

The Bulletin



CONGREGATION
B'NAI ISRAEL

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

March, 2013

Rescheduled due to Hurricane Sandy!
Come celebrate as we honor and thank
Steve Brown (2005-2007)
& **Barry Allen (2007-2008)**
for their past presidential leadership.
Champagne Breakfast

Sunday, April 7th
9:30 a.m.

Full Gourmet Breakfast
Musical Entertainment
Please see ad on page 8



Join Us as We Commemorate
Yom Hashoah / Holocaust Remembrance Day
Sunday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.
at Congregation B'nai Israel

Commemoration of the Holocaust in Israel: Past, Present and Future

- Dr. Nili Keren, an Israeli born scholar and educator, will speak about the history of the Holocaust and Holocaust Memory
- Rishonim will share experiences of observing Yom Hashoah as young adults in Israel
- Candle lighting ceremony in conjunction with Men's Club Shoah Yellow Candle Program



Join Us as We Observe
Yom HaZikaron / Israel Memorial Day
Sunday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.
at JCC MetroWest in West Orange



Community Film Screening **Follow Me: The Yoni Netanyahu Story**

The compelling story of Lt.-Colonel Yoni Netanyahu, brother of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who was the commander of the 1976 rescue of hostages in Entebbe. Told partly through his own letters and poetry, this captivating documentary is an intimate journey into a young hero's mind.

There is no charge and the program will include a short memorial ceremony and sing-a-long.



Join Us as We Celebrate
Yom Ha'atzmaut / Israel Independence
Monday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m.
at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in Short Hills

Greater MetroWest Community Concert **Israeli Superstar Noa – Singing the Israeli Songbook**

Tickets are \$18 for students and \$25 for adults. Group pricing is \$18 per person.

We are hoping to put together a group of at least 20 adults so we can take advantage of this rate.



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 (3/2 & 3/23)	10:45 a.m.
Yaldeinu (3/23)	11:15 a.m.

Candle Lighting

March 1	5:30 pm
March 8	5:38 pm
March 15	6:45 pm
March 22	6:53 pm
March 29	7:00 pm

Mincha/Havdallah

March 2	5:45 pm / 6:45 pm
March 9	5:53 pm / 6:53 pm
March 16	7:00 pm / 8:00 pm
March 23	7:07 pm / 8:07 pm
March 30	7:15 pm / 8:15 pm

Minyan Rotation

Podhoretz – Renner	February 24 – March 2
Retik – Russo	March 3 – March 9
Sabin – Schneider	March 10 – March 16
Schor – Shapiro	March 17 – March 23
Shaykevich – Smith	March 24 – March 30
Solomon – Szerlip	March 31 – April 6

Next Deadline

The deadline for the April 2013 bulletin is Monday, March 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.

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FROM THE RABBI'S DEN

By Rabbi Steven Bayar

The central ritual of Passover, the Seder, takes place at home. The introductory statement of the Haggadah which begins the Seder is the "Ha Lachma Anya."

This is the Bread of Affliction our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come in and eat. Let all who are in need, come in and share the Passover sacrifice. This year we are slaves. Next year we will be free. This year we are here. Next year we will be in Jerusalem.

This introduction to the Seder is written in Aramaic, not Hebrew. This is significant because at the time of the Seder, Hebrew was not the spoken language of the Jews – Aramaic was. When the rabbis wanted to make sure that the participants of a service understood what they were reading, they left it in Aramaic. The rabbis wanted to be certain that the message of the Ha Lachma Anya was understood.

It is a humbling experience to know that your ancestors were "the poorest" in the world. Slavery is our origin which is why we have a responsibility not to forget and be sensitive to others. So the Passover celebration is a strong reminder of our obligation to help others in the same situation – because in the beginning we ourselves needed Tzedakah.

One observance of the mitzvah of Passover involves the giving of Maot Chittim (wheat money). These funds are donated to poor people so that they can celebrate Passover correctly.

The second important mitzvah associated with Pesach deals with ransoming captives. We are reminded in the Torah several times that we were "strangers" in the land of Egypt. God redeemed us and made a covenant with us. But we were not the only ones redeemed from Egypt.

We learn in the Midrash (rabbinic legends) that Rabbi Meir taught that "not only Israel, but God also was redeemed at the Exodus." Our Covenantal relationship with God teaches us that our God is one who experiences history with us. We were slaves with God in Egypt. Similarly, when we feed the hungry, we are feeding God. When we clothe the naked, we are dressing God. When we perform a Mitzvah of any kind, God is acting with us.

Steven Bayar



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MUSICAL NOTES

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

Following the death of a close relative, Judaism has very specific laws and guidelines for what is restricted during this period of mourning (30 days for a spouse, sibling or child; a year for a parent). During this period of personal grief, the mourner is supposed to avoid parties, celebrations, concerts, dancing. They can not listen to live music and, for 30 days, they cannot shave or cut their hair. Within each calendar year, Jews also have periods of communal mourning where similar restrictions are imposed. One such period is the three weeks leading up to Tisha B'Av (commemorating the destruction of the Temple). The other is known as "sefirah" or the 49-day period of the counting of the Omer, which begins on the second night of Passover and goes to Shavuot.



The earliest written source for these communal mourning customs dates back to the Geonic period (6th to 11th centuries C.E. in Babylonia). It appears that the first semi-mourning custom that was established for the Counting of the Omer period was to prohibit marriages, followed at a later date by the prohibition against cutting one's hair, followed still later on by the prohibition against listening to live music and playing musical instruments. The entire issue regarding whether or not music is permitted during sefirah derives from the Magen Avraham, in the Aruch Hashulchan, who writes that one may not dance during sefirah. Many authorities have interpreted or extended this ruling to include listening to any music, because dancing is closely associated with music. Others limit the ban on listening to music during Sefira to music that leads to dancing. Therefore, for example, since listening to background music when driving cannot possibly lead to dancing, a number of authorities permit one to do so.

Originally, the Counting of the Omer period was a time of great joy since it was the time when the Jews were counting down the days from the second evening of Passover to the evening before they received the Torah from God at Mount Sinai, celebrated on the festival of Shavuot. However, tragic events later on in Jewish history - including the tragic death of the 24,000 disciples of Rabbi Akiva who died in a plague in the weeks between Passover and Shavuot (according to the Talmud, this is the traditional and primary reason for the Counting of the Omer period being a period of semi-mourning), and later on the persecutions of the Crusades in medieval Europe, and the massacres of the Spanish Inquisition (1480-1492), the Crusades, and the Bogdan Khmel'nitsky pogroms of 1648-1649 in Eastern Europe, all took place primarily in the days between Passover and Shavuot, resulting in the Counting of the Omer period being a time for semi-mourning. The Holocaust is also included in this list of tragic events, although it occurred all year long for many years during World War II. However, in Yaacov Vainstein's 1953 book entitled, "The Cycle of The Jewish Year: A Study of the Festivals and of Selections from the Liturgy", the revolt of the ghettos against the Nazis took place in the month of Nissan and is included in his discussion of the Counting of the Omer period.

