

# The Bulletin



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Congregation B'nai Israel, Elizabeth, NJ - Affiliated 1992

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## *The Spirit of the High Holidays at CBI*

*We pride ourselves on being a warm and welcoming congregational community. During the High Holidays, when so many people join together to celebrate the New Year, we have a special opportunity and responsibility to nurture this feeling of warmth and be an accepting community.*

*We invite you to join us in making Congregation B'nai Israel feel like a big family gathering. As you arrive at synagogue, smile and greet others with wishes of "Shanah Tovah!" - "A good New Year!" As you greet your own family and friends, take time to also meet those you do not know and welcome those who are new to our congregational family. Making the effort to greet visitors and newcomers, or invite a stranger to sit with you, can make the spirit of the High Holidays even more powerful.*

*L'shanah Tovah U'metukah!  
May this be a sweet and good new year!*

*You can find our High Holiday Schedule on the centerfold . . .*

## Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat	8:15 pm
Shabbat Services	9:00 am
Minyan Katan (2 yr.old - 1st grade)	10:30 am
Yaldeinu (9/16)	11:15 am

## Candle Lighting

Sept 1	7:11 pm
Sept 8	6:59 pm
Sept 15	6:48 pm
Sept 22	6:36 pm
Sept 29	6:24 pm

## Mincha/Havdallah

Sept 2	7:26 pm/8:26 pm
Sept 9	7:14 pm/8:14 pm
Sept 16	7:03 pm/8:03 pm
Sept 23	6:51 pm/7:51 pm
Sept 30	6:39 pm/7:39 pm

## Minyan Rotation

9/3-9/9	Abraham – Basarab
9/10-9/16	Benbasset – Blum
9/17-9/23	Bolton – Cantwell
9/24-9/30	Casel – Cohen

This is a reminder that you are scheduled on the Minyan Rotation List for this month. **We urge you to make every effort to attend minyan, the times are listed below.**

### Morning Minyan

7:10 am Mon. & Thurs.  
7:15 am Tues., Wed. & Fri.  
8:00 am Sun.

### Evening Minyan

8:00 pm Sun.-Thur.

## September 2017 Yahrzeit Donors

Shirley Alper	Michael Klausner
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## FROM THE RABBI'S DEN

By Rabbi Steven Bayar

The concept of Teshuva (repentance) involves taking stock of who we are and what we have done. This is called “Cheshbone Hanefesh.” We look into the mirror and try to reconcile how we see ourselves with how others view us. This is the first step on the path of repentance.



Looking into the mirror and knowing who you are is the first step. Knowing where you are going is the necessary second step. We must understand what we have done and where these actions are leading us.

So the third step: to know who you are, where you are going and what baggage you are taking with you. It's not an easy process even though it might seem that way. In part this is because the mirror does not reflect us clearly. It's clouded by our perceptions; for each of us has two identities; who we think we are and who we really are.

For instance we may see ourselves as caring and compassionate – but wonder why no one sees us that way. We may think we treat others with care – but then wonder why it is never reciprocated.

On the High Holy Days each of us will enter the sanctuary with different identities. We must be aware of both our identities for unless we do we will never understand our relationships. We will never understand how we have hurt others and why we have been hurt in turn.

Remember that identity is fluid; it changes as we journey through life. Repentance is part of that fluidity; it allows us to reboot after mistakes and remake ourselves into people who are caring and kind.

But we must first take an honest look in the mirror – and approach the mirror with honest intentions. We must recognize that we are human. Only then can we truly understand the purpose of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

Ginny and I wish you and yours a healthy, happy and honest High Holy Day season.

Steven Bayar



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## MUSICAL NOTES

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

If you know even a little bit about me, you know my passion for singing – particularly singing Jewish music, both sacred and folk; and for making music with others through the venue of a choir. I have derived great joy and satisfaction from conducting our own CBI choir, whom you hear each year singing so beautifully on the High Holydays.



There is a long history of vocal and instrumental music being an integral part of Jewish worship. King David is credited with establishing the first Israelite choir and orchestra with the purpose of enhancing the spiritual mood of sacred services. We read in I Chronicles 15:16, “David told the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers, accompanied by instruments: lutes, lyres and cymbals, joyfully making their voices heard.” The Mishnah (Ar. 2:6) states that in Jerusalem’s Second Temple, “there were never fewer than twelve Levites standing on the platform (as a choir) but there was no limit on the maximum number of singers.” Following the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 C.E., the Rabbis abolished the sacrificial rite and its accompanying instrumental and vocal music. But the Jews still longed for the elevating sounds of the choir. Even Maimonides, the great 12th century Jewish philosopher, permitted the choir to sing God’s praise in the synagogue and at all religious feasts. Professional synagogue choirs were established as early as the 16th century, following the artistic model of the European churches. In the 19th century, four- part choral singing became a regular feature of the synagogues in Europe, where they sang the works of such distinguished composers as Solomon Sulzer (1804-1890) and Louis Lewandowski (1823 – 1894). To this day, our congregation, along with many others, still include some of their Shabbat and High Holyday melodies (i.e. Tzaddik Katamar by Lewandowski and Sh’ma and much of the Torah service by Sulzer).

For almost every summer since 1990, I have been attending the North American Jewish Choral Festival, sponsored by the Zamir Choral Foundation. This festival is a 5 day gathering of over 500 people, all of whom share a passion for singing Jewish music (although not all of them are “professional” singers/musicians) and who share the objective of keeping alive the tradition of music in Jewish life and worship. A recent survey conducted on behalf of the Zamir Choral Foundation illustrates the impact that singing in a Jewish choir can have. There is strong anecdotal evidence that many people who are not otherwise involved in Jewish life find their way in through their love of Jewish singing. For me, singing in or conducting a Jewish choir is a way to integrate music, Judaism, community and spirituality.

I pray that the New Year will bring all of us to new spiritual heights as we lift our voices together in songs of praise and thanks. May we be blessed with good health, strength, harmony and peace. Michael, Shira and Joshua join me in wishing all of you a wonderful and sweet New Year. *Shanah Tovah Umetukkah!*

Lorna Wallach



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## In The Community

### Mazel Tov to:

Risa and Howard Goldberg on the marriage of their daughter, Andi, to Jeremy Zaro, July 2nd.

Nancy and Joe Tenenbaum on the birth of a new granddaughter; Stephanie and Barak Daon have welcomed Noga Rahel to their family.

Sharon and Mark Ingber on the marriage of their daughter Julie to Andrew Klugman.

Bernie Eichler, on the marriage of his granddaughter Julie, to Andrew Klugman.

Ann & Mitchell Brown on the marriage of their son Fred to Lauren Bernstein.

### Refuah Shleima to:

Marvin Bartfeld, Anitta Fox, Cathy Lasser, Frieda Ostrowsky, Gloria Segel, Gloria Smith and David Touger

### Condolences to:

Lisa Less on the passing of her husband, Samuel, father of Jordan and Maren

Kopel Burk on the passing of his brother, Bernard.

Marvin Fish on the passing of his wife, Dorothy.

Marcy Brooks on the passing of her brother, Edward Hammer.

Barry Moss on the passing of his beloved mother, Cecile.

Marvin Gasho on the passing of his mother, Roberta.

