

# The Bulletin

Congregation B'nai Israel, Millburn, New Jersey  
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## Save the Date **Raise the Roof Celebration**

**March 17, 2012**  
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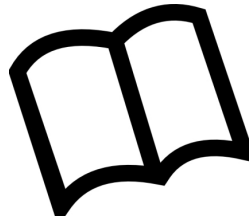
**7 PM**  
**Cocktail Hour**  
(followed by Havdalah)

**9 PM**  
**Honors**

**10 PM**  
**Dancing**



### RAISE THE ROOF AD JOURNAL



Don't miss the opportunity to recognize our terrific group of honorees in the Raise the Roof ad journal. Please watch your mail for details. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Slifer (973-258-1892).

### SPONSOR A TABLE AT "RAISE THE ROOF"

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Please either call Ilisa (973-379-9275) or Brenda (973 379-9373) to become a sponsor of the Gala or with any questions you may have. All sponsors will be recognized in the invitation, the Ad journal and the evening's programming.



## Shabbat Services

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat	8:15 p.m.
Shabbat Morning	9:00 a.m.
Torah for Tots	10:30 a.m.
Tefilot Ketanim	10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Journeymen's	
Minyan (2/11 & 2/25)	10:45 a.m.
Yaldeinu (2/18)	11:15 a.m.

## Minyan Rotation

Lipp - McCafferty	Feb. 6-Feb.11
McGarr - Nash	Feb. 12-Feb.18
Noval - Plump	Feb. 19-Feb.25
Podhoretz - Renner	Feb. 26-March 3

## Candle Lighting

February 3	4:56 pm
February 10	5:04 pm
February 17	5:13 pm
February 24	5:27 pm

## Mincha / Havdallah

February 4	5:11 pm / 6:11 pm
February 11	5:19 pm / 6:19 pm
February 18	5:28 pm / 6:28 pm
February 25	5:42 pm / 6:42 pm

## Community News

### Mazel Tov

Sondra & Herb Sabin ~ In honor of your 50th wedding anniversary.

### Condolences

Mark Goldenthal on the passing of his father, Edgar Joseph Goldenthal.

Susan Meth on the passing of her father, Leonard Schwartz.

Rabbi Helaine Ettinger-Bloom on the passing of her father, Howard Ettinger.

Fran Melton Levine on the passing of her father, Herbert Melton.

Lisa Ehrlich on the passing of her father, Abraham Klein.

### Refuah Shleima

Robert Wallach

## FROM THE RABBI'S DEN

By Rabbi Steven Bayar

This is the second in the series of Good People who have changed our community.

A good person who has changed our community is Jay Feinberg. In June of 1991, Jay was 23 years old and a recent college graduate. His world collapsed when he was diagnosed with Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia. His only hope was a bone marrow transplant. Ironically, Jay's two brothers matched each other but neither matched Jay.

In September 1991, Jay's parents, unable to find a donor, founded an organization called "Gift of Life" to encourage people to get their blood typed in the hope that one of the many thousands tested would match Jay. Never did they imagine when they started, how far and how wide their efforts would go. "Gift of Life" has been responsible for hundreds of drives held all over the world, even in Byelorussia, where many of Jay's relatives live.

The Feinbergs, in their effort to find a match for Jay, raised millions of dollars, typed thousands and thousands of Jews all over the globe and raised awareness in the Jewish community of the critical nature that every individual be tested. More importantly, many other leukemia patients in need of a transplant also found matches.

By July 1995 a Jay found a match. Now, almost 18 years later, Jay is living life and still helping others find the matches they need.



Steven Bayar



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## MUSICAL NOTES

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

The beginning of the Hebrew month of Shevat, this year corresponding to the end of January, was the commemoration of the first Yahrzeit (anniversary of the death) of Debbie Friedman. I wanted to take this opportunity to pay tribute to her. Debbie had a distinguished career as an American Jewish songwriter, singer and song-leader, who accompanied herself skillfully on the guitar. As a recording artist, she released over 20 albums and performed in sold out concerts at Carnegie Hall and in hundreds of cities around the world. I had the honor of performing with her on several occasions and I was always amazed at her special gift and talent to be able to get people to sing together. She truly believed in the power of song and community singing to bring about healing and Tikkun Olam (repairing the world). One of her most famous settings is the Mi Shebeirach (the prayer for healing), the melody of which we use regularly at our Shabbat morning services, and which is sung in synagogues and churches across the nation. The following is commentary that Debbie wrote about the Mi Shebeirach.



"We are powerful. It is hard to remember that. Sometimes life takes its turns into the unknown and presents us with challenges we would have preferred not to encounter under any circumstances. Suddenly we are confronted with our pain.

It is a strange thing that pain creates beauty and potential for healing. It is hard to imagine that it can provide a foundation for beautiful moments to arise. When we are experiencing emotional discomfort, we need to find a safe place to express our grief and loss. The willingness to both offer and receive blessings of healing and well-being allows one who is wounded to transform and unravel their pain. Our pain need not bury us, instead it may elevate us to the point of healing - if we choose to allow it."

In the Torah portion Beshallah, read at the beginning of this month, is *Shirat ha-Yam*, the Song at the Sea, a poetic, emotional expression by the Israelites in response to the Exodus from Egypt (Ex. 15:1-19). This chant is immediately followed by the Song of Miriam (v.20-21):

"Then Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her in dance with timbrels. And Miriam chanted for them: "Sing to the Lord for He has triumphed gloriously."

Debbie Friedman was a modern-day prophetess. Not only

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## CBI Youth Groups Membership Information

A New Year means a new opportunity to join CBI Youth Groups! We always welcome new members...at any time!!

### Chaverim

for 4th – 5th Graders

### Kadima

for 6th – 8th Graders

### Millburn USY

for 9th – 12th Graders

If you need details about an upcoming event or have any questions or comments, please contact one of the following:

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### David Good

(CBI Youth Committee Chairperson)  
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Don't miss the exciting February events!

**THE KADIMANIKS ARE COMING!!!**  
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**March 9 -11, 2012**

*See page 18 for details.*

## President's Message

By Jonathan Engel, CBI President

The first and second century sage, Akiva ben Joseph, the Rabbi Akiva whom we read of in the martyrology on Yom Kippur who joyfully recited the Shma even as he was being flayed alive with red hot combs, taught that the world rests on the tripod of study, work, and acts of charity (*al hatorah, v'al ha'avodah, v'al gmilut chasidim*). He, himself, deserted his adoring wife for twelve years midway through his marriage to study at the rabbinic local academy, and upon his return was purported to have overheard his wife claim that her greatest happiness would be achieved if he would only return to the academy to study for twelve more. (He did.) Leaving aside any reflections on the bizarre state of his marriage, we can learn from his example the importance of lifelong study.

Notably, Akiva came from peasant stock and did not commence study until his 40th birthday. In succeeding decades he became the dominant rabbinical intellect of his generation, systematizing the Mishnah and restructuring halachah for post-exilic Jews. Akiva understood that a people robbed of place (as were the Jews in the aftermath of the destruction of the Temple) critically needed halachah to bind them to God and to each other. A passionate monotheist, he saw Torah study as the only sure path to holy devotion. His end-of-life recitation of the Shma (see above) brought him joy insofar as it crowned a lifetime of commitment to El Shadai. "I was never sure that I truly loved God with all of my might," he was heard to say as his skin was being ripped from his body. "Now I know that I do."

