

July/August 2024 Sivan-Tamuz-Av 5784

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From the Rabbi's Desk

According to the psychologist Abraham Maslow, the second most foundational human need after having one's physiological needs met is the need to feel safe and secure. The Annual Congregational Meeting provides a regular opportunity for CAA's volunteer and professional leadership to reassure our members that our community is safe and secure, that all is well, and despite whatever challenges we may face as a community, all will continue to be well in the future.

This need for a community to feel secure is as old as the Torah itself. Last week's reading, Parashat Bamidbar, and this week's reading, Parashat Nasso, read like an organizational chart designed to ensure that Israel will be safe and secure throughout its 40-year trek in the wilderness toward Eretz Yisrael. In these readings, we learn how many adult men make up Israel's defense force, who the tribal leaders are, and where each tribe is to be situated around the Tabernacle, the "Tent of Meeting," as it is called in the Torah. We also learn about the tasks assigned to each Levitical clan to safeguard the purity of the Tabernacle, which our ancestors believed housed God's divine presence here on earth. In short, we learn in these readings what was required to keep both the people and God's earthly abode safe and secure.

Just as Moses comforts Israel by laying out the complex details of Israel's vast camp, CAA's board and I want you to leave here knowing that our community,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CAA Book Club6
Kesher Committee Events
See inside for details.

July/August 2024

July 5 Friday Night Service	7:00 pm
July 6 Torah Service	9:30 am
July 10 Swampbats All Faith Night	6:30 pm
(Lainee singing the National Anthem)	1
July 12 Friday Night Service	7:00 pm
July 13 Torah Service	9:30 am
July 17 CAA Board Meeting	7:00 pm
July 18 Comm. Kitchen	4:30 pm
July 19 Friday Night Service	7:00 pm
July 20 Torah Service	9:30 am
July 21 CAA Annual Picnic Hosted by the Bieber's	1:00 pm
July 26 Timely Topics in Jewish Life	11:00 am
July 26 Friday Night Service	7:00 pm
July 27 Torah Service	9:30 am
July 27 Mediation & Mindfulness	10:30 am
July 30 Rabbi's Coffee Hour at Brewbakers	11:00 am
Aug 2 Friday Night Service	7:00 pm
Aug 3 Torah Service	9:30 am
Aug 9 Friday Night Service	7:00 pm
Aug 10 Torah Service	9:30 am
Aug 11 CAA Kosher Q	11:30 am
Aug 17 CAA Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Aug 15 Comm Kitchen	4:30 pm
Aug 16 Friday Night Service	7:00 pm
Aug 17 Shabbat & Torah Service	9:30 am
Aug 23 Timely Topics in Jewish Life	11:00 am
Aug 23 Friday Night Service	7:00 pm
Aug 24 Torah Service	9:30 am
Aug 27 Rabbi's Coffee Hour at Brewbakers	11:00 am
Aug 29 Community Kitchen	4:30 pm
Aug 30 Friday Night Service	7:00 pm
Aug 31 Torah Service	9:30 am
Sept 8 CAA Book Club	10:30 am

too, is strong, that our leaders are capable, that every member of this congregation matters. We also want to remind you that we all have a role to play in creating a community and a world in which God's presence can flourish. We do this by taking care of one another, worshiping together,



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learning and celebrating together, and extending compassion to the most vulnerable in our midst. My experience over the past year tells me that we can check all these boxes with confidence.

Let me highlight just a few indicators of our strength and security as a community.

Let me start by thanking Roye Ginsberg for his calm and steady leadership as CAA's president this past year. Among Roye's gifts are his kind heart, his collaborative approach to leadership, and his deep commitment to Judaism, the Jewish People, and the State of Israel. Roye also understands that the well-being of our congregation depends not only on what we do within the walls of this synagogue but also what we do in the community at large. Becoming an official partner with the Monadnock Interfaith Project, moving our community menorah lighting to the Keene Family Y, and successfully monitoring for potential antisemitic and anti-Israel threats are just a few of Roye's accomplishments for which we can all feel grateful.