## President's Message

By David Good, CBI President



### My CBI Shtick

Over the summer, I visited the Yiddish Book Center at Hampshire College, where my daughter – and CBI Librarian! – Abigail was attending the Great Jewish Books Summer Program. There was a mural showing Yiddish words that are common in the English language. Of

course, one of the words that came to mind was *shtick*.

The word has a number of meanings and usages, deriving from its Yiddish and German roots meaning “piece.” It is perhaps best known in relation to comic routines or gimmicks, as in “bits” of comedy or adapted personas. (Think Johnny Carson, Rodney Dangerfield, Chris Berman and even The Wiggles.) Over time, *shtick* has come to mean any habit, routine, talent, quirk or convention commonly associated with a particular person.

I thought of this as I sat down to write my first column as president of Congregation B'nai Israel. I needed a *shtick*! What will be my eccentricity that everyone will come to know about me when it comes to CBI? I realized I already had one...my obsession with community as the most important factor in synagogue life. It is what I talk about when I am Bima Officer for a bar or bat mitzvah in our sanctuary. It is what fuels my approach to programming, whether adult learning, Israel connection, youth engagement, family enrichment or purely social. It is what has kept me motivated during my eight years as a trustee and officer of our *kehillah kedosha* – sacred community.

A strong and vibrant CBI community allows a place for each family, each individual, each adult and child, to connect with Judaism in their own way...whether in our sanctuary, in our schools, in our social hall, in our neighborhoods.

As we approach the High Holidays and a new programming year at CBI, I'd like to share a few important areas of CBI life that are important to our community focus:

- We have a new Family Enrichment Committee! Working with our educators and clergy, we will be bringing more family and children social events to our ongoing Shabbat and holiday programming.
- I am thrilled to announce that the CBI Gala will be back at CBI...please mark Saturday, February 3rd on your calendars now!
- I can't keep from *kvelling* (Yiddish again) about our “Chapter

of the Year” USY youth group. We are so proud of our teen leaders for building a community that is active and engaged in Jewish life. It starts with Chaverim in 4th and 5th grade... continuing with Kadima in 6th, 7th and 8th grades...and continuing into high school with USY.

- Our Lifelong Learning has a strong lineup of adult education program on tap for the coming year! We are again partnering with Shalom Hartman Institute for a special program on Israel. Plus, in addition to learning with Rabbi Bayar, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Sharon, we will continue our Contemporary Issues Lecture Series with nationally renowned speakers and academics.

And I could go on...Shabbat dinners, musical programs, Shabbat family services, Sisterhood, Men's Club, Adult Forum, Legacy Circle, choir, Yaldeinu, daily minyan, social action, Shabbat discussion groups...

At our Annual Congregational Meeting this past June, I said that if you are like me, you are a member of CBI because you love this synagogue, you cherish this community, you are inspired by Judaism. You are invested in this congregation as your Jewish home...for yourselves, for your children and for future generations.

I ask of you to be an ambassador. Be an advocate for our community.

Encourage your friends and neighbors who are members of CBI to join you at Shabbat services...an educational event...a Shabbat service...a family program. Better yet, offer them a ride! For those friends and neighbors who are not members, ask them to join you at a Shabbat dinner...a musical event...a social gathering...a youth group event. Tell them about our religious school...our preschool...our full complement of clergy and educators.

Demonstrate your passion and appreciation for our Jewish home...and together we will harvest the blessings of our community.

So, that's my CBI *shtick*. You will be sure to hear more about it. In the months ahead I hope speak to you about your CBI *shtick*. I'd love to hear what you love most about our community, our synagogue, our *shul*. (Whoops, there's that Yiddish again.)

Andrea, Lara, Abigail, Alana and I wish you and your families a very happy new year. L'Shana Tova U'metukah – May this year be filled with joy, sweetness and blessings!

David Good  
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## Sisterhood's Message

By Laurie Kavowras and Ruth Novick



Laurie Kavowras



Ruth Novick

We are excited to be the new Sisterhood co-presidents. Although we have been enjoying the summer, we, along with

our amazing Sisterhood Board (we can't thank this crew enough!), have also been hard at work planning events for the upcoming year. We hope to appeal to a broad spectrum of the CBI community with programs that will both educate and entertain you. As anyone who came to installation knows, we have our own unique style (we will heretofore be referred to as "Thing One" and "Thing Two") and want to try new things, as well as keep some old favorites. We are also open to suggestions, so please feel free to reach out to us.

Over the summer, we had several successful programs. Our first Sisterhood event, the Mah Jongg Marathon, took place on June 11. We played 12 rounds of mah jongg, prizes were awarded, and we ate well! Karen Gooen, mah jongg maven extraordinaire, served as arbitrator. Thank you to Susan Stern, Wendy Kaplowitz and Amy Dantus for making the day wonderful! Ladies Night Out at Tokyo Hibachi was on July 19 and was fully subscribed! It was so lovely to see so many of our returning members and to welcome some new faces. We ate, drank wine, and were altogether merry! Thank you again to Susan and Wendy for organizing this wonderful event. And to keep things sweet, we also had a very successful High Holiday honey sale run by Lisa Halpern.

Looking forward, our first Rosh Chodesh will be on September 7. As of the date of this article we are still working out the details of the program. In the meantime, be sure to save the date and we will get more information to you shortly. Also save November 2 for our Fall Bookends. We will be reading All the Rivers by Dorit Rabinian, an award-winning story about the passionate but untenable affair between an Israeli woman and a Palestinian man. Our very own Sara Sherman will lead the discussion.

We are also excited to announce that our kickoff dinner for all paid up Sisterhood members will be on October 26 and the theme is "Sisterhood's Got Talent." Do you sing, act, play an instrument, dance, juggle, or have a stupid human trick? If so, then we want you! Don't want to do it alone? Do a routine with a friend! If performing isn't your thing, come as a

spectator! Whether you want to perform or simply attend, please rsvp to Rhee Nesson at rheenesson@gmail.com or 917-885-2900. We assure you that it will be a fun evening and it will get you even more excited about Sisterhood.

On a final note, we want to express our deep gratitude to Karen Tucker, who has stood at the Sisterhood helm for the last **FOUR** (yes, that's four!) years. She has steered the ship with poise and professionalism, and has earned the respect of everyone who has had the pleasure of working with her. We sincerely appreciate all of her guidance as we try to fill her shoes.

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday, September 7** - Rosh Chodesh Program

**Wednesday, September 13** - Mah Jongg

**Tuesday, September 26** - Knit and Knosh

**Thursday, October 26** - Kickoff Dinner, "Sisterhood's Got Talent"

Laurie Kavowras  
and Ruth Novick



## High Holiday Chanting Circle

**'Pre-prayer' for the High Holidays at our inspirational  
Elul chant and song circle with musical accompaniment on**

**Sunday, September 17, at 5:00 pm**

**We begin our 7th year of the CBI Chanting Circle with a focus on Psalm 27, which is a marker of the penitential season. It is traditionally recited three times daily from Rosh Chodesh Elul through Hoshanah Rabba. We will explore this text through chant and song to help make it come alive with meaning and beauty!**

**The intention of chanting is to awaken the divine in our hearts. It can soothe the mind and at the very least is simply fun to do! No prior knowledge of Hebrew or singing ability necessary . . . only a willingness to join in spiritual community.**

## Hedwig Gruenewald Early Childhood Center

By Rochelle Baron, Director

It's good to be back in school! Our first day is September 11 and we are looking forward to welcoming old and new friends.

