

The Bulletin



Men's Club Channukah Dinner Dance

Sunday December 16th at 6:30 PM



**Elegant dining, dancing, door prizes, and
Channukah Candle Lighting**

**Featuring the live band Bnai Jazz and
singing with Rishonim**



**Honoring Men's Club Man of the Year
Craig Rothman**

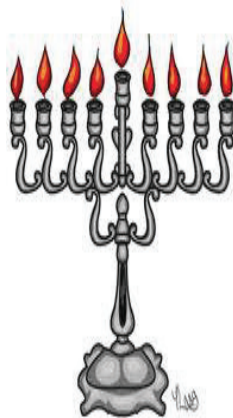


Please RSVP to invitation in the mail

Admission \$50 per person in advance ~ \$60 after Dec 2

For more information contact

Josh Schor at jschor@aol.com



Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat	8:15 p.m.
Shabbat Morning	9:00 a.m.
Tefilot Yeladim (Grades 3-6)	10:15 a.m.
Tefilot Ketanim (K-2)	10:30 a.m.
Tot Shabbat (Preschool)	10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Journeymen's Minyan (12/8 & 12/22)	10:45 a.m.
Yaldeinu (12/8)	11:15 a.m.

Minyan Rotation

Cohn – Ehrlich	Nov 25 – Dec 1
Eichler – Feins	Dec 2 – Dec 8
Feldman – Freeman	Dec 9 – Dec 15
Fried – Gershman	Dec 16 – Dec 22
Gersho – Gouss	Dec 23 – Dec 29
Grabner – Halpren	Dec 30 – Jan 5

Candle Lighting

November 30	4:09 pm
December 7	4:08 pm
December 14	4:09 pm
December 21	4:12 pm
December 28	4:16 pm
January 4	4:22 pm

Next Deadline

The deadline for the January, 2012 issue is December 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 December. Space permitting, we will do our best to include your item(s), and we reserve the right to edit your submission.

Publicity Guidelines

If you would like a copy of CBI's new Publicity Guidelines, please contact David Good, Chairperson of the Publicity Committee at dfgood@verizon.net or Jane Young, Executive Director, at cbidirector@cbi-nj.org.

FROM THE RABBI'S DEN

By Rabbi Steven Bayar

Ask your children the following questions: "What makes your grandparents happy? What makes them sad? What makes them afraid?" Every time I have asked these questions of children, without exception most answer: "My grandparents are happy when they visit us. They are sad when we are not with them. They are not afraid."

Children are by nature self-centered and are not to be blamed if these are their answers, especially because grandparents tend to dote on grandchildren and help sustain this self-centeredness. We live in a society in which family members often live at great distance from each other. It is not unusual for grandparents to live far from their grandchildren and so as a result, visits are infrequent. Phone contact and internet is a primary source of communication. But, you cannot give virtual hugs.

Grandparents do not really want to "live" in front of their grandchildren. What profit is there in telling them about their doctor's visits, their driving experiences, or their aches and pains?

It is likely that the only meaningful contact our children may have had with the elderly in our community comes from their grandparents. Our children don't know what elderly people are like. By giving them a limited and largely unrealistic picture of old age, how can we expect them to reconcile the elderly that they do see? What message are we giving them when we take them to nursing homes for Mitzvah projects?

We do our children a disservice by not trusting them with life experiences. When did they become unable to handle mature issues of life? When did we decide they were too delicate to know about the aging process.

My father's grandmother was the perfect model of the Wicked Witch of the West. She wore black; black stockings, black dress, black shoes. She wore her silver hair in a bun. She had a humongous wart on her chin with two black hairs growing out of it. She mumbled all the time. I was petrified to visit her. She couldn't have been more than sixty-five. My parents would force me to visit her – not telling me where we were going until we had parked the car.

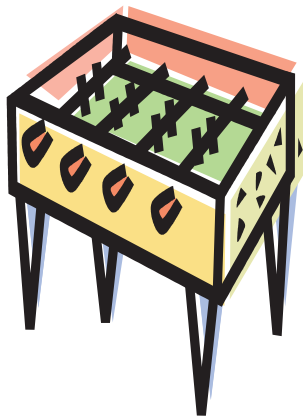
What astonished me was that my father loved her. He loved being with her. Even as a child of four, even though I was scared to death that she would touch me, I knew that he adored her and she him. As a child of six or seven I was astonished that my mother loved her as well. Only years later did I learn that while my father's family objected to his marriage – his grandmother firmly supported him. She was a woman of quality – and I eventually saw her as such – but only long after she herself had died.

I learned a lot through that interaction. Perhaps it was a lesson I didn't realize I had learned until I was an adult, but it was an important lesson nonetheless. I look back now and realize how much I would have missed; learning about my parents and life, if I didn't have these memories.

Steven Bayar



To contact Rabbi Bayar, email him at cbirabbi@cbi-nj.org



SAVE THE DATE FOR GAME NIGHT @ CBI

SATURDAY JANUARY 12TH AT 8:00PM

SPONSORED BY MEN'S CLUB AND SISTERHOOD

PING PONG * FOOSBALL * PEDASTAL JOUSTING * LOW STAKES TEXAS HOLD 'EM

CHESS * MAH JONG * SCRABBLE * BRING YOUR OWN GAME!

FOOD (KOSHER CHINESE) & DRINKS (BEER, WINE & SODA) WILL BE SERVED



In The Community

Mazel Tov to:

Roberta Rabin on the marriage of her daughter, Danielle to David Burrick.
Teddy Leff on her grandson Josh becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Condolences to:

Amy Rosenblatt on the passing of her beloved father, Jack David Fromm.
Tirza Fredman and Arnold Koster on the passing of their brother and uncle, Ernest Nathan Rosenberg.
Evan Ratner on the passing of his beloved mother, Iris Ratner.
Lorna and Michael Kalet and family on the passing of Rosalie Henrichsen, beloved wife of Michael's father, Mort Kalet.

Refuah Shleima to:

Robert Wallach, Ginny Panzer, and Joseph Siff

Sar El Needs Volunteers Now

Pamela Lazerus, Executive Director of Sar El, in Israel, just informed the hierarchy of Sar El, in the US (called VFI/Volunteers for Israel), that volunteers are needed as soon as possible on IDF bases. At this writing, we don't know if a ground invasion of Gaza will happen. Nonetheless, Israeli soldiers will need a wide range of support that can be given by volunteers like you. Paperwork will be expedited for those who contact me. I'm an interviewer/Sar El Ambassador, for Northern New Jersey.

Also, we have a growing list for a Sar El mission to take place during the first week of July '12. I'm certain the IDF will appreciate whatever help we can give. Right now, we will leave on June 27 and return July 7, although individuals might be able to make their own arrangements and dates.

Bulletin: In light of current events in Israel, our friend, Steve Jacoby, is organizing an earlier group to work during the tough times following a possible cease-fire/peace accord. His group, from West Orange and the general area, will start on Sunday, February 16. If you are interested in helping to ease the post-crisis military, contact me. Paperwork will be "expedited."

Contact me at judyart18@aol.com if you can lend a hand and want to find out about Sar El: www.sarel.org.

Art Fredman

President's Message

By Linda Sotnick, CBI President

I am writing this article in the aftermath of "Superstorm Sandy" while parts of our town remain without power. When this bulletin comes out, life will have hopefully have resumed a closer resemblance to "normal and routine" functioning.