Through the efforts of CBI's Adult Education committee, I am pleased to announce that the synagogue is offering a rich array of springtime courses for both our members and the broader Jewish community. Courses range from basic prayer-book Hebrew to cantillation, Talmud study, Jewish philosophy, and the mechanics of delivering a successful drash. In some of the courses we are pairing with the Jewish Theological Seminary and are drawing on the expertise of both our own clergy and scholars in the community;

other classes are being taught by members of our congregation and our clergy. I encourage you to make a little time in your busy lives to pursue learning, whether at a basic level so as to participate more comfortably in our services, or at a higher level where we will be parsing the laws of Yom Kippur as we study tractate *Yomi* in the Babylonian Talmud. The cost is modest; the potential benefit enormous.

I sometimes find it ironic that in a community so committed to the education of its children (we justly boast of Millburn High School's perennial top statewide ranking) we devote so little of our own adult lives to learning. Many of us continue to engage our faith, rituals, and liturgy with little more than a sixth grade Hebrew School education. It is only through study that we can unlock the more subtle rewards of Jewish living – a deeper understanding of the weekly Torah reading; appreciation for the poetic beauty of the *Ashrei*; or insight into the weekly mysteries that Isaiah poses to us in our Haftorot. Study can even comfort our own doubts: a quick perusal of Maimonides's *Mishna Torah* will remind us that our own nihilistic tendencies only echo those of our forebearers a millennium ago.

While I do not recommend that you desert your spouse for 12 years to engage in fulltime study, I do strongly recommend that you incorporate Jewish learning into your lives. Let us take a cue from our children and devote just a tenth as much time to study each week as our teenagers do. It is only through lifelong study that we renew our souls and revivify our commitment to our faith and our people. Come learn with us this spring, and enrich both your own spiritual life and those of the people around you.



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Jonathan Engel

## Sisterhood's Message

By Paula Touger, Sisterhood President

In the Torah portion *Beshallah*, we read the Song of Miriam. In the book of Leviticus, Chapter 15, verses 20-21, following the parting of the Red sea, we read that "... Miriam took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her in dance with timbrels." The Israelite female population, young and old joined together to celebrate the miracle that God had provided in Egypt



No wonder we will be reading this portion at Sisterhood Shabbat on February 3rd and 4th! In an amazingly parallel event the CBI female population, from young girls to grandmothers, will join together to lead prayer, learning, and feed our souls and stomachs during the miracle of Shabbat that God has provided in Millburn.

The intergenerational Sisterhood events are among my favorites. The many different perspectives and life experiences that are shared are interesting and thought provoking. And somewhere we always find a connecting Jewish thread between younger and older women, whether it is a song, custom, food, or experience. We are usually reminded of the expressions "there's nothing new under the sun" or "the more things change the more they stay the same" and we take comfort from this.

Sisterhood's intergenerational spirit will be highlighted again this month as we present, *"Essential Conversations: How Women Strive for Work-Motherhood Balance"* The panelists will include CBI's Orli Almog, Elizabeth Cohen, Harriet Klein and Janet Slifer, who will lead a discussion about juggling family life and work. Their range of experience from moms with young kids to moms with grown kids will make for an enthralling and spirited exchange.

This fascinating program will take place on **Monday, February 13 at 7:30 pm**, at CBI. You can read more about the event in this Bulletin. Look for the picture of the working



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mom- you can't miss it! And I hope you won't miss this program!

Thanks to Lori Schor, Debbie Liner, and Wendi Weill for putting this evening together.

One more intergenerational evening to mark on your calendar is our monthly Rosh Chodesh discussion group on **Tuesday, February 28 at 6:15 pm. Our own Cantor Lorna Wallach will lead this month's session!** Please rsvp to Susan Stern at [hazelstorm1016@aol.com](mailto:hazelstorm1016@aol.com).

Paula Touger

## Musical Notes

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was she a musical leader like Miriam, she was also a visionary akin to her namesake, the prophetess and judge Deborah, the heroine of the Haftarah of Parashat Beshallah. Debbie showed us new ways to cross the sea, by bringing God into a folk-musical conversation and helping us all engage our souls in heartfelt prayer. Debbie's music and her memory will always be a blessing

Lorna Wallach

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Men's Club wants to thank everyone who contributed to this year's **Men's Club Shabbat**. First, thank you to our chairperson **Dan Richter** and the members of the planning committee **Josh Schor, Dan Dovdavy, Jerry Weiss** and **Hernan Wurgaft** who did a fantastic job organizing the event, to **Howard Greenwald** for ordering and preparing the food, and to **Phil and Miriam Levine** and the rest of the kitchen crew who supported Howard. Thank you also to Cantor Wallach for her tutoring expertise, to Jed Buck for designing the program and to Lisa Roth, Jane Young and Ana Amorim, our maintenance staff for doing whatever was needed to make the event a success. Finally, thank you to all those who led or participated in services.

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Please mark your calendars for the annual **Juan Katz/Joe Keselman Memorial Paid-up Breakfast** on **Sunday April 1, 2012 at 9:15 AM**. More details will follow shortly.

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Men's Club basketball continues. Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Come play some basketball with your fellow CBI members. We all have a lot of fun and get a good work out at the same time. Join us at the Union Y located at 501 Green Lane in Union. **For more information, contact David Touger at dtouger@aol.com.**

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The next meeting of the **Men's Club Book Club** will take place on **Tuesday Mar 13, at 8:30 pm** at the home of **Steve Moehlman, 5 Elmwood Place, Short Hills**. We will be discussing the outstanding novel by **David Grossman, "To the End of the Land"**. Please join us. **For more information, contact Ed Nadel at edward.nadel@credit-suisse.com.**

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## WRAPPING WITH MEN'S CLUB

By Henry Bloom,  
Men's Club President

In Parashat Bo, God delivers the tenth and final plague upon the Egyptians, *Makat Bechorot*, the Slaying of the Firstborn. And with this crushing blow, Pharaoh finally sends Moses and the Israelites out of Egypt. While we all know that trouble still lies ahead, God marks this momentous occasion by instructing the people on the law of the Passover Offering and the consecration of the first born in



order to perpetuate the memory of the exodus by linking it to these institutions, which are meant to continue into the future. God takes this a step further by introducing the festival of Pesach with the requirement to eat only unleavened bread for seven days and the obligation to tell this story to your children as a reminder that "it is because of what the Lord did for me when I went free from Egypt" (Exodus 13:8). It is interesting to note that these poignant passages are followed immediately by the first reference in the Torah to the mitzvah of wrapping tefillin, "And this shall serve you as a sign on your hand and as a reminder on your forehead – in order that the Teaching of the Lord may be in your mouth – that with a mighty hand the Lord freed you from Egypt" (Exodus 13:9). From this we can understand the significance of Tefillin as a reminder of our first taste of freedom when God liberated us from bondage.

On Sunday morning, February 5, Men's Club will once again be participating in the annual World Wide Wrap. As in previous years, we are organizing this event in conjunction with the Hebrew School. However, all members of CBI are invited and encouraged to participate. Whether you're an expert who can help teach others or a first timer who wants to learn the basics about the mitzvah of wrapping tefillin, please come join us. Men and Women, boys and girls are all welcome. For more information, please contact Steve Chizzik (chizz1@comcast.net).

Henry Bloom



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# HEDWIG GRUENEWALD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

By Rochelle Baron, Director

January was a busy time at HGECC! We 'formally' opened our new school lending library and the children are enjoying sharing stories in there with their teachers as well as borrowing books to take home. There are over 1,600 titles to choose from including many PJ Library books. Each child in the Threes and PreK's welcomed an adult for a day of school activities at our annual Grown-Ups Day. The Havdallah program on January 28 topped off a great month!



