

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Dear parents,

We are already half way through our religious school year and we did so many fun things already, but much more to come.

We will teach and talk to with our students about Tu B'shevat, what it means, activities and we will have our second annual Tu B'shevat Seder with our students.

We will also start practicing for our Shabbat service. At the end of our school year, our students will lead a Shabbat Service and it always takes some time to practice this with our students.

In a couple of weeks you will receive more information about our Shabbat Service. If you have any questions in a meantime please, feel free to contact me.

And a friendly reminder to all of our parents. Please make sure you will bring your child on time (9.00 for Hebrew and 10.30 for Religious School) and make sure you pick up your child on time (12.30 pm) Shalom, Manuela Sela Religious School Director.

1/6 Hebrew 9.00 – 10.15 Religious school 10.30 – 12.30 1/13

Hebrew 9.00 – 10.15

Religious school

10.30 – 12.30

(Tu B'shevat activities)

1/20 Hebrew

9.00 – 10.15

Religious school

10.30 – 12.30

(Tu B'shevat Seder)

1/27 Hebrew

9.00 – 10.15

Religious school 10.30 – 12.30

CBI SISTERHOOD

Good Day all,

I hope everyone had a great winter break. Fast forward to January and the upcoming months.

We have Mama Mia on January 27 and I am really looking forward seeing everyone there. I am sure it is going to be a great play. Thank you all who RSVP I really appreciate it.

Sisterhood is going to provide February's family Shabbat dinner. I will provide more information during our next sisterhood meeting.

And in March we are going to have a Purim Party at CBI. More information to follow.

Also, I would like to thank all the people who brought food to Linda and Dean Snider. Thank you so much for your help. If you would like to bring food, you can still sign up for the meal drive.

Unfortunately, I don't have the numbers from food fest yet but I promise you that as soon as I have them, I will share them with all of you. Our next sisterhood meeting is going to be on Wednesday, January 16 at 5.30 pm at CBI. I hope to see you all there.

B'Shalom Manuela Sela, Sisterhood President

Genesis of the Abrahamic Faiths:

The Story of Abraham and Sarah, the First Jews

Saturday January 12, 19, and 26 at 11am at CBI □ □

Judaism

understands Abraham and Sarah to be the first Jews but their stories are also the basis of Christianity and Islam, known as the Abrahamic Faiths.

Join Rabbi Emanuel and Fr Jonathan Wickham us as we join with All Saints Episcopal Church to learn about the fascinating, inspiring and challenging stories of our common ancestors Abraham and Sarah.

LICENSE TO CARRY CLASS Due to numerous requests, we have contracted to have a license to carry (handgun class), for members of Congregation Beth Israel on Sunday, January 6, 2019.

This class will be for CBI members only. We promised at least ten individuals will take the class. The instructor is a retired CCPD officer. Please contact Debbie at the CBI office to reserve your place, by December 20th. You may contact me with any additional questions. I will be on hand to assist.

Date: Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 9amRSVP: (Contact Debbie at CBI Office)

The 1st session will be a classroom setting and will take place here at CBI. Hands on training and shooting will take place after the classroom session on the same date at a location to be determined.

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al information will follow, including cost per person.

Thank you, Mike Trimyer, CBI Security Chair

GROSSMAN SERIES

Congregation Beth Israel is very pleased to announce the first programs of stimulating interest, sponsored by our new Harvey Grossman Memorial Fund for Film and Continuing Education. This Fund was established by a bequest in the estate of our late member, Harvey Grossman, and makes it possible to invite a guest speaker to bring timely and interesting insights to us.

Our guest in February 2019 will be Steven R. Weisman. Mr. Weisman was for many years chief diplomatic and economics correspondent for the New York Times. He served on the editorial board of the paper and was awarded the Edward Weintal Prize by the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. He is now Vice-President for Publications and Communications of the Peterson Institute for International Economics. Mr. Weisman has edited a book of the letters of the late Senator Daniel Moynihan and in 2016 wrote a book about moral dilemmas in an era of globalization. His most recent book is entitled *The Chosen Wars: How Judaism Became an American Religion*

On Friday evening, February 22, our guest will discuss one particular insight that emerged from his research: that America and America's Jews developed a very particular notion of the relationship of the government to religion. He will then contrast this perspective with a different model in contemporary Israeli society.

The program on Saturday, February 23, will focus on the American-Jewish community at the

time of our nation's Civil War. Many of our institutions and attitudes were formed during these years. Jews enlisted in the two armies at a rate that exceeded that of their neighbors; it is estimated that 200 Jews fought for the Confederacy.

Finally, during the morning of Sunday, February 24, Mr. Weisman will speak on the subject "Fake News: Reporting for the New York Times." We probably don't need to tell you that this presentation will elicit a lively and informative interchange.

More specific details about the times for these sessions will be forthcoming. You should know, however, that the programs are presented without charge thanks to the generosity of the Harvey Grossman Memorial Fund for Film and Continuing Education and that all members of the Jewish community and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

MEANWHILE, MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FEBRUARY 22-24, 2019 AND PLAN TO JOIN US FOR SOME STIMULATING LEARNING AND CONVERSATION.