Our congregation has come through in true CBI spirit – reaching out and helping each other. Pre-storm, people came together securing the building with sandbags and wrapping furniture and equipment. Pre- and post-storm outreach by Rabbi Bayar and volunteers checking on congregants, went on around the clock. Our Shabbat services took place in a building without electrical power, but filled with the power of a determined Bat Mitzvah, Ilana Feldman, and our congregation who came together to daven and celebrate Ilana's milestone in our building.

Following the storm, many people could be found in our multi-purpose room, keeping warm, working, enjoying a meal together, finding internet and social connection. I want to thank everyone for all your help: our Clergy, Professional, Office and Maintenance Staff, and congregational volunteers. We have tried to include everyone's name who contributed to the storm-relief efforts elsewhere in this Bulletin. Additionally, a storm preparation committee, chaired by Andrea Hirschfeld, has already been formed to determine how we can best prepare in the future.

While we weathered the storm, we know that there are many communities that were completely devastated. We have seen images these past weeks of families with catastrophic losses. Immediately following Superstorm Sandy, I began receiving emails from congregants asking how CBI could help communities hit worse than we were. Our Hearts and Hands committee, along with Rabbi Bayar, are investigating what the needs are and will commence in efforts to help when it is clear how we can effectively contribute. This immediate wish to help heal the world is part of what defines our congregation and the larger Jewish community.

Less than a week before the storm hit, I had the opportunity to attend a celebratory and outreach event hosted by the Interfaith Hospitality Network. CBI's Hearts and Hands chair, Tracy Ferdinand, as well as Tina Goldstone and Robert Krauss, have been working hard since last year on establishing ways for CBI to help in IHN's efforts. You can learn more about how this organization

helps homeless families by visiting their website <http://www.ihnessexnj.org/> or by emailing Tracy at: teferd@aol.com.



In a strong statement of CBI's commitment to partner with this organization, Rabbi Bayar opened IHN's 25th anniversary event with a blessing. More than twenty-five congregants as well as our educational director and program coordinator Janice Colmar, came to learn firsthand about IHN's work. We heard directly from families who have been helped by IHN. Their stories and the impact congregations made are inspirational. I am very proud that CBI will be joining IHN's team by providing shelter to families for a week next October, 2013. This is an organization that truly makes a difference and we at CBI will also be making a difference.

Our involvement with IHN is one way that our congregation is going to be able to help provide shelter to families who are in need, whether from the storm or other life circumstances. This effort requires the involvement of our congregants in order to be successful. Over the coming months, we will learn from Tracy, Tina and Robert, how we will be helping and what volunteering will mean.

As you know, the storm necessitated postponement of the Champagne Breakfast to honor Steve Brown and Barry Allen. However, our congregational programming is now back in full swing. Chanukah will be ushered in with several celebrations. I hope to see you at either the Young Family and/or Men's Club Chanukah parties.

In addition, the second Israeli film in the Adult Learning film series, *Footnote*, will take place on December 2nd. Thank you to Ayala and Yoav Tamir for leading a terrific discussion following the first film, *Ushpizin*. If you did not get a chance to see the first film, this next film has also received wonderful reviews and the discussion following the film adds to the experience.

Happy Chanukah! I hope your holidays are filled with warmth, love and light.

Linda Sotnick



To contact Linda Sotnick, email her at cbipresident@cbi-nj.org

Executive Suite

By Jane Young, Executive Director

A diversity can bring out the best or the worst in families. In the case of the CBI family before, during and in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, you can be proud to know that this crisis brought out the very best in our community. Even with no electricity, families with generators and gas stoves were opening their refrigerators, freezers, homes and hearts to neighbors during the long, stressful recovery period. CBI volunteers went door to door to check on the well-being of congregants including those with health issues as well as our more elderly members; even though the volunteers, themselves, were living in the dark and the cold. Our clergy had no heat or electricity for over almost two weeks, and yet, there they were, taking care of their congregants throughout.



After week one, CBI regained its electricity and, thankfully, we were able to open the doors of the synagogue to provide Wi-Fi and a place to “plug in” along with much needed warmth, comfort, food and camaraderie. The good people of CBI rose to the occasion, shopping, cooking, serving their congregation in any way they could. The Congregation B’nai Israel family showed its true beautiful colors, by taking care of and being there for one another, providing true sanctuary for all.

Then, as everyone gradually found their way back to normalcy with heat and light, we all began to see reports of the devastation and destruction that Sandy left behind. In recent weeks, I have been asking people that I hadn’t seen during the recovery period, “How did you do in the storm?” Invariably, the answer has been “I was very lucky!” When I ask, “You didn’t lose your power?” The answer no longer surprises me, but it does inspire me every single time: “Oh – I only lost power for a week or so.” What incredible people! Strong, giving, and caring who are donating time, money, socks, canned goods – you name it – to take care of those much less fortunate than they.

Yes, some families pull together in a crisis, and some synagogues are more than the programs, worship services and schools they house – they are a community of families who care, like CBI.

This Hanukkah, “don’t let the lights go out!”

Jane

A big thank you to our volunteers for all they did before, during and after Hurricane Sandy! (Please forgive us if we inadvertently omitted your name from this list.)

Roz and Henry Brendzel	Corinne Winston & Joe Rubin
Barbara and Steve Brown	Scott and Jacob Pollack
Renee & Kopel Burk	Brad Schenerman
Cheryl and Nahum Burstein	Linda, Ross, Daniel and Jared Silver
Jonathan Caplan	Debra Pianin & Rubin Sinins
Roni Chasin	CBI Sisterhood
Gerald and Liat Cohen	David Sorkin
Amy Dantus	Linda, David and Elliot Sotnick
Gill Diamond	Emel Tambor
Helaine Ettinger and Henry Bloom	Paula and David Touger
Tracie and Nathaniel Feldman	Risa and Evan Wasserman
Lilli and Steve Finkler	Isabel Goldfaden,
Judy and Art Fredman	Hernan & Gabriela
Jennifer and Jonathan Glick	Wurgaft
David Good	Harry Zelnick
Linda and Fred Grabiner	<i>And thank you to our staff:</i>
Andrea and David Hirschfeld	Rabbi Steven Bayar
Jo Ann Horowitz	Cantor Lorna Wallach
Mona Jacobs	Jane Young
Lori & Adam Katzman	Rochelle Baron
Bob Krauss	Janice Colmar
Susan and Michael Jurist	Lisa Roth
Hedda & Ed Maleh	Celeste Johnson
Leslie McCafferty	Rodrigo Santos
Stacy & Scott Merkel	Carmella Maye
Naomi and Jason Panzer	Bernard Rice
Janet Pennisi	Charles Lewis
Ilisa Perlman	Irina Polonsky
	Ana Amorim

MLK MITZVAH DAY

Monday, Jan. 21st - 2:00pm - 4:00pm - "Make it a day on, not off!"

All activities will be in the Social Hall. See 2nd page for Collections.

Promptly at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary...

Come hear the beautiful singing of the NEWARK BOYS CHORUS SCHOOL!

Please see below for all of the organizations that will be represented on MLK Day.

