

The Bulletin



CONGREGATION
B'NAI ISRAEL

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

June/July/August 2015

**June 12: Musical
Kabbalat Shabbat
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grill
& chill



CONGREGATION
B'NAI ISRAEL

A CBI Summer Tradition!



Annual BBQ and Open House

THURSDAY, July 30th

Rain or Shine!



We Will Fire Up the Grills Starting at 5:30 p.m.

*We'll Supply the Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Salads,
Soft Drinks & Watermelon, too! Veggie Option Available!*

All Ages Welcome!

Congregants – Friends – New Members – Prospective Members



Relax on the CBI Terrace!

Bring Your Own Kosher Wine or Beer!

Bring Lawn Chairs and Blankets!

Movie for Kids!

Lawn-Style Seating Under the MPR Roof!

Popcorn Will be Served, of course!



PLUS! Youth Lounge will be Open for Teens!

Please RSVP by July 24th

RSVP Online at www.cbi-nj.org.

Donations to help offset program cost are appreciated, in advance or at door.

Questions? Contact CBI Office at 973-379-3811

Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat	8:15 pm
Shabbat Morning	9:00 am
Tefilot Yeladim (Grades 3-6)	10:15 am
Tefilot Ketanim (K-2)	10:30 am
Tot Shabbat (Preschool)	10:30 am
Shabbat Journeers Minyan (6/13 & 6/27)	10:45 am
Yaldeinu (6/6)	10:30 am

Candle Lighting

June 5	8:07 pm
June 12	8:11 pm
June 19	8:13 pm
June 26	8:15 pm
July 3	8:14 pm
July 10	8:12 pm
July 17	8:09 pm
July 24	8:03 pm
July 31	7:57 pm
August 7	7:49 pm
August 14	7:40 pm
August 21	7:30 pm
August 28	7:19 pm

Mincha/Havdallah

June 6	8:22 pm/9:22 pm
June 13	8:26 pm/ 9:26 pm
June 20	8:28 pm/ 9:28 pm
June 27	8:30 pm/ 9:30 pm
July 4	8:29 pm/ 9:29 pm
July 11	8:27 pm/ 9:27 pm
July 18	8:24 pm/ 9:24 pm
July 25	8:18 pm/ 9:18 pm
August 1	8:04 pm/ 9:04 pm
August 8	8:04 pm/ 9:04 pm
August 15	7:55 pm/ 8:55 pm
August 22	7:45 pm/ 8:45 pm
August 29	7:34 pm/ 8:44 pm

Minyan Rotation

May 31 - June 6	Kessler – Krauss
Jun 7 - Jun 13	Lakin – Lindauer
Jun 14 - Jun 20	Lipp – McCafferty
Jun 21 - Jun 27	McGarr – Neger
Jun 28 - Jul 4	Noval – Plump
Jul 5 - Jul 11	Podhoretz – Renner
Jul 12 - Jul 18	Retik - Russo
Jul 19 - Jul 25	Sabin – Schneider
Jul 26 - Aug 1	Schor – Shapiro
Aug 2 - Aug 8	Shaykevich – Smith
Aug 9 - Aug 15	Solomon – Szerlip
Aug 16 - Aug 22	Talpins – Weiner
Aug 23- Aug 29	Weinstein – Williams/Sadow
Aug 30 - Sept 5	Wisenual – Zucker

FROM THE RABBI'S DEN

By Rabbi Steven Bayar

Many years ago I attended a lecture given by Rabbi Harold Kushner, author of “When Bad Things Happen to Good People.” He spoke about many topics but mostly about the Jewish experience in America. One part has stayed with me to this day. He said, “Ask the average person which is more important to him, making money or being devoted to his family? Virtually everyone will answer “family” without hesitation. But, watch how the average person actually lives out his life. See where he really invests his time and energy. He will give away the fact that he does not really live by what he says he believes.”



Jewish tradition is practical. We are judged by our actions, not our intentions. There is a rabbinic text which teaches that when we appear before God, in accounting for our actions in our lives, we will not be asked “why weren’t you like Moses?” or “Why weren’t you like Abraham?” Rather, we will be asked, “Why didn’t you reach your full potential?” In effect, “Why weren’t you?”

Although it is only June, our next bulletin won’t appear until the High Holy Days are upon us. In the interim we will have the summer. A time of sunshine, camp and family outings. When September appears and school begins, the days turn cool and Rosh Hashana beckons us all to synagogue; when we all come together as a community to reflect and repent, when you look upon your actions of the last year what will your values have been?

Wishing you a healthy and value laden summer.

Steven Bayar

Tributes, Donations, Contributions

If you would like to have a tribute card sent to any of the families listed in memoriam or in honor of a life cycle event, you may make donations online at: www.cbi-nj.org or contact the synagogue office at 973-379-3811.