This month we are looking forward to a visit from a pediatric dentist to help us learn about dental health. The PreK's will journey to SOPAC to view a performance of the Paper Bag players. The children are eagerly awaiting a decent snowfall (as opposed to last year when we were waiting for it to finally melt) to play in but so far we haven't had any. We still continue to go outdoors and have lots of fun with our friends!



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Rochelle Baron

## Solar Energy at CBI

As part of an effort to cut costs and improve the environment, in November 2011 the congregation entered into a 15-year solar power purchase agreement with Millburn Power Associates, LLC whereby Millburn Power Associates will install advanced solar panels on the roof of the synagogue and sell the power generated to the congregation at a rate equal to about half the rate JCP&L currently charges the synagogue for electricity. The synagogue is not paying any part of the estimated \$250,000 cost of the panels and installation. Millburn Power Associates will own the panels during the 15 year term of the contract and will be responsible for all maintenance of the panels.

The solar installation is expected to save the synagogue approximately \$15,000 per year in electricity costs. The installation will produce about 85 MWh of electricity per year and reduce the carbon dioxide emissions (which some claim are contributing to a rise in global temperatures) generated by the synagogue's electricity use by an estimated 35 tons per year. In addition, since approximately 40% of New Jersey's electricity is generated by the burning of coal, the use of electricity generated by solar panels will reduce the burning of coal which causes acid rain and respiratory health issues.

Ariel Dybner



*HGECC Director Rochelle Baron and some of her students present a check to Roslyn Brendzel and Judith Gottscho Eichinger of the Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation.*

*The nursery school children recently donated their monthly tzedeka to the foundation which sends children with chronic kidney disease to the Frost Valley YMCA summer camp. The kidney campers receive their treatment and medications while participating in almost all camp activities, including living in a cabin with regular campers.*

*The foundation was established by the late Ira and Eva Gottscho (B'nai Israel members) after their daughter, Ruth, died of kidney disease in 1960 at the age of 15.*

# BLANCHE BAYAR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

By Janice Colmar, CBI Education Director

## Creating a Caring Community at BBRs

It's called Martin Luther King Day and around the country people participate in a Day of Service. Our Hearts n' Hands Committee of the synagogue this year to make meals for the Market Street Mission Shelter in Morristown. The staff of BBRs decided to dedicate the Sunday before to Making a Difference. That morning the students met three Mitzvah Heroes and learned about their projects.

- Randi Cairns, Executive Director of Home Front Hearts, spoke about the needs of families that serve our country through the military. This was Randi's second visit to CBI as she first met with our high school students. She will also be here on **May 6th** at the synagogue wide Mitzvah day.
- Nina Woldin of JNF aka Blue Box Bob taught about a new project for the Jewish National Fund. It is called the Safari Petting Zoo Project which will provide animal therapy at Aleh Negev a community for people with severe disabilities. Our school Tzedakah club has adopted this project and will be sponsoring their own **"Gala" of s'mores and snacks on Sunday, February 5th.**
- Justin Martin is a precocious 10 year old who began his own organization when he was 6 years old to give "build a bears" to children who could not afford them. Over the last few years he has made and delivered thousands of these bears. The students are excited to help Justin by going to Build a Bear in Livingston and making their own.

This is one day frozen in time, but it is not the only time that the school community looks out and tries to make a difference. Shortly, they will be distributing Tzedakah boxes to everyone's home with the hope that you will fill up your box and bring it to the synagogue at the synagogue-wide Mitzvah day on **May 6** when you can choose your families' newest Tzedakah organization.

**Please watch your email – Early Bird Registration will be out shortly!**

**On a side note – please note that I have changed my email address to [cbieducator@gmail.com](mailto:cbieducator@gmail.com).**

## Tichon Update

**Tichon+ is a brand new program at CBI.** Jewish education takes many forms. Sometimes we learn through formal classes, other times through a hesed project or a USY event or convention. Sometimes it's a synagogue sponsored lecture or movie and sometimes it's learning how to read Torah or davening. All are avenues to increasing one's Jewish knowledge. Tichon+ is for high schoolers who are looking for an alternative track for Jewish education. If you are one of them... contact the Education Office and let us design a program just for you!



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*MLK Day On not Off event*



## B'NEI MITZVAH

### **Lauren Katz** February 4 (PM)



Lauren Katz is a seventh grade student at Newark Academy. She loves to sing, dance, act, draw, and play field hockey. She is smart, sweet, fun, and kindhearted. Lauren really enjoyed her Bat Mitzvah project at the Lester House, in Whippany, where she organized a voice recital for the residents and she hopes to continue this project in the future.

Sharing in this simcha are Lauren's parents, Michael and Allison, her sister, Julie, and her four grandparents, GERALYN and David Lichtenstein and Marlene and Gerry Katz.

Lauren would like to thank Morah Miki, Cantor Wallach, and Rabbi Bayar for helping her prepare for this special day.

She is looking forward to celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with her family and friends.

### **Jenna Israel** February 11 (AM)

Jenna is a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School. She likes singing, playing her flute, going to tae kwon do (she received her black belt this past July) and reading; but nothing is better than being with her friends and family. She wants to be a writer someday, so she will be donating hardcover books to a school in need. Jenna is happy to share this day with her parents, Julie and Matt, as well as her older brother, Josh. She would like to thank her tutor, Alan Herschenfeld, Rabbi Bayar, and Cantor Wallach for helping her prepare for this special event.



### **Rachel Hubertus** February 11 (PM)



Rachel Hubertus is a 7th grader at Millburn Middle School where she plays saxophone in the band and serves as a Peer Leader for students in the Reach Room. Rachel is a member of the Millburn Soccer Club's girls travel soccer team, the Millburn girls travel basketball team, and the Millburn girls summer travel softball team. She also plays little league baseball.

Rachel would like to thank everyone at CBI for helping her reach this milestone especially all of her teachers at HGNS, BBRS, and her tutor, Paula Touger. She would also like to thank her parents, Michelle and Jim Hubertus, and brothers Jake and Mark.

### **Stephanie Grinshpun** February 25 (PM)

Stephanie Grinshpun will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on February 25th, 2012 and will turn 13 two days later. Having been born in New York City in 1999, she moved to Short Hills with her parents and an older brother Daniel later that year. Stephanie started her Jewish education at the JCC at age 3 and has been attending the religious school at Congregation B'Nai Israel since the 4th grade. She particularly enjoys learning about Jewish heritage and traditions and is passionate about following them in her daily life. Stephanie loves dancing and has been attending Verona School of classical ballet I since 5. She finds fulfillment in helping others and has joined Friendship Circle where she helps children with special needs. As Stephanie's parents, we are proud to watch Stephanie grow into a mature person with a strong Jewish identity, and a sunshine personality, who is compassionate, giving, creative and has a wonderful sense of humor. We wish her best of luck.



## Adult Ed

By Joshua Schor, Chair

After a successful fall offering, the Adult Education committee was pleased recently to send you our winter-spring schedule. We are particularly excited to partner with several “all-star” instructors from JTS (Jewish Theological Seminary) and present a 5-session course on Passover *right here* at CBI. The last session will be taught by our own Rabbi Bayar. This class will take place in March (mostly on consecutive Thursday evenings) with plenty of time to incorporate your gleanings into your own Pesach seders. To encourage you to participate, some of the other evening classes will take a break during March. So come one, come all, and indulge yourself in Jewish learning!