Music & Memory (Logan Ferdinand)	Learn how you can give the gift of personalized music to the elderly or infirm via digital music technology. Donations welcome - iPods (any model, any condition) or iTunes or Apple gift cards.
Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation (Lori Katzman)	GET YOUR CHEEK SWABBED on MITZVAH DAY! Learn how you can help facilitate bone marrow transplants.
The Seeing Eye (Michael Karnish)	Meet a TRAINED SEEING EYE DOG , learn about the organization and DONATE old towels and lams small dog biscuits.
Art Creation Foundation for Children (Abigael Good)	This foundation based in Haiti teaches children how to create art, providing them with hope and a skill for a better life. Information about the foundation and an ART ACTIVITY PROVIDED .
National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) and Bridges - Scarves for Children (Rochelle Baron)	Two ways to give the gift of warmth this winter season! 1) Start KNITTING OR CROCHETING today and bring a handmade child-size scarf to donate. 2) ACTIVITY - Help fringe/embellish a cozy fleece scarf at MLK Mitzvah Day to donate to children in need.
Interfaith Hospitality Network - IHN (Co-sponsored by Hearts and Hands and BBRS-PA)	Learn about IHN's hosting program. Sign up to volunteer when CBI hosts IHN families for 1 week in OCT. 2013. Pick up a wish list of items; ACTIVITIES PROVIDED . Donations invited - see page 2.
Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (Katzman Family)	BAKE SALE!!! Have a treat and write a note to an Israeli soldier! All bake sale proceeds will benefit Israeli soldiers through FIDF.
Arthritis Foundation (Nealy Troll)	Learn how the local chapter promotes wellness for the nearly 50 million people that live with arthritis; ACTIVITY PROVIDED .
Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (Linda Silver)	Support Judaism and the environment by learning about SPNI and MAKE YOUR OWN BIRD FEEDER out of recycled materials.
bookbgone (Andrea Hirschfeld)	Recycle, reuse and donate your BOOKS, DVDs and CDs keeping them out of NJ landfills! Help sort and personalize the books.
Meals for the Homeless (Co-sponsored by Men's Club and Hearts and Hands)	Assist with the making and assembly of OVER 250 BAGGED MEALS for individuals in need.
The Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation (Judy Gottscho Eichinger)	Learn how you can help children with kidney disease attend 2 weeks of sleep away camp with healthy campers!
Bracelets for Awareness (Tsippy Segev)	Create friendship bracelets representing different charities based on the Ribbons of Awareness colors and meanings.
Home Front Hearts (Randi Cairns)	Support our own NJ military families; ACTIVITY PROVIDED .
Justin Charity Bear Fund (Justin Martin)	Learn about Justin's mission (since age 5) to donate stuffed bears to children in need. Donate a new bear on Mitzvah Day!

The First Tee (Adelman Family)	Learn how this program provides education and life skills to help young people be successful in school and life. Donate new or used golf equipment (clubs, bags, balls, tees, shoes). PUTTING GREEN ACTIVITY PROVIDED.
The Newark Boys Chorus School - NBCS (Mike Sanfilipo)	Help make a difference and see how you can support the MUSIC AND ACADEMIC education at this school. Donate any hand-held percussion instruments (egg shakers, wooden sticks or blocks).
Jewish Family Services (Suzy Berman)	ALL AGES! Sign up to visit a senior (one-time or on-going). Learn about making a difference in the life of a senior; FREE "giveaway"!
Down the Block (Wendy Minocha)	Support our "neighbor helping neighbor" financial assistance program. ACTIVITY PROVIDED ; ShopRite gift cards welcome.
The Friendship Circle (Mushkie Posner)	Help complete the circle! Come see why TFC is one of the fastest growing Jewish organizations in NJ that supports children, teens and families with special needs. ACTIVITY PROVIDED.
The Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning (Dan Ramer)	Learn how the Partnership enhances Jewish education for the MetroWest community; ACTIVITY PROVIDED.
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Essex County (Alan Mark)	Learn about the largest mentoring program in the US. Meet a mentor from Short Hills; see how you can be a BIG MENCH and make a life changing connection in as little as 4 hours per month.
Youth Futures - The Jewish Agency for Israel (Daphna Yizrael)	Meet CBI's RISHONIM . Learn how you can empower disadvantaged Israeli youth! ACTIVITY PROVIDED.
Soles4Souls (Golda Och Academy - Abby Finkel)	Change the world, one pair at a time! Donate ANY pair of SHOES (new/gently used). Distributed in the US and throughout the world.
BBRS Tzedakah Fund (Michael Greenstein)	Partake in our CANDY RAFFLE and come see the various charities our fund has and continues to raise money for.
Jewish National Fund - Sderot Indoor Recreation Center (Nina Woldin)	This center doubles as a bomb shelter for Israeli children so they can play safely. Send these children a message of hope; support the Sderot Indoor Playground. ART ACTIVITY PROVIDED.
The Lupus Foundation (Jason Konig)	Help us solve the Cruel Mystery of Lupus - it is complex, with no known causes or cure. Come learn about the support we provide.
Camp Shutaf (Sisterhood)	Learn how Camp Shutaf provides for children and teens with special needs in Jerusalem focusing on inclusion and acceptance.

Suggested items to donate starting January 2nd and ON MLK Day include....

stuffed bears (new, all sizes) (Justin Charity Bear Fund)	lams small dog biscuits (The Seeing Eye)	new/used/broken iPods (Music & Memory)	knitted scarf for a child (NCJW)
ShopRite gift cards (Down the Block)	old towels (any size) (The Seeing Eye)	iTunes/Apple gift cards (Music & Memory)	crocheted scarf for a child (NCJW)
golf equipment (new or gently used) (The First Tee)	books/DVDs/CDs (all ages) - gently used (bookbgone)	shoes (new or gently used) (Soles4Souls)	hand held percussion instruments (NBBS)
alarm clocks, coffee makers pack and plays (IHN)	"like new" or new twin sheets and blankets (IHN)	"like new" or new hand towels and wash cloths (IHN)	toys/games in good condition (IHN)

COLLECTIONS BEGIN JAN. 2ND OR BRING THEM TO THE EVENT ON JAN. 21st!
Questions? Contact Lori Katzman @ 973-379-5856 or lakatzman@me.com



Millburn, NJ

Preschool Open House

Voted #1 preschool in Millburn Patch poll
Come and learn about our programs for 2013!

Monday, December 3, 2012

9:30am to 11:00am

160 Millburn Avenue Millburn, NJ 07041

973-379-4040 www.cbi-nj.org

HEDWIG GRUENEWALD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

By Rochelle Baron, Director

November was an interesting month — Hurricane Sandy, power outages, a snowstorm, school closings—and we are very happy that it is now December and some sense of normalcy has returned! With the days that we were here last month we enjoyed learning about Thanksgiving and sharing a 'feast' with our friends. The highlight was certainly the Art Auction—many thanks to Robyn Glatt and her army of volunteers who pulled off an amazing event. Not only did it bring many people together, but it allowed us to raise some needed funds to distribute to those who are still dealing with the effects of the storm.



Several events are on the calendar for this month. Our annual Book Fair takes place from November 29 through December 3 in room 105 in the BBRS wing and we hope you will come by and purchase some Hanukkah gifts. We will be hosting an Open House for prospective families on December 3 from 9:30 to 11:00am. Please invite anyone you know with young children who are looking for a preschool, to come and visit us! Our Hanukkah parties are scheduled for December 10 and 12. We are also looking forward to making our own Hanukkah goodies in the new kitchen. On December 15 the HGECC/PA will sponsor the Torah for Tots Hanukkah Shabbat and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Registration for Summer Camp 2013 and Fall 2013 begins in January. Synagogue members have first priority. If you would like further information or would like to arrange a visit to our school, please contact the HGECC office.

