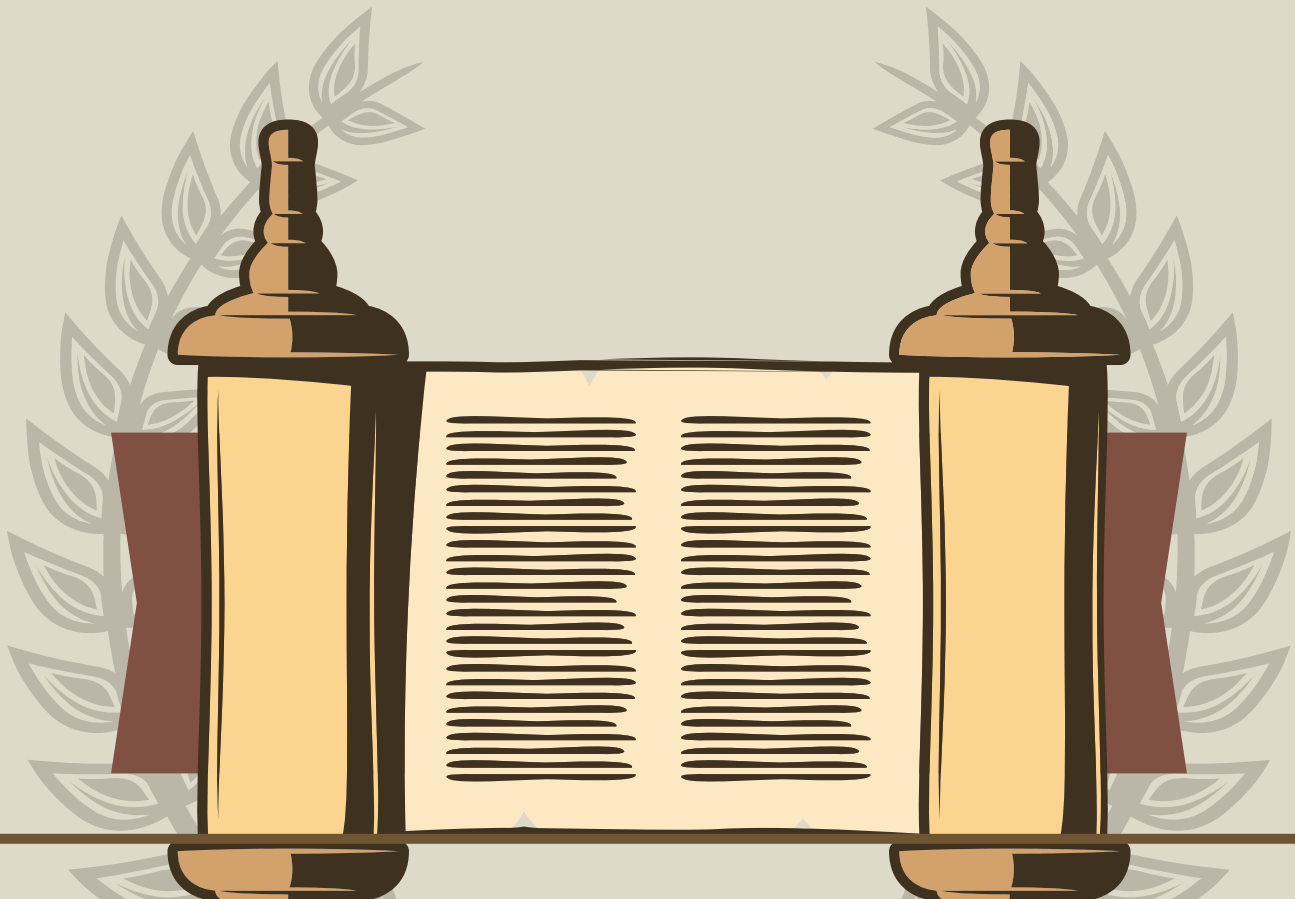
Elijah Fox
November 14, 2020



Asher Goldberg
November 21, 2020



Rose Cohen
December 12, 2020





Kevin Mendelson
CTJ President

President's Message ◆◆◆

Since my last emailed update regarding reopening CTJ, it is unfortunate that there are no changes to the status within the County of Los Angeles in regards to the permissions for religious organizations. To recap that message for those that may have missed it -

At this time, in LA County, it remains illegal for organizations classified as Houses of Worship to have gatherings in our buildings. The exact wording from the Department of Public Health order is as follows:

Indoor religious services and cultural ceremonies at places of worship are prohibited until further notice by the State Public Health Officer.

