



## Thoughts from the Trans Day of Remembrance *from Rabbi Alter*



On November 20, CBINT hosted a Milwaukee Jewish Federation observance of Trans Day of Remembrance, a day to grieve transgender lives lost to violence in the U.S. and around the world. Some violence is perpetrated against trans

people, some is self-inflicted. The observance shines a light on targeting of trans people **as such**, often with humiliating, dehumanizing words, or legislation.

MJF held the event because Jewish trans folk are part of our community, and because the "othering" that trans people often experience, as was prominently the case in the recent election campaign, is so familiar to us. For all these reasons, CBINT was honored to host the event, and I was honored to be invited to offer remarks. I spoke with trans members of our congregation, or in the families and friend circles of our community, on my mind.

In recent years, I've offered remarks at CBINT on trans issues that, in retrospect, were incautious and needlessly provocative. I regret those remarks. At the same time, the controversial nature of some aspects of the trans experience in no way justifies the demonizing vitriol in so much of the public discourse. My remarks at the November observance were an attempt to bring some breadth and humanity to the discussion, even as the debates around the controversies will continue.

Following are edited selections from my remarks.

**'God is the Source of all that is. In all its diversity and complexity...'**

When I was coming out to myself as gay, I would go for walks to speak aloud who I was attracted to. I'd never yet spoken of my attractions to anyone. But a friend asked, when I was struggling in a relationship with a woman, "Well, do you ever find that you're attracted to men?" I answered, "Well, yes." And my life was never the same.

In our morning service, we pray, "*Baruch she'Amar v'Haya haOlam – Blessed is the Creator-of-the-World-by-Word.*" God is the One Who, in speaking, brings a world into being. That's what I experienced in speaking aloud my reality as a gay person. And that's the trans experience, too.

Violence against trans people desecrates God's name.

In the Torah's creation story, the human originally comprises male and female genders. God sunders that unity when God separates out the woman and the man. The Rabbis recognize that this legend does not sufficiently describe gender. In the Talmud, the Rabbis delineate the human species into several gender identities. This complex diversity across humanity (and within individuals) is reflective of the complexity of God's unity – a unity that is beyond gender, but which includes all genders. For God is the Source of all that is. In all its diversity and complexity....

The Torah returns again and again to protecting the vulnerable. Of the *ger*, the stranger, the Torah says "*Mishpat echad yihiyeh lachem: kaGer, kaEzrach.* You may administer only one law. For the stranger and citizen alike." (Leviticus 24:22) The Torah makes this remarkable statement in addressing violence in society.

We are in a moment where there is a fixation on barriers. There's a stirring of fear, of disgust,

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## Let's Find the Common Ground We All Share *from Hazzan Stein*



*PLEASE NOTE: While I make reference to the recent presidential election and upcoming inauguration, this article is by no means an endorsement or critique of either candidate. Rather, I use the election as a jumping off point to explore an approach*

*to interacting with people who hold different viewpoints. I look forward to hearing your responses.*

This month, the United States will inaugurate its next president. And while the final electoral vote was not particularly close, the vote count in the seven swing states (including Wisconsin) was close enough that it seemed possible the Democrats could have won the election had they implemented a different strategy, leaving party representatives and pundits to debate where things went wrong.

While there are many theories, the two most frequent arguments I have heard are first, from

those who say the Democratic Party ignored voices in the more progressive camp, and second, from those who believe the Democratic Party was too beholden to the progressive voices, turning off potential centrist swing voters. In short, according to these two points of view, the Democratic platform was either too progressive or not progressive enough.

Is it possible for both of these diametrically opposite opinions to be true? My analytical side says it's unlikely. If it were a math equation, I'm just not sure it would add up. But my intuitive side, the part of me that listens to what people are actually communicating behind the words they are speaking, hears truth in both, even if the numbers don't bear it out.