Happy Hanukkah!

Rochelle Baron



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



HGECC Book Fair

November 29, 2012—11:30am to 2:00pm

November 30, 2012—9:00am to 2:00pm

December 2, 2012—8:30am to 12:00pm

December 3, 2012—9:00am to 12:30pm

Room 105 in the BBRS Wing

Shop for Hanukkah gifts and birthdays!
Wide assortment of secular and Judaic titles

Come and support HGECC!



PREPARING CBI FOR HURRICANE SANDY

By Art Fredman

In the face of Hurricane Sandy, on October 28, 2012, volunteers from the CBI community placed 50 pound sandbags in potential problem areas in order to protect the building from expected floodwaters.

Michael Jurist facilitated the operation. President Linda Sotnick and other Board members assisted. The sandbags were provided by local landscaper, Luigi Santagata. Attached are photos of our men and women in action. (Photos by Art Fredman)



Michael Jurist



Ready to pile.



Mapping out a plan on how to aid our neighbors



David Touger



*Adam Katzman, Michael Jurist, David Touger,
Linda Sotnick*

BLANCHE BAYAR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

By Janice Colmar, CBI Education Director

BBRS Returns

After over a week of no power and no school, the students of BBRS came back on Tuesday, November 6th. The day was planned as “soft entry” back to school. After a fast game of “Judaism on the Spot”, we davened and adjourned to classrooms for sharing our stories. The Gimel class used the opportunity to create friendship bracelets which will be given to children in Tom’s River. Around 5:00, dalet and hey enjoyed a session of Hebrew Reading Marathon. This is a carnival style program where students earn tickets while practicing their Hebrew reading. The day ended as I told the story of the “Golem” - our own Jewish monster.



Kabbalat Yeladaynu

On Sunday, December 2, our 16 members of the Gan (kindergarten) class will be honored as they formally begin their Jewish education. Kabbalat Yeladaynu is an annual event at BBRS and is always a happy program as our students receive their own mini Torahs.

Students of our Gan class are: Eliana Biller, Sara Dybner, Zachary Glatt, Eliana Goodman, Jacob Kamen, Ella Levy, Sydney Lipp, Ilana Manne, Jared Manne, Rebecca May, Rebekkah Merkel, Simon Richter, Martin Stirling, Jacob Warner, Milo Weiss and Orly Freifeld.

Hebrew Immersion / Thursday Catch Up

Late October we began our two newest programs at BBRS. On Tuesday, Morah Miriam Segal leads a group of 7 young students in an intensive program in Conversational Hebrew. Even with the disruption of Hurricane Sandy, our students are excited to show their new knowledge.

Thursday Catch Up is a great opportunity for any student who would like to brush up on their Hebrew due to absences. Slots are open at 3:45 – 4:15 or 5:15 – 5:45 and reservations must be made ahead of time.

Janice Colmar



To contact Janice Colmar, email her at cbieducator@gmail.com



Please support Hearts and Hands

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE!

We are collecting new, unwrapped toys, books and gifts for children
birth to age 17 to benefit

The South Orange/Maplewood School District's Parenting Center

November 11 to December 9

Please bring a gift to the collection bins located at CBI in the front lobby or school lobby

Your donation will go to one of 155 Families in The South Orange/Maplewood School district who live below the poverty line and whose children are eligible for the school lunch program. Last year more than 600 children benefitted from the generosity of people like you.

Questions? Contact Beth Von Bevern at b.vonbevern@verizon.net

Items Needed

All

New Books
Crafts/Art Supplies
Footballs
Basketballs
Games
Watches (No more than \$10-\$15)
Hats, Scarves and Gloves
Wrapping Paper: For the Parents of the Children
Batteries
Gift Certificates

Young Children

Toddler Toys
Stuffed Toys
Dolls - Barbie and Baby Dolls Of All Ethnicities
Trucks, Cars, Matchbox Cars, Airplanes
Building Toys, Blocks and Legos
Dress Up Outfits

Teens (General)

MP3 Players
DVD Player
CD Players with Headphones
CDs

Teen Girls

Purses
Jewelry
Perfume, Body Lotion and Nail Polish
Hair Products and Personal Toiletries

Teen Boys

Personal Toiletries
Basketballs
Footballs
Soccer Balls

Sisterhood's Message

By Paula Touger, Sisterhood President

Writing this article in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy—it is hard to believe that only 14 months ago I wrote an article that began much the same way. I am happy to say that the support our CBI community showed after Irene was repeated in the wake of Sandy. We had a Bat Mitzvah in our electricity-free building where the lack of light was a minor inconvenience compared to the warmth generated by the spirit of our congregation. Once the power was returned to the building our community came together to feed, warm, and cheer those without power in their own homes. Sisterhood was glad to be able to participate in organizing these initiatives with the other arms of the synagogue and grateful to our members who stepped up to help.



Sisterhood was forced to postpone our annual membership kick off dinner due to the storm but we hope to reschedule and will hopefully have announce the new date by the time you read this.

We usually use the Kick Off Dinner to begin giving out parts for Sisterhood Shabbat. Please contact Helene Moehlman (shmoehlman@yahoo.com 973-379-3756) or Leora Wiener (weorn8@comcast.net 973-912-0461) to sign up. We have all kinds of parts available, including Hebrew, English, non-speaking, and non-singing. We will also need folks who like to work in the kitchen to help with the Oneg and Kiddush. The event will take place on January 25th and 26th.

Please mark your calendar for upcoming Sisterhood events:

- The next **BOOKENDS** - Sisterhood's Book Discussion Group, **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 at 10 am**. We will be reading a book of short stories: "*What We Talk About When We Talk About Ann Frank*" By Nathan Englander
- **Wed. 12/12** Rosh Chodesh group
- In **January** we will have 3 sessions of **Israeli Dancing on Wednesday evenings**. Look for upcoming flyers with sign up!

Paula Touger



To contact Paula, email pdouger@aol.com

The next **BOOKENDS** -
Sisterhood's Book Discussion Group is
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 at 10 am
All Are Invited to Attend

WE WILL BE READING A BOOK OF SHORT STORIES:

**What We Talk About
When We Talk About Ann Frank**
By Nathan Englander

Englander is a celebrated novelist and short story writer who grapples with essential questions about modern life as a Jew. The stories bring us into deep thought about the aftermath of the Holocaust, anti-Semitism, war and Jewish identity. We will focus on a couple of stories for the discussion group.



The discussion group will be led by Wendi Weill, who brings her expertise as a college professor, and Debbie Liner, who adds a psychological perspective.

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP HOURS

Chanukah is almost here so drop by and take a look at our beautiful new chanukiah's, dreidels, games, gifts items and so much more! We have great gifts for children as well as the most discerning adults. Our hours are extended to accommodate the holiday season.

We will be open Sunday, December 2 from 10am till 12:30pm and December 3, 4 and 6 during religious school hours. You can also call Ilisa Perlman at 973 379-9275 to meet you at the gift shop during off hours.