All the board members deserve recognition for showing up each month to the board's monthly meetings and for contributing in substantive ways to the board's decision-making and oversight of the congregation. We owe special thanks to the board's officers: Roye, President; Paul Bieber, Vice President; David Kochman, Treasurer; Selena Katz, Corresponding Secretary; Vivian Prunier, Recording Secretary; and Scott Friedman, Financial Secretary. We also want to thank Paul Bieber, Barbara Green, Jeff Cohen, and Craig Sylvern as they complete their service on the board following today's meeting. Paul and Barbara, in particular, have collectively served on the board for more decades than I can count and have given so

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much of themselves to this community. They are both deserving of a golden gavel, if only we had one to give them. We also want to welcome new board members Sophie Carney-Brenner, Arelis Quiñones, Rebecca Goldenberg, and Harry Reisig. The community looks forward to the fresh ideas, energy, and wisdom that you will undoubtedly bring to the board.

We are also blessed with the leadership of our two key staff members: Lainee Ginsberg, our music director, and Daniella Yitzchak, our office manager/caterer/program associate. Both Lainee and Daniella are incredible assets to our congregation and key to the growth we have experienced this past year and, I hope, will continue to experience in the years ahead. I, for one, appreciate the time and energy they give to CAA, especially given the complexity and fullness of their lives beyond the congregation. Thank you to both, and thank you also to our maintenance staff, Eric and Lorraine Cone, who do so much to make our building a pleasant place for us to gather and to welcome newcomers, friends, and family.

The Jewish community wouldn't have a future if we didn't have children learning how to bear the torch of our Jewish heritage after us. Our religious school is small but mighty. Despite having only seven children enrolled this past year, our teachers had their hands full all year. Roye, Lainee, Shoshannah Gil, Wendy Fulton, Daniella and our Hebrew tutors, Malia Boaz and Harry Reisig, and I put our all into instilling a love of Yiddishkeit and the Hebrew language in our children. I can't be more grateful for the dedication of all our teachers. We ask a lot of them, and they deliver in a big way.

It is with sadness that I acknowledge Roye Ginsberg's retirement from religious school teaching at this time. Roye has been teaching Hebrew school for over 50 years, since he was 15 years old. Twenty of those years have been at CAA. Think of all the Sundays that Roye could have hit the snooze button on his alarm clock, rolled over, and gone back to sleep, and think of all those young

A Letter from the President

Dear Congregation,

I can't believe that I have finished my second year as president of CAA. Developing our community has been my primary goal. This



Roye Ginsberg

has meant earnest outreach beyond our current members, the result of which has been an increase in our CAA membership to 114 family units from 105 family units last year. I have also endeavored to increase the engagement of the current members. The Board of Directors, committee members, and other volunteers have been essential in developing our strong community. I am so very thankful to many members of our synagogue who have helped us to both improve and who continue to serve the needs of our community.

This year I have chosen Dr. Gary Shapiro to receive the Shem Tov Award from the New Hampshire Federation. Gary deserves recognition for his coordination of volunteers from CAA at the Community Kitchen over the past many, many years, and for his readiness to volunteer at the Kosher Q, Latke Blow Out, and whenever we need a pick-up truck or a chainsaw. As co-chair of the Chevra Kadisha, Gary routinely organizes taharot for Jewish men who have died, whether members or non-members, and he can always be relied upon to help make a minyan for a funeral or shiva minyan. I am sure there is much more that people could say about Gary's many outstanding contributions to both CAA and the greater community of Keene.

A very special recognition currently goes to Malcolm Katz. He stepped down from chairing the Building Committee after 25 years of leadership. Malcolm has always been there – during a flood, when an alarm malfunctions, or any other of the MANY issues relating to our synagogue building. We have been able to count on Malcolm, behind the scenes, making a tremendous contribution to the overall running of our synagogue. As a sign of my appreciation, I am giving Malcolm a gift certificate to the Toadstool Bookstore. I know he is an avid reader and hope that he will enjoy this small token of thanks for his service. Leaving the Board of Directors currently are Craig Sylvern. Jeff Cohen, Barbara Green, and Paul Bieber.