MUSICAL NOTES

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

We all have people whom we admire and respect for such qualities as their kindness and compassion, selflessness, generosity, wisdom, integrity, talents and creativity, positive attitude and optimism, courage, passion and dedication to a cause, and the list could go on and on. As a teenager, when many of my peers were obsessed with the rock stars, popular sports figures and television and movie celebrities of the time, one of the people whom I considered to be worthy of legendary status was Naomi Shemer. This June marks the 11th anniversary of her death. Naomi Shemer was one of the most prolific and important Hebrew songwriters/lyricists since the founding of the State of Israel. Many of the hundreds of songs she wrote formed the very bedrock of Israeli culture. Born on July 13, 1930 at Kibbutz Kinneret, where her Lithuanian immigrant parents were founding members, Shemer studied in Jerusalem, returned to the Kibbutz and eventually lived most of her life in Tel Aviv. Her songs reflect her love and appreciation of the beautiful landscapes and cityscapes of Israel. The impact of Shemer's lifelong musical commentary on Israeli popular culture was immense. Mordechai Beck described her significance and creative potency in his obituary of Shemer: "There was something almost oracular about Shemer's work, as though she represented the feminine side of Zionism, an earth mother come to reclaim her rightful heritage, not with arms and violence, but with poetry and song; not with the fist, but with the heart."



Several of her most popular songs can be called "period songs" as they are associated with a particular event or time in Israel's history and to this day, these songs stir a flood of memories when they are heard. Shemer's "*Yerushalayim Shel Zahav*," probably her best known song, is the most conspicuous example of a period song. Shemer was asked to write a song for a 1967 Israeli Independence Day song festival and she composed *Yerushalayim Shel Zahav* (Jerusalem of Gold) in a time of tension in Israel in anticipation of a war. It was performed at the festival by Shuli Natan and the audience was so entranced that she ended up singing it three times. The story goes that a minute after the third rendition, IDF Chief of Staff at the time, Yitzhak Rabin, received a note informing him about the closure of the Strait of Tiran. Two weeks later the Six-Day War began. Throughout this period, *Yerushalayim Shel Zahav* was played constantly on the radio and it's been said that Paratroopers at the Western Wall sang this song instead of saying prayers. Two weeks after the conquest of East Jerusalem, Shemer tacked on a verse that refers to Israelis returning to the Old City. The song's popularity continued to increase and in 1968 a bill was even proposed before the Knesset to change the national anthem from *Hatikvah* to *Yerushalayim Shel Zahav*!

Shemer composed the song *Lu Yehi* just weeks before the devastating Yom Kippur War in 1973. The "story" about the song is that a popular Israeli singer, Chava Alberstein, had asked Naomi Shemer to translate

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In The Community

Mazel Tov to:

Lois Cantwell on the birth of her new granddaughter, Madeline Macwright.

Alia and Dan Ramer were honored on June 8th by the The Partnership for Jewish Learning and Life for bringing Jewish learning to life in the Greater MetroWest community.

Rabbi Daniel and Mary Allen on the birth of their granddaughter, Livya Arielle.

Refuah Shleima to:

Irving Alper, Mort Gershman, Dennis Lowenthal, Sharon Sloan, Shirley Weiner, and Michael Weinstein.

Condolences to:

Beth Barbakoff on the passing of her beloved mother, Lynn Mulnick.

Amy Katz Wisnudel on the passing of her beloved mother, Susie Katz.

Let's Kvell Together!

Send us your simchas!
New baby, engagement, marriage,
anniversary, milestone birthday...
Special honor or recognition
in the community...
You get the idea!

Share your joy with your CBI
family... let's kvell together!
Send your information to:
Ana Amorim at anaa@cbi-nj.org.

President's Message

By Andrea Hirschfeld, CBI President

June -- Graduations, camp, end of school and end of the 90th Anniversary Fiscal Year for B'nai Israel! I hope you all have enjoyed this milestone year for our community and that you were able to take advantage of the many wonderful events all our hard-working volunteers made happen this year.

As a result of our capital campaign (you can still join us with your pledge) watch for those sanctuary improvements over the course of the next year – starting with the new pews which should be on site by the High Holidays.

I have enjoyed this first full year of my time as your president, even with the challenges that inevitably are part of the job. Being the president of any diverse community allows for serious personal growth, and I thank you for that opportunity.

Working alongside dedicated staff and volunteers who spend countless hours making sure we are all taken care of in various ways, has been a real honor and pleasure. And yet, as we know, we are a unique combination of lay leadership and staff that makes for engaging, exciting work and topics of discussion. The engagement is as equally important as the



outcome of our efforts. So I give you all a big thank you for your commitment and continued involvement in making your CBI community your own and what you want it to be! Please be in touch with me at any time if you have any concerns or desires to be more involved in leadership next year.

Be well and stay safe this summer!

Andrea Hirschfeld



B'NAI MITZVAH



Daniella Nacht June 6

Daniella Nacht started at BBRS in kindergarten and just recently graduated with the Zayin class. She is currently a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School. When she is not in school, she enjoys spending time with her friends, attending camp, reading, and watching countless YouTube videos. She also loves playing with her cats, Tabby and Bella. For her mitzvah project, Daniella collected clothes for Dress for Success, a non-profit organization designed to help women who are entering the workforce and cannot afford to buy what they need.

Daniella would like to thank Rabbi Bayar, Cantor Wallach and Paula Touger for helping prepare her for this very special day. She would also like to thank her parents, Lori and Brad Nacht, and her brothers, Jacob and Sam, for all of their support.