Our Parent Orientation meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, September 7 and is followed the next day with an Open House for the children when they will come to meet their teachers and check out their new classrooms. "Playdate in the Playground" is on for Sunday, September 10 at which time parents and children will have the opportunity to hang out and get to know each other before school begins the next day.

In addition to all of the activities the teachers have planned for their classes this year, we are looking forward to story time with Rabbi Bayar, Shabbat with Cantor Wallach, and meeting our new rishonim from Israel. Music with Jill, Kids Yoga,



Cora Hartshorn Arboretum, and Travelin' Tumblers will be back to share their wonderful programs with us. During the extended day enrichment programs the children will partake in Art Exploration, Tae Kwon Do, Sports with Coach Rick, Preschool Performers and Ooey Gooley Science. Lots of good stuff to keep everyone busy and engaged!

Gary and I wish all of you a happy and healthy new year!

Sincerely,

**Rochelle**



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## Blanche Bayer Religious School (BBRS)

By Rabbi Sharon Litwin, Director of Congregational Learning

Welcome back to a New Year!

I am very excited for the incredible programming that will be happening at CBI this coming year for both adults, children and families. We will have speakers, classes, field trips, family learning projects, hands on social action projects, music, and much more.

One of the things I am most excited about is a visit from a Medic from United Hatzalah, the volunteer emergency response organization in Israel. Not only will a medic be coming to teach us about the exciting work that this organization does, averaging a response time of only 90 seconds in Jerusalem and 3 minutes throughout Israel, he will also be bringing a ambucycle, a specially outfitted motorcycle which has everything that an ambulance would have except the bed and can get to the scene of a medical emergency much faster than an ambulance. We will get to see and touch the ambucycle on December 10, 2017.

I am also excited for our Tichon, Hebrew High School program on Monday nights, which was best described by one of our students as "Jewish Social Studies." We look at current events, understand the Jewish calendar, delve into ethical dilemmas and reframe the Jewish holidays to make them



meaningful to teens. If you have a teenager who may not have been in Tichon in the past, that's fine, we are always happy to have new students of all ages.

Of course, BBRS will open on September 10 with our full faculty and students ready for a great year of building Hebrew skills, creating community, forging Jewish identity, singing, laughing, and enjoying our learning together. We will once again partner with two local Conservative synagogues to do camp-style programming with our 4th and 5th graders. We will learn from a Rishona, an emissary from Israel who will teach our 6th graders in a fun class called "I love Israel." And we will celebrate holidays, with special programs. I look forward to welcoming all of the students and parents back to school on Sunday, September 10 with a brief opening assembly and few weeks of school before the High Holy Days.

As always, my door is open and my phone turned on, if you have questions or concerns or want to share in the learning!

Shana Tova U'Metukah,

**Rabbi Sharon Litwin**



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## LIBRARY NEWS

By Abigail Good

Hello and shana tova from the library! Over the summer the library has been relieved of its irrelevant books and updated with new donations. We will continue to have book reviews in the bulletin and in the library this year, and more donations are always welcome in the form of books or money to purchase books we would like to add. We will also continue to use plural pronouns, despite there being only one person doing all this.

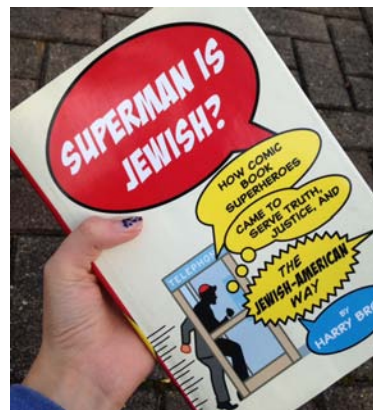
Today we have for you a review of a book the library does not yet own: *Superman Is Jewish?* by Harry Brod.

*"If I'm successful, readers of [Superman is Jewish?] should come to see how the people of the book became the people of the comic book."*

In a long introduction and even longer book, Harry Brod tackles questions that are relevant not just to Jews in comics but to all Jews in America: what makes a person, a character, or a work of art Jewish? He creates his own criteria and goes crawling for answers through the golden, silver, bronze, and modern ages of comics, as well as the works of Jewish graphic novelists all over the world. From Superman to Maus, Spider-Man to The Rabbi's Cat, Brod traces the roots and influences of comics all the way from religious art in Europe to the culture of immigrant Jews in New York during the birth of comics. He focuses on the lives on the of the very first Jewish comics creators and their enduring

influence, and follows the path through how comics and graphic novels by Jewish authors have changed in tone and message. How did the struggle with traditional masculinity and secularization shape heroes created by Jews? Are some of these heroes more religiously or culturally Jewish than

others? Have the Jewish roots of these heroes been honored up to this day? Drawing on his own childhood and the knowledge of comics professionals, Brod presents a compelling argument not just that Superman *is* Jewish, but that the *idea* that he is remains important to this day.



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## MEN'S CLUB MINUTE

By Dan Dovdavyan, Men's Club President

From all of us at Men's Club, we hope you had a great Summer and we wish you an early Shana Tova!!

Congratulations to our Men's Club Membership Chair, Bob Brauer, for winning a Visa gift card in the 2017 Northern NJ Region Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Raffle. Mazel Tov, Bob!

Thank you to Dan Richter (daniel.richter@verizon.net) for organizing a great afternoon at the Paper Mill Play House in June, where a number of us enjoyed the final matinee performance of Mary Poppins. It was "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious"!!

Congratulations also to the Men's Club Softball team for another successful season, which included participation in the playoffs and only one season-ending injury requiring surgery. Thanks to Craig Rothman (crothman54@gmail.com) and David Touger (dtouger@aol.com) for leading the Team. Stay tuned for details on pick-up basketball, which begins this Fall.

As we kick off another calendar year full of exciting programs and events, please join us at our Installation Dinner on Monday, September 11 at 6:30pm. We'll be installing our new and continuing officers and trustees over a delicious deli



meal with all the fixins (or at least most of them). Early Bird Cost: \$8 per person, \$30 max. per family with RSVP by Sept. 9 (\$10/\$35 after). Please RSVP to hmwurgaft@gmail.com or see flyer in this Bulletin.

Remember to enjoy your High Holiday meals with Zadie's delicious challah! Deadline to order is September 11 – for faster order processing and pay by credit card please use our online ordering system at: <http://www.tinyurl.com/holidaychallah2017> or see flyer in this Bulletin.

Finally, this Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, look out for your friendly Men's Club Ushers and shUshers – tips are not accepted, but smiles (and patience!) are. Kudos to Dan Kamen (dankamen99@gmail.com) for organizing; please contact Dan K. if you can take a shift (or two).

On behalf of Men's Club, we wish you a sweet, happy and healthy New Year!

Please contact me at any time if you have questions about any of our programs.

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## CBI Vision 2020



The CBI Vision 2020 committee is pursuing some strategic initiatives for CBI's future to ensure that we remain sustainable while meeting the needs of our community. We are in the early phase of gathering both feedback and ideas from members as we discuss the challenges and opportunities that we face.