How can we thank Craig Sylvern enough for all he's done for the synagogue? He single-handedly saved us during the height of the COVID pandemic by designing, implementing, and running the new audiovisual system we have here at CAA. This way services were able to be held first online, and later in a sophisticated hybrid manner. He graciously helps the other members of the "tech crew" whether he's "on duty" or not. Craig has also been a valued member of the Board these past few years. I have always appreciated his insight. Now he is assisting his wife Robin with the bulletin every other month. He is a man of many talents, and I'm so glad that we acknowledged him with the Shem Tov Award in 2021.

Jeff Cohen has been a reliable member of the Board for many years. He also is active at the Community Kitchen and taught Hebrew School for years. I have so much respect and admiration for his style of teaching students of all ages, and I have often sought out his advice. Even now, he is willing to pitch-in as a substitute at the Religious School. The kids like and respect him, and so do his colleagues. We will miss his consistent and thoughtful input on the Board.

Barbara Green edited the Bulletin for 25 years. What a labor of love and dedication! She has consistently and carefully maintained the highest standards in editing our Bulletin every two months for all these years. We can't thank her enough. In terms of her contributions to the Board, I will miss Barbara's eye for detail regarding the monthly minutes. It became an inside joke when we got to the approval of the minutes to look at Barbara for corrections!

Last, but not least, retiring from the Board is Paul Bieber. He has truly mentored me during the last two years. As a matter of fact, I went to his house every week for "president lessons" at the beginning of my term! Paul's style of mentorship was always one of encouragement and never criticism.

Paul always prioritizes the needs of the CAA community over his own personal needs. Paul's endless

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Rabbi's family celebrates his 25th year in the rabbinate



Are You Getting the Weekly Synagogue **Email?**

A mass mailing to CAA members and other interested parties provides info on

upcoming services and other events. This email is sent out every Tuesday or Wednesday. Additional emails are sent when there's news that can't wait.

If you're not receiving the weekly email, call the CAA office and ask to be added. It's the way to keep up to date in between *Bulletins*.

Ahavas Achim Office Hours

Regular office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and at other times by arrangement.

Please email Daniella if you need assistance at office@keenesyngogue.org or call 603-933-3259.

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Jewish lives Roye has touched. Thank you, Roye, for sharing your love for Judaism and Hebrew with our children and for being a true example of menschlichkeit for your students.

In her annual report for the Religious Practices Committee, Vivian Prunier made a point of thanking Selena Katz, Elaine Bieber, and Daniella for feeding us on Rosh Hashanah, Purim, and Passover. That takes care of challah, hamantaschen, and matzah. There are two other people whom we need to add to that list as well: Malcolm Katz and Jerry Kaufman for feeding us chicken at the Kosher Q and latkes on Chanukah. It goes without saying that all these people had a lot of help from many people, and Alyse Bettinger deserves a shout out for devoting many hours to cleaning and organizing the kitchen, setting up standard operating procedures, and creating a notebook of recipes. So, thank you to everyone who had a hand in keeping us nourished and happy this past year.

In case you haven't noticed, our website relaunched with a new design on May 31st. The design was necessitated by the retirement of our previous web designer and webmaster, Ed Harris, who sold his business this past fall to our new provider, 123ehost. A distinct advantage of our new website is that we can now control virtually every aspect of it in house and make changes as necessary. Previously, we relied on our webmaster to make changes, which made for an inefficient and costly process. Over the next several months, we will be working to update a lot of the pages. In the meantime, I welcome your input into ways we can continue to improve the site. Several people served on an advisory committee for the website: Cheryl Gallian, Alyse Bettinger, Madeline Brambilla, and Vivian Prunier. Join me in thanking them for this particular service to the congregation.

Finally, I want to acknowledge how extremely difficult this year has been for our community since the horrific acts of October 7th, 2023, while we were celebrating Simchat Torah and the conclusion of Sukkot. No one has felt the weight of these past eight months more than those in our community who have family members living in Israel and, in one case, a dear friend being held hostage there. We continue to extend our comforting embrace and our heartfelt prayers for peace to all of them.

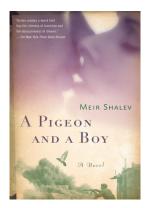
Several of our members have children on college and university campuses that have seen anti-Israel and often antisemitic protests over the past several months. Some of these members have shared with me how rattled their children have been, how threatened their children have felt on campus as Jews. While I have tried and, I hope, largely succeeded in being a source of comfort and clarity for all our members, I acknowledge that there is more I could have done with our college students and their families. I'm also sure there is more I should have done and could still do to help us all get through this dark period of our history.