Anti-Semitism // BDS // Occupation // Palestine // Refugees // Zionism
Mideast Conflict // Checkpoints // Oppression // Peace Process

The Israel Factor on Campus

A Special Program for Graduating High School Seniors, Current Juniors and Parents

Daniel Becker

East Coast Campus Coordinator, The David Project



Monday, June 15 at 7:30 p.m.

at Congregation B'nai Israel

Jewish students on college campuses today confront issues and controversy unlike at any other time. Advocacy and support for Palestinian rights and the BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) Movement is growing on campuses nationwide, and is more sophisticated and confrontational than ever before. Daniel Becker will discuss these issues and more...and relate how Jewish students on campuses can help promote a positive Israel experience to their peers by being thoughtful, strategic and persuasive advocates through engagement and by finding common ground.

College students who are home from campus are encouraged to attend and share their "real life" experiences and stories about Israel and Jewish life on campus.

To learn more about the work of the The David Project on college campuses, go to www.davidproject.org.

This program is open to high school seniors and juniors in the community...bring a friend!

Please RSVP by June 12 to slitwin@cbi-nj.org.

CBI Graduating Seniors Dinner

High school seniors and parents are invited to join with Rabbi Bayar, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Litwin for a casual pizza dinner as we wish our CBI graduating seniors "Mazel Tov" and "Yasher Koach" at 6:45 p.m. prior to the presentation.

Please RSVP to slitwin@cbi-nj.org by June 12.



HEDWIG GRUENEWALD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

By Rochelle Baron, Director

June is here again! With that comes the close of another great year for the kids and families at HGECC.

This year was filled with many wonderful activities and lots of learning in all of the classes. We welcomed new families and new staff, expanded our curriculum, enjoyed family gatherings, went on fun trips and spent lots of time exploring, doing, thinking and creating in the classrooms. At this time of year, we say good-bye to our PreK graduates and wish them well as they move on to new adventures: Eliana Bressler, Max Brett, Jonathan Cabarle, Eloise Goldberg, Romi Goldberg, Lillian Hark, Reid Huber, Madeleine Kanarek, Sophia Smith, Sabrina



Telechanski, Audrey Welner, Lilah Biller, Ivy Foster, Olivia Goldberg, Zoe Goldman, Zachary Goodman, Harry Gottlieb, Elijah Kublanovsky, Harry Nesson, Noa Waxman and Wenzhi Zhang.

Summer camp begins on June 22. We've got lots of fun things planned and look forward to welcoming our friends to share the fun with us.

All of us wish all of you a good summer experience—more news from us in September!

Rochelle Baron



To contact Rochelle Baron,
email her at HGECC@cbi-nj.org



CBI Coffee Break in the Neighborhood

Tuesday, June 16 starting at 11:00 a.m.

Squirrel & The Bee (515 Millburn Avenue, Short Hills, NJ)

Come chat with Rabbi Steven Bayar, Cantor Lorna Wallach and Rabbi Sharon Litwin -- CBI's new Director of Congregational Learning -- about news of the day, what's doin' at CBI, or anything else that strikes your fancy!

Casual and free-flowing...no RSVP necessary!

Come on down...we'd love to see you!

Look for more "In the Neighborhood" events in the months ahead!



Sisterhood Knit & Knosh Group.

Monday, June 22, 2015 - 7:30 PM to 9 PM. CBI Youth Lounge

Want to learn, are experienced, or just want to schmooze,
come to our monthly informal gathering.

For information: Marion Mohl marionmohl@aol.com 908-273-8157
Ann Spector annspector@msn.com 973-868-0329

ANNUAL BBQ & OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY, JULY 30



MUSICAL NOTES

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

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the Beatles' song "Let It Be" into Hebrew. But Shemer's husband encouraged her to write her own words to "Let It Be", and she came up with these lyrics within a few hours. They can actually be sung to the Beatles' "Let It Be" melody. *Lu Yehi*, which means "Let It Be," is really a contemporary prayer and a fervent hope that all we ask for in our lives – both the basic things which we often take for granted, as well as the safety of those who defend our freedom – may it be so.

In a 2004 article about Shemer by the London-based writer Lawrence Joffe, he says that Shemer's real innovation lay in her facility with the Hebrew language. Her songs seamlessly blend allusions to ancient texts and Jewish festivals with slang and talk of skyscrapers, cars and mundane twentieth-century work. 'Od Lo Ahavti', for instance, incorporates quotes from Pirkei Avot, the Talmud's *Ethics of the Fathers*; 'Song of the Grasses' quotes the Hasidic master, Rabbi Nahman of Bratslav. Shemer was a member of Israel's Hebrew Language Academy (which chooses acceptable Hebrew words for modern concepts and devices). 'I juxtapose biblical references with words from everyday street language,' she said. 'We have 3,000 years of Hebrew, why not use it?'

Naomi Shemer left us an immortal legacy of Hebrew songs which have truly enhanced my life and touched my soul, and which, I'm sure, will similarly impact many generations to come. As we commemorate her Yahrtzeit, let us pay tribute to this great musical artist and her invaluable contributions to the State of Israel and to our Jewish musical heritage.

It is such a blessing to find people who inspire us and enrich our lives! Let us all strive to emulate those qualities we admire in others!

Wishing you a healthful and restful summer!

Lorna Wallach



To contact Cantor Wallach,
email her at cbicantor@cbi-nj.org



Join us for a

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat

as we welcome Shabbat, with an uplifting and spiritual instrumental musical service.

Friday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m.

CBI Yom Tov Band & Cantor Lorna Wallach!