Save the Date – Saturday, February 2, 2013

CASINO NIGHT AND AUCTION

Start thinking about what services you can offer and what items you can donate to the auction. Don't be shy, ask establishments you frequent and service contractors, you will be surprised at how merchants are willing to donate to community events. This is our big fundraiser of the year so be creative! A letter will be forthcoming in mid December outlining what is needed along with tax donation forms to give donors.

Contact Ilisa Perlman at IlisaPerlman@verizon.net or 973 379-9275 for any questions you may have.



MILLBURN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS IN FINANCIAL DISTRESS SHOULD CONTACT DOWN THE BLOCK

Down the Block pays bills on behalf of Millburn and Short Hills residents in financial distress. All Township residents who are struggling to pay a utility bill or rent, a bill for the repair of your car or home, or some other charge should contact

this organization. As long as you meet the eligibility requirements, Down the Block will pay the bill(s) on your behalf. The service is free and confidential. Apply at www.DownTheBlock.org or by calling (973) 943-1424.

MEN'S CLUB

By Hernan Wurgaft, Men's Club President

Once more the Men's Club Channukah Dinner Dance will be held in the synagogue's renovated space, and this year the party promises to be again spectacular. We will be serving a delicious gourmet dinner that our own cooks will expertly prepare in the renovated kitchen. The entertainment will be provided by the live band *Bnai Jazz* – a unique fusion of rhythm and jazz with a devotion to Jewish roots. They will have your fingers snappin' and your feet tappin' on the dance floor in no time at all. Also, we will be getting ruach from the Rishonim, young Israeli emissaries who are active in our community (see the Israel Affairs column). The Rishonim will present musical numbers, participate in the Channukah candle lighting ceremony, and mingle for all to meet. Finally, we will be congratulating and honoring the Men's Club Man of the Year, Craig Rothman, for his distinguished service and many contributions to the Men's Club and to the synagogue. The party is on Sunday 16th at 6:30 PM (see advertisement on the first page of this bulletin).



The historical origin of Channukah is the military victory of the Maccabees over the Seleucid Monarchy and the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem. It is tempting to exalt the might of the Maccabees and to draw parallels between it and the might of the present day Jewish people and Medinath Israel. The Jewish tradition, however, rather emphasizes the miracle of the burning oil and the symbolism of the lights in celebrating Channukah. When we light the Channukah lamps, we place them in a prominent window or near the door for the passerby to be reminded of the miracle of the holiday. The view of the Channukah lights also shows to the outside world the peace in the Jewish home and the yearning for peace in Jewish life.

Chag Orot Sameach veShalom

Hernan Wurgaft

Upcoming Events

- **Sunday, December 16th at 6:30 pm:** Channukah/Man-of-the-Year Dinner and Dance featuring the live band *Bnai Jazz*. See first page of this bulletin. For more information contact Josh Schor at jschor@aol.com.
- **Thursday, January 10th at 8:00 PM Book Club:** "Until

the Dawn's Light", by Aharon Applefeld. NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD WINNER (2012). For more information contact Ed Nadel at edward.nadel@credit-suisse.com.

- **Saturday, January 12th after sunset:** Game Night. Food, drinks, ping pong, fusball, chess, Texas Hold'em and more. Co-sponsored with Sisterhood. For more information contact David Sotnick.
- **Sunday, February 3rd:** World Wide Wrap – Wear tephilin with Hebrew School students. For more information contact Mike Slifer and Steve Chizzik.
- **Friday/Saturday February 8th/9th:** Men's Club Shabbat (Parashat Mishpatim) For more information contact Dan Richter and Dan Dovdavan.

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To contact Hernan Wurgaft, email him at hernanw40@yahoo.com

EZUZ

By Boaz Kimelman

To Israelis, the idea of an Israeli going back to Israel from America to do community service sounds like an oxymoron—which is precisely why it took me close to 30 years to decide to embark on an adventure and volunteer to work on a tiny organic farm in Ezuz. Ezuz is a rural settlement on a hill next to Nitzana, one kilometer from the Egyptian border.

I left Tel Aviv on Monday, January 9th at around 8 am and arrived three hours later. The drive was quick and the scenery was starkly different from what I am used to seeing in the U.S. and even in Israel.

Looking around on my way there, I saw nothing but sand and dunes, an endless and vast land with “nothingness” going for miles ahead. I was the only moving object making noise. Around me was this solid quiet, the kind I have rarely experienced, before or since.

My destination was the house of Avi Arazuni and his family, situated on the northern side of the hill. Upon arriving at his house I was greeted by one of his kids, a 12 year old boy with long hair and bare feet, signaling me to follow him.

The orchard Avi has built for the last 6 years is the center of universe for the Arazuni family. Their house is made out of old train cars refurbished and made to fit the life style. No chairs or sofa can be found. Inside the house you sit on the floor on rugs and there are some low cushions against the wall. The main room is both the living room and the kitchen combined. Most of the food is made here including bread, jam, and cheeses. The fruits come from the orchard, which has an amazing variety, from oranges, apples and figs to peaches, schesek, almonds, and more. The family owns chickens, two goats, and a donkey, in addition to a dog and a few cats. Avi's wife, Tamar, homeschools all four kids until high school. Avi's car is a good representation of his basic and recycled way of life. Everything in the farm is made out of recycled materials from housing to vehicles to curtain hangers.

The materials used for the orchard walls and construction are either natural stones found in the area or materials brought in from nearby abandoned air-force bases.



Avi's life philosophy is simple, effective and direct. He lives according to his own principles and will not compromise on any of them. He believes strongly in making his trees tougher by training them to get less water than usual. This same principle is applied to his own family members as well. Less makes you alert and eager for more. Even his cats are fed less to keep them alert and nimble in order to help catch mice and snakes and keep the area around his house safer and cleaner.

His connection to his land and conviction about how to go about his life are admirable. He is calm, quiet, and modest, insisting on making us volunteers comfortable and at ease as much as possible. “No rush,” “Take your time,” “Lo bo'er.” Quite a few times he asked me to take a break and look around, enjoy the scenery, notice the birds and smells and take in the beauty around me. Time does not equal money, according to Avi. When you take money out of the equation, then it doesn't matter.

The only thing that brings me back to reality here is the sound of the military jets practicing in the sky above us; an eerie sound that brings me back to my childhood and the fears I had each time I heard these sounds during the Six Day War.

This place was so enchanting that I didn't want to leave it and go back to “civilization”. There was nothing there and yet there was everything a man could wish for. My hosts seemed to always be content, calm, and genuinely happy. At Ezuz the phrase “less is more” is and will remain the reality.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Saturday, December 1

9:00 am - Emily and Rachel Kanter B'nei Mitzvah

Sunday, December 2

- 8:45 am - BBRS Kabbalat Yeladaynu
- 8:30 am - HGECC Book Fair
- 9:30 am - Adult Education ~ Introductory Prayerbook Hebrew with Linda Berkman
- 10:00 am - Sisterhood Book Review
- 7:00 pm - Adult Learning ~ Israel Film Series presents "Footnote"

Monday, December 3

- 9:00 am - HGECC Book Fair
- 9:30 am - HGECC Open House
- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class ~ Mystical Torah Commentaries
- 7:30 pm - Sisterhood Board Meeting
- 8:00 pm - Adult Learning ~ Jewish Giants in American Music

Tuesday, December 4

- 12:00 pm - Adult Forum with Cantor Lorna Wallach
- 6:00 pm - Chaverim Hanukkah Hoopla
- 7:00 pm - Adult Education ~ Reading Talmud with Will Friedman
- 7:30 pm - Rabbi's Class ~ Jewish Law & Custom
- 8:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 5