We held several focus group sessions in June and July, with lively discussion at each meeting covering a wide array of topics and concerns. Some topics covered include the appropriateness of our mission statement and our progress towards the goals outlined therein; feelings regarding our religious services; preferences in synagogue size including a discussion of the implications of a larger or smaller congregation; ideas for our preschool, religious school and youth programming focusing on ways to keep our youth engaged Jewishly; social activities and adult education; our efforts at social action; the physical

facilities we occupy and our professional staff. Analysis of these discussions will help us determine the key questions to raise in our congregational survey and to discuss further.

To give everyone in the community a chance to participate in the conversation and broaden the base of information that we can use when making important decisions, we are preparing a community survey that is being sent out this fall. We will also look for forums to share our findings and promote further discussion. As we develop our strategic initiatives, we expect that they will grow and change along with us.

Meanwhile, feel free to bring us your comments and ideas in person or by e-mail through [cbi2020@cbi-nj.org](mailto:cbi2020@cbi-nj.org). We look forward to your feedback! Mariela Dybner & Jamey Potechin, CBI Vision 2020 co-chairs.

**Mariela Dybner & Jamey Potechin,**  
CBI Vision 2020 co-chairs.



## B'NAI MITZVAH



### **Eliana Warner** September 2

Eliana is an incoming 8th grader at Millburn Middle School. She is thrilled to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah with her CBI community. Eliana was only three years old when she became part of the CBI community. She possesses a deep love of learning, and a zest for life. Eliana attends Camp Ramah where she has found a rich environment for her love of Judaism. Whether at Camp Ramah or at CBI, you will always find Eliana engaged, while wearing a laugh and a smile wherever she goes. This year, Eliana deepened her appreciation for the Holocaust. She supported The Blue Card Fund, a national organization providing direct assistance to Holocaust survivors. Not only has Eliana raised money for Blue Card, but she has volunteered to support local survivors as well. With the help of CBI and her

friends, Eliana made over 40 care packages for local New Jersey survivors for International Holocaust Remembrance Day, and got to visit with some of these survivors personally.

Eliana is happy to be sharing this wonderful simcha with her parents Carrie and Todd, her brother Jacob. Eliana would like to give a huge heart-felt thank you to Paula Touger, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar for guiding her and preparing her – not only for her Bat Mitzvah preparation, but for all the years of support, warmth and kindness they have consistently given to her.



### **Andrew Minocha** September 9

Andrew is a rising eighth grader at Millburn Middle School. He is a Boy Scout and loves rock climbing, science and nature, animals and is the biggest football fan around.

For his Mitzvah Project, Andrew volunteers at adoption events with the Home for Good Dogs, an organization that rescues and fosters dogs from kill shelters in the South. While he is too young to handle the dogs, he helps with everything else, from cleaning cages to working the bake sale. He will continue to volunteer beyond his bar mitzvah.

Andrew is excited to be celebrating his bar mitzvah with his parents, Wendy and Nik Minocha, sister Sophie, grandparents Sara-Ann and Robert Sanders and Renu and Surender Minocha, as well as all of his family and friends. Andrew thanks everyone that helped him prepare for this special day, most especially Rabbi Litwin, Paula Touger, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar.



### **Daniel Greenberg** September 16

Daniel Greenberg is a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School. He enjoys many sports, especially basketball and is a huge Boston sports fan and he can't ever get enough ESPN Sports Center. He loves to read, both fiction and nonfiction and enjoys spending time with his friends and family. He has played AAU travel basketball for the past five years and just finished his final year in Little League. He loves summer camp, and has attended Camp Young Judea Sprout Lake for the past three summers.

Daniel's Mitzvah project will be collecting books to donate to Need2Read, an organization that donates books to the homeless in Essex and Union Counties. He will also be making a donation to the scholarship fund at Camp Sprout Lake to enable other children to experience the amazing summers at Camp Sprout Lake he has enjoyed.

Sharing in this simcha are Daniel's parents, Rachel and Jeff Greenberg, and his brother Jason. Special thanks to Paula Touger, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar for helping to prepare Daniel for his Bar Mitzvah.

## Beineynu

By Harvey Brenner, Executive Director

I enjoy writing. I find “word-smithing” to be fascinating and welcome the opportunity to communicate with you whenever I get the chance.

I’m not certain if your directors ever had a regular column in the Bulletin, but I’m going to make every effort to have a submission each and every issue. I’m going to title my column, **“Beineynu” (Between Us)** as my submissions will not be limited to any one topic but may touch upon any number of themes.

I’ve been a synagogue volunteer and then a ‘paid professional’ for most of my adult life. You might say I’m now in “the family business” as my maternal grandmother, Augusta, z”l, was one of the founders and then the first and only honorary Sisterhood president of Jamaica Jewish Center, Queens, NY. I became a youth leader, director and educator at various synagogues on Long Island throughout college and even into my early years of marriage. Later, when I relocated to New Jersey, I became a board member, trustee and finally Chairman of the Board of my own shul, Temple Beth Ahm in Monmouth County, where I still reside/belong today.

I left the world of general business management and became the executive director of various temples and synagogues in New Jersey, NYC and most recently, Buffalo, NY before coming to CBI. I am an active member of NAASE (the North American Association of Synagogue Executives) and currently serve as the International VP for Membership.



I am both a Fellow in Synagogue Administration and a Fellow in Temple Administration, awarded by the Conservative and Reform Executive Director organizations, respectively, evidencing competency in all aspects of synagogue administration. I am the author of the thesis *“Synagogue Mergers and the Role of the Executive Director”* as well as several articles on topics of interest to synagogue administrators. I’m a frequent speaker, workshop leader and webinar presenter on such topics as *“Synagogue Co-Programming, Co-locating and Mergers”* and *“Ethical Decision-making in the Board Room”*.



Over the next few months, I look forward to meeting and greeting all of you. My office is “open for walk-ins” and I’d welcome a visit. I’m proud to represent CBI to the outside Jewish and secular communities and pray that our association together is mutually productive and fulfilling.

From my family to you and yours, may this time of spiritual renewal herald the coming of a New Year filled with sweetness, joy, health and peace!

L'Shalom!  
Harvey

**FALL into Music**  
with  
**Diana Benson**  
**Piano Teacher**      **Violin Instructor**  
   
**Beginner ~ Intermediate**  
**Adult Beginners Welcome**  
Congregation B'nai Israel BAND MEMBER  
New Jersey Symphony Orchestra  
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## **"Mitzvah in a Minute"**

from the Religious Affairs Committee

Shabbat has been said to be G-d's gift to the Jewish people, and the Jewish people's gift to the world. Coming from the Hebrew root "Shevet" meaning "to rest," Shabbat has and continues to be an experience of physical rest and emotional restoration. In this time of doing "more, faster, harder," the concept of a rest, of "being," as opposed to "doing," can be extraordinarily healthful and meaningful.

The Religious Affairs Committee and clergy have recently introduced programming and experiences to enhance our experience of Shabbat at CBI. Please share with us your experiences of these events. Our goal is to offer programming that piques your interest, encourages you to join us for Shabbat services, and ultimately, for you to experience Shabbat in a more meaningful way.