However you choose to observe this period of seven weeks, may it be

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In The Community

Mazel Tov to:

Ethel Rosenfeld on her 100th birthday.
Howard Greenwald on his 90th birthday!
Our employees, Ana Amorim and Rodrigo Santos, on their engagement!

Condolences to:

Wendi Weill on the passing of her beloved father, Donald Weill.

Refuah Shleima to:

Ginny Panzer, Joseph Siff, Sydel Weiner and David Most.

Mazel Tov to:

Janice Colmar, on being confirmed as a Conservative Jewish Educator (CJE) by the Jewish Educators Assembly.

Mariela Dybner, for being honored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest with the Julius and Bessie Cohn Young Leadership award.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone that helped with packing and delivering the Purim baskets! Your volunteerism and participation added to our success!

Alia Ramer & Stacy Merkel

We want to thank the entire CBI community for your compassion, thoughtfulness, and generosity toward our family after the death of Paula Rockower, our beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, and aunt. Your kindness has helped us through this difficult time. We feel truly blessed to be part of this wonderful community.

Judy and Gary Dubro
Helene, Steven, Jesse,
and Lara Moehlman
Marc, Daniel, and
Jonathan Rockower

President's Message

By Linda Sotnick, CBI President

Last month, Congregation B'nai Israel had the opportunity to come together for several wonderful programs, both religious and secular. Sisterhood and Men's Club Shabbatot were meaningful services led by congregants, some learning skills for the first time. Our sanctuary was filled with wonderful spirit. Rabbi Bayar and Cantor Wallach aptly pointed to these services as highlights of our yearly worship calendar. Thank you to Sisterhood and Men's Club for once again organizing these special services, to all the congregants who participated and to our Clergy for helping to prepare everyone so well.

The Goods and Services Auction/Casino Night brought out many congregants as well; our social hall was filled with energy and the sounds of a lot of people just having fun! Organizing such a highly successful event is quite a feat. Credit and thanks go to Ilisa Perlman, Andrea Hirschfeld and their team: Rabbi Bayar (who was drafted in the role of bartender), Barbara Brown, Steve Chizzik, Mariela Dybner, Tina and Mark Goldstone, Rich, Robin and Eric Jacobs, Karen Jacob, Elaine Katzman, Lenette Talpins, and last, but certainly not least, David Sotnick.

None of our events could take place without the help of our wonderful staff. Our facilities team: Bernard, Carmella, Charles, Fernanda, Paula (new to the team!) and Rodrigo work hard to take care of what is now, quite a big building. With all our varied programming, they set up our rooms, clean up, break down, set up again! Thanks go to them for their hard work.

I must make special mention of our wonderful administrative team: Lisa, Irina, Celeste, Ana and up in the Religious School, Kamilah. Our congregation is, thankfully, a vibrant, active synagogue not only on Shabbat, but every day of the week. Our administrators work extraordinarily hard to facilitate every single thing that goes on in the building. I have been amazed at how much they accomplish. Tremendous thanks go to our office team for stepping up and adding to their workload as our office goes through a transition period. As I wrote in mid-January, Jane Young left her position as Executive Director at CBI.

Lisa Roth has graciously agreed to serve as Interim Lead Administrator as lay leaders take the next few months to assess our office needs. Celeste Johnson, our clergy's assistant, has also graciously agreed to help in the main office as well. Ana Amorim is working extra hours, and Irina Polonsky is helping with all financial matters.

We are indeed, a very fortunate congregation to have such a fantastic and positive team.

I am looking forward to seeing you at services or at one of the many programs over the next couple of months.

David, Hannah, Elliot and I wish you a sweet Pesach.



Linda Sotnick



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Schedule of Pesach 2013 - 5773 Services

Erev Pesach (1st Pesach Seder – Evening)	Monday	March 25th	7:00 am 1:00 pm	Siyyum B'chor Mincha
1st Day Pesach (2nd Pesach Seder – Evening)	Tuesday	March 26th	9:00 am 12:30 pm	Shacharit Mincha
2nd Day Pesach	Wednesday	March 27th	9:00 am 8:00 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Ma'ariv
Chol HaMoed Pesach	Thursday	March 28th	7:00 am 8:00 pm	Shacharit Ma'ariv
Chol HaMoed Pesach	Friday	March 29th	7:00 am 6:15 pm	Shacharit Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv
Shabbat Chol HaMoed Pesach	Saturday	March 30th	9:00 am	Shacharit
Chol HaMoed Pesach	Sunday	March 31st Erev Hag	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Shacharit Ma'ariv
7th Day Pesach	Monday	April 1st	9:00 am 8:00 pm	Shacharit Ma'ariv
8th Day Pesach	Tuesday	April 2nd	9:00 am 10:30 am	Shacharit Yizkor

The **Siyyum B'chor** service for the first-born is held in gratitude to God for sparing the first-born sons among the children of Israel when the Egyptian first-born were smitten. It is conducted early in the morning of the eve of Pesach.

Chol HaMoed is a Hebrew phrase meaning “weekdays of the festival” and refers to the intermediate days of Passover. These days mix features of “chol” (weekday or secular) and “moed” (festival).

Yizkor is a memorial service that is recited on Yom Kippur as well as the final days of Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot. Yizkor, which is the Hebrew word for “remember,” asks God to remember those we mourn and to grant them proper rest. A Yahrzeit Candle is lit at sundown on the last night of Passover (April 1).



Friday Night @ CBI

Schedule of Shabbat Programming

March through May 2013*

Friday nights are always special at CBI. Our traditional Kabbalat Shabbat service at 8:15 p.m. is warm, friendly and joyful...a spiritual and embracing service followed by communal Oneg. Starting in March, we have added a monthly Friday evening "Early Family Shabbat Service," which begins at 6:00 p.m. And, back by popular demand, the always uplifting and fun Musical Shabbats...featuring the CBI Band!

