

# The Bulletin



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B'NAI ISRAEL

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

February, 2013



## Purim Fun for Everyone!

**Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 a.m.**

***A New Comedy***

***A King, a Queen and Three Evil Minions***

***Purim Shpiel performed by members of BBRS Drama Chug***

Written by BBRS Zayin student, Abigail Good

Directed by Madrikh, Lara Moehlman



**10:15 – 12:30 p.m.**



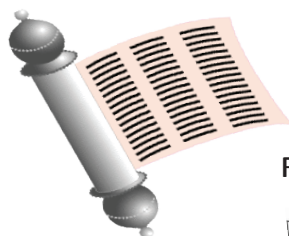
## Purim Carnival



For All CBI Families // Children of all Ages!

***Games! Raffles! Arts & Crafts! Prizes!  
Face Painting! Balloon Creations!***

Have a bite at the Shushan Café!



**Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**6:30 p.m.**

***Children's Purim Service (in costume!)***

Festive Family Oneg (in MPR) immediately following Service

***Kid-friendly activity & treats!***



**7:30 p.m.**

***Congregation Megillah Reading***

Festive Purim Oneg (in Social Hall) immediately following Megillah Reading

***Singing and dancing and music by CBI Band!***

Hamantashen, Food and Drink...of course!

## 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 (2/2 & 2/16)	10:45 a.m.
Yaldeinu (2/2 & 2/23)	11:15 a.m.

## Candle Lighting

February 1	4:54 pm
February 8	5:03 pm
February 15	5:11 pm
February 22	5:20 pm
March 1	5:28 pm

## Mincha/Havdallah

February 2	5:09 pm / 6:09 pm
February 9	5:18 pm / 6:18 pm
February 16	5:26 pm / 6:26 pm
February 23	5:35 pm / 6:35 pm
March 2	5:24 pm / 6:24 pm

## Minyan Rotation

Lakin – Lindauer	January 27 – February 2
Lipp – McCafferty	February 3 – February 9
McGarr – Neger	February 10 – February 16
Noval – Plump	February 17 – February 23
Podhoretz – Renner	February 24 – March 2

## Next Deadline

The deadline for the March 2013 issue is Monday, February 11. 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](mailto:lisar@cbi-nj.org).

## Publicity Guidelines

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## FROM THE RABBI'S DEN

By Rabbi Steven Bayar

The merriment, costumes and carnivals with which we celebrate Purim lead many to believe that Purim is a children's Holy Day. While it is true that these customs are meant to engage the child in all of us, there is a serious side to this day, one that is often hidden by the noise of drowning out Haman's name. There are four Mitzvot to be observed on Purim: (1) To hear the Megillah, the story of Purim, read. (2) To send gifts of good (mishloach manot) to friends. (3) To take part in a special Purim meal (seudah) and (4) to give presents to the poor (matanot la'evyonim).

The last two mitzvot, the Purim seudah and matanot la'evyonim, have special meaning for us. The mitzvah of matanot la'evyonim comes directly from the Megillah. Mordechai "recorded these events...the same days on which the Jews enjoyed relief from their foes and the same month which had been transformed for them from one of grief and mourning to one of festive merrymaking, and as an occasion for sending Mishloach Manot and Matanot La'evyonim." (Esther 9:20 - 23).

It is not enough that we recognize the transition from "grief and mourning to festive merrymaking." All the members of the community must celebrate, because the entire community was saved. It thus becomes required of us to make sure that everyone can share in the celebration. And the tradition specifically notes that money given to the poor for Purim is not the same of Tzedakah.

Purim reveals the strength of the community, those with and those without money. I am reminded of a teaching by Rachel Naomi Remen: It is hard not to see the person you are helping as someone weaker than yourself, someone needier...but we do not serve with our strength, we serve with ourselves.

Steven Bayar



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*CBI Band will perform at the CBI Congregation Megillah Reading.*



## MUSICAL NOTES

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

Articles for the CBI bulletin are always due by the second week of the month prior to when the bulletin will be distributed, so there is no way that Rabbi Bayar could have known in December how resonant and meaningful his January article about learning our values from our parents and the significance of telling and hearing stories would be to me -- as a result of the passing of my beloved father, Robert Wallach z"l, on January 1st. At the funeral and in these past few weeks, our family has been sharing memories and hearing stories about my dad from extended family, his childhood friends, his co-workers, and even from friends of mine and my siblings who interacted with my dad when we were kids. While the individual stories are different and special to each person, all of the stories illustrate several values by which my dad lived his life. Others speak of him as one who was kind, humble, honest, hard-working, optimistic, loved to laugh, always found the goodness in people and was perfectly happy to just be at home with his family. It was nice, but not surprising, to hear from others what I already knew -- that my dad was truly a *mensh*.



But the part of Rabbi Bayar's article that also struck a powerful chord with me was what he said about community -- our community strength is the way we care for others. We at Congregation B'nai Israel have a set of values that are the foundation of who we are as a congregation, and while I've always known that this set of values is a framework, and guides all that we do as a congregation, I've never experienced it so personally as I have in the weeks since my dad's passing as well as during these past two and a half years of him being seriously ill. The congregation's outpouring of caring, support and the desire to comfort me and my family during this most painful time absolutely uplifted me and continues to sustain me as I mourn. From the bottom of my heart, I thank each and every one of you for the cards and emails with beautiful consoling sentiments, the visits and hugs during *shiva*, the interest you showed in hearing stories about who my dad was, the generous donations made in his memory, the meals and food sent during *shiva*, and a special word of gratitude to all those who keep our daily morning and evening *minyanim* strong -- enabling mourners to recite *kaddish*!

Your concern about my dad, and also about how the rest of my family and I were holding up during my dad's illness, touched me very deeply. Your prayers for his *refuah shleimah* definitely helped in the times when his condition was critical. I also appreciate the patience and understanding of the many *B'nai Mitzvah* families in these last two years who had lessons with me rescheduled or cancelled when I was caring for my dad in New York City and often got stuck in traffic coming back home!