Rabbi Bayar has held a monthly Tisch on Shabbat mornings. Tisch, a Yiddish word for Table, is a Jewish tradition in which members of community sit at the rabbi's table, learning Torah as if it were a sweet and nourishing meal. At CBI, the Tisch begins at 8:45 on Shabbat morning, before services and lasts about 45 minutes. After the Tisch, we return to main sanctuary for services. Thus far, the Rabbi has focused on the weekly Parasha, the Torah portion. The Tisch have been a mix of discussion and lecture, with quotes from various Jewish scholars from across the generations used to stimulate discussion. Of course, bagels, salads, cake and coffee are available!

A second Shabbat enhancement was the rabbi's effort to introduce Torah-telling, something our community experienced in January when Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie came to CBI. Rabbi Bayar has changed up his typical D'var Torah by explaining and discussing each sentence in a particular Torah

reading as it is read, rather than after the entire Torah and Haftarah readings.

Three types of musical Shabbat experiences on Friday night have also been introduced in recent years in an effort to increase attendance at services and kavanah, heart-felt intention in prayer. Shir Shabbat, developed by Debbie Marcus, Rabbi Bayar and others, has been a very successful monthly, family-oriented Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service. Held a bit earlier than the Kabbalat Shabbat service in the main sanctuary, this service includes many camp tunes for the Shabbat prayers and other engaging songs and activities. A second musical Shabbat activity introduced by Jill Kimmelman has been a Friday night activity for families with young children. It includes songs accompanied by guitar, and other Shabbat activities. Finally, the CBI Yom Tov Band plays three-four times during the summer at the Kabbalat Shabbat service. The band, made up of congregant-volunteers, intends their music to provide added inspiration and feeling to our Friday evening prayer service. It's a child-friendly, active experience where participants are encouraged to dance, sing, and shake rhythm instruments along with the prayers.

I hope this have given you some sense of what's been happening at CBI Shabbat services and why. Please do share your thoughts, and more importantly, check out what's been happening! These changes to services could very well be the "something" that helps you to experience Shabbat in a more meaningful way!

**Michelle Daniel**  
michelledaniel@gmail.com

### **Bnai Mitzvah Date Notice**

**SAVE THE DATE:** Are you the parent of a current 4th grade student? Haven't been assigned a bar/bat mitzvah date for your child that is 4th grade OR older? If so, please know that the bnai mitzvah scheduling committee will be holding a meeting on October 22 at 9am and your attendance is requested! We will be discussing the bnai mitzvah scheduling process. More info to follow! Any questions, please contact Stacy Merkel at [stacymerkel98@gmail.com](mailto:stacymerkel98@gmail.com) or Debby Pianin at [sinins1@mac.com](mailto:sinins1@mac.com)



## HIGH HOLIDAYS 2017 / 5778

### SELICHOT

**Saturday, September 16**

7:00 pm	Mincha
7:45 pm	Maariv and Havdalah
8:15 pm	Selichot Service

### ROSH HASHANAH

**Wednesday, September 20**

6:30 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah - Mincha / Ma'ariv
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**Thursday, September 21**

8:30 am	Main Sanctuary Service
9:00 am	Young Family Service (MPR)
9:30 am-10:30 am	Yaldeinu (Chapel)
10:30 am	Parallel Service (MPR)
10:30 am-12:30 pm	Children's Programming K-2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> , and 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> gr. (Chapel and BBRS Wing)
11:30-12:30	8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> gr. (Youth Lounge)
6:30 pm	Tashlich ( <i>Open to Community / Meet in in Cul-de-sac behind synagogue</i> )
7:00 pm	Mincha / Ma'ariv

**Friday, September 22**

8:30 am	Main Sanctuary Service
9:00 am	Young Family Service (MPR)
10:30 am	Parallel Service (MPR)
10:30 am-12:30 pm	Children's Programming K-2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> , and 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> gr. (Chapel and BBRS Wing)
11:30-12:30	8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> gr. (Youth Lounge)
6:30 pm	Mincha / Ma'ariv

### YOM KIPPUR

**Friday, September 29**

5:45 pm	Erev Yom Kippur / Mincha
6:00 pm	Kol Nidre

**Shabbat, September 30**

8:30 am	Main Sanctuary Service
9:00 am	Young Family Service (MPR)
9:30 am-10:30 am	Yaldeinu (Chapel)
10:30 am	Parallel Service (MPR)
10:30 am-12:30 pm	Children's Programming K-2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> , and 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> gr. (Chapel and BBRS Wing)
11:30-12:30	8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> gr. (Youth Lounge)
2:00 pm	Afternoon Study Session
5:00 pm	Community Yizkor Service
5:30 pm	Mincha
6:30 pm	Neilah

*Join us for a Communal Break Fast at Conclusion of Services.*

### LOOKING AHEAD!

**Sukkot**  
**October 4 -11**

**Simchat Torah**  
**October 12 - 13**

**Watch for our exciting  
programs!**



## CBI HEARTS AND HANDS COMMITTEE

in partnership with



### HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

An important project to help feed hungry children in McRoberts, Kentucky.

McRoberts is a tiny town where the median household income is less than \$24,000.

Congregation B'nai Israel has directly supported this community for several years through home refurbishment, school supply assistance, clothing donations and more.

Please join us in our ongoing efforts to support the families of McRoberts by donating items to enable children to eat over the weekends when federally-funded school meals are not available.

#### We are Collecting the Following Items Only

Popcorn (small microwave bags)  
Snack Crackers (peanut butter, cheese)  
Oatmeal (boxes of individual packs)

Breakfast Cereal  
Cereal Bars/Granola Bars  
Snack Size Bags of Pretzels, Goldfish, etc.

#### Collection from September 15 through October 15

Food donations can be dropped off in the bins at CBI in the school wing and near the front office.

Food donations do not need to be kosher.

Please direct any questions to Andrea Good [asgood@verizon.net](mailto:asgood@verizon.net) or 973-921-1665.



#### Sisterhood Gift Shop

(Your Judaica Depot)

##### Start your New Year with products from Israel!

Honey and apple dishes, shofars, etrog boxes, candle sticks & candles, challah boards & covers, jewelry, ketubahs, kiddish cups, kippot, yads, and tallit just to name a few.

So many **new items** from **local vendors** too! New soaps from *Chagrin Valley Soap & Salve*, candlesticks from *Blackthorne Forge*, musical jewelry boxes from *Splendid*, hostess gifts from *Olivia Riegel* and *Badash*, jewelry from *Is Art*, *Michal Golan*, *Michael Bromberg*, and *Emily Rosenfeld* to name a few. Tzedukah boxes, mezuzahs, yads, wall art, and kiddush cups from *Quest*, *Tamara Baskin*, *Joy Stember*, *Boaz Kimelman*, *Meryl Hubscher*, and other artists.

Weddings, Bar/Bat mitvahs, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Hostess and Thank-you gifts. Even that special gift for yourself!