Date	Time	Service
March 1	8:15	Kabbalat Shabbat with Discussion on Judaism in South America led by Mariela and Ariel Dybner
March 8	8:15	Kabbalat Shabbat with Discussion on Judaism in South America led by Hernan Wurgaft
March 15	6:00	<i>Early Family Shabbat Service</i>
	8:15	Kabbalat Shabbat
March 22	8:15	Kabbalat Shabbat
March 29	6:15	Chol Hamoed Pesach
April 5	8:15	Kabbalat Shabbat
April 12	6:00	<i>Early Family Shabbat Service</i>
	8:15	Kabbalat Shabbat
April 19	8:15	Kabbalat Shabbat
April 26	8:15	Kabbalat Shabbat
May 3	8:15	Kabbalat Shabbat
May 10	5:45	<i>Preschool Family Shabbat & Dinner</i>
	8:15	Kabbalat Shabbat
May 17	6:00	<i>School Age Family Shabbat & Dinner</i>
	8:15	Kabbalat Shabbat
May 24	8:15	Kabbalat Shabbat
May 31	7:00	<i>Musical Shabbat</i> with CBI Band 🎵

*Subject to Change. Check Friday Email Announcements Each Week for Full Schedule of Services

Millburn USY

Jennifer Jacobs is a freshman at Millburn High School. She is a madrikh at BBRS. Besides being a board member of USY, Jen is also a peer leader, sings in the high school acapella group Soulfege, and loves the summer.

USY is awesome! It is a group of people that who so fun to be around, and it helps me increase my knowledge of Judaism, too. However, I didn't think this from the start.

When I first joined USY, I have to admit that I was very nervous. I'm a freshman, and I didn't really know anyone too well. Plus, I was given the responsibility of being a member of the board as freshman representative. Being the only ninth grader, I was scared of the task of fitting in and holding up to previous expectations. However, this proved not the case at all. Everyone was kind and excited to show me the terrific aspects of USY.

Although I am still learning and meeting new people, it is great to know that I have a supportive group of Jewish teens to hang with at the unique and fun events. There are so many cool things I get to do and experience and still get to incorporate Judaism into it. I am so glad I decided to join this amazing group and I encourage others to do the same. You won't regret it!

Jennifer Jacobs

Board Member, Millburn USY

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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, 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

Thursday, March 7

Kindergarten Night

MPR
6:00 – 7:15 p.m.
Includes Pizza Dinner

Thursday, March 21

Hang Out / Pig Out Night

MPR
6:00 – 7:15 p.m.
Includes Pizza Dinner

Thursday, April 4

GaGa & Games II

MPR
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, March 7

Mall Scavenger Hunt

Livingston Mall
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
** 8th Graders Invited**

Thursday, March 21

Chocolate Seder

MPR
7:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 4

Bedouin Tent (with Rishonim!)

MPR
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

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Musical Entertainment
Contact Ana at (973)-379-3811 ext.10

Musical Notes

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a 49-day spiritual journey from slavery to freedom, from Exodus to Revelation.

Michael, Shira and Joshua join me in wishing all of you a zissen Pesach!

Lorna Wallach



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HEDWIG GRUENEWALD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

By Rochelle Baron, Director

We had lots of fun with the Purim festivities and are now ready for all things Passover!

The Matzoh Bakery will be here on March 5th teaching us how to make this special treat—the best part is eating what we’ve made. The children will be creating seder plates, cups for Elijah, afikomen bags, matzoh covers, haroset, and the preschool version of the Haggadah (an abridged seder in fifteen minutes). Passover lends itself to many joyful songs and dramatic play situations, all



of which we are looking forward to. School seders take place on Wednesday, March 20.

The PreK’s will be journeying to Morristown to see the Paper Bag Players perform “Saddles and Sunshine” on March 11. This special group of actors always puts on a fabulous show, and we are looking forward to this new creation by them.

All of us wish all of you a healthy and happy Passover!

Rochelle Baron



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



HGECC Purim 2013



The CBI Chanting and Meditation Circle

We are gathering Sunday March 10th at 7PM in the Chapel for an hour of inspirational Hebrew chant and meditation. Our chants this month come from the very special poetry of the Song of Songs in marking the coming Passover holiday.

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

Upcoming March events:

In March our minds turn to preregistration. We begin with a **Gan Open House** on Sunday, March 3 closely followed by the opening of our Early Bird Registration. Please look for our Google links shortly.

Passover in March

How do you prepare for Passover when it is so early? At BBRS we decided to start in January. Our goal was to send students in Gimel – Vav home with a scrapbook that can be used at the Seder table. This scrapbook will include copies of the tefilot (prayers) the students have examined; facts they have learned about the Seder and Passover; the story of Passover and Personal thoughts about the holiday. We are anxious to see what they add to your Sederim.

Israel at BBRS

In January the primary department took the early childhood Trip to Israel experience to the next level. Learning the map of Israel, making collages and finally participating in an Israel Map Human Board Game was a



fun way to celebrate Tu b'Shevat and make the connection to Eretz Yisrael.

In the older grades there are various courses to build on the basic knowledge. Morah Michal in Hey and Moreh Elie in Vav are both exploring the history and the importance of our Homeland. In Tichon, I am teaching a course on the mass waves of Aliyah to Israel including the present move by so many Americans through Nefesh b'Nefesh.

On Thursdays during davening, this is the time of year where I take the time to introduce our Vav and Zayin classes to important moments in Israel's history through movies and documentaries. Presently we are watching the *Raid on Entebbe*, which will be followed by newsreels on the Munich Olympics. In this way, we can discuss the struggle and the importance of a Jewish State.

Please continue this study as a family by joining the community for Yom Hazikaron, Yom Ha'atzmaut and the ever popular Salute to Israel Parade.

Janice Colmar

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Why is this food drive different from all other food drives?

The Four Questions

- **What? Passover Food Drive** – All items must be KOSHER FOR PASSOVER (looking for gefilte fish, matzo ball mix, grape juice, matzo meal – but all kosher for Passover donations are accepted). Donations will be brought to the kosher food pantry at Oheb Shalom.
- **Who? YOU!** Please buy one or two extra items when you are doing your Passover shopping!
- **Where?** Drop off your non-perishable items in the collection box at CBI
- **When?** Starting February 25th until Sunday March 10th

More Questions? Email Andrea Good at asgood@verizon.net

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B'NAI MITZVAH

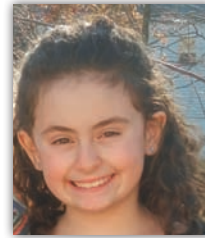
Daniel Silver March 2



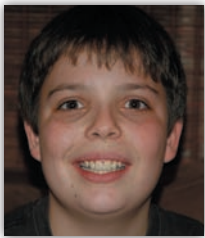
Daniel Silver is a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School. He is a die-hard Jets fan and also likes the Mets and Nets. He enjoys playing baseball, lacrosse and basketball, and swims for the JCC team. He loves watching football and is a very enthusiastic camper at Chipinaw at Silver Lake. His favorite place is Block Island, RI where his family vacations each summer. He loves being with friends, traveling, and playing piano. He has grown up at CBI, having started at the preschool, and has made some of his closest friends here. Daniel volunteers with the Shining Star program at which he helps teach sports to children with special needs. Daniel shares this special day with his parents, Linda and Ross, his older brothers Zack and Jared, and his grandparents, Ruth Forman, Lynn and Bernie Strauss, and Dollie and Norman Silver. Daniel expresses his sincere thanks to his tutor, Paula Touger, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar for their guidance, support and encouragement.