Please take the time to read about *all* our classes in the schedule you received. Classes will once again be \$18 per “semester” for members and varying prices for non-members. The Passover-JTS class will be \$50 for the series which is generously subsidized by CBI. We ask that you kindly call Celeste Johnson in the clergy office, 973.379.3811 ext 20 (or email at celestej@cbi-nj.org) to register. We are also partnering with the Blanche Bayar Hebrew School to offer a class

on prayer book Hebrew and to continue the ever popular courses taught by Rabbi Bayar and Cantor Wallach. Rabbi Michael Jay’s inspiring course on Jewish wisdom continues on Thursday evenings. We are encouraging anyone who wishes to discover the pleasures and endless fascination of Talmud to enroll in our Monday night class taught by Will Friedman. Will makes Talmud accessible at all levels through his remarkably open style of pedagogy. Nancy Weinstein has also helped design two new mini-courses on Sunday mornings that should be of widespread interest so please read about them as well. Please email Josh at jschor@aol.com for any comments or suggestions. On behalf of my wonderful committee (Allan Rauch, Nancy Weinstein, Michelle Barnea, Fran Melton, Charlotte Wernick, Ted Sherman, Kopel Burk, Karen Tucker, Steve Friedman, Jamey Potechin, Matt Seiden, Hernan Wurgaft, and Gwen Orel), I close with warm blessings and wishes for a year of meaning and learning.

*Marbeh aytzeh, marbeh t’vuna* (the more learning, the more wisdom).

Joshua Schor

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## **Join Us!**

### **Essential Conversations: How Women Strive for Work-Motherhood Balance**

We are delighted to host an inter-generational panel discussion designed to open a communal conversation about the challenges women face in trying to balance career and family. The panelists are mothers in various phases of life who have designed their own unique solutions for how to fit work and career into their roles as mothers. Each speaker will discuss her process of making choices, making changes, and making compromises. The presentations will be followed by questions and comments from the audience. It is our hope that this discussion will help those mothers who are "trying to figure it all out," be a source of support and validation for those who engaged in this demanding balancing act and provide an opportunity for "empty-nesters" to reflect and share. Finally, we would like this event to be a forum for all of us to consider what the future will hold for our daughters in confronting this dilemma when they are mothers.



The panelists will include CBI's Orli Almog, Elizabeth Cohen, Harriet Klein and Janet Slifer.

**We are eager for you to participate in this evocative conversation. All are invited to attend!**

**Join us at CBI on Monday, February 13 at 7:30 pm.**

For information call Lori Schor at [LorSchor@aol.com](mailto:LorSchor@aol.com) or 973-464-8484, or Wendi Weill and Debbie Liner (Sisterhood Programming Vice Presidents)



### **How Can I Contribute to Torah Fund?**

**Order Torah Fund Cards ~ \$4 per card or 6 for \$20**

**Call Sandy Panzer at 908-351-1999**

**Make checks payable to:  
Torah Fund – JTS**

**Please leave order in Sisterhood mailbox located in the synagogue office. We will fill & deliver your order promptly.**

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**Purchase Special Gift Cards from the Torah Fund Office.** Beautiful cards are available for \$18 or \$50 donations. Call the Torah Fund office at 212-678-8977 to order. Or visit them at [www.jtsa.edu/torahfund.xml](http://www.jtsa.edu/torahfund.xml)

**Give a donation!** Make donation payable to Torah Fund-JTS & send to Sandy Panzer, 975 Harding Road Elizabeth NJ 07208.

**Become a Benefactor** for \$180 donation and receive a pin. Larger donations receive a pin with a gem in the pin.

**Lois Kleiner  
and Sandy Panzer**  
Torah Fund Vice Presidents

## Events

### CHAVERIM

**The CBI Youth Group for  
4th and 5th Graders**

6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

CBI Multi-Purpose Room

Weekday Events Include Dinner

**Tuesday, February 7**

Game Night

**Tuesday, March 6**

The Amazing Race

### KADIMA

**The CBI Youth Group for  
6th, 7th and 8th Graders**

6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

CBI Multi-Purpose Room

Weekday Events Include Dinner

**Thursday, February 2**

Murder Mystery

**Sunday, February 12**

**\*\*Note Special Sunday Program\*\***

Bowling (time and place TBD)

**Thursday, March 1**

Purim Party

### MILLBURN USY

**The CBI Youth Group for  
9th – 12th Graders**

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Youth Lounge (unless otherwise  
noted)

**Thursday, February 2**

Murder Mystery

**Thursday, February 16**

Purim Basket Race

Meet at Target in Union

**Thursday, March 1**

Bake Your Own Hamantaschen

**Wednesday, March 7**

Annual Ransom the Rabbi and  
Cantor

## Millburn USY

*Lara Moehlman currently serves on the Millburn USY Board. Lara has worked as a Madrikh in the CBI religious school since 8th grade and also participates in Tichon (BBRS Hebrew High School) by participating in the Achieve Volunteer Tutoring Program. This past summer she attended Ramah Outdoor Adventure in the heart of the Colorado Rockies.*

Hi, my name is Lara Moehlman and I am a sophomore at Millburn High School. I am really excited to be this year's SA/TO Vice President of Millburn USY. "SA/TO" stands for Social Action/Tikkun Olam, which is a huge part of United Synagogue Youth. In addition to creating a strong community of passionate Jewish teenagers throughout the U.S and Canada, USY is also about raising money and helping out various organizations. This year, SA/TO events include: Our Purim event, where USYers will be making baskets to be donated; our SA/TO "Birthday Party," where we collect "presents" to be donated, and our infamous "Ransom the Rabbi and Cantor," where we raise a lot of money for charity. At the end of the school year, the USY Board will decide on which organizations to donate the collected money to. Last year, as Freshman Representative, I helped in this process and it was really fascinating to learn about the many organizations that really need our help.

In addition to being a part of the Millburn USY family, I will be going on USY on Wheels: Mission Mitzvah this summer. It is a six-week long cross-country community service trip where I will spend time in places like New Orleans, Birmingham, and Kansas City, helping communities affected by natural disasters and widespread poverty.

Joining USY is a great way to become active in CBI, New Jersey, and the broader Jewish community. Come see for yourself!

Please contact me with any questions or comments about Millburn USY SA/TO at [lkmoehlman@gmail.com](mailto:lkmoehlman@gmail.com).

**Lara Moehlman**

**Millburn USY**

**Social Action/Tikkun Olam**

**Vice President**

*MLK Day On not Off event*



## ADULT FORUM

### February–March 2012

Thank you for coping so well with our programming changes. Substituting for the Cantor in December, Rabbi Bayar gave us a truly enlightening program on Chanukah. The Cantor treated us to a wonderful musical presentation in January.



We are beginning to confront practical issues that are affecting all senior activity groups. Some of you have made the difficult decision to give up driving; many of you have scheduling conflicts, other activities and numerous doctor appointments. So, our deep appreciation goes out to those of you who have managed to get to the Adult Forum programs. You are always welcome and we enjoy your company.

On Tuesday, February 7, we are proud to have Hirschhorn speaker Chaim Lauer. Mr. Lauer is a noted lecturer and teacher and is the former Executive Director of the Jewish Educational Association of MetroWest. Trees—we plant them, climb them, sit under them, use their wood, and eat their fruit, but do we really ever *think* about trees? Jewish tradition has much to say about this. On the day before Tu B'Shevat, the Jewish Arbor Day, take a look at a basic, yet often ignored, part of our world. Mr. Lauer's program titled *Joyce Kilmer, The Garden of Eden, and You: A Jewish Perspective on Trees* promises to be both interesting and informative, so please come join us for lunch and learning.