Whichever side of the argument one may be on (and these are just two of many), the truth is that one is likely experiencing a mix of feelings including frustration,

exasperation, and dismay (to name a few) at not feeling heard or seen, and desiring acceptance, progress, and integrity. Can they both be right about the root cause of the loss? Maybe not. But is there truth in how their argument reflects their

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of mistrust. The conjuring of sinister predators in disguise. This language can and will only lead to ostracization and violence. It must be called out.

Dr. Joy Ladin, a transgender woman, taught English literature at Yeshiva University. She observes a queer essence in the story of Jonah. When God calls to Jonah and says, "You're a prophet. Go to Nineveh," Jonah runs. He rejects his prophet identity and the truth that he's called to speak. God says, "Arise!" Jonah goes down to Yafo. God says, "Go over land, east to Nineveh to announce its destruction." Jonah boards a boat headed west – to Tarshish. The sailors are awake, up on deck; he's asleep down in the hold. Jonah fears that truth will destroy his world if he speaks it. Until finally, he has no choice. He's trapped in the belly of a fish at the bottom of the sea.

So, Jonah speaks. And what happens? Nineveh is saved. When Jonah lives his truth, it creates a world for Nineveh, and for himself. *Baruch she'Amar v'Haya haOlam*. Blessed are those who speak and, in so doing, (re)create the world.

We are in a moment when the trans experience is complicated and controversial. Some of these controversies require careful deliberation, because of course not everything anyone says or does in the name of trans rights is defensible. But no one may define a trans person out of existence. To un-name them, and thereby to un-create them.

Let us find hope through our grief, knowing that God, that great Unity, is the One who brings comfort to us all, in the unity of our infinite diversity.

## **Being Present is the Best Present of All** *from Hazzan Stein (continued)*

lived experience, at least as they understand it? Absolutely.

And if you pay attention, you can see this play out not just after a major event such as a presidential election, but nearly every day. How often do you hear someone complain or make a critical comment about something that you don't believe aligns with reality? I'm guessing it happens at least once in a while. When it does, you may be very quick to dismiss the other's comment as utter nonsense. But there's another option available to you.

What if, instead of going straight into dismissal mode, you sought to hear the truth behind the other's comment, no matter how unrealistic it seemed? Instead of judging the person as being utterly removed from reality, we might see what is really driving them. Feelings such as anxiety, loneliness, and grief might come to the forefront with an understanding that they are lacking a degree of security, understanding, or companionship in their lives, all things that we feel and value ourselves. Suddenly, their seemingly outlandish statement makes a lot more sense. And while at no point are we required to share the other's perspective, at least we see what is real for them, and in terms that we can understand and relate to.

These days, more and more people are expressing difficulty communicating with those who have different social and political viewpoints, both across and within party lines. As a result, more and more people simply choose not to engage, electing instead to create greater and

greater barriers, and writing off others as out of touch. It's the easier and in some ways safer approach. But what if we chose the path of empathy as a starting point, listening for feelings, needs, and values, and even taking the time to clarify with the other person? And maybe even realize that we share many of the same hopes and dreams for security, prosperity, and acceptance? Could this make a difference in how we view and interact with one another?

Yes! The answer is YES! No, I didn't say it would be easy. But I do believe it to be so. At this point, you could probably guess what values of mine are at the forefront for me. Harmony. Connection. Understanding. Communication. And I suspect that you share those values as well. And that many others – EVEN THOSE WITH WHOM YOU DON'T AGREE ON MUCH – also share those very same values. Just that is a lot to have in common with someone you might otherwise feel at odds with.

When we encounter people with points of view that are different from our own, even those we find objectionable, we can respond by building higher, thicker walls (literal or figurative) between one another, or by listening and finding the common ground that we all share, hearing what is true for one another, even in the most divided of times.