FESTIVE ONEG

***Ice Cream, Lemonade
& Iced Tea, too!***
Sponsored by Sisterhood

SAVE THE DATE

***Summer Musical Shabbat
July 31 at 7:00 p.m.***

**CBI Adult Learning
*presents***

Israel through the Lens of Modern Cinema

A Series of Critically Acclaimed Films by Israeli Directors!



\$5.00

per person
payable at door



Off White Lies

Sunday, June 14

7:00 p.m.

**Congregation B'nai Israel
*Snacks & Discussion to Follow***

After years of living apart from her dad, Libby, an introverted yet sharp-witted teenager is sent to live with him in Israel. Her arrival coincides with the outbreak of the second Lebanon war. Libby quickly discovers that her Dad, Shaul, is an infantile eccentric, and that he is "in-between apartments" (in other words: homeless). Shaul comes up with a creative plan to put a roof over their heads -- they pose as refugees from the bombarded Northern region of Israel, and are taken in by a well-off family in Jerusalem. Finally in a "normal" household, Shaul and Libby begin to build their father-daughter relationship, but their false identities can't last forever, especially as Libby unleashes teenage fury at the lies permeating her life; those she must tell now, and those she's been fed since childhood.

View Trailer Here: <https://vimeo.com/36682672>



90th Anniversary Campaign



Donors as of 5/21/15

Total Raised to Date: \$338,118

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Join the 90th Anniversary Campaign by simply contributing online at www.CBI-NJ.org/CBI-90th-Anniversary-Fund or by using the tear-off in the 90th Anniversary Campaign brochure you received in the mail.

**We are honored to have a sponsor for this campaign who will donate
10% of the total pledged up to \$150,000. Please be as generous as you can.**

Please feel free to contact any of the Co-chairs: **Mariela Dybner** (mmdybner@yahoo.com),
Nan Greenwald (nanrosenfeld@gmail.com), **Ilisa Perlman** (IlisaPerlman@verizon.net)



PLAY BALL!

The Men's Club of Congregation B'nai Israel for many years has participated in a local softball league, competing against other Men's Clubs in the area.

Now is your chance to join in the fun!

We are looking for new teammates to power our lineup and anchor our defense!

Games are casual...

with just enough competitiveness to make it fun and worthwhile!

Games are Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

from April 12 through mid-July (plus playoffs).

Meet at 9:30 to warm up and take batting practice.

It is not necessary to come to every game...but the more the better!

Please contact Craig Rothman at Craig.Rothman@cardinalhealth.com to let us know you can join the team!

June 2015 Yahrzeit Donors

Roberta Balsam	Deborah Less
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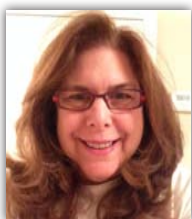
Next Deadline

Please note, the deadline for the September 2015 bulletin is August 10. Information contained in the bulletin each month is time sensitive. We appreciate your cooperation in order to ensure that the Bulletin reaches everyone by the beginning of each month. Space permitting, we will do our best to include your item(s), and we reserve the right to edit your submission. Please submit all material to lisar@cbi-nj.org.

Sisterhood's Message

By Karen Tucker, Sisterhood President

While summer is a quiet time at CBI – Sisterhood will continue our Mah Jongg and Knit & Knosh groups, and possibly have a ladies night out and maybe a crafting evening at an outside location. Stay tuned for further info.



Sisterhood continues to thrive through the teamwork of your board as well as through program participation by all of you. Making those newer faces feel welcome is paramount to our continued success.

I always knew how dedicated sisterhood members are and the members of CBI as well - but to see things from a different perspective is awe inspiring

I know I have asked a lot from some of you and I've not been let down. To those of you who have helped on different programs, including this evening, helped in the preparation of kiddushim and onegs, or just by attending programs you have made my job and this year so rewarding.

We "kicked off" our year with over 100 ladies in attendance; we learned how to play Mah Jongg and for some us, actually gotten better! We braved the icy cold winter. We discussed books, met and celebrated the new moon, and came together as a family to celebrate our Shabbat and had a memorable Women's Seder. In addition thanks to those of you who help support and shop at our gift shop.

On Monday June 8th we will have our planning/calendar meeting. If you have any suggestions or would like to help with a program please let myself or any of these ladies before you know. Your input is most appreciated,

On another note- a save the date: Sisterhood Shabbat will be Jan 22nd and Jan 23rd 2016. I mention this now so it will give those of you who may want to participate but are worried about the time it may take for you to learn a new skill or may just want to get a jump start. Sue Shapiro will take the helm from Leslie McCafferty who has done a wonderful job. Please give Sue your support and participation. The Cantor will be more than happy to start you on the road over the summer and fall. Please speak to either of us for information.

Again, I cannot begin to express my gratitude for all the hard work by current board members, retiring board members, your past presidents and all of you who are so supportive.

I am very much looking forward to working with our new board members- and if you would like to join the board in any capacity or to volunteer for specific programs- please see me.

As I have concluded every bulletin article: Please join us and join in — the reward is immeasurable.

Karen Tucker



To contact Karen, email
KarenLTucker@comcast.net



Sisterhood Gift Shop (your Judaica Depot)



The Gift Shop will be open **1 day only** this June for all of your shopping needs for **Father's Day, Graduations, Weddings, and other celebrations!** We have a wide variety of items from Israel as well as local vendors. Check out our supply of tallit, wine cups, wedding items (including ketubahs), candlesticks, organic soaps, and decorative pieces just to name a few!