##### Tallit Extravaganza

September 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 12:30pm



Open on the following Sundays in  
September & October 10am - Noon

September 10<sup>th</sup>  
September 24<sup>th</sup>

October 8<sup>th</sup>  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>

\*\*\*\* To meet at the gift shop during off hours  
email Ilisa Perlman at [IlisaPerlman@verizon.net](mailto:IlisaPerlman@verizon.net)



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Over 60 designs to choose from for  
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH  
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We carry all of your Simcha and Holiday needs  
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## ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



### **2017 AIPAC Policy Conference March 26 – March 28, 2017**

Last month's Bulletin included an AIPAC article by Jacob Daniel. This month we present the reaction of another student to the AIPAC Policy Conference. Several CBI teenagers attended the conference through the generosity of the Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest, and a grant from The Herb and Milly Iris Youth and Family Endowment. Each of the students receiving grants wrote essays highlighting their experiences. This month we are presenting Josh Kallet's essay. Josh was a 10th grade student at Golda Och Academy when he attended last March's Policy Conference and is the son of Cantor Lorna Wallach and Michael Kalet.

#### **Israel: A Jewish State, but Not Just a Jewish Cause**

My experience at the 2017 AIPAC policy conference was extremely valuable and educational, something that I had expected prior to attending my first conference. It's impressive to hear about the amazing life changing innovations that have been developed in Israel such as technology that produces drinkable water from thin air and smart phones that can be used by people who are paralyzed from the neck down. You feel pride when you hear about the great work of the IDF mobile field hospital which travels to places around the world devastated by crises such as earthquakes and tsunamis and that they received the highest ranking of 83 countries from the United Nation's World Health Organization, and about how the IDF medical staff treats victims of Syrian's civil war in Israeli facilities along the Israeli - Syrian border. However, the most surprising yet meaningful thing that I learned at AIPAC is how many non-Jews support AIPAC and Israel. I had incorrectly assumed that because Israel is a Jewish state, most of its supporters are the Jewish people along with politicians and other public figures who want to gain the Jewish voters' support. Having attended the AIPAC Policy Conference has taught me that Israel's base of support is comprised of people from every religion and ethnicity imaginable.

Through AIPAC, I have come to realize that Israel is so much more than a Jewish state; it is a holy country for many religions, where all people can feel welcomed and accepted, something that is not common in the Middle-East. While it is true that I could have acquired this information without having gone to the

AIPAC Policy Conference, it is very different to learn information through the media versus hearing it firsthand. Had someone told me that a number of countries in Africa, including Rwanda and Togo, may be some of Israel's strongest allies, I might not have truly understood what that meant. However, seeing the president of Rwanda give a speech at a pro-Israel conference about Rwanda's strong support for Israel, and seeing Togo's Minister of Foreign Affairs not only preach about his and his country's undeniable support for Israel, but also sing the *Shamal* in a beautiful melody in front of a crowd of thousands of people, a song that he learned on an AIPAC-sponsored trip to Israel, has truly enabled me to understand what it means for Israel to have support from every denomination of people and how important these supportive relationships are to both Israel and her allies.

The Bulletin will include other student's essays in future months.

### **2018 AIPAC Policy Conference March 4-6, 2018**

Several donors from CBI has pre-purchased a limited number of \$399 registrations to encourage our fellow congregants to attend the Policy Conference next year. As the AIPAC direct price is now higher than that, registering through CBI will save each purchaser at least \$100. Let me know if you are interested in registering this way, and we will sign you up with AIPAC. We are also hopeful that Metrowest will continue its scholarship program for teenagers who attend the AIPAC Policy Conference with a parent. Please respond early so that we can fill our allotment and have a large and energetic delegation next year.

### **My Summer Vacation in Israel July – August, 2017**

Nancy and I spent all of July and a few more days in Israel this year, the longest continuous period we have ever been in country. And it wasn't really a vacation; it was a visit. We visited our daughter Stephanie and her family to welcome our new granddaughter, Noga Rahel !

I tried something else which I had always wanted to do, but never had the time. I took a four-week Ulpan Course (Level Aleph +). I took my course from UAB (Ulpan Aviv Bertele). The class I took met five days a week (starting on Sunday) for four weeks. Aviv is a knowledgeable and energetic teacher. For me, who has tried many times to learn Hebrew, this time was

an exciting success. While I have a long way to go, I for once feel comfortable trying out my Hebrew with Israelis, including ordering in restaurants (sometimes) and grocery shopping. Although our trip had no touring, we had miles of walking every day in July Tel Aviv heat. If it weren't taking our older granddaughter to Gan, or picking her up, it might have seemed like work.

So, we are back home now in the US, but looking forward to our next trip home in Israel.

### What's coming in 2018?

The Jewish Calendar turns again in September, and we will be beginning 5778. In addition to the events which happen every year, like the Israel Bond Appeal, the AIPAC Policy Conference, and the Salute to Israel Parade, next year will feature something which does not happen every year. CBI will be sponsoring a family trip to Israel. The trip will be led by Rabbi Bayar and will take place in February. We also hope to have some speakers and educational opportunities which will touch on Israel issues.

### CBI and Israel

While Nancy and I were in Israel, we were not the only members of our CBI community "Being There." We had students participating in the Diller Teen program, and the Maccabiah games and probably other programs, I am not even aware of. If you had a summer experience in Israel, please share it with me so I can share it with our community.

### Our Goal for the Year?

The most important thing we can accomplish in 5778 is promoting Unity among the Jewish People. And Unity does not always mean everyone else agreeing with us. It means all of us recognizing that both these and those are the words of a Living G-d. We must recognize that we will not always agree on which policies are right, but we must focus on being sure that our efforts are focused on maintaining a strong overall Jewish people and a strong US Israel relationship.

### Missing Soldiers

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

**Guy Hever Zachary Baumel Avi Feldman**

Joe Tenenbaum



To contact Joe Tenenbaum,  
email him at [TenenbaumJ@AOL.com](mailto:TenenbaumJ@AOL.com)

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## Is CBI already in YOUR estate plan?

Please tell us so that we can honor you as part of our Legacy Circle.

*Would you like to know more about how you can leave a Legacy gift?*



A legacy is a gift, **of any size**, designated to CBI's endowment through a bequest, IRA or insurance policy, creating no impact on resources you may need during your lifetime. Together, these gifts will strengthen the CBI community through subsequent generations.

Contact Elizabeth Cohen or Daniel Ramer at [LegacyCircle@cbi-nj.org](mailto:LegacyCircle@cbi-nj.org).



**Adult Forum "Lunch & Learn"**  
 Congregation B'nai Israel  
 160 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, NJ 07041  
 Our programs are open to all- bring friends!

#### SEPTEMBER EVENT

Lunch begins at 12:30 p.m. The program begins at 1:00 p.m

**Thursday, September 14 at CBI please join us for our Opening Event.** Hirschhorn singer, Alice Leon, will present her wonderful program, *Sing Along with Alice to the Great American Song Book*. Vocal participation is voluntary, but for those of us who love to hum, sing, or belt out a familiar melody, this is ideal!

Sandwich choices are: turkey, roast beef, corned beef, pastrami, tuna, egg salad. **YOU MAY PAY AT THE DOOR. CONTACT LOIS at 973-533-1809 to place your lunch order by the Wednesday afternoon preceding the program.** **\*Please note the cost is now \$12 for Adult Forum members & partners, \$15 for non-members.** **\*You are welcome to come join us only for dessert and beverage at a cost of \$5.** **\*Please call to let me know that you will be attending.**

If you have not yet received Adult Forum membership information, call me and I will mail or email it to you. Thank you.