I feel so blessed to be part of this wonderful and special CBI community. I am grateful for the strength you have given me. I pray that we will all go from strength to strength

Lorna Wallach



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## In The Community

### Mazel Tov to:

Jay Perler in honor of your milestone birthday.

Michelle Sherrill on the Aufruf of her son Philip Sherrill and Arielle Nagler, daughter of Dr. Harris and Freema Nagler.

Gerald and Elizabeth Cohen in honor of their son Ben becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

### Condolences to:

Cantor Lorna Wallach on the passing of her beloved father, Robert Wallach.

Susan Webman on the passing of her beloved mother, Ruth Ginsburg.

Rich Kantor on the passing of his beloved father, Robert Kantor.

Mickey Kahn on the passing of his beloved grandmother, Assia Geichman.

Gary and Judith Dubro, Helene Moehlman on the passing of their beloved daughter and sister Paula Rockower.

### Refuah Shleima to:

David Most, Ginny Panzer and Joseph Siff

## Welcome New Members

Carolyn Rendell and Tim Callahan  
Brent and Angela Cohen  
Micah & Megan Gottlieb  
Dr. Arthur Perelman  
Sue & Charles Shapiro



## President's Message

By Linda Sotnick, CBI President

Hopefully, this bulletin will arrive before February 2nd and I can give one more shout out for this year's major fundraiser and social event: Come on out for our Goods and Services Auction and Casino Night! It is going to be a blast and if you have not rsvp'd, you can just show up. Thank you to Ilisa Perlman, Andrea Hirschfeld and team for working so hard on this event.

The Israel Affairs Committee's recent meeting; "Can we talk about Israel?" was a successful example of sharing of ideas. We all agreed on our support of Israel as our Jewish homeland, and discussed different programs that would help us connect more, sort through questions that come up when reading various media sources as well as openly discuss varying positions and opinions. We can read more in Joe Tenenbaum's bulletin article. What I want to emphasize is involvement — both regarding Israel, and Congregation B'nai Israel's vast array of programs in all areas. Involvement is what fosters connection to our Jewish homeland and involvement is what fosters connection to our spiritual home, Congregation B'nai Israel.

As bimah officer last month, I spoke about the plethora of events going on at CBI during January and February. So many of you attended these programs and the building was full of the spirit of congregants engaged in our thriving community. We had an "empty nester" Shabbat dinner, BBRS Shabbat dinner, family task force havdalah under the stars (off site), Religious services and alternative programming, party showcase, game night, Israeli dancing, youth group activities, Rosh Chodesh led by three generations of Israeli women, discussion group regarding Israel, our ever-expanding Mitzvah Day with Newark Boys Chorus singing. I am hoping that you are finding an area at Congregation B'nai Israel that speaks to you and helps you connect with this community. If you are still struggling with finding something that resonates with you or know of someone else who is not feeling at home, please let me know as I would like to help to remedy this.

To follow up to our efforts to ensure security, we now have a Safety Task Force that is evaluating our procedures and making recommendations to the Board of Trustees in this regard. Thank you to Art Fredman who is leading this effort and to Steve Blum, Bob Brauer, Jon Green, Michael Jurist and Michael Tannenbaum, who are part of this team. If you have an interest in joining this task force, please let Art or I know. We are off to a strong start, having met with Agent John J. McGarry, Risk Mitigation Planner

of Homeland Security, as well as Detective Andrew DeLarusso of the Millburn Police department. Thanks to these officers for coming in and educating us as well as to volunteers, our school directors, clergy, and administrators for participating in these meetings as well as in a webinar on security. You will notice some new practices put in place over the coming months. We do ask your patience as we continue to work out entry into the building when the front office is closed.

I want to end this by thanking Lori Katzman and her team for working so hard on Mitzvah Day. Our congregants are always eager for ways to better the world and Lori and the volunteers from the Hearts and Hands Committee expand the opportunities we have to choose from. In addition, a gentle reminder that we can all fulfill the mitzvah of making a minyan to allow our community members to say kaddish. Both morning and evening minyans often struggle to get 10 people. Please, take 20-25 minutes out of your day, if possible, to come by B'nai Israel on weekday mornings at 7:15 or evenings at 8:15.

Linda Sotnick



Game Night 2013

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# STEP UP FOR ISRAEL ADVOCACY SUMMIT

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## ADULT FORUM

February 2013

We have two exciting events coming up in February and hope that the weather permits us to carry on with our programs. On **February 5**, Chaim Lauer will return to present *An Introduction to the Life and Literature of Isaac Bashevis Singer*. Singer, who was born in Poland in 1902, was one of the great storytellers of the twentieth century. His writing is a unique blend of religious morality and social awareness, combined with an investigation of personal desires. Though his work often took the form of parables or tales based on a nineteenth century tradition, he was deeply concerned with the events of his time and the future of his people and their culture.



Our film on **February 19** is one of the finest I've seen. We will be screening *The Intouchables*, a French film with English subtitles. This is the incredibly moving true story of a French aristocratic quadriplegic, whose world is turned upside down when he hires a young, good-humored, black ex-con as his caretaker. Their bond proves the power that love and friendship can extend over all social and economic differences.

In conjunction with the JCC of Central New Jersey, we are planning a **trip** to Congregation Shearith Israel, the Spanish-Portuguese synagogue, the oldest Jewish congregation in the United States, and The New York Historical Society, where there is an exhibit on W.W.II and NYC on Thursday, **May 2**. The cost for this trip will be \$70 for Adult Forum members and \$75 for community participants. A box lunch is included in the cost. **See separate form to register.**

I would like to thank those of you who took the time to respond to the survey that was sent out several months ago. The types of programming that you would like to see are widely varied. They range from classic movies, foreign films, and current movies, to no movies at all. There were programming requests for talks on Jewish history and Jewish learning, as well as events featuring entertainers and lectures. Replies to the question of what would make it easier for you to attend include were having programs in the morning, in the afternoon, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Friday or Sunday afternoon. The main reasons stated for being unable to attend our programs were conflicting events and health.