We carry an assortment of jewelry at various price points for young and old alike, including gifts for Dad like cufflinks, tallit clips, and so much more.

Open Sunday, June 14th from 10am till Noon – our last shopping day until after the summer. Please call Ilisa Perlman at 973 379-9275 to meet at your convenience when the Gift Shop is closed.

ONE DAY ONLY
10% off all purchases
(except Tallit)



MEN'S CLUB MINUTE - EPISODE II - ATTACK OF THE CLONES

By Dan Richter, Men's Club President

Wake up, David! And David....and David. Wake up, David! I meant, other David. You David...You were already up.

Davids....You've all been sleeping and you've been missing the conspiracy going on right under your nose! And yes, your nose looks terrific. You've been asleep at the switch whilst an army of clones from the planet Kamino have been marching into the Men's Club meetings and programs, and they've been taking over the place. Ok, so maybe they're not clones from a far away planet. They're just a bunch of guys with the same name, and it isn't David. It is Dan. And if you're not careful, these Dons may take over the galaxy, as they seemed to already have taken over the Men's Club.

So here's the status of the coup de-etat in terms of most popular first names on the Men's Club Board of Trustees over the past couple of years.

Starting with last year, 2013-2014 (Age of Republic and Jedis and all that good stuff)

#1 David	4 MC Trustees
#2 Michael	3 MC Trustees
#3 Dan	2 MC Trustees

So last year, as it has been for the past 895 years, since Yoda was in HGNS, David was the most popular name on the Men's Club Board.

Last year the Dan Count stood at 2; just me and Dan Dovdavany. Dan Dovdavany, aka Dan Dov, is the First VP of the Men's Club. That means, the way I see things, he is the Darth Maul to my Darth Sidious in my campaign to move a Dan Army into the Men's Club. Somehow I doubt he shares this vision, but I have one more year to use the Dark Side and all the mind tricks to effect this campaign of persuasion. Dan has been wonderful to work with over the past years with Men's Club Shabbat, Games Nights, and in providing leadership to the Board. It's been wonderful to have Dan's perspective and direction on the board, and so often a funny comment.

Nary another Dan joined the Men's Club board since rise of Dan Dov 5 years ago. In the past year, the Men's Club took on 2 new Men's Club Jedis: Jonathan Schor and Charlie Shapiro.

Upon joining the Board, Jonathan picked up on the great work of Howard Greenwald in the Challah ordering program, and did some tinkering around in the engine to

make the jump to light speed through an on-line ordering system. Jonathan soon brought the space-age technology of the internet to implement online reservations and payments at many Men's Club events throughout the year.

Charlie Shapiro joined the board last year with a tremendous amount of energy. Charlie was active on the Shabbat Committee and there created the vision to keep the Shabbat celebration chugging through the whole day ending with a Ma'ariv Service and Malavat Malkah Dinner. Charlie has been active on the Sanctuary committee and recently completed the Sulam program at CBI.

2014-2015 (A Phantom Menace, 1 more Dan joins)

#1 David	4 MC Trustees
#2 Michael	3 MC Trustees...or 3.43?
#3 Dan	3 MC Trustees

So this year another Dan joined the board, Dan Ramer. Right off the bat, after joining the Men's Club Board, this year, Dan Ramer helped organize Scotch in the Sukkah, Pizza and Poker, and helped with the breakfast production for the Paid Up Breakfast.

By the way, if you are reading this before June 8th, be sure to come out and celebrate at 6:30pm on June 8th at Temple Beth Ahm, where Dan and Alia Ramer will be honored at the Annual Partnership for Jewish Learning Ignite the Light Dinner. You can RSVP to www.ThePartnershipNJ.org/rsvp.

If you are reading this after June 8th, and you missed the fantastic honor dinner, don't panic. I am sure there will be an honor for the Ramers sometime soon from some Jewish organization...probably even before I write my next Star Wars themed bulletin article. Difficult to see. As Yoda says, "Always in motion is the future."

As we move into next year, we appreciate the busy year Dan has ahead with Federation, as he is taking on a new board membership there. Dan is also continuing with his work in Partnership as well as the Golda Och Board. Here at CBI, Dan is also on the committee for Legacy Circle. Kol HaKavod, Dan for your extensive work in the Jewish Community!

The Michaels appealed for a partial point boost this year with the arrival of new Men's Club Jedi, Micah Gottlieb. Since the first 3 letters of his name are the same as those in Michael, it was argued that there could be justification for partial point credit toward the Michael count, maybe 3/7 of

a point. But Michah is most definitely in a class of his own. Micah joined the Board this year and helped us out with organizing Pizza and Poker and the Men's Club Party (even though our Man of the year was a Michael, for the second consecutive year...Michael Slifer following Michael Jurist) Mazal Tov to Micah Gottlieb, as he has done all this while working through his first year as the High School Principal at LREI (Little Red School House and Elisabeth Irwin High School).

Perhaps the most Obi Won Kenobi-like to join our board this year was new trustee, Alex Marcus. This Obi-Kenobi comparison has nothing to do with facial hair, by the way. Everyone knows that Obi Wan helped lead the Men's Club Shabbat Committee on his home planet, chaired the Religious Affairs Committee there, and won the Cholent Bowl in his first year at his synagogue. That's the similarity! We were so glad to be the beneficiaries of Alex's tremendous energy this year. Not that he was our only hope. But he did help us a lot this year!