Amy and Jennifer Attias March 9 (am)

Amy Attias is a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School. Her favorite subject is French. She enjoys gymnastics and can often be seen tumbling through the house. Amy also has fun playing computer games and jumping on her trampoline. Jennifer Attias is a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School. Her favorite subject is math. She enjoys playing soccer and softball. Jen also likes to play computer games and read scary books. Amy and Jen spent the year doing small mitzvahs. Some of their good deeds include, participating in a March of Dimes Walk, buying books for underprivileged preschoolers, and contributing target gift cards for victims of Hurricane Sandy. They insisted on using their own allowance for all the events they participated in. Amy and Jen would like to thank Merav Bayar, Cantor Wallach, and Rabbi Bayar for helping them prepare for their Bat Mitzvah. They share this special day with their parents and big sister Stephanie.



Logan Ferdinand March 9 (pm)



Logan is in seventh grade at Millburn Middle School. He enjoys music, hanging out with his friends, football, baseball, snowboarding and skateboarding. Logan has been a part of the CBI community since his days in HGECC and is excited to be celebrating yet another milestone inside these walls. For his Bar Mitzvah, Project Logan became involved with *Music & Memory*. This organization provides music therapy to Alzheimer's patients in care facilities across the country through the use of iPods and individualized playlists. Logan is proud to be volunteering to help launch a *Music & Memory* program at Daughters of Israel. Sharing in this special day are Logan's parents, Wells & Tracy, his sisters, Sage and Olivia and grandparents, Valerie Delman, Norman Delman, and Mike and Martha Ferdinand. Logan is especially grateful to his tutor Gill Diamond, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar for helping him prepare for his Bar Mitzvah.

Avi Ramer March 16

Avi Ramer is a seventh grade student at Golda Och Academy, where he enjoys being on the middle school basketball team. He also enjoys summers at Camp Monroe and playing for the Maplewood Pop Warner football team. He has participated in many musicals at JCC MetroWest and was last seen in Little Shop of Horrors at GOA. This summer Avi looks forward to a family trip to Israel to celebrate his bar mitzvah again with family and friends. He lives in Maplewood with his parents, Alia and Daniel Ramer, and siblings Talia and Oren.



Jonathan Karlin March 23



Jonathan is a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School. He loves baseball, basketball, football and skiing. He plays piano, trains on JCC Metrowest Swim Team and enjoys to simply hanging out with his friends. He is an avid sports fan rooting for Mets, Jets, Knicks and Rangers. Jonathan started his Jewish studies as a kindergartner at Congregation B'nai Israel Hebrew School in 2005. He spends his summers at Camp Ramah in Berkshires, where he has made many friends and developed an even deeper appreciation for Jewish traditions and way of life. Jonathan would like to thank Paula Touger, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar for their help in preparation for Bat Mitzvah. Jonathan would also like to thank his parents and sister Rachel for their encouragement, love and support."



CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

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Dear Congregant: Sale of Chametz & Maot Chittim (Wheat Money)

The **sale of Chametz** is an integral part of the traditional Passover preparation.

Jewish law prohibits both the consumption and the possession of Chametz during Passover. Since it is virtually impossible to dispose of all Chametz prior to Passover, it is customary practice to arrange for its sale by an agent appointed by the individual family.

This is a legal transaction, which is arranged by the rabbi. By assigning the rabbi as your agent, you give the buyer all rights of ownership over the Chametz that will be sold to him/her.

After Passover, the rabbi, as agent, repurchases the Chametz.

The sale of Chametz must be attended to by Monday morning, March 25, by 10:00 a.m. For those who cannot see the rabbi in person, we provide a form, which must be filled out, signed and received at the congregation by Sunday, March 24.

Just as we are enjoined to remove Chametz for the holiday, we are also asked to help those in need celebrate the Passover correctly. We do this through the collection of Maot Chittim (wheat money) This year we will use monies from the fund to help the Jewish communities in Israel and Essex County.

The fund for **Ma'ot Chittim** is set up through the Rabbi's Fund at B'nai Israel. Money donated to this fund is earmarked to help those in need celebrate Pesach. ***Please make out your checks to the Rabbi's Fund (RDF).***

AGENCY APPOINTMENT FORM FOR SELLING CHAMETZ

I, _____, residing at _____

Hereby authorize Rabbi Steven Bayar, who resides at 43 Haran Circle, Millburn, New Jersey, to act as my agent to all Chametz that may be in my possession, wherever it may be; at home, place of business or elsewhere, in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Jewish law.

Name

Date

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HEARTS & HANDS

By Tracy Ferdinand

On January 21st CBI hosted our annual Mitzvah Day. This year it took place on the afternoon of Martin Luther King Day. Despite Millburn schools taking back the kids "day off" there was no shortage of enthusiasm and attendees. Thank you to the 33 organizations that came to participate on Mitzvah Day and all of the congregants, friends and family that supported the various activities, collections and informational tables. From donating shoes and books to making recycled bird feeders and getting your cheek swabbed, there was lot of activity and information being shared. The event was kicked off with a wonderful performance by the Newark Boys Chorus School. A special thank you to the Cantor's Fund for sponsoring their participation in our afternoon of service. A very special thank you and to Mitzvah Day chairperson Lori Katzman. Her enthusiasm, insight and meticulous planning were essential to the day's success. Thank you also to Janice Colmar, Heather Adelman, Lisa Roth and our fabulous custodial staff for helping the event run smoothly from beginning to end. We hope that all of you who participated found a meaningful way to make a difference that day and perhaps even found an organization you are interested in being part of on an on-going basis. Thank you for making it "a day on, not off".