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### ADULT FORUM Events RSVP February 2013



**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER,  
CALL CBI AT 973-379-3811**

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:

☐ **Feb. 5: Chaim Lauer, I.B. Singer Program. RSVP to Lois by Feb. 1.**

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

☐ **Feb. 19: Film, *The Intouchables*, RSVP to Lois by Feb. 15.**

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☐ **May 2: Trip to CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL (Spanish Portuguese Synagogue) and The NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY (exhibit WW II & NYC). See Separate Flyer.**

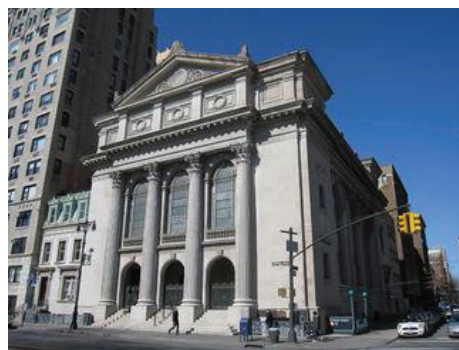
We are doing our best to be responsive to the input you have given us, and if any of you would be interested in joining our steering committee to help plan our events, you would be most welcome.

Lois Dyer



## TRIP TO THE NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY and CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL.

**Thursday May 2, 2013**



### **Congregation Shearith Israel**

Congregation Shearith Israel, often called the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, is the oldest Jewish congregation in the United States, established in 1654. The Orthodox synagogue is located on Central Park West at 70<sup>th</sup> Street. The congregation's current neoclassical building was occupied in 1897. Shearith Israel requires climbing 10 steps to enter the building and more stairs are necessary to reach the bathrooms located in the basement.

### **WW II & NYC at the New York Historical Society**

The Second World War (1939–1945) was the most widespread, destructive, and consequential conflict in history. WWII & NYC is an account of how New York and its metropolitan region contributed to Allied victory. WWII affected the entire nation, both those who left home to fight in foreign countries, and those at home who took part in war bond drives, and experienced rationing, blackouts, and shortages. Discover and explore how the landscape was changed during the war. Box lunch and docent tour included in cost.

**Depart:** B'nai Israel, Millburn- 9 am **Return** approximately 5:00 pm

**Cost:** Adult Forum & New Beginnings Member, \$ 70 Community Participant, \$ 75, includes boxed lunch at Historical Society

**Make your check out to JCC of Central New Jersey**

**Mail to: JCC of Central New Jersey, Attn: Barbara Weisbart, 1391 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ for May 2, 2013 trip number of people \_\_\_\_\_

For lunch, select one: Mozzarella and tomato on focaccia bread \_\_\_\_\_

Grilled vegetable wrap (roasted pepper, zucchini and eggplant) \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken salad on brioche \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

## PAC

By Rabbi Helaine Ettinger and Janice Colmar

During the course of the year, there have been many social programs provided for the Congregation. Last month's Havdallah under the Stars was a fun time at a Planetarium, which is one of the more unlikely places to do Havdallah.

On February 7th, sixth grade families are invited to come and create our next Torah quilt. Begun as a school project more than five years ago, today it is a program for **all 6th grade families of CBI**. This community building project is fun, and requires just a bit of artistic ability. Each family is given a quilt square to decorate. The squares are sewed together by congregant **Janet Pennisi** to form a beautiful work of art that covers the Torah for each of the children's Bar/Bat Mitzvah. New this year, we will be distributing a database of Bar/Bat Mitzvah Projects that have been done in the past by previous Bar/Bat Mitzvah students. The database may be accessed at **B'nai Mitzvah Hesed Project Database**. For more information on the Torah quilt programming, please call Janice Colmar at 973-379-1134 or cbiprogramming@gmail.com.

Rabbi Helaine Ettinger  
Janice Colmar



*Zayin class with Rishonim*

## TORAH FUND

By Lori Kleiner and Sandy Panzer

The theme for this year's Torah Fund campaign is Uri Uri wake-Greet the New Dawn.

As women, we experience many wake-up calls throughout our lives: a hungry baby, a child in need, a cause that demands immediate attention and action. Each one of us is responding to different voices and different demands in our individual lives, but I am sure we are all united in our recognition of the need to continue our loyal support of Torah Fund.

We are Jewish women and the Jewish education of our children and grandchildren is of primary concern to us.

1. Do we not care about the training of our religious school teachers who "transmit the richness of our heritage to our children and grandchildren?"
2. Do we care about the training of our Rabbis "who offer wisdom and leadership?"
3. Do we care about the training of our Hazzanim "who enhance the beauty of our prayers?"

If you are moved to action and want to ensure that our Conservative educational institutions survive and flourish, please consider joining our current 2012-2013 Torah Fund campaign by mailing your donation to Sandy Panzer, 975 Harding Road, Elizabeth, NJ 07208

### REMINDERS:

1. Make your check payable to TORAH FUND
2. Anyone donating \$180 or more will receive a Benefactor's pin in appreciation for their commitment.
3. For information concerning matching funds by employers, contact Sandy Panzer, (908) 352-1999

Lori Kleiner & Sandy Panzer  
Torah Fund Co-Vice Presidents



## HEDWIG GRUENEWALD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

By Rochelle Baron, Director

This month has fewer school days than others do, but is nonetheless full of activities. On Friday evening, February 1, we look forward to the second Preschool Shabbat Service and Dinner at the synagogue. We will be hosting an open house on February 4 from 9:30am to 11:00am for families to come and learn more about the HGECC program. The following week we celebrate Purim and all the fun that comes with this joyous holiday. School is closed from the 18th through 22nd, and then, as soon as we come back, we will start learning about Passover!