2015-2016 (beginning July 1....Attack of the Dan Clones)

#1 Dan	5 MC Trustees
#2 Michael	3 MC Trustees
#3 David	4 MC Trustees

So now come the Dans. The Dan clone army of 2 who will be joining the Men's Club Trustees in the coming year beginning July 1st include Dan Kamen and Dan Halpern. Dan Kamen has been an active participant in Men's Club activities over the past several years including breakfasts, speakers, rafting trips, Softball, and Men's Club Shabbat. This past May 30th, Dan Kamen's son, Ben, was honored as a Bar Mitzvah in our CBI sanctuary. With the simcha behind, we are glad to have Dan join our group to help make more special events at CBI!

Dan Halpern also recently completed the year of leadership learning with the Sulam program at CBI. Since their first months of joining CBI, Dan and his growing family have been fixtures at the Saturday morning Tot Shabbat services. Dan in his first year here at CBI (just last year) gave very extensive support to organizing the Purim Carnival. We were fortunate to have Dan's experience of putting on great musical events for the Verona High School, where he teaches in the Music Program there. Dan's creative genius will be an asset for the Men's Club in the years to come.

The third new member of the Board of Trustees is Jeff Freedman. Jeff made his first appearance at a CBI Men's Club event this past October bearing bottles of rare Scotch

Whiskey. His timing was perfect, as it happened to be our Men's Club Scotch in the Sukkah night! After a wonderful evening of sampling Scotches and chatting it up with Jeff, I got the picture that this was a fellow of great energy and vision, and that the force was indeed strong with him. Following Scotch in the Sukkah, Jeff showed up to volunteer in key areas of our programming including, cooking up a delicious cholent in our contest at Men's Club Shabbat, roasting coffee for the Men's Club Shabbat and Paid Up Breakfast, and serving gourmet omelets for the Paid Up breakfast. Jeff, with his engineering background, will take up the role of Chief Engineer of the Men's Club and will oversee the construction of the first Men's Club tractor beam. This will be a tool used strictly for peaceful purposes including membership recruitment, pizza delivery, and for clean up after Shabbat dinners (once the Shabbos tractor beam is complete.)

Now that the Dan takeover almost complete, I will now be concentrating on ramping up our cadre of Kopels on the board. Right now we have one with Kopel Burk, but I'm sure we can get the number up to 3 or 4 with our soon to be ready tractor beam. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer! Here are some Men's Club programs ahead.

**REGIONAL PRESIDENT'S DINNER ON TUESDAY
JUNE 16TH 9:30PM AT THE FAIR LAWN
JEWISH CENTER/CONGREGATION B'NAI
ISRAEL 10-10 NORMAL AVENUE, FAIRLAWN**

The Northern New Jersey Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs will honor outgoing, continuing, and incoming club presidents, and install the NNJR Regional Board of Trustees for next year. This is one of the signature events of NNJR. Men's Club members may attend the dinner for an \$18 cost. If interested in attending this dinner, please reach out to Josh Schor at cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com or (973) 902-2477.

**CBI MEN'S CLUB INSTALLATION DINNER
WEDNESDAY JUNE 17TH AT CBI**

Wow! Back to back dinners! Please join us on Wednesday evening June 17th 2013 at 6:30 PM when we will welcome our new board members and thank our current board members and officers for their outstanding contributions to Men's Club during the past year. All CBI members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Cost of the dinner (deli sandwiches and salads). Early Bird Cost is \$8 per person / \$30 per family max RSVP by June 10th. Thereafter it is \$10 per person / \$35 per family max. Final RSVPs by June

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15th. Don't miss it! Please RSVP to Henry Bloom at 973-960-4665 / henry.bloom@novartis.com.

BARBECUE THURSDAY JULY 30TH

Join your friends at CBI for a barbecue & CBI Open House! Men's Club grillers will be on hand to serve you up burgers and dogs.

RAFTING AUGUST 2ND

An annual tradition, except when we get rained out, the rafting trips are always a fun time! This year the trip is for men and women CBI Members, not just Men's Club Members. The trip is opened to those 14 and up. We will again paddle down the Lehigh River. In 2016, we are expecting a trip for families with kids 8 and up will be on the Delaware River.

Starting after the fishing trip June 7th, I will be holding office hours for Men's Club on Sunday afternoons at the

Millburn pool. If you are not a member of the pool or a resident of Millburn or Short Hills, and would like a nice Sunday lounge at that pool, give me a shout and I will scrounge up some guest passes. However, you will be required to sit through a one hour presentation on Men's Club and Star Wars, after which you will be under no obligation to make any purchases for any Time Share, but you may need to think about volunteering for one of our wonderful programs.

Have a wonderful summer and see you at shul!