L'shalom, Hazzan Stein

# **Save the Date! To Broadway! To Life!** **Sunday, February 23 | 4 p.m.**

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For more information, contact the CBINT office at 414-352-7310 or [marlynnb@cbintmilwaukee.org](mailto:marlynnb@cbintmilwaukee.org)

## All I Need is a Miracle *from Beata Abraham*



How fortunate we are to have a God with a penchant for dramatic flair. A quick rundown of some of the extraordinary events that took place in the Tanach (giant human eating fish, a flood that encompassed the earth, the splitting of the Red

Sea, to name but a few) is indisputable proof of His panache and creativity. So it certainly isn't God's fault that there are so many who do not believe in miracles. The commitment to logic and reality that it takes to remain a skeptic in the face of these spectacular occurrences is admirable, but miracles actually hold a central place in Judaism.

Interwoven throughout biblical narratives and rabbinical teachings, miracles serve as powerful reminders of God's presence, influence, and interest in human affairs. God is clearly a hands-on parent and we are the better for it. Miracles are not merely incredible supernatural events, they are profound moments revealing God's will and desire to guide human behavior. Miracles can enrich our perspective on faith, trust, and our connection between the natural and the divine. Frequently showing up in Jewish tradition as extraordinary occurrences that shake up or transcend the natural order of things, they reveal the hand of God in history and serve a specific purpose within the context of the greater divine plan.

**They can reaffirm a covenant.** There is no more iconic example of miracles than the story of our Exodus from Egypt, which is truly the quintessential example of God's divine intervention in Jewish history. Not only did the multitude of miracles that took place demonstrate God's power to free the Israelites from slavery and establish them as His chosen people, it also served to reaffirm the covenant and clarify the moral and spiritual obligations that came with it.

**They can inspire faith.** We all know that the Israelites who wandered in the desert after being freed from slavery were not paragons of patience

and gratitude. As they cried out bitterly for food and water, God saved the day with sustenance in the form of manna, reminding them of His omnipotence, and that He cared about them deeply. This miracle fostered their trust in God's commitment to taking care of them and was a catalyst for their belief in a divine power.

**They can teach ethical lessons.** Even though lots of miracles are showstoppers, they are not just an opportunity for God to show off His omnipotence and magnificence (though He has both in abundance). They are meant to teach ethical and spiritual lessons. The unlikely victory of the Maccabees and the oil that lasted eight days symbolize the triumph of faith and commitment to religious freedom over oppression. An enduring lesson if ever there was one.

**They can demonstrate justice.** Sometimes miracles are framed as manifestations of divine justice. The downfall of Pharaoh's army and the miraculous survival of Daniel in the lion's den are examples of times when divine justice dramatically swooped in to determine an outcome. Occasionally, delayed (or arriving just in the nick of time), divine justice is ultimately inevitable.

Rest assured that no one is asking you to reject reason outright. Believing in miracles simply asks that you *expand* your belief-boundaries to accommodate the divine. You also need to have a willingness to suspend skepticism and embrace the possibility that reality encompasses dimensions beyond our human comprehension (no matter how smart we are). Miracles are a reminder that the mysteries of existence can defy conventional explanation and that what we know to be natural laws are not necessarily the arbiter of reality.

Judaism does not demand blind acceptance. It is about a relationship with God that is built on trust and faith. Miracles have the unique ability to strengthen this relationship by providing tangible evidence of God's involvement. This includes finding miracles in the mundane. If you choose to view the world through a lens of wonder and gratitude, you will see that miracles show us the hand of God in both the extraordinary and the everyday.

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As with all of the best gifts, miracles come with a stern warning. The Talmud teaches, "A person should never rely on miracles" (*Pesachim 64b*). The Talmud always gives excellent advice. We should strive to look upon miracles as a gift rather than something we expect. Their purpose

is to inspire and galvanize us to action instead of relying on divine intervention. Whether we like it or not, we are all responsible for shaping the world with our actions – both skeptics and believers alike.

## Join in Planning and Attending SAC Programs

Thank you for your patience as the Social Action Committee (SAC) of CBINT has taken the time to put together a list of "members" who have attended our programs or have expressed an interest in our programming. Following is an update on our current programming, which is centered on Mental Health. We encourage you to join us in participating in any of the programs you are interested in.