That said, I am proud of the work I have done to date to create space in our community for the multiplicity of responses to the events in Israel and Gaza. As long as we are all committed to living in "covenantal community" with one another; to borrow a phrase from my colleague Rabbi Deborah Waxman, we will always be able to contain the many political, social, and religious perspectives that enrich our congregation.

I am also proud that I've been able to temper some of the rhetoric of local protesters by seeking to understand their points of view while also helping them understand how their words impact their Jewish friends and neighbors. This work can only happen when we all invest in our local community and work diligently to build bridges of understanding between CAA, other faith communities, and the communityat-large. Engaging in meaningful ways with groups such as Hundred Nights, the Community Kitchen, the Monadnock Interfaith Project, the Keene Human Rights Committee, Project Home, and many other organizations and agencies is every bit as core to our mission as Torah, ritual practice, and acts of loving kindness.

As Hillel famously said two millennia ago, "If we are not for ourselves, who will be for us. If we are only for ourselves, who are we?" Because we take care of ourselves and we take care of others, we are safer and

Join the CAA Book Discussion



The CAA Book Club will next meet on Sunday, September 8th, to discuss A Pigeon and a Boy, a beloved book by the renowned Israeli author Meir Shalev. To quote Amazon, it is a "mesmerizing novel of two love stories, separated by half a century but connected by one enchanting act of devotion . . . During the 1948 War of Independence – a time when pigeons are still used to deliver battlefield messages—a gifted young pigeon handler is mortally wounded. In the moments before his death, he dispatches one last pigeon. The bird is carrying his extraordinary gift to the girl he has loved since adolescence. Intertwined with this story is the contemporary tale of Yair Mendelsohn, who has his own legacy from the 1948 war. Yair is a tour guide specializing in bird-watching trips who, in middle age, falls in love again with a childhood girlfriend. His growing passion for her, along with a gift from his mother on her deathbed, becomes the key to a life he thought no longer possible."

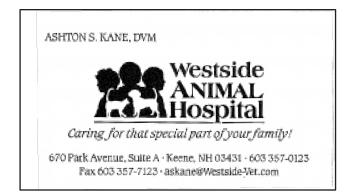
The book can be purchased on Amazon (new or used) and on Kindle. It is also available at the Keene Public Library. We meet at the synagogue at 10:15 am for coffee, etc. and begin our discussion at 10:30. **Hope to see you on September 8th!**











CAA's Annual Congregational Picnic Sunday, July 21st at 1:00pm

You're invited to CAA's Annual Congregational Picnic, hosted by Elaine and Paul Bieber on Sunday, July 21st from 1:00 to 5:00pm - rain or shine!

We'll have the BBQ grill and stove ready to heat dishes as needed. CAA will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and cold drinks for kids and adults!

What to bring:

- Something yummy to share at our afternoon potluck.
- Perspective members who want more info about CAA. We will be happy to meet them and talk about our great community.
- Chairs or blankets to sit on as well as sunscreen and bug spray.
- » A swimsuit for our outdoor hot tub!

Location: The Bieber Backyard 354 Upper Troy Rd. Fitzwilliam, NH 03447

Don't forget:

- We have a 12 ft x 12 ft air-filled bounce house which will hold all the kids for hours.
- We'll have games for the teens and adults too.
 Expect nothing less than great fun and games,

For more information, and to RSVP,

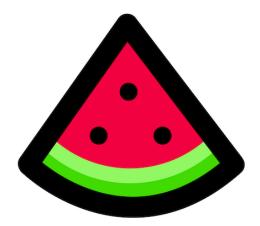
please contact Paul and Elaine Bieber at:

603-242-3521 or elainebieber1965@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there!!!

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Imagine the sound of BBQ chicken sizzling on the grill as its mouthwatering scent fills the air. With kosher BBQ'd chicken using Charlotte's Secret Sauce, fresh picked local corn steamed in the husk, rolls, cold drinks and juicy watermelon - this celebration of community, tradition and delicious kosher BBQ is sure to delight all! There will be veggie burgers as well! Enjoy your meal under the trees with friends and family or order your meal "to go." And don't forget about our incredible gift raffles! So much to win including \$50 gift cards, toys for kids and more!