Daniel Richter

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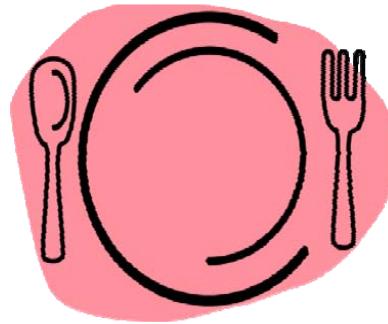
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New Trustee Installation

Dinner

Wednesday, June 17th 2015 6:30PM

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(\$10 per person / \$35 per family max, final RSVPs June 15th)

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# ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



## CURRENT EVENTS

There have been two major developments in the last month. The first concerns the passage of the Corker-Cardin legislation which allows Congress to review and vote approval or disapproval of any agreement the United States reaches with Iran. Originally the administration had preferred no congressional review of the agreement but eventually it changed its approach and agreed to this legislation which allows a congressional vote. However there is a sense in which this outcome may protect the agreement. While approving the treaty as a treaty would require that 2/3 of the Senators approve of the contract, this legislation requires that Congress pass either approval or disapproval. However that vote is subject to a Presidential veto. So in the expected situation in which Congress votes against the agreement, the President has the power to veto that outcome. And that requires a 2/3 vote to overturn. This means that as long as the President can gather 34 votes he will be able to avoid legislation vetoing the agreement.

There were many amendments proposed to this legislation which would have added requirements for better Iranian behavior, or established more stringent. However, many pro-Israel advocates opposed these amendments in order to pass this 'bi-partisan' legislation. The strategy was to avoid having more than one veto override votes. The hope is that this will make it more likely that the pro-Israel community can garner enough votes to over ride one veto. It seems likely as I write this, that this review will not take place until early July as the progress toward a true agreement on terms seems very slow.

The second major item was the formation of Israel's new government. While many analysts felt that Prime Minister Netanyahu's 30 vote victory was impressive, it did not make it easy for him to form a government. As each of the minor parties which were necessary to form a government of over 60 MK (members of Knesset) Netanyahu was only able to gather 61 MK, the bare minimum for an Israeli majority government.

Due to the early deadline for the Bulletin, the information I am describing on these and other news items is quite old. Up to date news, I recommend the following websites:

<http://www.timesofisrael.com>

An Israeli on-line newspaper

<http://www.dailyalert.org>

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[www.jerusalemonline.com](http://www.jerusalemonline.com)

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## AIPAC Policy Conference in 2016

March 20-22, 2016

I don't want to let a month go by without a reminder of this important event. Please plan to attend next year's policy conference. For more information, visit the AIPAC website: <http://www.policyconference.org/>

## May Events

I hope that you had an opportunity to participate in our April and May activities.

In April, Cantor Wallach led us in an Israel Shabbat program which features over a dozen Israeli songs. At the Shabbat dinner, and again at the late Shabbat service, she led the congregation in singing and learning about many traditional Israeli songs.

Then on May 17 CBI hosted JJ Goldberg, editor of The Forward to inform our community about current events



affecting Israel

Finally on May 31, CBI held its first Pre-Parade pancake breakfast. Our community once again demonstrated its enthusiastic support for Israel by marching down 5th Avenue in New York City.

### Missing Soldiers

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

**Guy Hever Ron Arad  
Zachary Baumel Avi Feldman Yehuda Katz**

Please also pray for **Jonathan Pollard**, (Yehonaton ha Levi ben Malka) who has been imprisoned now for over 29 years and is in need of healing.

Joe Tenenbaum



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

## ANNUAL BBQ & OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY, JULY 30



### Mi Sheberach

One of the least known liturgical functions of a congregation involves the "Mi Shebarach:" the prayer asking God to heal those who are ill. Congregation B'nai Israel has a "Mi Shebarach" list that is read at services on Monday, Thursday and Shabbat mornings.

We ask members of the congregation to inform us of those they would like placed on the list. If there is anyone you feel would benefit from these weekly prayers, please contact Rabbi Bayar by phone (973-379-3811) or email ([cbirabbi@cbi-nj.org](mailto:cbirabbi@cbi-nj.org)) with the name.



## Millburn USY Wrap-Up

We are proud to announce that the Millburn USY chapter at CBI -- also known as Millbusy -- won several awards at the recent Hagalil Spring Convention, including recognition as one of the top chapters in the region!

- **Chapter of Excellence** (*Bronze Award*)
- **Best Membership Initiative** (*for Ice Breakers & Waffle Sundaes*)
- **Best Unique Religious Event** (*for Sukkah Creations & Grape Fight*)
- **Most Improved Communications**

**KOL HAKAVOD** to the current 2014-15 Millbusy Board for their dedicated and enthusiastic service: President Lara Good and Vice Presidents Sage Ferdinand, Hailey Burns, Aliza Sherman, Shira Kalet and Sophie Topping-Zimmerman, and Freshman Representative, Rebecca Daniel. And, of course, to our USY Advisor, Aly Greenstein!

**MAZEL TOV** to CBI's newly elected Millburn USY Board for 2015-2016:

President: ..... **Shira Kalet**  
 Israel Awareness VP: ..... **Sydney Fox**  
 Social Action/Tikkun Olam VP: ..... **Rebecca Daniel**  
 Religious Education VP: ..... **Miriam Engel**  
 Communications VP: ..... **Jessica Daniel**



**Outgoing 2014-15 Millburn USY Board** (from left to right): Hailey Burns, Sage Ferdinand, Sophie Topping-Zimmerman, Lara Good, Rebecca Daniel, Shira Kalet and USY Advisor, Aly Greenstein (not pictured: Aliza Silverman).



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**To order honey, click the honey link (coming *SOON* to the CBI website) and follow the step-by-step instructions.**



# ISRAEL IS AWESOME!

By Alex Marcus

Last month I had the privilege of going on an Israel bonds Healthcare Group mission to Israel. Along with 30 other doctors, nurses and a pharmacist, I got to see many sites off the beaten tourist-track that demonstrated how Israel and Israelis do amazing things despite living in a very rough neighborhood.