PATHFINDERS MILWAUKEE – 4200 N. Holton Ave. We have confirmed the next two evenings that we will serve dinner to the youth who visit Pathfinders and are offered services to ensure their safety and to promote their long-term stability, healing, empowerment, and thriving.

Our next is **Wednesday, March 19, 2025**. Meal preparation starts at 5 p.m. and is served at approximately 5:30 p.m. We serve dinner and have an opportunity to socialize with the youth at dinner. The program typically lasts until 6:45 p.m. Please contact Donald Bass at dbcher19@gmail.com or 414-788-6276 if you are interested in volunteering your time. Transportation can be provided.

MARGE'S MITZVAH KNITTERS – We have a dedicated group of knitters led by Sarie Shainock and Ellen Goldstein who meet Sunday mornings at CBINT to knit and crochet much-needed winter hats, scarves, mittens, and blankets for local organizations. This is open to everyone with any level of experience who is interested in bonding with fellow congregants while also performing a mitzvah by providing for others.

Marge's Knitters visit the Bradley Crossing apartments in Brown Deer on the second Monday of each month and Ovation Communities on the first Monday of each month, both at 1:30 p.m. These events allow the group to teach and encourage other people to benefit from

the knitting experience. Please contact Sarie Shainock at Sarieshainock@sbcglobal.net for further information.

MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATIONAL SERIES – The Social Action Committee is sponsoring a seven-part series with informed guest speakers on mental health topics. Our first program on Sunday, November 4, was "Moods for the Season & for Other Reasons: Understanding Seasonal Affective Disorder & Other Types of Depression."

The schedule for the remaining five programs follows. A light breakfast of bagels, cream cheese, orange juice, and coffee is served at each program. We hope you will join us. (Note there is no program in April.)

- **January 19, 10 a.m.** "Mindful Meditation and Coping Strategies," led by Jodie Honigman.
- **February 16, 10 a.m.** "Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Impact and Traumas Big and Small, led by Sharon Fedderly, Ph.D.
- **March 16, 10 a.m.** "Nutrition & Our Relationship with Food," led by Alex Dyzelski.
- **May 18, 10 a.m.** Topic and Speaker to be announced; **June 8** (the second, not third, Sunday), **10 a.m.** Topic and Speaker to be announced.

We have identified three topics for the three open time slots and are in search of an informed speaker for each. Please let us know if you or someone you are aware of would be available and willing to lead one of these topics. Contact Sharon Fedderly at ssfedderly@sbcglobal.net or Jodie Honigman at jbhonigman@gmail.com or Donald Bass at dbcher19@gmail.com for suggestions or comments.

- "Care for Caregivers - Securing Your

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- "Oxygen Mask Before Assisting Others"
- "Choosing Alternative Coping Mechanisms for Depression Instead of Drug and Alcohol Abuse"
- "Understanding ADHD, its Subtypes and Effective Interventions"

PROJECT RETURN – We are ready to start working with this social service organization, which helps individuals who have experienced incarceration to make a positive permanent return to community, family, and friends. We have a few people who have expressed an interest in helping to lead our efforts. Please let us know if you are interested in joining the leadership team.

OVATION COMMUNITIES and JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES (JFS) at BRADLEY CROSSING

in BROWN DEER – Periodically there are opportunities for the SAC to volunteer our time interacting/visiting/playing games with residents at these communities. We seek a volunteer to coordinate these efforts with representatives of Ovation Communities and JFS. Please contact us if you are interested!

We appreciate your comments and feedback. Please reach out to any of us. Looking forward to seeing you at our programs.

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## Bring Your Ideas to the Green Team!

What amazing project would you want to do to improve or teach about the environment if only you had the time and energy to make it happen? What would you do if you had the time and energy AND a group of people to help you make that project a reality? What would you do if that group already existed and is here at CBINT?

Well, that group does exist, and it is the CBINT Green Team, a unit of the Social Action Committee. And we are looking for people with ideas. Your idea could be a big picture project or something on a much smaller scale. Your idea could be for families or a specific age group. Your idea could be an ongoing synagogue activity or a one-and-done.