It is permissible to gather for worship services outdoors, with specific protocols related to social distancing, masks, restroom access and controls for safety, and more. At CTJ, our parking lot just cannot accommodate many of us within these guidelines. Over the last several months, we have spent hours upon hours trying to get permits and permissions for us to hold a shabbat service or one of the smaller High Holy Day services like tashlich together outdoors. We have explored gathering at a park, on the beach, in someone else's parking lot, and even in larger venues that were previously available to rent with no success. No one wants the liability of a gathering during this time.

Houses of Worship are not currently allowed to gather for purposes of instruction at all, in any sized group, indoors or outdoors. Our classes are categorized as supplemental school which is not considered essential. Because of this, we do not qualify to apply for the K-2 waivers that public

schools and other day schools are applying for.

Preschools and daycare are considered essential, which allows them to be open at this time. CTJ however, does not hold a license for either one, so we are not able to. Although Shalem Early Childhood Learning Center is currently open, we are a separate entity from them; Shalem is a tenant of CTJ and leases space from us.

For now, as a house of worship not allowed to gather for instruction, unable to gather indoors for worship and with a parking lot that does not allow for us to gather for services in safe and legal ways, we will continue to come together online. The staff, clergy and lay leadership have created so many unique and engaging online experiences for our community in which to participate during the past months. We will continue to imagine new creative options, but we would also love suggestions and input from you as well. I promise, we will not judge. No idea is not worth considering and discussing.

Please try to support and understand our decisions to keep our community distanced and safe. Truly, nobody wants our community to be back in the building celebrating life's joys together more than we do. At the same time, keep showing up online. Although it still isn't exactly the same, we feel we have been able to experience some incredibly moving moments and events doing some pretty cool things we are allowed to do together.

This remains a top priority of all of us. As new permissions and rules are granted, we will certainly react accordingly and let you know. Even if there are no changes, we will continue to communicate what we are hearing on this topic as we also prepare for action.

Be safe and stay well,

Kevin Mendelson



Stacy Young
CTJ Social Action

Social Action! ◆◆◆

The pandemic has been challenging for so many, and has made it difficult to help those in more need than ever.

Still, CTJ continues tikkun olam efforts.

In November our Knitzvot knitters donated beautiful hand-made hats and blankets to the West LA VA on Veterans' Day. We held a "socially distanced" blood drive with Cedars Sinai Bloodmobile, as well a parking lot "Essentials Drive" to collect clothing, blankets, food, and toiletries. We were able to completely fill the blood drive sign-up schedule and successfully collect over 30 units of blood for the blood bank and deliver 4 heaping pallets of donated goods to the Downtown LA Mission. Save the date and clean out your closets - the next Bloodmobile and Essentials Drive dates are Sunday, December 13 and Sunday, January 24.

We are currently collecting new toys and books for the Jewish Federation Festival of Lights drive until December 1. Please contact the office@CTJMB.org to arrange drop off or donate from the comfort of your own computer at tinyurl.com/2020JewishFederationToyDrive

To help out at the holiday gift store, or other volunteer opportunities at 1736 Family Crisis Centers, contact Michele at (310) 543-9900, ext. 217 or michelefor1736@gmail.com

We are preparing hot meals TO GO one Tuesday a month, and Christmas TO GO will be coordinated for distribution on Tuesday December 22.

And as we look forward to 2021, think about what more you can do. Please let the office or Hildy Stern (hildy.stern@gmail.com) know if you are able to help out with CTJ's Chesed Community. Or let the office or Laura Pinsky (laurap4rbiz@verizon.net) know if you would like to get involved knitting for a cause with Knitzvot. Join Team CTJ for the 2020 Jewish World Watch Walk to End Genocide at tinyurl.com/JWW2020teamCTJ or contact Gwen.Wexler@ctjmb.org for more information on how to support JWW and the Walk. As always, to bring new project ideas, or for anything else Social Action, please contact Stacy.Young@ctjmb.org.