Since October, we have been welcoming one of the Rishonim who are visiting from Israel. Coral comes once a month and shares with us her knowledge of Israel, teaching the children Israelis games and familiarizing them with different facts about the country. It is a win-win situation: she is delightful and the children thoroughly enjoy when she comes to play



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**Rochelle Baron**



*Weiss Family at Havdallah*



### The CBI Chanting and Meditation Circle

We are gathering Sunday February 10th at 7PM in the Chapel for an hour of inspirational Hebrew chant and meditation. Our theme is gladness and joy in welcoming the merry month of Adar.

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.

## BLANCHE BAYAR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

By Janice Colmar, CBI Education Director

Welcome to Kamilah Clark who has recently joined our staff as the education office manager. Kamilah is the contact person for Shabbat attendance, signing up for special programming, school registration and normal day to day activities. The education office is open on Sundays from 8:30 am-12:30 pm; Mondays from noon to 8:00 pm, and Tuesday and Thursdays from 10:00 am-6:00 pm. You can reach her at 973-379-1134 or at bbrsschooloffice@gmail.com.



February is an incredibly short month packed with special activities for parents and children. Its highlight is **Purim** which this year is **February 23 – 24**. The annual **Purim Carnival** sponsored by the Parents Association will take place this year on **February 10** – preceded as always by

the BBRS Purim Shpiel which was written by **Zayin** student **Abigael Good** and directed by **Lara Moehlman**.

### Parent Conferences

On February 3rd and 5th, our parents will have the opportunity to meet with our teachers and discuss their children's progress. I always find this to be an exciting day as both teacher and parent learn from each other. This is a great opportunity for a parent to get in true detail about how his/her child is doing in school. The conference is not about grades but attitude, behavior and relationships. Although our slots are limited I hope that many of you will sign up and participate.

Janice Colmar



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## B'NEI MITZVAH

### Sam Feldman February 2



Sam Feldman is a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School. His many hobbies include basketball, lacrosse, video games, and hanging out with his friends. Sam is a devoted fan of the Giants, Yankees, Nets and Devils. Sam is thrilled to be sharing his bar mitzvah weekend with the Super Bowl. He will be celebrating at a Super Bowl party, as only a true sports fan would.

Sam has enjoyed volunteering through the NCJW Volun Tweens program. Each week Sam helps play and teach the toddlers who attend the Corrina School. He says the best parts of his visits are the hugs he receives at the end. Sam also interviewed a Holocaust survivor. The interview helped Sam gain a new perspective on the importance of his religion and the need to maintain the traditions.

Sharing in his simcha are Sam's parents, Cari and Richard Feldman, his brother Jack, his sister Kate and his grandparents Iris and Howard Lefkowitz and Rhea Feldman. Sam gives special thanks to Paula Touger, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayer for their continued encouragement and support in preparing for his bar mitzvah.

### Eric Von Bevern February 9

Eric Von Bevern is a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School where he is a peer leader and member of the MMS band and wind ensemble. He has been a long time student at CBI, starting in preschool when he was two years old. Eric loves playing and watching baseball and is a devoted fan of the New York Yankees and New York Jets. In addition to spending time with his family and friends, Eric enjoys traveling, skiing and spending his summers in the Berkshires at Camp Lenox.

Eric shares this special day with his parents, Beth and Michael and his younger sister Sarah. Eric would like to express his sincerest thanks and appreciation to Rabbi Bayer, Cantor Wallach and his tutor, Alan Herschenfeld, for helping him prepare for his Bar Mitzvah. Eric would also like to thank his teachers at HGECC and BBRS for supporting and encouraging him through the years.



## MEN'S CLUB

By Hernan Wurgaft, Men's Club President

Isaiah 58, verse 13-14 tells us that in calling the Shabbat a delight (Oneg), we rejoice in the presence of God. On February 8th and 9th, the Men's Club will have the joy and privilege of leading the congregation in the prayers and synagogue rituals to sanctify the Shabbat. Over fifty men will be actively participating in this year's Men's Club Shabbat. It is not only a chance to flex our singing, Torah reading, and liturgical muscles, but also an opportunity to further explore the extraordinary power of the Shabbat experience.



It is not surprising that the tradition has accumulated an immense number of sources, writings and commentaries about the Shabbat. One of the many stories that emphasize the origin of the Shabbat as part of the narrative about the Creation is attributed to Rabbi Shimeon bar Yohai, who lived in the first century after the destruction of the Second Temple: "After the work of the creation was completed, the Seventh Day pleaded: Master of the Universe, all that Thou hast created is in couples; to every day of the week Thou gavest a mate; only I was left alone. And God answered: The community of Israel will be your mate." (A.J. Heschel, The Sabbath, p. 51)

The expression of a loving relationship between the people of Israel and the Shabbat reached its pinnacle in the poetic work of the 16th century kabbalists. Yedid Nefesh (Beloved of the Soul), first published it in 1601, is a beautiful poem depicting human's passionate love for God. In Lecha Dodi, composed by Rabbi Shlomo Halevi Alkabetz in Safed, the love song is directed to an imaginary bride representing the Shabbat. Both pieces became very popular and are still mainstays of Kabbalat Shabbat services in most Jewish communities.

The sanctification of the Shabbat continues to inspire poetic contributions. In the contemporary language of American poet Ruth Brin (1921-2009):

*"After noise, we seek quiet;  
after crowds of indifferent strangers, we seek the touch of  
those we love;  
after concentration on work and responsibility, we seek  
freedom to meditate,  
to listen to our inward selves.  
We open our eyes to the hidden beauties and the infinite  
possibilities"* (Siddur Sim Shalom, p. 14)

At the family, community, and spiritual levels, the Shabbat has been one of the main tracks of Jewish life throughout the centuries. I look forward to your participation and to sharing the Shabbat experience with you during this year's Men's Club Shabbat. For more information contact Dan Richter ([daniel.richter@verizon.net](mailto:daniel.richter@verizon.net)) and Dan Dovdavyan ([dandov@yahoo.com](mailto:dandov@yahoo.com)).