Passover Food Drive - Passover Food Drive - Now through March 10th to benefit the Bobrow Family Kosher Food Pantry at Oheb Shalom Congregation. We will be collecting **KOSHER FOR PASSOVER** food items, specifically gefilte fish, matzo ball mix, grape juice and matzo meal. Place your items in the bin outside the synagogue main office from now until March 10th. While you are doing your Passover shopping please try to buy one or two extra items for the food drive. It is a really easy way to help the less fortunate celebrate and keep the Passover holiday. Questions? Contact Andrea Good at asgood@verizon.net.

Looking Ahead

April, 2013: Once again Hearts & Hands will be coordinating a community clean up in conjunction with Clean Up Millburn and Earth Day. This year we are planning to focus our efforts around CBI's property. Linda Silver will be coordinating. Details to follow.

Tracy Ferdinand

teferd@aol.com

SAR EL TRIP TO ISRAEL

JUNE 27-JULY 6

So, you've toured and visited Israel. Now, see Israel from the 'inside' - from the viewpoint of a Sar El (Service for Israel) volunteer on a military base somewhere in Israel. Provide priceless service and learn more about the IDF, always on guard to protect the Jewish State. Meet these soldiers on a base and work, eat, and interact with them.

Sar El is a 30-year-old international volunteer organization which enables thousands of volunteers, annually, to experience Israel from a very special vantage. By the way, if you have never been to Israel, this is a great initial experience, combining active volunteerism with touring.

This will be our fourth Congregation B'nai Israel trip, where members and guests generally tour prior to and after the military experience. First, we will spend 1 1/2 days in Tel Aviv, then, from June 30 - July 4, perform service on a base. Afterwards, we will relax at a mutually agreed city or site. On Saturday, July 6, we will take a late night flight back for a return early Sunday, July 7.

Also, quite often, participants spin off onto their own schedules. They may land earlier than June 27 and stay later than July 6. It's up to each individual if he/she wants to travel together with the group or to spend additional time on individual tours, adventures, or visits with friends and relatives.

Interested? Anyone from 18 and up is eligible. Maximum will be 10.

Call '4-timer' Art Fredman: 973-714-7694 or judart18@aol.com

RSVP by March 30, 2013 at the very latest.



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Contact Ana at anaa@cbi-nj.org
or call 973-379-3811



April 17

The Land's Sabbath: The Purpose of Exile in the Holiness Code

Dr. Barat Ellman
Jewish Theological Seminary

April 24

Shifting Landscapes, Memory and Torah

Dr. Tamar Jacobowitz
Hartman Institute of North America

May 1

"How Do I Love Thee? Let Me Count the Ways": The Land of Israel Through a Medieval Jewish Lens

David Wachtel
Jewish Theological Seminary

May 8

Zionism and the Rhetoric of Return

Dr. Alisa Braun
Jewish Theological Seminary

May 22

Rabbi's Session

Rabbi Steven Bayar
Congregation Bnai Israel

Location:

Congregation B'nai Israel
160 Millburn Avenue
Millburn, NJ 07041



MEN'S CLUB

By Hernan Wurgaft, Men's Club President

The little child understood that he had a special role as the youngest – and only boy - among the grandchildren. He was proud and a little nervous. The Zaide solemnly presided over more than forty people attending the Seder: the child's parents and sisters, the married aunts and their families, the single uncles, relatives from Buenos Aires in search of work or a spouse, neighbors and friends from the years at the agricultural colony and some even from the old country. The Bubbe diligently directed the serving of the delicious meal that she had expertly cooked: home-made chrain; charoset as in her mother's old recipe; gefilte fish made with corvina from the Pacific Ocean; the chicken from the backyard roost that had been ritually sacrificed in the morning. The traditional Ashkenazi pronunciation of Hebrew words from the grown-ups reading the Haggadah did not sound anything like the lessons the child and his sisters had been learning from a moreh from Eretz Israel. But when the time came for the fir kashes, the child chanted loud and clear, and the Zaide, visibly moved, commended him saying that he had sung better even than a chazzan.

The child in this story is my father and this is a memory that he told me from the early 1940s when the family had already been established in Santiago for over twenty years and had climbed out from deep poverty through the industrious efforts of my grandfather. I've received no memories about previous Seders, at the colony where my grandfather grew up as a Jewish gaucho - and that was lost to flooding - or at the village on the Dniester River - which, as heard by my father, my great-grandfather swam across on hot summer days - or at previous places altogether forgotten. I can only imagine how they dimmed the lights, set another place at the table, served a special glass of wine, and opened the door for Elijah to come in, as they did at my father's first Manishtana Seder. And I can only imagine their voices - still resounding in my father's head - telling the story of liberation from slavery and singing Avadim Ainu, Dayeinu and Hadgadiah. But I don't need to imagine the faith and dignity of those prior generations that celebrated Passover before my time. They live strong in me as my family and I continue the traditions of the Seder.

Chag Pesach Sameach.



Hernan Wurgaft

Upcoming Events

- **March:** Passover Wine Sale. For more information contact Michael Jurist at Michael.jurist@verizon.net.
- **Sunday, April 7:** Yom Hashoah/Holocaust Remembrance Day at CBI. Candlelighting Ceremony in conjunction with Men's Club Shoah Yellow Candle Program For more information contact Jerry Weiss at jerryweiss@aol.com.

Mark Your Calendar

- **Monday, March 11:** Board Meeting open to all members. For more information contact Hernan Wurgaft hernanw40@yahoo.com.
- **Sunday, April 14th: Juan Katz/Joe Keselman Memorial Paid-up Breakfast.** Featuring New York Post sports writer Steve Serby.
- **Sunday, April 28th:** Lag B'Omer Picnic.

SPECIAL THANKS and CONGRATULATIONS: The stormy weather did not stop us from having a memorable Men's Club Shabbat! Thank you to Dan Richter, Dan Dovdovany and Henry Bloom for organizing a fantastic Shabbat program. Thank you to our chefs Nahum Burstein and David Touger for the delicious Friday dinner, and to Howard Greenwald and Henry Brendzel for the Saturday Kiddush. Thank you and congratulations to all participants in the services and everyone who helped.



Save the Date! –

CBI Lag B'Omer Picnic at
Meadowbrook Country Day Camp
Sunday afternoon , April 28.



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

Sisterhood's Message

By Paula Touger, Sisterhood President

2013 is a Women's Seder year! We only have them every other year so don't miss it this timely event on Monday March 11 at 6:30 pm!