- 8:15 pm - JTS Hanukkah mini-series

Thursday, December 6

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class ~ A Jewish View of the Christian Bible
- 6:00 pm - Kadima ~ Mitzvah Madness
- 7:30 pm - USY ~ Hanukkah Casino Night

Saturday, December 8

- 10:45 am - Shabbat Journeys' Minyan
- 11:15 am - Yaldeinu
- 4:15 pm - Abigael Good Bat Mitzvah

Sunday, December 9

- 5:00 pm - Young Family Hanukkah Party

Monday, December 10

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class ~ Mystical Torah Commentaries
- 8:00 pm - Men's Club Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 11

- 6:00 pm - Kadima ~ Chocolate Chanukkah
- 7:00 pm - Adult Education ~ Reading Talmud with Will Friedman
- 7:30 pm - Rabbi's Class ~ Jewish Law & Custom
- 8:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, December 12

- 6:15 pm - Sisterhood ~ Rosh Chodesh

Saturday, December 15

- 9:00 am - Aaron and Sam Ehrlich B'nei Mitzvah
- 10:30 am - Torah for Tots/Hanukkah Program sponsored by HGECC PA

Sunday, December 16

- 6:30 pm - Men's Club Hanukkah Party

Monday, December 17

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class ~ Mystical Torah Commentaries

Tuesday, December 18

- 12:00 pm - Adult Forum ~ "Gianni Shicchi" (Puccini opera)
- 7:00 pm - Adult Education ~ Reading Talmud with Will Friedman
- 7:30 pm - Rabbi's Class ~ Jewish Law & Custom
- 7:30 pm - USY ~ Chocolate Israel
- 8:00 pm - BBRS Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 19

- 8:00 pm - HGECC Board Meeting

Thursday, December 20

BBRS & HGECC Closed for Winter Break

- 9:30 pm - Rabbi's Class ~ A Jewish View of the Christian Bible

Saturday, December 22

- 9:00 am - Joseph Blum Bar Mitzvah
- 10:45 am - Shabbat Journeys' Minyan

Tuesday, December 25

Office Closed

Tuesday, January 1

Office Closed

ISRAELI DANCING RETURNS TO CBI



- Join CBI for an hour of dancing and fun
- Review your favorite dances and learn the latest hits
- Open to all levels
- Instruction will be given by Leslie Gleaner (Leslie last led Israeli dancing at the CBI BBQ)

Dates:

Wednesday nights from 7:00 – 8:00
January 9, 16, 23, 30

Cost: \$10.00 per session / sign up for all 4 sessions at a cost of \$35. – preregister or pay at the door!

Checks should be made out to Sisterhood - please put "Israeli dancing" in the memo line.

Questions please contact Debbie Liner at goldenorph@aol.com or Wendy Weil at wfweill@aol.com

This program is sponsored by CBI Sisterhood and is open to the entire congregation

CHAVERIM

The CBI Youth Group for 4th and 5th Graders

6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

CBI Multi-Purpose Room

Weekday Events Include Dinner

Tuesday, December 14

Chanukah Hooplah

MPR

6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

**Immediately After Religious School,

Includes Pizza Dinner**

KADIMA

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

6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

CBI Multi-Purpose Room

Weekday Events Include Dinner

Thursday, December 6

Mitzvah Madness

MPR and Youth Lounge

6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Includes Pizza Dinner

Tuesday, December 11

Chanukah Party

MPR and Youth Lounge

6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

**Note Special Date; Includes

Pizza Dinner**

MILLBURN USY

The CBI Youth Group for 9th – 12th Graders

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Youth Lounge (unless otherwise noted)

Thursday, December 6

Chanukah Casino Night

Youth Lounge

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 18

Edible Israel

Youth Lounge

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Millburn USY

Ezra Engel is the President of Millburn USY for 2012-13. Millburn USY is part of the Hagalil, the New Jersey region of United Synagogue Youth, that consists of nearly 40 synagogues throughout the state. The Hagalil website can be found at www.hagalilusy.com.

One of the great joys of being in USY is connecting with friends across the state. These regional events are full of prayer, schmoozing, and ruach (spirit). This year, as President, I had the pleasure of attending Hagalil's Leadership Training Institute (LTI). LTI is a unique regional event, not only because it is the smallest, but because it's purpose is greater than simply socializing.

The purpose of LTI is developing leaders in USY. My fellow board members and I broke into different groups according to our position on board, and discussed ideas and programs to improve our Chapter, Millburn USY. This is the third time I've attended LTI, and every year, I'm struck with the creativity and effectiveness of the convention.

Right now, we're all gearing up for Fall Kinnus, the second regional convention this year. We're also looking forward to Hanukkah Casino Night (12/6), one of my personal favorites. I'm excited to see new faces and new members over the next couple of weeks. USY is important because it allows us to connect to each other, and each new member strengthens the network of Judaism and friends that we have created.

Ezra Engel

President, Millburn USY

CBI Youth Groups Membership Information

It's never too late to join the CBI Youth Groups!

Chaverim – for 4th – 5th Graders

Kadima – for 6th – 8th Graders

Millburn USY – for 9th – 12th Graders

We want you to become part of the fun, so please complete a membership form and send it in to the synagogue office. If you need a membership form, details about an upcoming event or have any questions or comments, please contact one of the following:

Aly Greenstein (Chaverim and Kadima Advisor)
aly.greenstein@hotmail.com

Marla Parnes (Millburn USY Advisor)
mparnes1@verizon.net

David Good (CBI Youth Committee Chairperson)
dfgood@verizon.net

We look forward to seeing you at the next event!

B'NEI MITZVAH

Emily and Rachel Kanter December 1 (am)



Emily and Rachel Kanter are seventh graders at Millburn Middle School. They are so excited to be celebrating their B'not Mitzvah with their extended CBI family. Emily and Rachel are passionate about their many activities outside of school, including travel soccer, tennis, and socializing with their many friends from home and camp. Every week, Emily and Rachel volunteer at the Horizon School, participating in reading, sports, and arts and crafts programs with young children with cerebral palsy.

Rachel and Emily share this special simcha with their parents Melissa and Eric and big sister Hannah, as well as their grandparents, family and friends and the entire CBI community. Special thanks to Paula Touger, Cantor Wallach, and Rabbi Bayar for helping them to prepare for their B'not Mitzvah.

Abigail Good December 8 (pm)

Abigail Good is a "life-long" member of CBI. From her Simchat Bat to her upcoming Bat Mitzvah, Abigail has grown up at CBI, first at HGECC and now at BBRS while also participating in the Chaverim and Kadima youth groups. Abigail will be the first to say that the highlight of her CBI memories is the congregational trip to Israel! Currently a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School, Abigail also enjoys all things artistic, particularly pottery, painting and visiting museums. She enjoys reading, fiction-writing, and taking a shot at THE NEW YORKER cartoon caption writing contest. During the summers, she loves the sand and rocks at Long Beach Island and being with her friends at Camp Schodack.



In honor of becoming a Bat Mitzvah, Abigail is partnering with the Art Creation Foundation for Children in Jacmel, Haiti. This non-profit arts organization works on a grass roots level to improve the education and personal growth of children, many of them orphans, in this small town where poverty and hunger are rampant and schools are in short supply. Abigail was drawn to this effort as they have a simple mission: Teach children art so that they may have a future. If a child has a skill, they will always be able to support themselves and never be a burden to their community. Abigail will be raising funds and awareness at the upcoming CBI Mitzvah Day in January.