Hernan Wurgaft

### Upcoming Events

- **Sunday, February 3rd:** World Wide Wrap – Come wear tephillin with students from the Hebrew School. For more information, contact Mike Slifer.
- **Friday/Saturday February 8th/9th:** Men's Club Shabbat (Parashat Mishpatim) For more information contact Dan Richter ([daniel.richter@verizon.net](mailto:daniel.richter@verizon.net)) and Dan Dovdavyan ([dandov@yahoo.com](mailto:dandov@yahoo.com)).

### Mark Your Calendar

- **Sunday, April 14th: Juan Katz/Joe Keselman Memorial Paid-up Breakfast.** Featuring New York Post sports writer Steve Serby.

**SPECIAL THANKS:** Men's Club Game Night (co-sponsored by Sisterhood) was a lot of fun for all attendees. Thank you to the organizers for their fantastic work: David Sotnick, Dan Dovdavyan, Steve Chizzik.



*Man of the Year Honoree Craig Rothman and family.*



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## Sisterhood's Message

By Paula Touger, Sisterhood President

January was an amazingly busy month for Sisterhood! We danced (at our four sessions of Israeli dancing), we sang (and chanted, at Sisterhood Shabbat), we learned (at Rosh Chodesh), we helped (at the Mitzvah Day), we played (at game night), and we cooked (and/or ate...at almost all of those events and at the Shabbat kiddushes and onegs we catered all month). Phew! I'm exhausted but really enthused, uplifted, energized, strengthened, edified, entertained, challenged, and nourished!!



All these January experiences could not have happened without the work and cooperation of so many. Debbie Liner and Wendi Weill organized and implemented the dancing sessions. Leora Wiener and Helene Moehlman are the logistical wizards who brought us Sisterhood Shabbat, with the liturgical expertise of Cantor Lorna Wallach, followed by the culinary masterwork of executive chef Nancy Weinstein, and dessert chefs Renee Kingsberg and Karen Tucker (and a host of wonderful shopping, chopping, and clean up ladies). Leslie McCafferty and Susan Stern are the movers behind Rosh Chodesh (with kudos to Lisa Lisser for bringing the Israeli Shlichot to CBI). Lilli Finker and Jennifer Glick ran our Camp Shutaf table at Mitzvah day.

David Sotnick and the Men's Club fellas organized a fun evening for everyone. Brenda Eisenberg, Jane Brauer, Janet Slifer and our terrific Kiddush team get the job done every week. Many, many thanks go to all of the above.

Looking ahead, February brings us a quieter schedule, with Rosh Chodesh on Wednesday the 13th, led by Rabbi Helaine Ettinger. Just when we are recovering from the craziness of January we will amp things up again on Purim on Saturday, February 23rd in the evening. Mark your calendars and get ready to have "lots" of fun (ouch, sorry!), as Sisterhood will be sponsoring a reception after the late Megillah reading!

As February turns to March in just 28 short days, remember to sign up for our Women's Seder on Monday, March 11th. This evening will combine our every-other-year Passover event with our hurricane-bumped Membership Kick off Dinner (aka Paid Up). Look for details in the upcoming flyer.

Last, we are actively putting together our executive board for the 2013-14 year. If you are interested in joining the Sisterhood board or helping with one of our events, please contact me to discuss the possibilities.

**Paula Touger**



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## COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### Friday, February 1

5:45 pm - HGECC Early Service and Dinner

### Saturday, February 2

- 9:00 am - Sam Feldman Bar Mitzvah
- 10:45 am - Shabbat Journeyers' Minyan
- 11:15 am - Yaldeinu
- 7:00 pm - Goods & Service Auction and Casino Night

### Sunday, February 3

- 10:00 am - Men's Club World Wide Wrap

### Monday, February 4

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class ~ Mystical Torah Commentaries
- 7:30 pm - Sisterhood Board Meeting

### Tuesday, February 5

- 12:00 pm - Adult Forum ~ Chaim Lauer
- 6:00 pm - Chaverim ~ Iron Chef
- 7:30 pm - Rabbi's Class ~ Jewish Law & Custom
- 8:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting

### Thursday, February 7

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class ~ A Jewish View of the Christian Bible
- 6:00 pm - B'nai Mitzvah Project Workshop

### Friday, February 8 ~ Men's Club Shabbat

#### BBRS & HGECC Winter Break

- 6:00 pm - Mens' Club Shabbat Dinner

### Saturday, February 9 ~ Men's Club Shabbat

- 6:00 pm - Eric Von Bevern Havdallah Bar Mitzvah

### Sunday, February 10

- 10:00 am - Purim Carnival
- 7:00 pm - Chanting and Meditation Group

### Monday, February 11

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

### Tuesday, February 12

- 7:30 pm - Rabbi's Class ~ Jewish Law & Custom
- 8:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting

### Wednesday, February 13

- 6:15 pm - Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh

### Thursday, February 14

- 7:30 pm - USY - Hamentaschen Baking

### Saturday, February 16

- 10:45 am - Shabbat Journeyers' Minyan

### Tuesday, February 19

- 12:00 pm - Adult Forum ~ Film: The Intouchables

### Saturday, February 23

- 11:15 am - Yaldeinu
- 6:30 pm - Children's Purim Service (in costume)
- 7:30 pm - Congregation Megillah Reading

### Sunday, February 24 ~ Purim

### Wednesday, February 27

- 8:00 pm - HGECC Board Meeting

### Thursday, February 28

- 6:00 pm - Kadima ~ Food Olympics

### Friday, March 1

### Saturday, March 2

- 9:00 am - Daniel Silver Bar Mitzvah
- 10:45 am - Shabbat Journeyers' Minyan

### Sunday, March 3

- 8:45 am - BBRS Open House

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## CHAVERIM

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

6:00 – 7:15 p.m.  
CBI Multi-Purpose Room  
Weekday Events Include Dinner

#### Tuesday, February 5

Mystery Party  
MPR

6:00 – 7:15 p.m.  
\*\*Immediately After Religious School,  
Includes Pizza Dinner\*\*

#### Tuesday, March 5

March Mitzvah Madness  
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

#### Sunday, February 10

Multi-Chapter Off-Site Event  
Rebounderz in Edison, NJ  
TIME? p.m.