This year's seder will be extra special because we are "combining" it with our annual kick off dinner (aka paid up) which was postponed, deferred, delayed, on hold or just plain interrupted due to Hurricane Sandy back in October. This means that the Seder will be free to Sisterhood members (just like paid up)!

The postponement of our paid up event left many without a chance to join Sisterhood. If you haven't paid your dues yet just send a check for \$36, made out to Sisterhood, to the synagogue. Not sure if you paid yet? Contact me or Lisa Ehrlich (lisa.ehrlich@comcast.net).

The theme of this year's Seder, which will be led by our own Cantor Lorna Wallach, is **Women's Journeys/Women at Seders Past**. We encourage you to bring in a story of a woman in your family's past who made an important journey (immigration) to freedom or think of a woman family member who was important to you and bring in a memory of her at family seders. If you don't have a story, it's not a problem; come and hear the fascinating tales of your fellow Sisterhood members! Above all it's a Seder, so come and get some great ideas that you might like to use in your own home this year.

Another reason to attend the 2013 Women's seder is the



food! This year our seder will be catered by *CELEBRATIONS KOSHER CATERING*. This company, new to CBI's list of caterers, has planned a tantalizing menu for our event. You may have heard of *Celebrations* as they have done events at the Five star Short Hills Hilton and other venues. If you are planning a simcha at CBI in the future, this is a great opportunity to try out their cuisine!

To RSVP for the seder please contact Jennifer Glick (glickcorwin@msn.com or 973-912-6993). You can also let Jennifer know if you would like to help with set up or shopping.

Beyond Passover, Sisterhood continues with Rosh Chodesh on April 11 and our next book review on April 30th. As our board begins to plan for next year I invite all of you to be contributors to the future of Sisterhood. We are always looking for new faces to become involved. Whether your interest is religious, educational, social, culinary, literary or political we have ways to involve you in Sisterhood that can be a larger or smaller time commitment, depending on your schedule. We even have a way to get involved if your passion is shopping!

Please contact me if you'd like to hear more details.

Wishing you a zissen (sweet) Pesach!

Paula Touger



To contact Paula, email pd touger@aol.com

Sisterhood Gift Shop

The Sisterhood Gift Shop will be open for all of your Passover needs. Come see the many new items and gifts we have on display from Afikomen bags to Miriam and Eliyahu cups, Matzah and Seder plates, host/hostess gifts and so much more.

Hours of operation – Sunday, March 3rd, 10AM - Noon, Monday, March 11th, 6PM - 6:30PM (just before the Women's Seder), and Sunday, March 17th 10am – Noon. The first Seder is Monday, March 25th. You can always call Ilisa Perlman at 973 379-9275 to make an appointment during off hours.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Friday, March 1

8:15 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat

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 for Gan (kindergarten)

Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

- 12:00 pm - Adult Forum ~ Film: Bernie
- 6:00 pm - Chaverim ~ March Mitzvah Madness
- 7:00 pm - Reading Talmud: The Stubborn & Rebellious Son
- 7:30 pm - Rabbi's Class ~ Jewish Law & Custom
- 8:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 7

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class ~ A Jewish View of the Christian Bible
- 6:00 pm - Kadima ~ Kindergarten Night

Friday, March 8

- 8:15 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, March 9

- 9:00 am - Amy & Jennifer Attias B'not Mitzvah
- 6:15 pm - Logan Ferdinand Bar Mitzvah

Sunday, March 10

- 8:45 am - BBRS Kabbalat Siddur
- 7:00 pm - Chanting and Meditation Group
- 8:00 pm - Israel Film Series

Monday, March 11

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class ~ Mystical Torah Commentaries
- 6:30 pm - Sisterhood Seder
- 8:00 pm - Men's Club Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 12

- 7:00 pm - Reading Talmud: The Stubborn & Rebellious Son
- 7:30 pm - Rabbi's Class ~ Jewish Law & Custom
- 8:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, March 14

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

Friday, March 15

- 5:45 pm - Early Family Shabbat Service
- 8:15 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, March 16

- 9:00 am - Avi Ramer Bar Mitzvah

Sunday, March 17

- 8:45 am - BBRS Primary Passover Program

Monday, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 19

- 12:00 pm - Adult Forum ~ Betty Levin - The Wisdom of Aging
- 7:00 pm - Reading Talmud: The Stubborn & Rebellious Son
- 7:30 pm - Rabbi's Class ~ Jewish Law & Custom

Wednesday, March 20

- 8:00 pm - HGECC Board Meeting

Thursday, March 21

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class ~ A Jewish View of the Christian Bible
- 6:00 pm - Kadima ~ Hang Out / Pig Out Night
- 7:30 pm - USY ~ Chocolate Seder
- 8:00 pm - BBRS Board Meeting

Friday, March 22

8:15 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, March 23

- 9:00 am - Jonathan Karlin Bar Mitzvah
- 10:45 am - Shabbat Journeyers' Minyan
- 11:15 am - Yaldeinu

Monday, March 25 - Erev Pesach

Office closes at noon

- 7:00 am - Siyyum B'chor
- 1:00 pm - Mincha

Tuesday, March 26 - 1st Day Pesach

Office, HGECC and BBRS closed

- 9:00 am - Shacharit
- 12:30 pm - Mincha

Wednesday, March 27 - 2nd Day Pesach

Office and HGECC closed

- 9:00 am - Shacharit
- 8:00 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv

Thursday, March 28

- 7:00 am - Shacharit
- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class ~ A Jewish View of the Christian Bible
- 8:00 pm - Ma'ariv

Friday, March 29

- 7:00 am - Shacharit
- 6:00 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv

Saturday, March 30 - No Jr. Congregation

- 9:00 am - Shacharit

Sunday, March 31

- 8:30 am - Shacharit
- 7:00 pm - Ma'ariv

Monday, April 1 - 7th Day Pesach

Office, HGECC and BBRS Closed

- 9:00 am - Shacharit
- 8:00 pm - Ma'ariv

Tuesday, April 2 - 8th Day Pesach

Office, HGECC and BBRS Closed

- 9:00 am - Shacharit
- 10:30 am - Yizkor

ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



Summer in Israel ? Opportunities for young adults

Our local Federation helps provide Israel summer opportunities for students and young adults- Please share these opportunities with your family members to help them visit

Israel. Recruitment for these programs is in full swing!