Our second February program is a Millburn Police Detective, Ed de la Fuente who will present a program on what to look for and how to keep ourselves safe with his presentation entitled *Schemes, Scams and Fraud: Protect Yourself*. This important and informative event takes place of February 21 and we are looking forward to seeing you there.

We have tried showing newer films, but since so many of you have seen the current major hits, for the next couple of months, we will be screening the beloved classic movies. Scheduled for March 6 is the classic Alfred Hitchcock film, *Rebecca*. This is a 1940 psychological/dramatic noir thriller directed by Alfred Hitchcock as his first American project and was a brilliant adaptation of Daphne du Maurier's 1938 novel of the same name. Produced by Selznick, it stars Sir Laurence Olivier as the aristocratic widower Maxim de Winter, Joan Fontaine as his second wife, and Dame Judith Anderson as the housekeeper, Mrs. Danvers. This film is being made into a Broadway musical, so join us on the road to Manderlay again. If you have a favorite movie that you think our group might enjoy seeing together, please let me know.

Wishing you well and hope to see you.

Shalom,  
Lois Dyer

### ADULT FORUM Events RSVP February–March 2012

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER,  
CALL THE TEMPLE 973-397-3811**

Cost: Adult Forum members \$8 per event, community participants \$10 per event. Events begin with lunch at noon. Make checks out to B'nai Israel and mail to: Adult Forum, C/O Lois Dyer, 9 Hearthstone Terrace, Livingston, NJ 07039.

✂ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

✂ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend the following events:

☐ **Feb. 7 - Tu B'Shevat program with Chaim Lauer. RSVP to Lois 973-533-1809 by February 3.**

☐ Turkey      ☐ Corned Beef      ☐ Pastrami  
☐ Roast Beef      ☐ Tuna      ☐ Egg Salad

☐ **Feb. 21 - Detective de la Fuente on Scams, Schemes and Fraud: Protect Yourself. RSVP to Lois by Feb. 17.**

☐ Turkey      ☐ Corned Beef      ☐ Pastrami  
☐ Roast Beef      ☐ Tuna      ☐ Egg Salad

☐ **Mar. 6 - Film Rebecca. RSVP to Lois 973-533-1809 by Feb. 23.**

☐ Turkey      ☐ Corned Beef      ☐ Pastrami  
☐ Roast Beef      ☐ Tuna      ☐ Egg Salad

☐ **Mar. 20 - Rick Busciglio presents The Golden Age of Radio. RSVP to Lois 973-533-1809 by March 16.**

☐ Turkey      ☐ Corned Beef      ☐ Pastrami  
☐ Roast Beef      ☐ Tuna      ☐ Egg Salad



To contact Lois Dyer, email her at [penzoe1@comcast.net](mailto:penzoe1@comcast.net)

# ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



## **AIPAC Policy Conference, March 4-6, 2012**

It is not too late to register for this year's AIPAC Policy Conference – but you should register soon. If you are attending for this first time and a scholarship will help you attend, CBI has 50 free registrations which it can offer (Actually many have already been used). While

housing and transportation are your expenses, I understand that Amtrak has fares as low as \$49 from New Jersey to Washington.

The conference is held in Washington, D.C. and is scheduled for March 4 – March 6, 2012. If the scholarship can help you or another family member attend, please let me know, or contact Nora Berger at **nberger@aipac.org** and tell her you are with Congregation B'nai Israel.

AIPAC's mission is to strengthen the ties between the United States and its ally, Israel. As America's leading pro-Israel lobby, AIPAC works with Democrats, Republicans and Independents to enact public policy that enhances the U.S.-Israel relationship. As this year's conference is being held in an election year, the importance of the Israel Community to our elected officials is heightened.

Because this is an election year, there is a chance that Presidential candidates will speak to the Conference. Four years ago, we heard from John McCain, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. In addition, residents of Millburn have another important reason to attend the conference. One of the highlights of the 3 days is lobbying on Capitol Hill on Tuesday afternoon. Due to congressional redistricting, residents of Millburn and Short Hills will join many of our neighbors in Springfield who are in Congressman Leonard Lance's district. It will be very important to demonstrate to Congressman Lance how important the United States-Israel relationship is to his new constituents in Millburn/Short Hills.

There will be a reception to help conference attendees prepare for the Policy Conference on Thursday February 16, at 7:30 pm at Temple Beth Shalom in Livingston, NJ.

For more information about AIPAC visit **www.**

**AIPAC.org** For more information about the Policy Conference, visit **<http://www.aipac.org/get-involved/your-synagogue--aipac>** Look very careful at the first two seconds of the video. I will tell you why.

If you have questions, please contact me at **TenenbaumJ@aol.com** for more information.

## **Step Up For Israel!!**

### **Next event – February 9**

CBI is participating in the pro-Israel program being sponsored by the Community Relations Committee (CRC) of United Jewish Communities of MetroWest NJ. The Step Up for Israel Campaign is a 5-part Israel education film mini-course. MetroWest CRC is partnering with Jerusalem Online University and Hasbara Fellowships to offer the minicourse to all synagogues in MetroWest. CBI is one of many congregations to participate in this program. The first three films were shown in 2011 and the fourth film, Israel and the West was shown in mid-January. Nancy and Joe Tenenbaum led a discussion about the issues related to the Israeli western values, and threats to the West, and about Israel and the media.

The last film in the series will be shown on Thursday, February 9 at 8:15 pm. This film, entitled Communicating for Israel is the culmination of the Step Up For Israel program as it helps guide viewers in the best way to support Israel among your family, your friends, and the broader community.

We are very pleased to have Elliot Mathias from Hasbara Fellowships moderate our discussion after this film. Elliot is the founder and executive director of Hasbara Fellowships, a leading pro-Israel advocacy training program for university students across North America under the auspices of Aish International. Mathias lives in Livingston and is a member of the Community Relations Committee of MetroWest.

For more information about this program, please visit **[www.ujcnj.org/SUFI](http://www.ujcnj.org/SUFI)**.

## **Men's Club Book Club**

**March 5, 2012**

On March 5, the CBI Men's Club Book Club will discuss *To the End of the Land*, by David Grossman. This book is the story of a woman's attempt to deal with her fear associated with her son's service in the IDF. Grossman wrote this book after his



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own son Uri was killed in the 2006 Second Lebanon War.

For the location of the discussions and more information, please contact Ed Nadel.

### Upcoming Events

<i>Step Up for Israel – Israel &amp; the West</i>	2/9/12
<i>Pre-Policy Conference Reception</i>	2/16/12
<i>AIPAC Policy Conference</i>	3/4-6/12
<i>12th Annual NJ Jewish Film Festival</i>	3/18/12-4/1/12
<i>CBI Showing – A Hero in Heaven</i>	4/22/12
<i>Community Yom Hazikaron Commemoration</i>	4/24/12
<i>David Broza Yom Haatzmaut Concert</i>	4/26/12
<i>Salute to Israel Parade</i>	6/3/12

### Missing Soldiers

We must continue to pray for the remaining soldiers to return home:

Majdy Halabi	Guy Hever	Ron Arad
Zachary Baumel	Avi Feldman	Yehuda Katz

### About Israel and the Diaspora

If you recall, last month, I discussed a little bit about the controversy surrounding Israeli

government ads encouraging Israelis living outside of Israel to come home. One of the ads featured a young woman and her boyfriend on Yom Hazikaron. The Israeli woman was deeply touched by the commemoration, while the non-Israeli boyfriend did not seem to know what was going on.