Tickets may be purchased at the Kosher-Q:

\$20 per adult, \$10 per student-aged child.

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> Call Paul Bieber at 603-242-3521 to make a donation!

It takes a village to make the Kosher-Q work. PLEASE contact Mike Davern at mdavern@gmail.com to lend a hand.

We can always use volunteers!

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more secure. At the end of the day, we want to feel God's presence not only within the walls of CAA but throughout the world. It is incumbent upon all of us to do that work.

While our ancestors wandered the desert for 40 years, transporting the Tabernacle as they slowly moved along, we are blessed with a beautiful home at CAA. But just as our ancestors could not take their safety and security for granted, we should not take our safety and security for granted either. Fortunately, we have excellent leaders, teachers, and volunteers to make sure all is well. May it always be so.

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Kesher Events July/August



July 30, & Aug 27th, 11:00am

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Coffee Hour with the Rabbi at Brewbakers

Watch the weekly emails for details and how to volunteer to help.



commitment to the Caring Committee demonstrates both selflessness and compassion. He is a role model, a leader par excellence, and I am proud to call him my friend.

Paul and I also have a special bond: we are both married to "Elaines." And we have agreed, many times, that we would be nothing without our "Elaines." Paul and "his" Elaine earned the Shem Tov Award during 2015.

I'm delighted to announce the following people have committed to join the Board of Directors: Harry Reisig, Sophie Carnie-Brenner, Rebecca Goldenberg, and Arelis Quiñones. I am looking forward to working with them. Another important change in personnel is that Selena Katz will now fill the role of Vice-President for the upcoming year. Selena brings the qualities of sincerity, sensitivity, and, of course, limitless energy to the office. I am looking forward to working closely with her.

Committees are the backbone of the synagogue. Most of the committees are fully functional but there are some that need assistance. Committees that especially need additional members include the Kesher Committee and the Caring Committee. I appreciate Alyse Bettinger becoming the chair of the Membership Committee. I appreciate Mark Thomas becoming chair of the Building Committee. I also appreciate Malia Boaz who volunteered to be chair of the Adult Education Committee. I also appreciate Randall Carmel and Jane Taylor who have chaired the By-Laws Committee.

I continue to appreciate Rabbi Dan. His dedication to his work, quick wit, sincerity, and boundless energy makes him a great leader and a pleasure to work with. As the only rabbi in the greater Keene region, he needs to wear many hats. And he is everywhere! He oversees nearly everything that goes on in the synagogue, and he participates in countless community-based activities, including the Monadnock Interfaith Project, MAPS Counseling Service, and the Hundred Nights Shelter. He represents us well as a writer of letters to the editor at the Keene Sentinel and spokesperson for his point of view on WKBK radio. The ability to be "all things to all people" is difficult to

Simchas for May/June 2024

Birthdays

Gerald Eichner.7/2Diana Bander7/3Martin Reisig7/3Robin Sylvern7/4Amy Kitay7/5Gary Shapiro.7/5Paul Bieber7/6Josephine McDonald7/6Jerrold Kaufman.7/8Nathan Honorof7/10Irene Shamas7/11John Destromp7/21Mark Thomas7/21Rhett Landers7/23Emma Bull-Cohen7/24Olivia Destromp7/24Henry McDonald7/24	Madeline Caplan Rick Cohen Craig Sylvern Roye Ginsberg Paola Dias Rabbi Daniel Aronson Kenneth Kost Thomas Weller Edward Grossman Marni Silverstein Penny Lyn Post Victoria DiFolco Cynthia Lytle Jeffrey Halper Maggie Brush	7/25 7/28 7/30 8/2 8/13 8/15 8/16 8/19 8/19 8/19 8/24 8/25 8/26 8/27 8/28
Anniversaries Roye & Elaine Ginsberg	Dick & Adele Aronson Bruce & Wendy Platt Jay & Cheryl Kahn Patricia & Stephen Weiner	8/16 8/16 8/19 8/19
Wendy & Andrew Fulton	Jerrold & Deb Kaufman	8/31

Volunteer at The Community Kitchen

Our next dates at TCK are Thursday, July 18th^h, Aug 15 , and Thursday, Aug 29th

The Kitchen has reopened the facility, so guests can now dine on-site. As a result, as time goes by, we will need more volunteers to serve the meals. Please contact Gary Shapiro or Malcolm Katz if you are interested in volunteering with this great group of CAA congregants.