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Hanukkah - Did You Know? ◆◆◆

In the year 168 BCE, Judea (part of the Land of Israel) had come to be controlled by Antiochus Epiphanes, Syrian ruler. He refused to allow the practice of Judaism, outlawing observance of Shabbat and festivals. His soldiers desecrated the Temple in Jerusalem. Idols of Greek gods were set up, and the Jews were given the choice to convert or die.

A resistance movement was formed, led by a priestly family called the Maccabees. Though the Maccabees and those who fought with them were not trained as soldiers and were greatly outnumbered by an organized and well trained Syrian army, they miraculously won two major battles. Chanukah, which means "dedication," is the festival that commemorates the cleaning and rededication of the holy Temple in Jerusalem after the Syrians were defeated.

And so in this season, when the days are at their darkest, we kindle the lights of Chanukah, to remember when forces of light - of faith and freedom - defeated forces of darkness, tyranny and oppression, and how that was symbolized by the rededication of the Temple.

Let it serve as a reminder that we should rededicate ourselves to fighting oppression and darkness wherever we find them and to bringing more light to the world. The fight of good vs evil is continuous, always present in our lives. At times, it feels like the darkness is overwhelming; but our Chanukah candles remind us that it only takes a small flame to banish a great deal of darkness.

A random act of kindness, a positive email to a co-worker who is having a difficult day, a small donation to an organization that stands up for civil liberties or fights

hunger, keeping granola bars, boxes of raisins, and water bottles in your car to hand out to the homeless are all easy ways to spread light.

Wishing you all a season of love, light and joy,

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DID YOU KNOW?



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- Shabbat candles are lit inside our homes. In contrast, Hanukkah candles have to spread light into the darkness of the night and are to be placed near a window facing out into the street. Shabbat candles bring light inside; but the Hanukkah lights go further, also transforming the darkness outside.
 - Some Chasidic rabbis suggest that we spin the dreidel from the top, unlike the Purim noisemaker which is rotated from the bottom, because the miracle of Hanukkah was clearly from Above, in a manner that was higher than nature.
 - A "menorah" is a multi branched candelabra - like the 7 branched ones in wall sconces on either side of our ark. A Hanukkah menorah, with 9 branches, is actually called a chanukiah.

What's Jewish about Thanksgiving?

By Rebecca Tullman



Although you won't read this for several more weeks, I'm writing just a few days after the end of Sukkot. Sukkot begins five days after Yom Kippur, and therefore marks a drastic transition, from the solemnity of Yom Kippur to a festival that is often called Z'man Simchateinu, the season of our joy. Sukkot has dual significance. It reminds us of our foundational story of the exodus from Egypt and thus it expresses our gratitude for freedom from religious persecution and for permanent homes unlike our nomadic ancestors. It further expresses our gratitude for the harvest, and abundant food. The foods we eat (and decorate our sukkot with) are usually seasonal - like gourds, squash, and corn. Does gratitude for food, celebrating escape from religious persecution, and feasting on dishes that include gourds (pumpkin pie?) squash and corn sound familiar?

There is even speculation that the Pilgrims may have actually based Thanksgiving on the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. The English Calvinists who eventually boarded the Mayflower had first settled for about ten years in Leiden, Holland, which was noted for its large textile industry, religious tolerance, and welcoming of immigrants and workers. Also in Leiden at that time was a community of Sephardic Jews who, like the Calvinists, had fled religious persecution. Thus it is likely that the Sukkot festival was in their minds as they created their own harvest holiday of thanks.

In addition, gratitude is a major Jewish value and is present in Torah, Talmud, our liturgy, and more. Jews say blessings of gratitude for food, traditionally both before and after eating. The very first prayer a Jew says upon waking, is Modeh Ani. This prayer is said while laying in bed still and is intended to be the first words you utter. It is a prayer of thanks to God for "restoring my soul to me", for a new day.

If you look closely, I'll think you'll find that gratitude is even in the Ten Commandments. The tenth commandment is: You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall

not covet your neighbor's wife, his manservant, his maid-servant, his ox, his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's. But how can we refrain from envying our neighbors? Only by practicing gratitude. In Pirkei Avot (Wisdom of our Ancestors) we are taught: "Who is rich? Those who rejoice in their own portion".