\*\*Includes Pizza Dinner\*\*

#### Thursday, February 28

Food Olympics  
MPR and Youth Lounge  
6:00 – 7:15 p.m.  
\*\*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, February 14

Hamantachen Making!  
Youth Lounge & Kitchen  
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, February 23

Purim Ransom & Youth Lounge Drop In  
7:30 – 10:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, February 28

Bedouin Tent  
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, March 7

Mall Scavenger Hunt  
Livingston Mall  
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
\*\*8th Graders Invited\*\*

## Millburn USY

*Lara Good is Vice President/Communications of Millburn USY for 2012-13. Lara is a Sophomore at Millburn High School, where she also plays field hockey. Lara is a familiar face in the halls of CBI, now in her third year working at Blanche Bayar Religious School and a member of CBI youth groups since third grade!.*

Hi, I'm Lara Good and I am the 2012-2013 Communications VP of Millburn USY. Last year, when I was also Communications VP, we re-vamped the Millburn USY website. I am happy to say that it is looking even better this year. If you want to get a look ahead at our plan for the next couple months, or have any questions feel free to visit at [www.usymillburn.yolasite.com](http://www.usymillburn.yolasite.com). Last year we also set up a PULSE mass texting system that alerts members to upcoming events. And, our Facebook group is always being used. The newest tool in our communications repertoire is a Twitter account. (You can follow Millburn USY on Twitter @MillburnUSY).

But, besides how great all of our communications is working, I want to talk about USY summer programs. I have spent two summers with USY. And they were both fantastic.

Going into ninth grade I went on USY on Wheels East. On this program, I spent four weeks traveling up and down the east coast with 28 incoming freshmen. It was amazing! I made tons of friends from all over...some from New Jersey and some as far away as Vancouver, Canada. We visited typical sites like Niagara Falls, and Washington, DC, but we also went to wacky places like a Carousel Factory.

This past summer, I went on USY on Wheels Classic, which I personally nicknamed "Ice Cream and Amusement Parks across America." (I was on Bus B...the **Best Bus**, of course.) For this program, I spent six incredible weeks traveling across the United States with 48 other kids. We went all the way to California and back! We went to New Orleans! We went to Wall Drug in South Dakota! We went to Oklahoma City! We went everywhere! And, again, we went to those weird places that you will go only with USY, like the Cabbage Patch Doll factory and the Corn Palace. Personally, I managed to get ice cream in practically every state! (I think the best ice cream I had was in Yellow Stone National Park.)

Besides the sightseeing and the friendships, a USY summer program is about having fun while being a Jewish teen. Believe me, when I first heard about the program and how we observe Shabbat, pray at twice a day, and keep kosher, I was like, "Whoa, I don't think this program is for me." But my youth group advisors and former Wheelniks convinced me to go, and I had a GREAT time. Shabbat was fun because we got a chance to relax and spend two nights in the same place, and go shabbopping. (Shabbopping is shopping for Shabbat in places like Walmart; it's funny to see the looks of the faces of people when we all get off the bus and head in!) The praying on weekdays takes like ten minutes tops at a time. The observation of these Jewish practices just becomes a part of the day or week. And, in actuality, memories from Shabbat's are some of the best.

There are a plethora of USY summer programs. There is Classic and



East. There is also Mission Mitzvah, which is similar to Classic, but does more community service, as well as Pacific Northwest. There are also summer trips to Israel (Adventure, Adventure Plus, L'Takayn Olam) and several that go to Europe and Israel (such as Eastern Europe, Poland Seminar and Italy). For more information on all USY summer programs, please check out their website at [www.usy.org/escape](http://www.usy.org/escape).

This summer I am going on my third USY summer program, Israel Adventure, where I will spend four weeks traveling around Israel with other USYers. I encourage anyone and anybody to sign up for a USY summer program...because they are the best summers you will ever have. EVER!

Lastly, in addition to these USY summer programs, our regional USY group, Hagalil, hosts Encampment in August, which is a ton of fun. It is one super great week at the end of the summer where USYers from our region go to Perlman Camp in the Poconos, and basically have one week of USY summer camp. Encampment this year will be August 18-25.

I hope to see you at Hamantashen Making on February 14th and Bedouin Tent Night on the 28th.

HAVE A FABULOUS FEBRUARY!

**Lara Good**  
Vice President/  
Communications  
Millburn USY



*Kadima is the CBI Youth Group for 6th, 7th and 8th graders, this year totaling over 30 members. After last month's Mystery Party, several members posed for a group photo!*

## 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:

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David Good (CBI Youth Committee Chairperson)  
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**We look forward to seeing you at the next event!**



*Newark Boys Choir MLK Mitzvah Day at CBI 2013.*

## ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



### Can we talk about Israel? January 9

On January 9, about 25 congregants came to the Israel Affairs event, Can we talk about Israel? The group shared ideas about CBI Israel programming, identified ideas for new events we could sponsor, discussed many major issues facing Israel, and demonstrated clearly that we CAN talk about Israel together.

Suggestions for future programs included a discussion of current events from a variety of sources, guest speakers, working with other congregations to promote Israel, and focusing on promoting Israel for its accomplishments, rather than just as a source of conflict. We also discussed a goal of reaching members of the community who are not yet interested in Israel.

I want to thank everyone who came to this discussion. I look forward to developing more and varied events in the coming months.