#### WISHING ALL OF YOU SHANA TOVA

**Adult Forum Fall 2017 "On the Road" Trips with JCC of Central New Jersey**

*Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh*  
*"Ani Yehudi -*  
*I am a Jew (at least I think so!)"*



**An Inspirational Talk on Jewish Identity by CBI member**  
**Lisa Lisser, M.A.R.E.**

On Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

At 6:45 pm

Cost \$18.00 for Dinner

Vegetarian options available upon request

Please RSVP to Wendy Kaplowitz at [Wendy.kaplowitz@verizon.net](mailto:Wendy.kaplowitz@verizon.net)

Or call 908 964 0127

## PLAYBILL

Congregation E'nai Israel

### SISTERHOOD'S GOT TALENT! Kickoff Dinner



Do you sing? Dance? Play an Instrument?

Are you a juggler? Acrobat? Contortionist?

Then we want YOU!

**October 26, 2017**  
**6:30PM**

Sisterhood's Kickoff Dinner this year will feature our own members! Whatever your talent, please consider joining in on the fun. Solos, duets and group performances are all welcome. If you need an accompanist, we will help find one. Please contact Rhee Nesson at [rheenesson@gmail.com](mailto:rheenesson@gmail.com) or 917-885-2900 and let us know what your act will be!





## High Holiday Challahs - 2017

Enjoy your holiday meal with delicious challahs from CBI!!

**\*FEATURING ZADIE'S FAMOUS CHALLAH\***

Challahs are \$6.00 each

Orders will be available for pickup in the CBI kitchen on dates listed below

For faster order processing and pay by credit card please use our online ordering system at: [www.tinyurl.com/holidaychallah2017](http://www.tinyurl.com/holidaychallah2017)

Orders must be received by **September 11<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Questions? Please contact Jonathan Schor at [cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com](mailto:cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com) or (516) 978-1705

Please tear off form below and return with your check payable to "CBI Men's Club" to the synagogue office, Attn: Men's Club Challah, at 160 Millburn Ave. Millburn, NJ 07041

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Holiday/Pick-up date	Plain	Raisin	Whole wheat	Pull-a-part	Pkg. 6 Plain Rolls	Pkg 6 WW Rolls	Total
Rosh Hashanah 9/18							
Yom Kippur 9/28							
Sukkot 10/3							
Simchat Torah 10/9							

Total @ \$6.00 Each \_\_\_\_\_



# **CBI MEN'S CLUB**

## **Trustee & Officer Installation**

### **Dinner**

**Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 6:30PM**

Join the Men's Club for a deli sandwich dinner to honor the  
new Trustees rising to the Men's Club Board  
Adults and children of all ages are welcome!



Early Bird Cost: \$8 per person / \$30 per family max RSVP by Sept 9<sup>th</sup>  
(\$10 per person / \$35 per family max, final RSVPs Sept 10<sup>th</sup>)

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**Please RSVP to Hernan Wurgaft by email at  
hmwurgaft@gmail.com or by phone at (908) 451-5949...send below  
form to office**

Please send your check and form to Attn: Men's Club, Congregation B'nai Israel, 160  
Millburn Ave, Millburn, NJ 07041. Check payable to "CBI Men's Club", Memo "Deli Dinner"

Adult Names \_\_\_\_\_  
Kids Under 18 Names and Ages \_\_\_\_\_  
Total # of people \_\_\_\_\_ Total owed \_\_\_\_\_  
Notes \_\_\_\_\_

CBI Sisterhood Presents

# Mah Jongg Nights



Play your game or join a new one!  
Refresh your skills or perfect them!  
Learners table available!  
**Most of All - Have Fun!**

**We meet on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at CBI**

August 9  
September 13  
October 18  
November 15  
December 13  
January 10  
February 7  
March 14  
April 18  
May 16

Please RSVP to Helene Moehlman  
[shmoehlman@yahoo.com](mailto:shmoehlman@yahoo.com) or call 201-341-2059

Let us know if you would like to play at the Learners Table.  
Free for Sisterhood members // \$5.00 for non-members

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**FOR CBI SISTERHOOD'S FALL BOOKENDS MEETING**  
**TO BE FACILITATED BY SARA SHERMAN**  
**ON THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 2ND**  
**AS WE DISCUSS**  
**ALL THE RIVERS**

**BY DORIT RABAYIM**



A CONTROVERSIAL, AWARD-WINNING STORY  
 ABOUT THE PASSIONATE BUT UNTENABLE AFFAIR  
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 THE BCCLS LIBRARY SYSTEM HAS COPIES AVAILABLE.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Monday**  
**January 15, 2018**

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY WIDE**  
**MLK MITZVAH DAY**



**Join us for a day of learning and giving at**



Please look out for upcoming information on how you can get involved  
 from our chair, Lisa Biller.

Organized by Hearts and Hands Committee and our  
 Director of Congregational Learning, Rabbi Sharon Litwin.



*Some of the "Summer Morning Minyanaires" enjoying a communal breakfast after davening.*



## DONATIONS

If you wish to send a tribute please call the main office at 973-379-3811 ext.111 or email: [lisar@cbi-nj.org](mailto:lisar@cbi-nj.org).

### Synagogue Fund

Nancy Weinstein, in loving memory of your mother, Frieda Buchsbaum.

❖ Carol and Bob Marcus

Betsy & Phil Darivoff, thanks for a great day at the American Jewish History Museum.

❖ Amy & Alison Dantus

❖ Terry Hofflich

❖ Meryl Stone & Michael Cohen

Lisa Lisser, in honor of your graduation from Hebrew College - Master's program.

❖ Anonymous

Hal Wiener, in honor of your 90th birthday.

❖ Linda & Alfred Greisman

Marion & Jeff Freedman, in memory of Sid Freedman.

❖ Leila Sellinger

Nancy & Michael Weinstein, mazel tov on Bethany's engagement

❖ Michelle Neier & Jonathan Schor

Harriet & Paul Klein, in honor of the birth of your granddaughter, Nora Hazel

❖ Anonymous

Kopel Burk, in memory of your beloved brother, Bernard

❖ anonymous

❖ Sally Shotkin

❖ Suzanne G. Nemeroff

❖ Thelma Leff

❖ Hannah Kesselman

Marvin Fish, in memory of your beloved wife, Dorothy

❖ Carol & Bob Marcus

David Touger, wishing you the best recovery ever!

❖ Risa & Evan Wasserman & family

Lisa Less, in memory of your beloved husband, Samuel

❖ Joan & Peter Eilbott

Marcy Brooks, in memory of your beloved brother, Edward Hammer

❖ Anonymous

❖ Ginny & Hal Wiener

Jerry Weiss, sorry for Evelyn's passing

❖ Sharon & Jeff Weiss & Family

Nancy & Joe Tenenbaum, mazel tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Noga Rahel

❖ Terry Hofflich

❖ Dena Berhaut

### Rabbi's Fund

Lisa Less, in memory of your beloved husband, Samuel.

❖ The Lakin Family

Rabbi Steven Bayar, Congrat's on Rahel being voted one of the "36 under 36".

❖ Jane Vatsky

Marcy Brooks, in memory of your beloved brother, Edward Hammer.