And so, if we use Thanksgiving to practice gratitude, to remind us to be appreciative, then it is a reminder of this very Jewish value. Some ways you might bring Judaism to your Thanksgiving celebration are:

1. Express thanks for your food by beginning with Motzi
2. Make a plan to do some tzedakah or gmitul hasadim (acts of lovingkindness) in this season, to share some of your bounty with those who have less. Consider asking your neighbors to set bags of shelf stable food on their porches at a given time for you to gather and take to a food bank, taking a socially distanced shift packing and organizing at the food bank, purging closets and garages for items to donate, or volunteering to work in a community garden. Within the theme of refugees you can contact the International Rescue Committee and see if you can help with their mission of resettling those who flee to this country. <https://www.rescue.org/> You can decide what your family will do at the Thanksgiving table, or discuss how you felt or what you learned from what you have already done.
3. Share stories while you eat about your own ancestors who moved to escape religious or ethnic persecution. Tell your family stories.
4. Add some Jewish flavor to the table - recipes abound for pumpkin challah (see the one sent by CTJ in October), and bagel stuffing. Find a recipe for Thanksgiving tsimmes from our own Rachael Narins here in this issue!

Wishing you and yours a joyous Thanksgiving and a chance to explore your gratitude. May you go from strength to strength.

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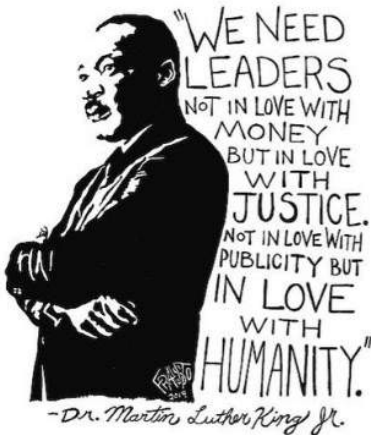
Thanksgiving Break
November 22-29



Winter Break
December 20-January 2



Martin Luther King Jr
Day
January 17-18



Presidents Day and
Ski Week
February 14-21



CAKE IT 'TIL YOU FAKE IT!

Who: CTJ Grades 6&7

What: Make a yummy microwave mug cake and join your CTJ friends for a game of "Fakin' It"

When: Saturday, December 5, 7:00pm

Where: Zoom! (and your microwave)

Why: To laugh at how bad your friends are at lying in Fakin' It!

How: RSVP to beccatullman@ctjmb.org no later than Dec 2 for cake recipe and zoom link!



Hanukkah Shabbaton & An Afternoon of Fun
Saturday, December 12, 1 - 6 p.m.



On October 25th in our art chug (elective) students explored the Red Sea and Eilat. After looking at photos including some of the coral reef they begin painting. They learned about combining oil pastels and watercolors. The separation that these two different mediums creates brings about a very vibrant result. Here is Aiden with his beautiful work.



*On October 25 in our OEC cooking chug (elective), we made egg kichel (or kichlach, which is plural). It's a very simple Eastern European cookie that's light and airy and made in a bow-tie shape. The word kichel is Yiddish and the diminutive of קוק , *kukhn*, "cake". The cookies are a popular Ashkenazi treat. Here's Noam with hers!*

Toy Collections

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Watch for the Amazon Wish List Link in our weekly email.



THANKSGIVING TZIMMES

From Chef Rachael



I love the flavors of fall in this root vegetable sheet-pan take on tzimmes.

It's the perfect dish for a Kosher Thanksgiving table

Recipe by Rachael Narins

1 hour

Serves 6 - 8 as a side dish (can be halved or doubled)

Vegan, parve, gluten free

INGREDIENTS

2 cups peeled and diced butternut squash (I use defrosted frozen pieces)