Birthright – Greater MetroWest is planning to have three summer buses: May, June and July. Registration opened during February for both returning and new applicants. In addition, the Jewish National Fund with Shorashim Travel sponsors additional Birthright buses throughout the summer. If you have a student who wishes to travel on Birthright, and registers with the main Birthright site, you can provide Lisa Lisser with their name, and they will be placed on a priority list

Onward Israel Negev Fellowships - After a successful first year, we are recruiting now for summer 2013. Spread the word: we are looking for 20 talented young adults, ages 19-26, This six-week program focuses on economic development in the Negev. Participants will live in apartments in Arad, and have mentorships in areas of their choice. Program cost is only \$360 for six weeks June 16 – July 25 (participants pay for their own air travel).

Keifiada (Ages 19 – 24) English summer camp in Ofakim and Arad - We are looking for five counselors for Ofakim and eight counselors for Arad who have experience as camp counselors for staffing our English summer camp in Ofakim for three weeks during July 2013. Cost: \$600 (including flight and full board)

Cherkassy Ukraine (Ages 19 – 24) is looking for 3-4 counselors to work with Israeli and Ukrainian counselors at the Jewish family camp. The program starts with training in Israel, then 10 days at the camp in Ukraine, and then back to Israel. Cost is \$300 (including flight and full board).

Please get the word out by sharing this link with your family and friends:



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

<http://jfedgmw.org/page.aspx?id=253021>

For more information on these programs, contact Lisa Lisser at Lzlisser@verizon.net or (973) 896-3816.

Dates for Your Calendar

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, 2013

The Step Up for Israel Summit held last month was a wonderful opportunity to listen to many different versions of pro-Israel advocacy. At this point, I want to make you aware of just one - Itamar Marcus, the founder and Director of Palestinian Media Watch, described how government sponsored media and education within the West Bank demonize Israel. For more information about this activity, visit <http://www.palwatch.org/>

AIPAC Policy Conference March 3 - March 5

As this Bulletin is being published, CBI delegates to the Policy Conference are ready for an event that will offer knowledge and inspiration and Celebrate 65 Years of US Israeli friendship. 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 Bi-Partisan support for the relationship, including both Democrats and Republicans.

After attending the Policy Conference, your fellow congregants will have experienced three days of hearing US and Israeli political leaders, scholars and journalists addressing the most important issues facing the US Israel relationship. Among the critical issues discussed:

- preventing Iran from attaining nuclear weapon capability;
- reinforcing the importance of direct negotiations in bringing peace to the region;
- supporting US security assistance to Israel; and
- urging the EU to designate Hezbollah as a terrorist organization

Delegates attend four general sessions that include speakers and panel discussions of general interest, and also select up to four specific break-out sessions that allow them to learn more about a topic of their own interest. Finally, following a Monday night gala event attended by government officials from throughout the world, on Tuesday delegates visit Capital Hill to lobby congressional representatives about key issues impacting the US Israel relationship.

Next month, I hope to publish a report with the highlights of the Conference. I will also have information on how YOU can plan to attend the Policy Conference in 2014!

If you are home during the Conference, (March 3 – 5) you will be able to see excerpts of the Policy Conference by visiting the AIPAC website, <http://www.aipac.org/pc>

Updates will also be posted on AIPAC's Facebook page, and I am sure there is also a way to follow events on Twitter.

Our (CBI) Family in Israel

Congregants have been slow to respond to my request to develop a list of our family members in Israel. 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.

Pesach in Kiryat Malachi

Please respond generously to Rabbi Bayar's letter requesting your support for this very important cause.

Missing Soldiers and Soldiers on Duty

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

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

Joe Tenenbaum

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A Slim Peace

Sunday, March 10

8:00 p.m.

Congregation B'nai Israel MPR
Snacks & Discussion to Follow

When Israelis, Palestinians, Bedouin Arabs, and American settlers in the West Bank are brought together with the shared goal of losing weight, they find out they have far more in common than they ever would have imagined. A Slim Peace takes a revealing look at the universal struggle for acceptance, understanding and personal transformation in a land of intractable conflict.

By Sheldon Greenholtz

A black and white portrait of a middle-aged man with a receding hairline, smiling at the camera. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a white dress shirt, and a dark, diagonally striped tie. The background is dark and out of focus.

Howard, born in Manhattan, spent his first 7 years in Washington, DC, Baltimore and Philadelphia, before returning with his family to New York.

members. Their daughter, Elyse, went to Washington after graduating from Smith College, and is employed by the Homeland Security Committee, chaired until recently by former Connecticut Senator Joseph Lieberman.

Howard notes with pride that minyan contributions, over the past 20 years, have raised and contributed over \$70,000 to CBI, all voluntary. “You would be surprised,” he adds, “to realize how much money is donated, from simple one and two dollar donations, paying for breakfasts, to larger contributions honoring and memorializing current and former members and their families.

Howard served in the Pacific theatre during WWII. Enlisting in 1942, he graduated from Officers Candidate School, and was discharged 4½ years later, as a major. Howard served as a staff officer under the administration of General Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines and Hawaii.

and also served on the CBI board of directors for six years. One of his fondest and most fulfilling activities, after retiring, was mentoring students in reading and mathematics at Glenwood Grammar School. "It was, perhaps, among the best five years of my life," opined Howard.

To Howard, we offer this heartfelt wish – “You are indeed fortunate that you have lived your life while being blessed with both quality and quantity. May you continue to be a shining light reflecting love, friendship and fellowship for many years to come.”

You are invited to participate in the

CBI Sisterhood Book Group

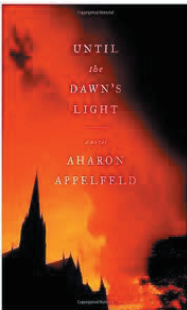
Tuesday April 30 at 7:30 pm at CBI

We will be reading:

The 2012 National Jewish Book Award Winner

Until the Dawn's Light

By Aharon Appelfeld



In his latest novel, the acclaimed Israeli author, Aharon Appelfeld tackles themes essential to Jewish identity, including assimilation, anti-Semitism and the Holocaust. In addition, the reader also must confront the reality of domestic violence as well as how our values and morality may be dependent on context or circumstance.

The group will be facilitated by Wendi Weill and Debbie Liner.

Please come and contribute your insights into this compelling novel.

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.

Synagogue Fund

To Helene Moehlman ~ In memory of your beloved sister, Paula Rockower.

- ❖ Nancy & Allan Sloan
- ❖ Wendi Weill & Matt Seiden
- ❖ Harriet & Sheldon Greenholtz
- ❖ Elizabeth & Allan Rauch

To Judy and Gary Dubro ~ In memory of your beloved daughter, Paula Rockower.

- ❖ Harriet & Sheldon Greenholtz

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

- ❖ Betsy & Phil Darivoff

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

- ❖ Sue & Larry

To Ronnie Armuth ~ In memory of your wonderful friend, Howard Strauss.