### Dates to Put on Your Calendar

#### Step Up for Israel Advocacy Summit

Sunday morning, February 3

#### Tziona Hadassah Step Up for Israel Event

Tuesday, February 5

#### AIPAC Policy Conference – Washington, DC

Sunday, March 3- Tuesday, March 5

#### Yom Hazikaron Program

Screening of film, *Follow Me: The Yoni Netanyahu Story*

Sunday, April 14

#### Yom Ha'atzmaut Program

Israeli singer Noa, celebrating Israel's 65th birthday

Monday, April 15

#### JNF Breakfast

Wednesday, May 1

#### Israel Day Parade

Sunday, June 2

### Step Up For Israel Advocacy Summit February 3

The Community Relations Committee of Greater



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MetroWest is organizing a second Israel Advocacy Summit on Sunday February 3, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Last year 350 people attended. The purpose of the summit is to bring together a number of national Israel advocacy organizations to provide updates on current affairs and best practices on advocacy for Israel. It is a great opportunity for community members for all ages including students. The event is being held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Jewish Community Campus in Whippany.

Keynote speakers at this event will be Itamar Marcus, the founder and director of Palestinian Media Watch, and Michael Curtis, author of *Should Israel Exist? A Sovereign Nation under Attack by the International Community*. Dr. Curtis is professor emeritus of political science at Rutgers University. The Palestinian Media Watch describes itself as “an Israeli research institute that studies Palestinian society from a broad range of perspectives by monitoring and analyzing the Palestinian Authority through its media and schoolbooks. PMW’s major focus is on the messages that the Palestinian leaders, from the Palestinian Authority, Fatah and Hamas, send to the population through the broad range of institutions and infrastructures they control.”

These speakers plus a panel discussion will provide attendees with up to date information and with techniques to help support Israel wherever and whenever it is maligned.

This event is free, and open to the public. For more information about the Summit, visit [www.jfedgmw.org/summit](http://www.jfedgmw.org/summit).

### Millburn-Short Hills Tziona Chapter of Hadassah: Step Up For Israel Tuesday, February 5, 8 p.m.

The Millburn Short Hills Tziona Chapter of Hadassah will be sponsoring a Step Up for Israel event, featuring Elliot Mathias executive director of Hasbara Fellowships and chair of Step Up For Israel for Federation's Community Relations Council. This event will help you address attacks on Israel's legitimacy in the community and on college campuses; respond to false accusations and misinformation about Israel, and be inspired to speak up for Israel. If you are interested in attending this event, which will be at a Hadassah member's house, please call Jill Solomon (973) 564- 8887 or Karen Kahn (973)379-0639.

### AIPAC Technology Launching Event in NYC Wednesday, February 27

AIPAC is forming an AIPAC Technology Division If you work in the technology industry (technology firm, or

technology position), you should consider attending the event launching this division. It is being held in New York City at the Bloomberg Tower, on Wednesday, February 27 and features a speech by Dan Senor, Co-Author of *Start-Up Nation*, and a presidential advisor and political strategist. The cost of the event is \$75, (\$50 before February 15). If you are interested, please contact Scott Dubin at (917) 610-6331 or at [sdubin@aipac.org](mailto:sdubin@aipac.org).

### **AIPAC Policy Conference March 3 - March 5**

There is only a little time left for you to sign up to attend the 2013 AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington, D.C.

The message of AIPAC is that 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 partisan support for the relationship, including both Democrats and Republicans. The importance of this strong relationship was demonstrated in the recent war by the Iron Dome a defensive system designed by Israelis, but funded very significantly by the United States.

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. 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.

AIPAC has informed conference registrants that this year's conference includes many administrative improvements – pre-conference registration, more and better food choices, improved seating, better crowd management, and more staff to assist conference attendees.

CBI will have a sizable group attending the conference this year, and we would love to include you in that delegation. To register, visit the AIPAC web site <http://www.aipac.org/en/get-involved/attend-policy-conference>. Be sure to indicate B'nai Israel Millburn in the synagogue affiliation portion of the form.

### **The Next Emergency – Our Family in Israel**

One of the issues which was raised at our recent meeting was the need for CBI leadership to actively communicate with the congregation whenever Israel is facing an emergency situation as occurred last November. While we agreed that the IA committee would work to develop plans for rapid outreach and communication, we also discussed the importance of knowing what family we as a community have living in Israel.

I would like to again request that if you have family

(parents, siblings, children, grandchildren) living in Israel, please share that information with me, so that CBI can know who in our community is most closely connected with Israel.

### **Sar-El: Going to Israel to help the IDF**

CBI currently planning Sar El mission to take place durRemember to contact Art Fredman ([JudyArt18@aol.com](mailto:JudyArt18@aol.com)) if you are interested in participating in a Sar El mission this summer. Right now, we plan to leave for Israel on June 27 and return July 7, although individuals might be able to make their own arrangements and dates.

### **Pesach in Kiryat Malachi: An Opportunity to Help**

Since 2003, CBI has been generously providing Seder meals for immigrant Ethiopian families living in Kiryat Malachi, Israel. This mitzvah project is done in conjunction with Beit Tzipora in Kiryat Malachi, an organization



founded by Elie Wiesel and funded by money from his Nobel Prize. Beit Tzipora provides after-school programming to Ethiopian children and helps them integrate into Israeli society.

When we first started the program in 2003, we were able to provide food for 15 families during Passover. As this project has grown over the past few years, we have provided food for between 35-40 families each year. Through Beit Tzipora, we reach the neediest families in this community. A donation of \$150 provides food for one family of eight members for the duration of Passover. Please respond generously to Rabbi Bayar's letter requesting your support for this very important cause.

### **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](http://www.Israelbonds.com).

### **Missing Soldiers and Soldiers on Duty**

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

<p><b>Majdy Halabi   Guy Hever   Ron Arad Zachary Baumel   Avi Feldman   Yehuda Katz</b></p>
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**Joe Tenenbaum**



## SALUTING OUR SUPER SENIORS: BRENDA EISENBERG

By Sheldon Greenholtz



**Brenda Eisenberg**

**B**renda Eisenberg's life has truly been memorable, and inspirational. Brenda was born in Pinsk, Poland. Her father, a rabbi, sent Brenda, against her mother's wishes, to a secular Polish high school. His daughter would have better educational opportunities by attending that school, than the local Jewish school.