6 large carrots, peeled and cut into large pieces

4 parsnips, peeled and cut into large pieces

2 large red onions, peeled and cut into large pieces

10 - 12 whole prunes

½ cup dried cranberries

¼ cup olive oil

For the sauce

½ cup apple cider

1 teaspoon apple cider vinegar

½ cup brown sugar

½ tablespoon pumpkin pie spice

2 Tbsp olive oil

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

METHOD

1. Preheat your oven to 350F
2. Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper.
3. In a large bowl, toss together the butternut squash, carrots, parsnips, red onion, prunes and dried cranberries with the olive oil.
4. In a small saucepan, combine the remaining ingredients except the salt and pepper and bring to a simmer, whisking to dissolve the brown sugar. Taste and add more vinegar as needed. Pour the hot sauce over the vegetables and gently stir to coat.
5. Arrange the vegetables and fruit in an even layer on the baking sheets. Don't crowd anything. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
6. Roast for 20 minutes. After 20 minutes, stir and rotate your pans. Cook for another 15 minutes, or until the vegetables are soft when pierced with a knife.
7. Serve the dish while it's warm or at room temperature. The tzimmes can be made ahead and will keep in the refrigerator for up to four days.

New Member Spotlight on Patti and Don Burris

By Claire Ho ◆◆◆



I'd like to introduce you all to new CTJ members Patti and Don Burris. Patti and Don, both from New York, are quite accomplished in their respective fields. Patti is a professional artist and educator with more than 35 years of teaching experience at Brentwood Art Center. Her works are exhibited and sold throughout the United States.

Don is an international litigation and business attorney,

with expertise in international art law, with a special emphasis on Nazi-art looting during WW2. He was involved in the Supreme Court case in which the Austrian government returned stolen paintings by Gustav Klimt to Maria Altmann, the niece of Adele Bloch-Bauer who was the subject of the famous "Woman in Gold" painting. Don is also an author, lectures internationally and has taught Law as an Associate Professor. He was also on the Watergate panel that investigated Nixon.

The Burrises have travelled extensively, and have two children and 3 grandchildren. Not only have they known Rabbi Selilah for years, they remember my family when together we were members of a Santa Monica synagogue many years ago!

You may have seen the Burrises- Last year Don spoke at High Holy Day services at American Martyrs, and gave a talk on his involvement in "Woman in Gold" at CTJ. Recently Patti and Don led HaMotzi on Zoom in October.

We look forward to seeing Patti and Don at CTJ events in the future and welcome them warmly into the CTJ family!

Jewish Women's Theatre Is Back (On Zoom)

AHA MOMENT Monday, January 11, 7 p.m.

FAMILY MATTERS Monday, March 8, 7 p.m.

NEXT SHOW Tuesday, May 25, 7 p.m.

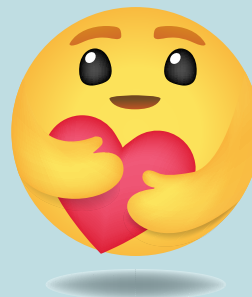
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 in honor of Rosh Hashana Aliyah
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in honor of all of the congregants at CTJ who have the good fortune to be led by the amazing Rabbi Kalev! Thank you for being the menschiest.

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- Every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. (except during vacation weeks)
- Every week Rabbi Kalev hosts a short session to start your day, sharing three news clips from the Jewish world that will make you think, make you laugh, maybe make you cry, and hopefully inspire you as you start your day. Grab your morning coffee and we promise these 15 minutes will be well spent!

Yoga

- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.
- YOGA with Zvia Hempling and Susan Goldstein via Zoom! Our amazing yoga teachers will help you get moving in the morning. Need props? Gather some household items like a towel, sofa pillows, belt and small empty trash bin or thick books to use as props if you don't have a Yoga strap or blocks.
- Students new to yoga are welcome and encouraged to join! Set up your mat or towel and your phone, tablet, or laptop. There will be time to chat and check in with your fellow yogis after class. This class is donation based. Pay what you are able, directly to CTJ. For Zoom link and more information contact bonschwartz1@gmail.com.

Taking Judaism One Level Deeper

Every Thursday evening at 7 p.m.
This popular discussion led by Rabbis Selilah and Joshua Kalev. We are currently reading then "A Code of Jewish Ethics, Volume 1" by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. Feel free to jump into this popular class at any point!

Virtual Friday Night Service

Every Friday Night, 6 p.m.
A fun, fast paced zoom service. Themes announced in weekly email.

Shabbat Morning Services

With B'nai Mitzvah 9:30 a.m.
With No B'nai Mitzvah
Service 10 - 10:45 a.m.
Text Study 10:45- 11:30 a.m.

Havdallah

Every Saturday evening - 6pm for the winter
As Shabbat ends and darkness falls we gather together on zoom to mark time with a very short 10 minute gathering. Celebrate a new week with your CTJ friends.