Also note CAA also works at TCK on Wednesday mornings (Malcom and I), and Thursdays (Selena) packaging up food for the pantry program. No further volunteers are needed for those gigs at this point. Sandy Kochman also does some pantry work on Wednesday. Incredible amounts of food are distributed to our fellow citizens who need it. Also, thanks to Elaine Bieber, who is a volunteer chef at TCK.

Thanks to all! *Gary Shapiro* 603-352-0440 gm_shapiro@yahoo.com

Yahrzeits for May/June 2024

Jewish	Friday before
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Yahrzeits are listed according to the Hebrew date, so the English date will vary from year to year. Kaddish may be recited on the Shabbat nearest the date of remembrance. Please notify the synagogue office at 352-6747 if you find an error or would like to have the name of a loved one included in the future.

Donations

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Yahrzeit Donation from Gerry Eichner in memory of his father.

Donation from Rabbi Dan & Beth for Oneg June 14

Donation by Claudia & David Ladensohn in honor of Rick & Jan Cohen's 50th Anniversary

Yahrzeit Donation from Marion Shapiro in memory of her mother-in-law Lillian Shapiro

Congregant Assistance Fund

Yahrzeit Donation in memory Gerry Eichner in of his father.

Yahrzeit Donation from Elaine & Paul Bieber in memory of Jean Platt mother or Bruce Platt

Cohen Lecture Series.

Yahrzeit Donation from Gail & Tom Giesen in memory of Gail's father Marshall & brother Robert Feingold

General Fund

Tami Fox For attending the seder

Harry Reisig & Kavya Ganesh

Yahrzeit Donation from Arlene Schwartz in memory of her mother, Frances Gardner

Yahrzeit Donation Rob & Sarah Vogel in memory of Rob's mother Dorothy, and Sarah's mother Ruth

Arts & Culture Fund

Donation from Laura Broad in honor of Rabbi Dan's 25th anniversary of being a rabbi, Lainee & Roye 's 19th anniversary, and for Lainee & Roye's birthdays.

Donation from Robin & Ken Kost for gratitude for the remembrance service of her sister Delores Arth Turgelsky

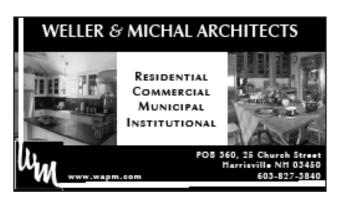
find in one leader, but Rabbi Dan does fill many pairs of shoes. We are lucky to have him.

Our Jewish community has continued to be part of the greater Monadnock community. The synagogue partners with nine other faith communities with the Monadnock Interfaith Project. We are involved in a healthy relationship with MIP, and it is also a reciprocal relationship which has been developed. The synagogue has supported MIP's advocacy for increased affordable housing in the Monadnock region. In the past, the synagogue has also supported MIP's advocacy for the Community Kitchen and for Hundred Nights homeless shelter. MIP has advocated to fight anti-semitism numerous times through articles to the editor of the Keene Sentinel. MIP's Guiding Council attended the Kristallnacht Commemoration and the vigil at Westmoreland Church; they also sponsored the second Community Seder and the Faith Festival (which included Lainee leading an interfaith chorus and Jewish dancing).

Responding to the war in Israel from our community has been challenging. I have supported Rabbi Dan's approach of developing relationships with non-Jewish Keene citizens, including people who oppose Israel's approach. That way, hopefully, the greater Keene community can be open to learning from each other. These are certainly difficult and demanding times for us.

Let's all work together to continue to make CAA the warm, caring, and vibrant community it is. Thank you.

Am Yisrael Chai. Most sincerely yours, Roye Ginsberg



Malia Boaz meets with CAA Teens







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