

Corpus Christi Community Religious School

Susan Martin, Director

October was a busy month at CBI.....

Stefani Rozen, assistant director at Greene Family Camp, visited CBI on Sunday, October 9th, to tell our students about GFC. Parents can contact Stefani at srozen@urj.org or visit greene.urjcamp.org for more information.

On Sunday, October 16th, students joined Rabbi Roseman in the sukkah, which had been decorated by various classes. Laurie McKinley's class also made edible sukkahs in their classroom. Look for pictures of these masterpieces in this bulletin.

Consecration was held on October 21st prior to Simchat Torah services. We welcome Rachel and Joshua Simpson to our religious school family. They join big sister Rebecca who is a second grader.

Erin Kahal, our Education Fellow here from Jackson, MS, gave an overview of the ISJL during services on Friday, October 21st. She also led our students in Simchat Torah Maccabia on Sunday. Each of the five groups of students represented one of the Five Books of Moses, by illustrating the book on a large scroll and then presenting its theme in a skit. Awards were presented for creativity, accuracy, participation, presentation, and ruach (spirit). The scrolls are on display in the foyer across from the auditorium.

Parents, we will meet for religious school only on Sunday, Nov. 6th, and Sunday, Nov. 13th (10 am-11 am), and Hebrew school on Nov. 3rd, 10th, and 17th. We will not meet on Sunday, Nov. 20th and 27th due to Thanksgiving holidays. We will not meet for Hebrew school on Nov. 24th.

Thanksgiving services with The Church of the Good Shepherd will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, at 7:30 PM, The Church of the Good Shepherd.

Shalom!
Susan

FAMILY CORNER

Shalom CBI Congregants,

What a fabulous time we had unrolling the Torah scrolls for Simchat Torah! It was a record turnout for Shabbat and our Family Dinner as well.

Please make a note that the Family Shabbat Dinner scheduled for Friday, November 4th has been canceled due to Food Fest preparations and activity ... a few too many cooks in the kitchen!!!

Our next Family Shabbat Dinner will be Friday, December 16th, when we will celebrate CHANUKAH. Of course, potato latkes will be first and foremost on the menu!!! Speaking of which, I will be needing extra help in the kitchen to prepare the many latkes for all of us to enjoy and would appreciate you contacting me to lend a hand with this project.

Until we break bread together again,

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SISTERHOOD REPORT

With the High Holidays behind us, Sisterhood is now focused on Food Fest. This year's Food Fest will be held on November 12th and November 13th. The organizers of this event are working very hard to make this another huge success. Please come out and support this annual event.

We are looking forward to another busy but fun weekend.

Robin Adams

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

For the 76th consecutive year, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and Congregation Beth Israel will celebrate Thanksgiving together.

This year, the service will be held at Good Shepherd on Upper Broadway on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:30 PM. Rabbi Roseman will deliver the sermon. His topic for the evening will be MONTICELLO AND MOSES: AT THE MOUNTAINTOP. The clergy of the church will conduct the service. After the service, a reception of seasonal pies and beverages will be served in the parlor of the church.

Everyone is, of course, cordially invited to join in this traditional opportunity of expressing our gratitude for our country and for all the bounties that we enjoy in our daily lives. It's a wonderful way to begin a long weekend of familial gatherings and gastronomic delectation.

HIGH HOLYDAY APPEAL FUNDS FOR MEDIC ALERT SYSTEM

CBI has at least twenty-five members who are elderly and live at home. For each of them, there is the ever-present danger of an illness or an accident that might make it difficult for them to summon emergency assistance. We did, in fact, have such an instance recently; a member lay on the floor for two days until caring and solicitous friends got the police to help enter the house and provide help.

With the generous approval of our Board of Trustees, we hope to offer the Medical Guardian alert system to members who might benefit from such a protective device. The system includes a base station that is plugged into the telephone and two remote buttons that can transmit up to six hundred feet. All one has to do is push the button and speak; help will be dispatched immediately. No member of our congregation need ever again run the risk of lying helplessly on the floor because help cannot be summoned. This program, however, will depend on your contributions to the High Holyday Fund. This income has been lagging this year. Maybe you can help.

The cost of this system is \$24.95 per month. The High Holyday Appeal fund will gladly perform the mitzvah of paying for the first year of such a system for those who so request; users can then continue at their own discretion. To make a confidential request for inclusion in this program, please contact either Rabbi Roseman or our congregational president, Jim Gold. We'll take it from there!

TWO PROGRAMS FROM 92ND STREET Y SERIES

We continue the series of programs from the 92nd Street YMHA in New York with two special presentations in November.

On Wednesday, November 2 at 7:00 PM, we shall hear an interview with Rabbi Meir Lau, presently the Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv. Rabbi Lau survived incarceration at Buchenwald as a child, made aliyah and eventually served for ten years as the Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi of Israel. A charismatic individual and beloved rabbi by his followers, Rabbi Lau presents a point of view about the future of Israel that is very different from the perspective we heard in September from

Peter Beinart and Jeremy Ben Ami of "J Street." It should be fascinating.

Then, on Monday, November 28 at 7:15 PM, the series continues with the story of the B'nai Menashe of northeastern India. Everyone enjoyed the history of the Jews of Kai Feng, China, last year, so we are continuing our travelogue of Jews in unusual communities. The B'nai Menashe trace their history back about 2800 years to the conquest of the northern kingdom of Israel by the Assyrians in 722 BCE. The tribe of Manasseh (Menashe) was one of the ten tribes that were taken captive and removed to the Mesopotamian valleys. Most historians believe that they were melded into the indigenous population, but these Jews maintain that they are the actual descendants of this exiled tribe.

The programs begin promptly at the scheduled time in the main sanctuary at CBI. Everyone is invited at no charge. Light refreshments are served at the conclusion of the programs.