Sharing in this simcha are Abigail's proud parents, Andrea and David, her sisters Lara and Alana, her grandparents, Susan and Howard Good, and her great-grandparents, Hilda and Howard Good. Abigail is grateful to her tutor Merav Bayar for her patient help in helping her prepare for this special day. Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar have been there for Abigail for many years and she is, of course, thankful for their support at this special time. Thank you, as well, to Janice Colmar and the entire BBRS team.

Aaron and Sam Ehrlich December 15 (am)



Aaron Ehrlich is a 7th grader at Gaudineer Middle School. He enjoys playing football, baseball, video games and tormenting his brothers. Aaron loves the football Giants and the Yankees. Aaron is very creative and loves working with duct tape. He has made hats, wallets and shoes out of duct tape. CBI is Aaron's second home. Aaron began attending CBI services with Torah for Tots. He has been a regular at CBI services ever since. Aaron would like to thank Paula, Cantor Wallach, Rabbi Bayar and all his teachers along the way who helped him prepare for this special day.

Sam Ehrlich is a 7th grader at Gaudineer Middle School. He enjoys playing football, basketball and baseball. Sam also enjoys listening to music and playing video games. Sam loves the Colts and the Yankees. Like his brother Aaron, Sam also enjoys tormenting his brothers. Sam enjoys spending time with his cousins in New Jersey and across the country. He looks forward to seeing them at his Bar Mitzvah. CBI is Sam's second home. Sam began attending CBI services with Torah for Tots. He has been a regular at CBI services ever since. Sam would like to thank Paula, Cantor Wallach, Rabbi Bayar and all his teachers along the way who helped him prepare for this special day.

Joseph Blum December 22 (am)

Joseph Blum is a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School. He loves playing baseball, basketball, and football, snowboarding in the winter, culinary adventures, and hanging out with his friends.

Joseph grew up at CBI, gathering knowledge and fond memories from preschool to religious school. He would like to thank Rabbi Bayar, Cantor Wallach, and Allen Herschfeld for all their help in preparing him for his Bar Mitzvah.

Joseph will be sharing this simcha with his parents, Steven and Holly, his sisters Lilly and April, his grandparents, Andy and Ginny Klein, family, friends, and Congregation B'nai Israel.



ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



Gil Hoffman Appearance at CBI Cancelled for November 4, 2012

Unfortunately, the appearance of Gil Hoffman, chief political correspondent of the Jerusalem Post had to be combined with other local events and held at the library in South Orange. However, although we did not hear him tell us his thoughts before the election, I read an article in the Post which he wrote immediately after the election concerning the United States - Israel relationship.

<http://www.jpost.com/Features/FrontLines/Article.aspx?id=291108>

The article is entitled "*Politics: Keys to positive Netanyahu-Obama relations – No surprises, no political interference, no daylight.*"

Included in the article is the following:

Assuming he wins the January election, Netanyahu is likely to go to Washington for the March 3 AIPAC policy conference immediately after the formation of his new government. His expected meeting with Obama there could be key to determining how they will get along for the next four years.

Dates to Put on Your Calendar

Friends of the IDF New Jersey IDF Tribute Dinner

Saturday night, December 15

AIPAC Policy Conference – Washington, DC

Sunday, March 3- Tuesday, March 5, 2013

Community Yom Hazikaron, Yom Ha'atzmaut Program

Sunday, April 14 & Monday, April 15, 2013

Israel Day Parade

Sunday, June 2, 2013

AIPAC Policy Conference March 3 - March 5, 2013

The AIPAC Policy Conference has an impact on the US – Israel Relationship, and unlike any other event, allows you to be part of the history of that relationship. If Gil Hoffman is correct, this year's policy conference will include the Israeli Prime Minister (either Netanyahu, or his successor),

and will be held as a backdrop to another President-Prime Minister meeting.

The message of AIPAC is the United States Israel relationship must be strong no matter who is charge of the two governments. It should be well known that AIPAC's focus is on strong Bi-Partisan support for the relationship, including both Democrats and Republicans. And the importance of the relationship is the same no matter which party is running the Israeli government.

If all goes well when the President and the Prime Minister meet, you will be at AIPAC to provide your support for that event. If there are issues or disagreements, you will be there to perhaps hear first hand from one or both of the leaders where they stand. I cannot tell you enough how critical your attendance at this event will be.

The Policy Conference offers two days of sessions – including panel discussions, speeches by leaders of both countries, in depth lectures on dozens of topics (you choose your session) as well as an opportunity to meet supporters of Israel from throughout the United States, and the world. And on the third day of the conference, you have the opportunity to meet with our own members of Congress, and relate to them how important the United States – Israel relationship is to you.

If you want more information about the conference, you can contact me, or visit the AIPAC Policy Conference website.

<http://www.aipac.org/en/get-involved/attend-policy-conference>.

5773 Rishonim come to CBI

In the last three months, we described the Rishonim program at CBI and included biographies of Inbar Sade, David Marder and Coral Levi. This month, we are featuring Adi Ben Harosh

For more information about this program, you may contact me, or talk to Lisa Lissner, (lzlissner@verizon.net), who not only serves CBI but is chair of the community-wide Israel Program Center.

Be sure to say "hi" and introduce yourself when you see any of the Rishonim in the building.



To contact Joe Tenenbaum, email him at TenenbaumJ@AOL.com

Adi Ben Harosh

My name is Adi Ben Harosh. I was born on the evening of Yom Kippur, September 16, 1994, and raised in the city of Rishon L'Tzion since then. I'm the oldest sister to Idan (14 years old) and Eynav (10 years old).



I have been involved in the Scouts, in the "Sorek" chapter, for many years. During 10th grade, I was a counselor in the Scouts and also participated in the Diller program. That was a very significant year and it had a great impact on me. Being part of Diller 3 was an important milestone and it influenced my views of my Jewish-Zionist identity. I also met many new friends from both Israel and MetroWest NJ.

During 11th grade in the Scouts, I was given the responsibility of being a "rosh gdud", in charge of a few other counselors. This year I was chosen to be a "merakezet", and I am in charge of all the 4th and 5th grade activities and supervise their counselors.

I majored in physics and computer science, and had to accomplish all of my goals at school as well as in the Scouts.

I look forward to meeting all of you, and I'm sure we will have a wonderful and meaningful year together!

Missing Soldiers

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

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

In addition, we should pray for the entire state of Israel, which is (as this is written) involved in military action whose goal is to put an end to missiles being fired on Israel's civilian population:

Oseh Shalom Bimromav, Hu yaseh shalom alenu. V'al kal yisroel, v'imru amen.

He who brings peace in the heavens, may He bring peace to us and to all Israel, and we say, amen.

Special Report

Included in this Bulletin, is another special report from a CBI congregant, Boaz Kimelman. Boaz shares the story of the memorable time spent in Israel doing community service.

If you have a story you would like to share about Israel, please contact me, and I will help you share your story in a future edition of the Bulletin.

One More Item

Don't forget to buy Israel Bonds, now available on line in smaller gift sized denominations. For more information, visit www.Israelbonds.com.