It is because of the passion of a few people that we have created an organic vegetable garden, a butterfly garden with native Wisconsin plants, collected electronic waste for recycling, conducted Tu B'Shvat Seders, and hosted a Scholar-in-Residence whose topic was Jewish connections to green energy action.

And we haven't stopped there. Projects currently being developed include: composting food wastes created from Shabbat Kiddushes, completing the synagogue's changeover to LED

light bulbs, participating in a community-wide, interfaith electronic waste recycling effort to celebrate Earth Week 2025, and tree planting in the inner city.

But wait! There's more! We are considering other projects such as upgrading our HVAC systems to be more efficient (they are very old and rely on environmentally destructive chemicals), integrating our efforts with other congregations to increase our effectiveness, bringing in a Scholar-in-Residence who could address the interactions between the climate

crisis and mental health, creating a congregational group buy for residential and/or business solar panels (it is cheaper that way), and family outings.

To make all these activities, as well as the ideas you bring to the table, happen, we need YOU. Just imagine what we, together, could accomplish!

If you are interested in helping with one of the existing or planned projects, or just have some questions, or have some ideas you want to discuss, please contact Dan Weber (kibbutzweber@gmail.com or 414-477-1048). We look forward to meeting and working with you!

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## Sisterhood Needs Your Voice!

What has your Sisterhood been up to? So far this year we have begun our campaign to raise funds for Torah Fund in support of our institutions that train Conservative and Masorti rabbis, cantors and *hazzanim*, and educators. We created necklaces to display our Torah Fund pins in September.

Also in September, we joined Men's Club at a mini golf event. We gathered around a campfire to sing Israeli songs and toast marshmallows in October. In November, we shared Thanksgiving recipes. In December, we spent time together at Sip in Mequon and organized a Hanukkah luncheon for the Milwaukee Chaplaincy program that supports disabled adults in our community. We also baked Hanukkah Cookies for sale and synagogue events while keeping a good supply of treats available for meetings, kiddushim,

concerts, and other synagogue events. We play mahjong twice a month and are currently taking orders for next year's cards.

What's ahead? A tour of the Milwaukee Jewish Museum on January 12 for all synagogue members interested. Our donor letter campaign will also begin in January. We need your support to keep doing what we do :)

We plan on baking LOTS of hamentashen for sale, services, and possible distribution with *shalach manot*. For May, a formal Tea is being planned to complete our Torah Fund campaign.

What is in our future? Bringing in a relevant speaker for a Women's Voice event? We could use more support and leadership. If we can find that, we will try doing a vendor fair next fall. Can **you** help???

## CBINT Youth Scholarship Application 2025

**Submission Deadline: Friday, January 31, 2025**

Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid is fortunate to have several endowment funds established to provide scholarships to CBINT children and young adults, up to age 26, **of our current CBINT members in good standing.**

Scholarships are available for CBINT youth to assist them in furthering their Jewish education. Activities include students attending Jewish overnight camps, USY programs, Jewish high school in Israel, organized Jewish educational tours in Israel, and Jewish advanced college studies in Israel. Preference is given to individuals who participate in programs sponsored by the Conservative Movement and/or who have a true financial need. These endowments do not fund day camp or non-Jewish education-based programs.

Contact the CBINT office, 414-352-7310, or Marlynn, [marlynnb@cbintmilwaukee.org](mailto:marlynnb@cbintmilwaukee.org), with any questions. **Applications must be submitted online through the link on the CBINT website (Home page > "Learn" link > Camp Scholarships).**

## CBINT Book Club Meets January 20

The CBINT Book Discussion Group meets on Monday, January 20, at 1 p.m. in the promenade to discuss "*The Breakaway*" by Jennifer Weiner. Group member Marla Frydman moderates. We invite all members to participate! For information contact Bobby Miller, [b.jeanmiller6790@gmail.com](mailto:b.jeanmiller6790@gmail.com).