This ad is the motivation for the Israel Affairs committee sponsoring the showing of *A Hero in Heaven* at CBI on Sunday night, April 22. While this is a couple of days before Yom Hazikaron, telling the story of the young American who made Aliyah to Israel and was killed in the Second Lebanon War in 2006 is a very appropriate way to observe and understand something about Israeli Memorial Day. In fact, this film is often shown on Israeli TV during Yom Hazikaron.

We will be showing the film and encouraging everyone who attends to contribute to the Michael Levin Fund, a fund designed to support Lone Soldiers like Michael, who serve in the IDF, but have no family in the country.

We plan to show the film on Sunday night, April 22 at 6:30 pm, followed by a short discussion and evening minyan.

Joe Tenenbaum

## PURIM CARNIVAL IS COMING!!!!

### March 4, 2012- 10:30am-12:30pm

The Parents' Association of BBRS is pleased to announce that our annual PURIM CARNIVAL will be held on Sunday, March 4, 2012 from 10:30am-12:30pm. Mark your calendars for a fun morning filled with games, treats and crafts! We'll have many of our old favorites, but some new additions to make this year's carnival really great!

We will be PRESELLING tickets for the first time and offering them at a discount (\$7 per child as a presell, \$8 at the door). Keep your eyes open for information about that as the date draws near.

As in previous years, we are counting on the help of each and every BBRS family to help make this year's carnival a success! We plan to unveil a new and easy way to volunteer online. We hope this will help parents select volunteer shifts that "work" for them.

We wish to WELCOME CBI families who do not have

students enrolled in BBRS to get involved in this synagogue-wide event, either by attending the carnival, volunteering at the carnival, or both! Please contact me at [gmdan5@verizon.net](mailto:gmdan5@verizon.net) to discuss how you can get involved.

Finally, we're looking for congregants who are skilled at FACE PAINTING, MAGIC TRICKS, or any other carnival-related activity to volunteer to help out with a booth. Again, please contact me at [gmdan5@verizon.net](mailto:gmdan5@verizon.net) and we'll be glad to have you help us out.

Think PURIM!

Michelle Daniel, Parents' Association, BBRS  
[gmdan5@verizon.net](mailto:gmdan5@verizon.net)



# COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

## Thursday, February 2

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class
- 6:00 pm - Kadima - Murder Mystery
- 7:30 pm - USY - Cupcake Wars

## Friday, February 3

- **SISTERHOOD SHABBAT**

## Saturday, February 4

- **SISTERHOOD SHABBAT**
- LAUREN KATZ BAT MITZVAH (PM)

## Sunday, February 5

- 8:45 am - BBRS Parent's Conferences
- 9:00 am - Adult Education - Introductory Prayer Book Hebrew
- 9:30 am - Adult Education - Raising Ethical Children through Jewish Values
- 10:00 am - Men's Club World Wide Wrap

## Monday, February 6

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class
- 7:15 am - Adult Education - Learning to Read Talmud
- 7:30 pm - Sisterhood Board Meeting

## Tuesday, February 7

- 12:00 pm - Adult Forum
- 4:20 pm - BBRS Tu B'Shevat
- 6:00 pm - Chaverim - Game Night
- 8:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting
- 8:00 pm - BBRS Board Meeting

## Thursday, February 9

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class
- 7:30 pm - Israel Affairs - Step Up for Israel Film
- 8:15 pm - Adult Education - Jewish Wisdom

## Saturday, February 11

- JENNA ISRAEL BAT MITZVAH (AM)
- RACHEL HUBURTUS BAT MITZVAH (PM)
- 10:30 am - Shabbat Journeymen's Minyan

## Sunday, February 12

- 8:45 am - BBRS Parellel Parent Program - Purim
- 9:00 am - Adult Education - Introductory Prayer Book Hebrew

## Monday, February 13

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class
- 7:15 am - Adult Education - Learning to Read Talmud
- 8:00 pm - Men's Club Board Meeting
- 8:00 pm - Sisterhood Intergenerational Panel

## Tuesday, February 14

- 4:20 pm - BBRS Hebrew Marathon
- 8:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting

## Thursday, February 16

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class
- 8:15 pm - Adult Education - Jewish Wisdom

## Saturday, February 18

- 11:15 am - Yaldeinu

## Sunday, February 19

- 9:00 am - Adult Education - Introductory Prayer Book Hebrew

## Monday, February 20

- **PRESIDENT'S DAY - OFFICE CLOSED**

## Tuesday, February 21

- 12:00 pm - Adult Forum

## Thursday, February 23

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class
- 8:15 pm - Adult Education - Jewish Wisdom

## Saturday, February 25

- STEPHANIE GRINSHUP BAT MITZVAH (AM)
- **NO JUNIOR CONGREGATION**
- 10:30 am - Shabbat Journeymen's Minyan

## Sunday, February 26

- 9:00 am - Adult Education - Introductory Prayer Book Hebrew
- 9:00 am - Adult Education - Torah Cantillation for Beginners
- 9:30 am - Adult Education - Raising Ethical Children through Jewish Values
- 6:30 pm - JACS

## Monday, February 27

- **SCHOOL RESUMES**
- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class
- 7:15 pm - Adult Education - Learning to Read Talmud

## Tuesday, February 28

- 6:15 pm - Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh

## Wednesday, February 29

- 8:00 pm - HGECC Board Meeting

## Thursday, March 1

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class
- 6:00 pm - Kadima - Purim Party
- 8:15 pm - Adult Education - Passover Series

## Sunday, March 4

- 9:00 am - Adult Education - Introductory Prayer Book Hebrew
- 9:00 am - Adult Education - Torah Cantillation for Beginners
- 10:30 am - Purim Carnival

## Yahrzeit Donors

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# DONATIONS

The following tributes have been sent over the past several months. If you wish to send a tribute please call Lisa at 973-379-3811 or email her at [lisar@cbi-nj.org](mailto:lisar@cbi-nj.org).

## Synagogue Fund

To Lisa Ehrlich ~ In memory of your father, Abraham Klein.

- ❖ Susan & Michael Jurist
- ❖ Ellen Shulman & Jay Perler
- ❖ Deena Bernhaut
- ❖ Miriam & Phil Levine
- ❖ Risa & Evan Wasserman
- ❖ Jill & Boaz Kimelman
- ❖ Robin & Mark Polson
- ❖ Hanna Keselman

To Helaine Ettinger ~ In memory of your father, Howard Ettinger.

- ❖ Hanna Keselman
- ❖ Carol & Bob Marcus

To Mark Goldenthal ~ In memory of your father.

- ❖ Susan & Michael Jurist
- ❖ Miriam & Phil Levine
- ❖ Risa & Evan Wasserman

To Hank Sendyk ~ In memory of your mother Fay Sendyk.

- ❖ Sharon & Arthur Draznin and family

The Berko Family ~ In memory of Debbie Berko.

- ❖ Jill & Boaz Kimelman

To Susan Meth ~ In memory of your father, Leonard Schwartz.

- ❖ Beverly Orel

To Josh Schor ~ In honor of your being named one of the top Geriatric Doctors by NJ Monthly Magazine.

- ❖ Shirley & Irving Alper

To Heidi Allen ~ In memory of your mother, Judy Solomon.