Joe Tenenbaum

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ADULT FORUM

December 2012

November was a very difficult month for many of us. The hurricane Sandy and the subsequent snow storm wreaked havoc with our lives. We find ourselves snapping back into high gear with Chanukah fast approaching!



Join at noon on December 4 when Cantor Wallach will present a wonderful Chanukah musical program. Her program will be a combination of teaching and musical performance. The Cantor always delights us with her breadth of knowledge about our musical history.

On December 18, we will screen the Puccini opera *Gianni Schicchi* following lunch at noon. *Gianni Schicchi* is a comic opera in one act by Giacomo Puccini to an Italian libretto by Giovacchino Forzano, composed in 1917-18. The libretto is based on an incident mentioned in Dante's *Divine Comedy*. The work is the third and final part of Puccini's *Il Trittico* (*The Triptych*)—three one-act operas with contrasting themes, originally written to be presented together. Although it continues to be performed with one or both of the other tritico operas, *Gianni Schicchi* is now more frequently staged either alone or with short operas by other composers. The aria "O Mio Babbino Caro" is one of Puccini's most well-known, and one of the most popular arias in opera.

Please remember to call the temple in case of, heaven forbid, more inclement weather.

Lois Dyer



To contact Lois Dyer, email her at penzoe1@comcast.net

ADULT FORUM Events RSVP December 2012



**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER,
CALL CBI AT 973-397-3811**

Cost: Adult Forum members \$10 per event, community participants \$12 per event. Events begin with lunch at noon. Make checks out to B'nai Israel, and mail to: Adult Forum, C/O Lois Dyer, 9 Hearthstone Terrace, Livingston, NJ 07039.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

I will attend the following events:

☐ **Dec. 4: Cantor Wallach's program. RSVP to Lois 973-533-1809 by Nov. 26.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey | <input type="checkbox"/> Corned Beef | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastrami |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roast Beef | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuna | <input type="checkbox"/> Egg Salad |

☐ **Dec. 18: Film-Puccini opera, *Gianni Schicchi* RSVP to Lois by Dec. 10.**

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The CBI Chanting and Meditation Circle

We are gathering Sunday, December 9, at 7PM in the Chapel for an hour of inspirational Hebrew chant and meditation. Our theme will be "Bringing in the Light," to mark Chanukah.

Come prepared to sing your heart open, dance your prayers, and let your spirit soar! No prior knowledge of Hebrew necessary . . . only a willingness to explore spiritual community.

SALUTING OUR SUPER SENIORS: RALPH BERKOWITZ

By Sheldon Greenholtz



Ralph Berkowitz

Ralph was a lifelong member of Congregation B'nai Israel, Elizabeth, until it merged with CBI in 1992. For the past 20 years, he has been a congregant here.

Widowed in 1989, Ralph was married to Audrey for 41 years, and is the proud father of 4 daughters, a son and has 5 grandchildren, including 3

grandsons and 2 granddaughters.

Ralph was a graduate of Carnegie Tech (now Carnegie Mellon) in Pittsburgh, and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, in the Pacific on an LST and as a commander on an LSM.

Ralph was a second generation printer, operating Berkowitz Press and Microtone Corporation, on Morris Avenue in Elizabeth with his brother Stuart, until he retired. He is an avid reader, primarily of fiction, including detective stories, mysteries, etc. He is a board member and past president of the Elizabeth Development Company, which promotes the economic growth of the city.

Ralph was a photographer aficionado, which served him well in the printing industry and in fact Ralph maintained a fully equipped dark room in his home. An Elizabeth resident for over 80 years, Ralph was Bar Mitzvahed at his Elizabeth synagogue, as were his children. Ralph notes that his Conservative synagogue in Elizabeth was one of New Jersey's pre-eminent congregations, under the guidance of Rabbi Gershon Chertoff and Cantor Morris Schor, at a time, during the 1930's, 1940's and 1950's, when that city was at the epicenter of Jewish life and commerce in New Jersey.

The Elizabeth Daily Journal was the largest daily paper in Union County, and North Broad Street was a business and commercial hub. As the demographic pattern changed, many residents and congregants moved to suburban towns like Westfield, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and elsewhere and Elizabeth became more inner city. This presaged the

membership decline within that congregation and its eventual close. This pattern has evolved in many areas as suburban communities expanded and people sought more living space, more amenities, quality schools, and what was seen as seeking a more upscale lifestyle.

We salute Ralph Berkowitz, a congregant and member of the Adult Forum. The merger of our two congregations was a fortuitous one, resulting in, among other positives, a stronger, more viable men's club, and a strengthened Minyan, and a more congenial, socially active and enriched congregation. Ralph is a foremost example of this happy marriage.

Editor's Note: Each month we will profile a Super Senior who is part of our heritage and history.

PAC

By Helaine Ettinger and Janice Colmar

Thanksgiving Weekend is the perfect time to visit family and touch base with friends. At CBI, **College Connection** created a Shabbat Oneg in the Youth Lounge for our college students to hang out and reconnect to their friends and the synagogue. This was a new program for the Programming Advisory Committee as we strive to identify, broaden and expand our current program offerings.

The **Young Family Task Force** has two programs planned. On **December 9th** they will be sponsoring a **Family Hanukkah Party**, a fun evening of games, singing and activities. Details are in the flyer that is in the Bulletin. All families are invited to join.

On **January 5th** — the **Young Family Task Force** is bringing back an old favorite CBI activity, **Havdallah under the Stars**. Plans are underway to meet at a local Planetarium for a fun Star Show followed by a Havdallah service. Details will be available shortly.

Do you have a programming idea? Or a social need that is not currently met by the Congregation? Please reach out to us.

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To Karen Tucker ~ Thank you for all your help in preparing for Alex and Sara's simcha.

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To Leora Wiener ~ For all the little things that were so big!

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To Henry Bloom and Helaine Ettinger ~ Mazel Tov on Shai becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

❖ Helene & Steven Moehlman

To Ariel and Mariela Dybner ~ In honor of Lucy becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

❖ Deena Bernhaut

To Amy Rosenblatt ~ In memory of your beloved father, Jack David Fromm.

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To Tracie and Nathaniel Feldman ~ In honor of Ilana becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

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To Sophia Sinins ~ In honor of your becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

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To Roz and Henry Brendzel ~ In honor of the birth of your grandson, Isaac Shalom.

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To Rabbi Bayar ~ Our thanks for helping Matthew prepare for his Bar Mitzvah.

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To Rabbi Bayar ~ Thank you for all your "spiritual" guidance in helping prepare Alex and Sara for their simcha.

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To Stanford Feld ~ In memory of your wife, Mimi Feld.

❖ Roberta Balsam

To Nan and Howard Greenwald ~ Thank you for all your hospitality during the storm.

❖ David & Andrea Hirschfeld

To The Feldman Family ~ In honor of Ilana becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Thank you again to Ilana for giving our community a lovely reason to be out on a chilly, powerless morning.

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To The Dybner Family ~ In honor of Lucy becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

❖ Andrea & David Hirschfeld

To Teddy Leff ~ In honor of your grandson Josh's Bar Mitzvah.

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To Jonathan Blatt ~ In memory of Roslyn Blatt.

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To Rabbi Helaine Ettinger and Henry Bloom ~ In honor of your milestone anniversary.

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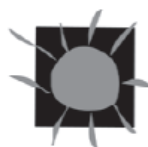
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