In 1941, Germany invaded Poland. Germany controlled the western half and Russia the eastern part. Because her father was a rabbi, Brenda was expelled from her secular high school. Her father then sent her to Vilna, 500 miles away, where he had a rabbi friend, to continue her studies. In June, 1941, Vilna was bombed and Brenda boarded a train to return home. The train was bombed enroute, by the Germans, resulting in many deaths and casualties. Brenda escaped to the forest, along with others. For the next 18 months, she lived in the forest, subsisting on scraps and whatever else her group could gather. Her ragtag group was advised to keep heading east, away from the Germans, towards Russia. They hid during the day and walked at night. 90 percent of the group did not make it. Brenda, with her innate conviction and resolve, said, "I have to survive....to tell my story."

They eventually emerged from the forest near Stalingrad. Only 63 people, from her original group of hundreds, survived. She remained in Russia until the war ended. At the Moscow train station, on her return to Pinsk, a cousin informed her that her mother, father, sister and brother had all been killed by the Germans, along with other Jewish families. She returned to Pinsk to visit the site where her family and the townspeople were killed.

Brenda eventually came to America to live with her aunt. She soon met Morris, whom she would marry, in 1949. They moved to Millburn in 1962. Her daughter, Robin, and her husband, Jeff Zuber, live in Warren, with their daughter Marielle, Brenda's granddaughter, now 14.

million others, believes she survived through God's grace, and has consciously dedicated her life's work to CBI and other Jewish causes. She has long been involved with Hadassah, creating the calligraphy for all the local chapter certificates. She has served on many CBI committees, and has been a board member for many years. Indeed, she holds the unique distinction of being a "Life Board Member," in recognition and appreciation of her lengthy service. A plaque outside the kitchen, where she has toiled tirelessly, recognizes her involvement in almost every facet of Oneg, Kiddush, B'nai Mitzvah, and the many and various events that symbolize her unwavering loyalty and dedication to our congregation.

The plaque reads, "The Brenda Eisenberg kitchen, named in her honor."

Although the kitchen was generously commissioned by the Yaris family, it assuredly reflects the feelings of our CBI family, who respect, admire and love Brenda.

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



*HGECC Pre-K's playing in the snow aka shaving cream.*

Brenda, miraculously spared the fate of her family and 6

## DONATIONS

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

### Synagogue Fund

To Rabbi Bayar ~ In appreciation of your help and guidance in preparing Joseph for his Bar Mitzvah.

❖ Holly & Steve Blum

To Susan Webman ~ Condolences on the passing of your beloved mother, Ruth Ginsburg.

❖ Harriet & Sheldon Greenholtz

❖ Ginny & Hal Wiener

❖ Howard & Nan Greenwald

To The Blum Family ~ Mazel Tov on Joseph becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

❖ Lillian & Steven Finkler

To David Jacobs and Janet Pennisi ~ In honor of Alex and Sarah celebrating their B'nei Mitzvah.

❖ Ann & Mitch Brown

To Tanya Helfand ~ In honor of Jake becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

❖ Ann & Mitch Brown

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

❖ Ginny & Hal Wiener

To Howard Greenwald ~ Thank you for all you help with the Men's Club Hanukkah Party.

❖ Josh Schor

To Lee Brenner ~ With deepest sympathy, you were an outstanding caretaker. Best wishes and love for a healthier and happier New Year!

❖ Shirley Lieberman

To Lisa and David Ehrlich ~ Mazel Tov on the B'nai Mitzvah of your two wonderful sons, Aaron and Sam. Wishing them a wonderful future.

❖ Miriam & Philip Levine

To Gerald and Elizabeth Cohen ~ In honor of Benjamin's Bar Mitzvah.

❖ Howard & Nan Greenwald

### Rabbi's Fund

To Rabbi Bayar ~ In appreciation of your help and guidance in preparing Benjamin for his Bar Mitzvah.

❖ Elizabeth & Gerald Cohen

To Barbara and Steven Brown ~ Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter.

❖ Leora Wiener

To Susan Webman ~ In memory of your beloved mother, Ruth Ginsburg.

❖ Leora Wiener

❖ The Kalmus Family

To Frieda Ostrowsky ~ In honor of your granddaughter's marriage.

❖ Teddy Leff

To Sydell Weiner ~ Wishing you a speedy recovery!

❖ Sheila Marx

To Susan Webman ~ In memory of your beloved mother, Ruth Ginsburg.

❖ Gayle & Steve Chizzik

To Debbie & Ron Fox ~ In honor of Sydney becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

❖ Sydra & Grant Miller

To Shiela Marx ~ Congratulations on the birth of your new granddaughter, Jane Lilly.

❖ Barbara & Sonny Meisler

❖ Sally Shotkin

To Rabbi Bayar ~ Thank you for your help preparing Abigail for her Bat Mitzvah.

❖ The Good Family

### Cantor's Music Fund

To Cantor Lorna Wallach ~ Thank you for your help preparing Joseph for his Bar Mitzvah.

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❖ Steven & Holly Blum

To Michael Kalet ~ In memory of your beloved step-mother, Rosalie Henriksen.

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

❖ Sydra & Grant Miller

To Cantor Lorna Wallach ~ You were so wonderful with Jake – thank you once again!

❖ Tanya Helfand

To Cantor Lorna Wallach ~ Thank you for your help preparing Abigail for her Bat Mitzvah.

❖ The Good Family

To Cantor Lorna Wallach ~ In memory of your beloved father, Robert Wallach.

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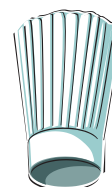
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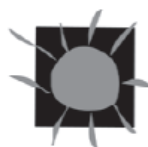
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