- ❖ Ellen Shulman & Jay Perler

To Linda & David Sotnick ~ In honor of Elliot becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

- ❖ Jill & Boaz Kimelman
- ❖ Roz & Jed Buck
- ❖ Shirley & Irving Alper

To The Wallman Family ~ In honor of Andrew and Justin becoming Bar Mitzvahs.

- ❖ Roz & Jed Buck

To Brenda Eisenberg ~ In honor of your granddaughter, Mariella becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

- ❖ Jill & Boaz Kimelman
- ❖ Shirley & Irving Alper

To Debbie Fox ~ In memory of your father, Harold Rosenthal.

- ❖ Ellen Shulman & Jay Perler
- ❖ Jill & Boaz Kimelman

To The Rubenstein Family ~ In honor of Rachel becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

- ❖ Roz & Jed Buck

To Inez Ehrenkranz ~ In memory of your husband, Daniel Ehrenkranz.

- ❖ Jill & Boaz Kimelman

To Jody & Jonathan Caplan ~ In honor of your daughter, Sophie, becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

- ❖ Jill & Boaz Kimelman

To Lisa & Josh Lissner ~ In honor of your daughter, Cara, becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

- ❖ Jill & Boaz Kimelman

To Brenda Eisenberg ~ Thank you for all your help in planning our son, Ryan's, Bar Mitzvah.

- ❖ Heather & Marc Adelman

To Heather & Marc Adelman ~ In honor of your son, Ryan, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

- ❖ Roz & Jed Buck

To Yuda Drattler ~ In memory of your brother, Eli Drattler.

- ❖ Jill & Boaz Kimelman

To Will Rosenberg ~ In honor of your becoming a Bar Mitzvah

- ❖ Sharon & Arthur Draznin and family

To Maintenance & Office Staff ~ Thank you for all your help around Elliot's Bar Mitzvah.

- ❖ The Sotnick Family

To Brenda Eisenberg ~ Thank you for all your assistance and special touches in preparing Elliot's Bar Mitzvah.

- ❖ The Sotnick Family

To Paula Touger ~ Thank you for being such a wonderful Bar Mitzvah tutor and answering all of Elliot's questions as he was preparing for his Bar Mitzvah.

- ❖ The Sotnick Family

To Heather Adelman & Adam Katzman ~ Thank you for pinch hitting and ushering for Elliot's Bar Mitzvah.

- ❖ The Sotnick Family

To Steven Brown ~ Thank you for your involvement in Elliot's Bar Mitzvah.

- ❖ The Sotnick Family

To the CBI SPaIC Committee ~ Thank you for working so hard to complete CBI's new building.

- ❖ The Sotnick Family

## Rabbi's Fund

To Mark Goldenthal ~ In memory of your father.

- ❖ Andrea & David Hirschfeld
- ❖ Robin & Mark Goldenthal

To Susan Meth ~ In memory of your father, Leonard Schwartz.

- ❖ Andrea & David Hirschfeld

To Lisa Ehrlich ~ In memory of your father, Abraham Klein.

- ❖ Andrea & David Hirschfeld

To Scott Segel ~ In memory of your father, Norman Segel.

- ❖ Sandy Haimoff

To Linda & David Sotnick ~ In honor of Elliot becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

❖ Andrea & David Hirschfeld

To Rabbi Bayar & Leora Wiener ~ In honor of your engagement.

❖ Sharon & Arthur Draznin and family

❖ Jill & Boaz Kimelman

❖ Pascale & Joel Reidenberg

To Rabbi Bayar ~ In honor of the engagement of your daughter Meira to Aaron Ellias.

❖ Teddy Leff

❖ Marcy & Harvey Brooks

To Rabbi Bayar ~ Thank you for helping Elliot and our family prepare for his Bar Mitzvah.

❖ The Sotnick Family

#### **Cantor's Music Fund**

To Mark Goldenthal ~ In memory of your father.

❖ Anne & Len Hausman

❖ Jill & Boaz Kimelman

To Helaine Ettinger ~ In memory of your father Howard Ettinger.

❖ Ann & Len Hausman

To Cantor Wallach ~ It was a pleasure getting to know you better during the Bar Mitzvah process. Thank you for your kind attention to Ryan and the rest of the family perfecting their Torah portions and prayers.

❖ Heather & Marc Adelman

To Cantor Wallach ~ Thank you for helping Elliot and our family prepare for his Bar Mitzvah.

❖ The Sotnick Family

#### **H. Gruenewald Early Childhood Center Fund**

To Deena Bernhaut ~ In honor of the birth of your grandson, Eli Chaim.

❖ Jane Vatsky

To Rochelle Baron ~ In honor of your being selected an honoree for CBI Gala in March.

❖ Lenore May

#### **Blanche Bayar Religious School Fund**

To Janice Colmar & your teaching staff ~ Thank you for the religious education you have provided Elliot with over the years.

❖ The Sotnick Family

#### **Burk-Mendlovitz Youth Fund**

To Lisa Ehrlich ~ In memory of your father Abraham Klein.

❖ Renee & Kopel Burk

To Helaine Ettinger ~ In memory of your father Howard Ettinger.

❖ Renee & Kopel Burk

To Mark Goldenthal ~ In memory of your father.

❖ Renee & Kopel Burk

To Linda & David Sotnick ~ In honor of Elliot becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

❖ Renee & Kopel Burk

To Heidi Allen ~ In memory of your mother, Judy Solomon.

❖ Renee & Kopel Burk

To Leora Wiener & Rabbi Bayar ~ In honor of your recent engagement!

❖ Renee & Kopel Burk

To Renee & Kopel Burk ~ Mazel Tov on the Bar Mitzvah of your grandson Eli Alexander

❖ Jill & Boaz Kimelman

❖ Shirley & Irving Alper

## **THE KADIMANIKS ARE COMING!!! THE KADIMANIKS ARE COMING!!!**

**March 9 -11, 2012**

CBI has been chosen to host this year's Hagalil Region 8th Grade Kadima Shabbaton!

A Shabbaton is a Kadima community observance of Shabbat. From March 9-11, eighth graders from North/Central New Jersey will join us for a joyous weekend together, with icebreakers, study, ruach, singing, food, peer-led prayer, and a fun Saturday evening program.

The CBI Kadima youth group is excited to be able to host this Shabbaton and will be looking for congregants to open up their homes to host our guests and volunteer during this weekend. When possible, Kadimaniks are often hosted by members of the congregation with children of Kadima age (6th-8th grade). Nearly all the meals are served at the synagogue, so the primary responsibility of a host family is to provide a place to sleep (participants bring their own sleeping bags) and transportation to and from the synagogue.

More information to come!

# Hearts and Hands

By Tracy Ferdinand and Beth Von Bevern

Over the winter break our committee coordinated a pretty special event with Morrow Memorial Church in Maplewood and the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). IHN helps families, parents and children, who are in need of shelter. Through their network of 25 churches and synagogues in Essex County, they provide a safe and comfortable temporary home and a respite from crisis. Volunteers from the host congregations provide meals, activities and company for up to fourteen people.

For two weeks in December the guest families were being housed at Morrow Memorial Church in Maplewood. Because most of their members were busy celebrating the Christmas holiday with their own families, Morrow was in need of volunteers, particularly on Christmas Eve and Day. This is where we came in.

Fifteen CBI families and friends stepped in and helped to fill a very pressing need. Approximately 50 volunteers, adults, teens and children spent Christmas Eve and day, serving meals, playing with the younger children and offering hospitality to the guests at their temporary home in Morrow Church. Through the generosity of Naomi Eisenberger and The Good People Fund, the guests were also treated to a movie and popcorn at the Maplewood Theatre.