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Karl Wallick

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### January 4

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Rodney Ugent  
Randall Rowlett

### January 5

Jerome Jacobson  
Jeffrey Conen  
Lisa Kulakow

### January 6

Rona Alexander

### January 7

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Judah Primakow  
Sydney Koritzinsky

### January 8

Martin Thau  
Deborah Intravaia

### January 9

Bobbi Fishbein  
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### January 11

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Jerrold Deutsch

### January 12

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### January 13

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### January 15

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### January 19

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### January 22

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### January 25

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## CBINT Funds

**Alan & Rita Marcuvitz Education Endowment Fund** – Funds to be used for adult, youth, and family education.

**Balkansky Fund** – Provides scholarships for Camp Ramah.

**Beth Hearst Fund (Formerly Passport to Israel)** – Provides funds for current youth and educational programs.

**Carl S. and Sandra G. Zetley Generation to Generation Fund** – Provides funds for education and family programming.

**CBINT/Religious School Fund** – Underwrites tuition for children of members attending the CBINT School of Religious Studies.

**Ervin & Suzann Colton Education Endowment Fund** – Provides funds for Scholars in Residence and other speakers.

**Gemilut Hasadim** – Provides funds for Shabbat meals for CBINT families with newborns or families in mourning.

**General Fund** – Provides funds to maintain CBINT.

**Harold M. Kramer Beautification Fund** – Provides funds for beautification projects at CBINT.

**Hazzan's Discretionary Fund** – Fund established for charitable causes.

**Isadore & Sylvia Blankstein Library Fund** – Provides funds for CBINT library acquisitions.

**Jacobson Chapel Fund** – Provides funds for the maintenance of Jacobson Chapel.

**Kenneth Weber Choir Fund** – Fund dedicated to supporting the choir and other musical programs.

**Marilyn Zetley Children's Library Fund** – Provides funds for the children's section of the library (books, furniture, etc.)

**Merry Atinsky Kiddish Fund** – Helps CBINT Sisterhood provide kiddish lunches after Shabbat services

**Panitch CBI Family Education Fund** – Assists CBINT families with financial needs who wish to attend family education retreats.

**Pentateuh/Humash Fund** – Provides funds to purchase Pentateuh/Humashim. Books will have a dedication bookplate.

**Prayer Book Fund** – Provides funds to purchase prayer books/siddurim. Books will have a dedication bookplate.

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund** – Fund established for charitable causes.

**Rabbi Panitch Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund** – Provides scholarships for Camp Ramah.

**Sam & Aidee Cooper Art Fund** – Provides funds to purchase art for CBINT.

**School Fund** – Provides funds for the school and special school projects.

**Senior Activities Fund** – Provides funds for social, spiritual and educational opportunities for mature adults.

**Shirley Bass Floral Fund** – Provides bima flowers for the holidays.

**Sol & Esther Blankstein Scholarship Fund** – Assists high school/college students to pursue Jewish Education.

**Soloman & Yetta Soloff Memorial Adult Education Fund** – Established in the memory of Dr. Soloman & Yetta Soloff. Promotes and supports Adult Education programs.

**Special Scholarship Endowment Fund** – Provides scholarships for Jewish education.

**Stein Mendelson Scholarship Fund** – Provides funds for a Camp Ramah scholarship for one student per summer.

**The Schuster Family Endowment Fund for Second Home Cemetery**

**William & June Sherkow Scholarship Fund** – Provides funds for charitable, educational, or religious purposes.

**Youth Scholarship Endowment Fund (YSEF) (Formerly Youth Education Endowment Fund)** – Provides scholarships for trips to Israel, Jewish overnight camp and advanced Jewish education.

## CBINT Office Information

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Please call to confirm office operation hours.

### Worship & Service Information

#### Weekday Services:

7:30 am and 6:00 pm

#### Sunday and Civic Holidays:

9:00 am and 6:00 pm

#### Shabbat:

9:30 am

Saturday evening Havdalah services are through Zoom only. See the website or your eblast for the Zoom service link. Please advise Rabbi Alter or Hazzan Stein if needed to help recruit attendees for a yahrzeit minyan.