Friday | December 4 6 p.m.

Virtual Friday Night - Cool Jobs

- CTJers have the coolest vocations. Come here about some of them as we sing our way into Shabbat.

Saturday | December 5 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service and Text Study

- 10 a.m. Service, 10:45 a.m. Text Study

Saturday | December 5 6 p.m.

Havdallah

Sunday | December 6 10 - 11:15 a.m.

Virtual Tour of Israel with Assaf Boker

- For Members Only
- Registration Link in Weekly Email
- Mt Hertzl and Yad VaShem
- We will visit the Israeli Institute dedicated to the memory of the Holocaust and hear an inspiring story of Assaf's grandparents who survived the Holocaust and made it to Israel. We continue on to visit Israel's national cemetery and tour the tombs of some of Israel's most famous leaders as well as hear the emotional stories of Israeli soldiers who sacrificed their lives in order to ensure a Jewish homeland.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday | November 24

Interfaith Thanksgiving

Friday | November 27 6 p.m.

Virtual Friday Night - Old School Shabbes

Rabbi Mark will lead us in Old School Shabbes on the new platform of zoom. New and old together!!

Saturday | November 28 10 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday | November 28 6 p.m.

Havdallah

DECEMBER

Tuesday | December 1 3 - 4 p.m.

Knitzvot

Chat while you take a knitting/crocheting/craft break. Any craft welcome. Show us the project you're making for yourself or for charity.

Tuesday | December 1 6:30 p.m.

Sisterhood Board Meeting

Friday | December 4 5 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

A virtual Shabbat celebration with Cantor Beth and Rabbi Kalev for our youngest CTJ-ers and the grownups who love them. Lots of music, and an exciting story

Hanukkah: Celebrate Every Night with CTJ

Thursday, December 10, 6 p.m.

Passing the Light

Friday, December 11, 7 p.m.

Hanukkah Gelt Lane Drive by at CTJ

Saturday, December 12, Shabbaton 6 p.m.

Ugly Hanukkah Sweater Contest

Sunday, December 13, 6 p.m.

Virtual Hanukkah at the Point

Monday, December 14

Chef Rachael - Spice Up Your Latke

Tuesday, December 15

Hanukkah in Santa Monica

Wednesday, December 16

How long does your dreidel spin?

Thursday, December 17

Paying it Forward

Friday, December 18

Get Lit!

Monday | December 7 7:30 p.m.

CTJ Book Club

If you missed our first go around with this life changing book, you have another chance with the CTJ Book Club. We are reading Here All Along: Finding Meaning, Spirituality, and a Deeper Connection to Life--in Judaism (After Finally Choosing to Look There) by Sara Hurwitz. Rabbi Kalev has said it's the book he'd want to write about Judaism. For more information and to get book club reminder emails contact: dorittravel@gmail.com

Friday | December 11 6 p.m.

Virtual Friday Night

Saturday | December 12 9:30 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service and Bat Mitzvah of Rose Cohen

Saturday | December 12 1 - 6 p.m.

Hanukkah Shabbaton

Sunday | December 13 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Blood Drive

<https://tinyurl.com/ctjbloodrivedec>

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Ugly Hanukkah Sweater Contest
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Friday, December 11

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Thursday, December 17, 6 p.m. - Paying it Forward

Friday, December 18, 6 p.m. - Get Lit!



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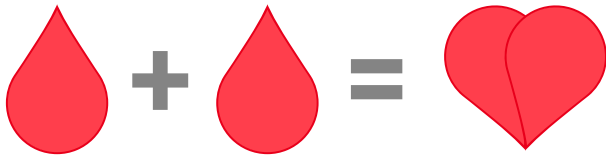
Hanukkah and Shabbat Fun
Saturday, December 12, 1 - 6 p.m.



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December 22

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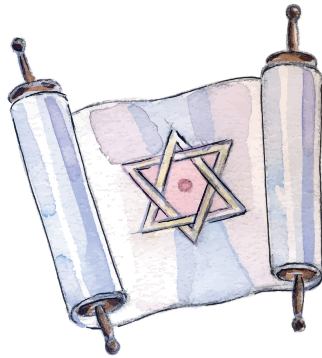
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