A few weeks later we received a note from the Morrow coordinator thanking us for our help. She let us know that the mother of the family that we hosted told her that what could have been the worst Christmas of their lives, will perhaps be remembered by her kids as one of the best. It doesn't get much better than that...

Thank you to all who volunteered:

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## FEBRUARY EVENTS

**Oheb Shalom Kosher Food Pantry – February 22nd & 26th.** If you are in town over February break please consider helping out. Volunteers are needed. The Bobrow Food Pantry serves the elderly and poor living in the South Orange Community. Groceries that have been collected and purchased are divided into bags on various Wednesdays throughout the year and distributed on Sundays. We need your help this month. Bagging is on Wednesday, February 22nd, from 7-8:30pm and distribution is on Sunday, February 26th, from 9-11am. The address is 170 Scotland Road, South Orange. ***You don't need to volunteer for both days.*** For safety reasons, the pantry asks that children be over 9 years old and accompanied by an adult. RSVP to Tracy Ferdinand, [teferd@aol.com](mailto:teferd@aol.com) or 973.376.3240 by Friday, February 17th.

**Tu B'Shevat - February 8th.** While we have no formal programming scheduled for Tu B'Shevat we would like to bring your attention to a program sponsored by JNF. Aleh Negev provides high-level medical and rehabilitative care to children. It is also the name of the state of the art communal rehabilitative village in Ofakim. The Rehabilitative Village provides a home to over 500 adults, serves 12,000 children and teens on an out patient basis and provides much needed services and jobs to the area.

At last months Hesed Day, the children of BBRS collected tzedakah and donated it in support of Aleh Negev Safari Petting Zoo Project. The Zoo will provide animal therapy treatments in a safe, secure and humane environment on the grounds of the Rehabilitative Village.

During Tu B'Shevat many of us plant trees in Israel through JNF. Please consider continuing our support of this innovative program by visiting the JNF website at <http://www.jnf.org/support/tributes/aleh-negev/aleh-negev.html>.

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## Blanche Bayer Religious School News

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### **Yasher Koach to the Blanche Bayer Religious School for its Silver Solomon Schechter Award presented this fall at the Biennial Convention of the United Synagogue Of Conservative Judaism!**

L'dor is a program created by Rena Gitlitz, a teacher at the Blanche Bayer Religious School of Congregation B'nai Israel in Millburn, NJ and Janice Colman, Education Director. The sixth graders in the school study the holidays

through a historical prism. The students study the evolution of each holiday from its original inception through today. Additionally, the students decided to celebrate holidays with the seniors at a local senior housing program. This year they visited and shared holiday stories three times and we anticipate this program will continue next year.

### **Hold the Date**

**CBI is proud to host Passover University! Everything you need /want to know about to prepare for Passover will be revealed on Sunday, March 25.**

Janice Colmar

## **CBI Adult Education Classes for Winter-Spring 2012**

### ■ **Passover, A Five-part mini-series. How Has This Night Been Different From All Others? Starting March 1, 2012.**

We are delighted to be partnering with JTS (Jewish Theological Seminary) to offer this fascinating course *here* at CBI. Open to all and no prior knowledge necessary. Each session will be led by a different JTS professor and the last session will be taught by Rabbi Bayer. We will explore the development of the Passover *seder* and rituals through the ages. Sure to help you participate in or lead a more meaningful *seder* or your money back! The other weeknight Thursday classes will take a break to allow you to enjoy this class. March 1, 6 (note Tuesday night), 15, 22 and 29. 8:15-9:45PM

### ■ **Introductory Prayer Book Hebrew. Instructor Laurie Berkman. Sunday Mornings 9-10:30. Eight sessions starting January 29, 2012.**

This class is for beginning Hebrew readers. During this past fall's session, we learned all the letters of the aleph-bet and everyone in the class can now slowly decode. The current session will reinforce the basics, build confidence and provide an opportunity

for practice. Our focus will be the prayers of the Saturday morning service. Our goal is greater fluency in reading and some comprehension.

### ■ **Jewish Wisdom. Instructor Rabbi Michael Jay, Esq. Thursday nights 8:15-9:00. Six sessions starting February 9, 2012 with break in March.**

Last semester we learned together from Rabbi Joesph Telushkin's book, Jewish Wisdom. This semester we are going back to look in some detail at one of the sources for that book. *Pirke Avot* is commonly translated as "Ethics of the Fathers". Studying this 2nd century Text gives us an opportunity to peek inside the heads of our great Rabbis as they discuss how we should live our lives as Jews. Join us as we seek our ethical roots! There is no need to have taken last semester's class

### ■ **Raising Ethical Children through Jewish Values. Mini-Course Instructors Rabbi Steven Bayer and Beth Giladi, LCSW. Two Sundays: February 5 and February 26, 9:30 - 10:30AM.**

We all hope to raise *menshes*. How do we guide our children in today's complex world using our Jewish values?

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## CBI Adult Education Classes for Winter-Spring 2012

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Beth is a school social worker and Director of P.E.A.C.E. at Home, LLC, a private counseling practice of support for parents and children. She is a congregant and former director of special education support services at CBI. Jewish texts such as *Pirkei Avot* will help guide us.

■ **Guide to the Completely Perplexed: How to Give a *D'var Torah* Mini-Course. Instructors Rabbi Bayar and Sara Sherman. Sunday April 29, 9:30-10:30AM and Thursday May 3, 7-8 PM**

The *D'var Torah* is an age-old often witty way for friends to share insights into the Torah. It can help beautify any Jewish event or family meal. Rabbi Bayar and congregant Sara Sherman (English teacher and facilitator of CBI book discussions) will team up to teach different approaches to constructing a *D'var Torah*.

■ **Learning to Read Talmud: Yoma Chapter 8. Instructor Will Friedman. Nine Monday evenings 7:15 to 9, beginning February 6, 2012**

Would you like to know not just what the Talmud says, but how it says it? Would you like to gain a deeper appreciation of how our practices on Yom Kippur developed? For those who can read and comprehend basic Hebrew, we will study the eighth chapter of Tractate Yoma ("The Day" = Yom Kippur) in the original Hebrew and Aramaic, using the time-tested Jewish study methods of *hevruta* (partner study) and *shiur* (guided seminar-style discussion). All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own copy of Tractate Yoma, either Vilna or Steinsaltz edition -- no Artscroll translation allowed! :-)

■ **Jewish Philosophy. Instructor Rabbi Steven Bayar. Monday mornings (ongoing) 9:30-10:30.** This year we begin exploring the different movements within Judaism; conservative, reform, orthodox, reconstructionist, humanist, chasidic and post modern; their philosophies, theologies and observances.

■ **Jewish Philosophy. Instructor Rabbi Steven Bayar. Thursday mornings (ongoing) 9:30-10:30.** This year we begin studying the Jewish Mussar (ethical) movements, their origin and practices.

■ **Torah Cantillation for beginners: instructor Cantor Lorna Wallach. Sunday mornings 9:00-10:00. Feb. 26, March 4 and March 11.** Learn the ancient and sacred tradition of chanting the Torah and then put this skill to good use chanting at your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah or to mark any significant event in your life; at Sisterhood or Men's Club Shabbat or read on any Shabbat at CBI. Ability to read Hebrew (no matter how slowly) is required but no musical talent is necessary! Anyone who just wants to understand how the Trope (Cantillation) system works and have a better appreciation for what goes into preparing to chant a Torah portion is also welcome to attend.



*MLK Day On not Off event*



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