❖ Deena Bernhaut

### Cantor's Music Fund

Kopel Burk, in memory of your beloved brother, Bernard.

❖ Francine & Steven Rod

David Touger, wishing you a speedy recovery.

❖ Anonymous

Matther Arkin, thank you!

❖ Anonymous

Cantor & CBI Members, in memory of Pauline Israel and thank you for the warm welcome.

❖ Chris & Pierre Rakib

Cantor Lorna Wallach, thank you for your guidance and help.

❖ Nancy & Michael Weinstein

### Hedwig-Gruenewald Early Childhood Center Fund

Harriet & Paul Klein, welcome Nora Hazel.

❖ Jane Vatsky

### Burk-Mendlovitz Youth Fund

Kopel Burk, in memory of your brother, Bernard.

❖ Helen Hader

❖ Deena Bernhaut

❖ Susan G Nemeroff

❖ Carol & Bob Marcus

❖ Claire & Arnie Nierenberg

❖ Karen Tucker

❖ Lisa Jacobs

❖ Judy & Arthur Friedman

❖ Nancy & Michael Weinstein

❖ Lilly & Steve Finkler

❖ Nancy Sichel

❖ Marcy & Harvey Brooks

❖ The Slifer Family

Nancy & Joe Tenenbaum, mazel tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Noga Rahel.

❖ Renee & Kopel Burk

Marcy Brooks, in memory of your brother, Edward Hammer.

❖ Renee & Kopel Burk

Lisa Less, in memory of your beloved husband, Samuel.

❖ Nancy & Michael Weinstein

### Phyllis S. Magid Adult Forum Fund

Marcy Brooks, in memory of your beloved brother, Edward Hammer.

❖ Lois Dyer

### Hannah Blum Cogan USY-Kadima Fund

Harvey Brenner, thank you for all your help!

❖ Nancy & Michael Weinstein

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# SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

You can also check the calendar on our website [www.cbi-nj.org](http://www.cbi-nj.org)

## Monday, August 28

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 7:00 PM Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Tuesday, August 29

- Choir Rehearsal @ Sanctuary
- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 7:30 PM Down The Block @ Alcove
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, August 30

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Thursday, August 31

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Friday, September 1

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:15 AM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

## Saturday, September 2

- 9:00 AM Shabbat Services -- Bat Mitzvah of Eliana Warner

## Sunday, September 3

- 8:00 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Monday, September 4

### OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY

- 8:00 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Tuesday, September 5

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, September 6

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Thursday, September 7

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 6:30 PM Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh @ Social Hall
- 7:45 PM HGECC Parent Orientation @ MPR
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan
- 8:15 PM Choir Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

## Friday, September 8

- HGECC Open House
- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

## Saturday, September 9

- 9:00 AM Shabbat Services -- Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Minocha
- 10:30 AM Bim Bam Shabbat - Young Family Service @ Room 105 of Education Wing

## Sunday, September 10

- 8:00 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:45 AM OPENING DAY OF SCHOOL - BBRS
- 10:00 AM Giftshop Open!
- 1:30 PM CBI Cemetery Clean-Up Day
- 2:00 PM Playdate in the Playground
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Monday, September 11

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 6:00 PM First Tichon
- 6:30 PM Men's Club Installation Dinner @ Social Hall

- 7:30 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting @ MPR
- 7:30 PM BBRS Board Meeting @ Room 201
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan
- 8:00 PM Men's Club Board Meeting

## Tuesday, September 12

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting
- 7:30 PM USY @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, September 13

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 7:30 PM Mah Jongg @ MPR
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Thursday, September 14

- Choir Rehearsal @ Sanctuary
- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 12:30 PM Adult Forum Lunch and Learn: Alice Leon Sing Along @ MPR
- 5:15 PM Zayin Parent Orientation
- 6:00 PM Kadima @ Youth Lounge
- 7:00 PM CBI ISRAEL TRIP MEETING @ MPR
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Friday, September 15

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 6:45 PM Shir Shabbat
- 8:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat services

## Saturday, September 16

- 9:00 AM Shabbat Services -- Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Greenberg
- 10:00 AM Bim Bam Shabbat with Bagels! - Young Family Service @ Room 105 of Education Wing
- 11:15 AM Yaldeinu Service
- 7:00 PM Mincha
- 7:45 PM Maariv and Havdalah
- 8:15 PM Selichot

## Sunday, September 17

- 12:00 AM USY
- 8:00 AM Morning Minyan
- 9:30 AM Board of Trustees
- 10:00 AM Tallit Extravaganza @ Sisterhood Gift Shop
- 12:00 PM Tichon Plus @ BBRS School Wing
- 5:00 PM High Holiday Chanting Circle
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Monday, September 18

- Choir Rehearsal @ Sanctuary?
- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Tuesday, September 19

- Choir Rehearsal @ Sanctuary?
- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, September 20

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 12:00 PM Office Closes for Rosh Hashana
- 6:30 PM Mincha/Maariv

## Thursday, September 21 - Rosh Hashana Office and Schools Closed

- 8:30 AM Main Service
- 9:00 AM Young Family Service @ MPR
- 9:30 AM Yaldeinu @ Chapel
- 10:30 AM Parallel Service @ MPR
- 10:30 AM Children's Programming @ BBRS School Wing
- 11:30 AM Youth Service @ Youth Lounge
- 6:30 PM Tashlich
- 7:00 PM Mincha/Maariv

## Friday, September 22 - Rosh Hashana Office Closed

- 8:30 AM Main Service
- 9:00 AM Young Family Service @ MPR
- 10:30 AM Children's Programming @ BBRS School Wing
- 10:30 AM Parallel Service @ MPR
- 11:30 AM Youth Service @ Youth Lounge
- 6:30 PM Mincha/Maariv

## Saturday, September 23

- 9:00 AM Shabbat Services

## Sunday, September 24

- 8:00 AM Morning Minyan
- 10:00 AM Giftshop Open!
- 10:30 AM Family Workshop (Gan, Aleph & Bet) @ MPR
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan
- 8:00 PM Men's Club Book Group @ Youth Lounge

## Monday, September 25

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Tuesday, September 26

- Choir Rehearsal @ Sanctuary
- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 7:30 PM Down the Block Mtg. @ Alcove
- 7:30 PM Knit and Nosh @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, September 27

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Thursday, September 28

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 6:00 PM Kadima @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan
- 8:15 PM Finance Committee Meeting @ Youth Lounge

## Friday, September 29

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 12:00 PM Office Closes for Yom Kippur
- 5:45 PM Mincha
- 6:00 PM Kol Nidre

## Saturday, September 30 - YOM KIPPUR

- 8:30 AM Main Service
- 9:00 AM Young Family Service @ MPR
- 9:30 AM Yaldeinu @ Chapel
- 10:30 AM Parallel Service @ MPR
- 10:30 AM Children's Programming @ BBRS School Wing
- 11:30 AM Youth Service @ Youth Lounge
- 2:00 PM Study Session
- 5:00 PM Community Yizkor Service
- 5:30 PM Mincha
- 6:30 PM Neilah followed by Break Fast

## Sunday, October 1

- 8:00 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Monday, October 2

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 7:30 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting @ MPR
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Tuesday, October 3

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan



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