We visited the headquarters of Magen David Adom and learned how they put virtually all the supplies from a paramedic ambulance onto the back of a motorcycle to be able to respond more quickly to seriously injured and sick people. We were told that for attempted assassination victim Yehuda Glick, they were able to arrive on the scene, begin treatment and get to the hospital within 13 minutes.

We visited a biomedical startup incubator and got perspectives on how Israel, despite its tiny population, produces more startup companies than almost any other nation. We saw some of the ingenious devices being developed. We toured a Teva Pharmaceuticals factory, part of one of the world's largest producers of medicines.

We visited Ziv Hospital in Tzfat where they have treated hundreds of seriously wounded Syrians who come at the boarder seeking care. The medical center treats these victims of the Syrian tragedy, often for weeks or months, without regard for their opinions about Israel.

In Tzfat we saw a new medical school built to reduce their doctor shortage especially in the underserved areas of northern Israel. We learned about a program at Hebrew University Hadassah Medical School



designed to train doctors to be battalion doctors in the IDF and to facilitate research to advance military medicine.

At Tel HaShomer Hospital in Tel Aviv we heard about the amazing rehabilitation programs for injured Israelis including soldiers wounded in combat. We heard an army officer tell his story and later met with a group, Brothers for Life – Injured Soldiers Helping Injured Soldiers, whose members support each other after they leave medical treatment as they transition to the next phase of their lives.

In addition to walking the streets of Jerusalem, davening at the Kotel and in a 300 years old synagogue, and riding on the Burma road, in just four days, we got a taste of some of the many things that makes Israel awesome!





## DONATIONS

The following tributes have been sent over the past several months. If you wish to send a tribute please call Ana Amorim at 973-379-3811 ext. 10 or email her at [anaa@cbi-nj.org](mailto:anaa@cbi-nj.org).

### 90th Anniversary Fund

Laurie Schwartz and Kenneth Kavowras ~ Mazel Tov! Wishing you both a lifetime of love, health and happiness together!!!

❖ Roz & Jed Buck

Elaine Ehrenkranz ~ In memory of your beloved sister, Ruth Ehrenkranz.

❖ Matt Askin & Miriam Linver, Eve & Joey

Debbie Liner ~ In memory of your beloved father, Milton Liner.

❖ Matt Askin & Miriam Linver, Eve & Joey

Andrea and David Hirschfeld ~ Mazel Tov on the engagement of Arielle to Dmitry.

❖ Amy & Larry Dantus

Elizabeth Silverman ~ In loving memory of Selma Lubman.

❖ Allan & Elizabeth Rauch

Lisa Friedman ~ In loving memory of your beloved father, Victor Kasner.

❖ Allan & Elizabeth Rauch

Sandy Sachs ~ In memory of your mother, Inga Sachs.

❖ Rochelle Baron

Andrea and David Hirschfeld ~ In honor of Arielle and Dmitry's wedding.

❖ Steve & Fran Rod

### Synagogue Fund

Paula Touger ~ Thank you for all your support in preparing Alison for her Bat Mitzvah.

❖ The Bader Family

Natalie Kent ~ Condolences on the passing of your beloved sister.

❖ Harriet & Sheldon Greenholtz

The Von Bevern Family ~ Mazel Tov on Sarah becoming a Bat Mitzvah!

❖ Harriet & Sheldon Greenholtz

Laurie Schwartz ~ Mazel Tov and much happiness to Laurie Schwartz and fiancé Kenny Kavowras on the occasion of their upcoming marriage!

❖ The Silver Family

Debbie Liner ~ In memory of your beloved father, Milton Liner.

❖ Michael & Susan Jurist

❖ Harriet & Sheldon Greenholtz

❖ Helene & Steven Moehlman

Linda Sotnick ~ Mazel Tov on the opening of your new practice.

❖ Ginny Panzer

Elaine Ehrenkranz ~ In memory of your beloved sister, Ruth

Ehrenkranz.

❖ Harriet & Sheldon Greenholtz

### Rabbi's Fund

Rabbi Bayar ~ Thank you for all your support in preparing Alison for her Bat Mitzvah.

❖ The Bader Family

### Cantor's Fund

Cantor Wallach ~ Thank you for all your support in preparing Alison for her Bat Mitzvah.

❖ The Bader Family

The Bader Family ~ Mazel Tov on Alison becoming a Bat Mitzvah!

❖ The Pitkowsky Family

Laurie Schwartz and Kenneth Kavowras ~ Mazel Tov on your recent marriage!

❖ The Pitkowsky Family

Debbie Liner ~ In memory of your beloved father, Milton Liner.

❖ Len Hausman & Ann Spector

Elaine Ehrenkranz ~ In memory of your beloved sister, Ruth Ehrenkranz.

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❖ Harriet & Paul Klein

Andrea and David Hirschfeld ~ Mazel Tov on the marriage of Arielle to Dmitry.

❖ Len Hausman & Ann Spector

Lois Cantwell ~ Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter Madeline.

❖ Fran & Steve Rod

### Hedwig Gruenewald Early Childhood Center Fund

Elizabeth Silverman ~ In memory of your mother.

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### Max Alper Prayer Book Fund

Andrea and David Hirschfeld ~ In honor of Arielle to Dmitry's marriage.

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