- ❖ Sue & Larry

To Teddy Leff ~ In honor of your special birthday.

- ❖ Sally Shotkin

To Judy and Gary Dubro ~ In memory of your beloved daughter, Paula Rockower.

- ❖ Harriet & Sheldon Greenholtz

To Wendi Weill ~ In memory of your beloved father, Donald Weill.

- ❖ Fran Melton & Marc Levine
- ❖ Helene & Steven Moehlman
- ❖ Elizabeth & Allan Rauch

To Judith and Gary Dubro & Helene Moehlman ~ In loving memory of your beloved daughter and sister, Paula Rockower.

- ❖ Miriam & Philip Levine

To Howard Greenwald ~ In honor of your milestone birthday.

- ❖ Jackie Printz

To Beth and Michael Von Bevern ~ Mazel Tov on Eric becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

- ❖ Harriet & Sheldon Greenholtz

To The Mantell Family ~ Condolences to the family of Murray Mantell.

- ❖ Marcy & Harvey Brooks

To Mariela Dybner ~ In honor of your Julius and Bessie Cohn Young Leadership award.

- ❖ Robin Margent

Rabbi's Fund

To Rabbi Bayar and Leora ~ In honor of your engagement ~ Mazel Tov!!

- ❖ Joseph Siff

To Gerald and Elizabeth Cohen ~ In honor of Ben becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Mazel Tov! From Andrea & David Hirschfeld.

To Howard Greenwald ~ Mazel Tov on your 90th birthday!

- ❖ Elayne Feig

To Howard Greenwald ~ In honor of your milestone birthday. Mazel Tov!

- ❖ Andrea & David Hirschfeld

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

- ❖ Bernice Feldman

To Judy and Gary Dubro ~ In memory of your beloved daughter, Paula Rockower.

- ❖ Bernice Feldman

To Helene Moehlman ~ In memory of your beloved sister, Paula Rockower.

- ❖ Bernice Feldman
- ❖ Lori, Larry, Zack, Ben and Ellie Pitkowsky
- ❖ Michael & Allison Klausner
- ❖ Andrea & David Hirschfeld

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

- ❖ Risa & Howard Goldberg
- ❖ Andrea & David Hirschfeld

To Wendi Weill ~ In memory of your beloved father, Donald Weill.

- ❖ Michael & Allison Klausner

To Helene Moehlman & Judy and Gary Dubro ~ In loving memory of your daughter and sister, Paula Rockower.

- ❖ Dr. Gabriel Feldman
- ❖ Sam P. Feldman

To Ilene and David Klein on the birth of their grandchild

- ❖ Andrea & David Hirschfeld

To Mariela Dybner for being honored with the Julius and Bessie Cohn Young Leadership award.

- ❖ Andrea & David Hirschfeld

Cantor's Music Fund

To Congregation B'nai Israel ~ Thanking members of congregation for helping Joseph Blum celebrate his simcha.

- ❖ Steven & Holly Blum

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

- ❖ The Berney Family
- ❖ Marcy & Harvey Brooks
- ❖ Ann & Mitch Brown
- ❖ Renee & Kopel Burk
- ❖ Betsy & Phil Darivoff
- ❖ Lisa & David Ehrlich
- ❖ Lainey & Andrew Fallek
- ❖ Linda & Bill Glasofer
- ❖ Risa & Howard Goldberg
- ❖ Cynthia Eller & Jonathan Greene
- ❖ Howard & Nan Greenwald
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- ❖ Adam & Lori Katzman
- ❖ Elaine & Stephen Katzman
- ❖ The Krauss Family
- ❖ Teddy Leff
- ❖ Miriam Levine & Matthew Askin
- ❖ Sheila Marx
- ❖ Flo Ellen & Richard Maslow
- ❖ The Pitkowsky Family
- ❖ Elizabeth & Allan Rauch
- ❖ Amy & Marc Rosenberg and Family
- ❖ Wendi Weill & Matt Seiden
- ❖ Michele Sherrill
- ❖ Sally Shotkin
- ❖ Joseph Siff
- ❖ Janet & Michael Slifer
- ❖ Susan & Larry Stern and Family
- ❖ Michael Cohen & Meryl Stone
- ❖ Andrea & Michael Tannenbaum
- ❖ Leora Wiener
- ❖ Ginny & Hal Wiener

To Helene Moehlman ~ In memory of your beloved sister, Paula Rockower.

- ❖ Judy & Art Fredman
- ❖ Elaine & Stephen Katzman
- ❖ Amy & Larry Dantus
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ADULT FORUM

March 2013

On March 5, we will screen the acclaimed recent release, *Bernie*, a true crime dark comedy that takes place in the rural town of Carthage, Texas. Bernie Tiede, the assistant funeral director, played by Jack Black, strikes up a friendship with the town's most unpleasant and wealthy widow, portrayed by Shirley MacLaine.



Hirshhorn speaker, psychoanalyst and psychotherapist Betty Levin will present a program on *The Wisdom of Aging* on March 19. The Wisdom of Aging is a workshop highlighting accumulated ideas on living meaningfully. The workshop promotes discovering aspects of themselves that participants may have neglected, forgotten or have yet to discover. A bibliography will be provided.

Save the date, our **trip** of the spring season is to the historic Green-Wood Cemetery and Coney Island on for **June 26**. Details will follow.

If you would like to attend any of our programs but only have dessert and coffee and not for lunch, you are most welcome. Please let me know.

Trips we take with the JCC of Central New Jersey are open to all.

Lois Dyer

ADULT FORUM Events RSVP March 2013

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER,
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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: _____

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I will attend the following events:

☐ **March 5: Film, *Bernie*. RSVP to Lois by March 1.**

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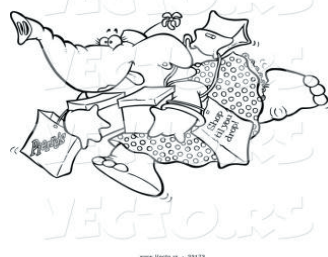
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To contact Lois Dyer, email her at penzoe1@comcast.net

Save your Stuff & Save the Dates !!!! The White Elephants are coming back!



Sale dates June 20, 21, 23 // Collections begin June 9th.

The **WHITE ELEPHANT SALE** is a big fundraiser for CBI and a great community project. After the sale, leftover items are donated to other worthy causes.

**We need donations of gently-used and new items.
So search your homes and ask your neighbors and friends.**

Volunteers are needed before, during and after the sale.

Committee formation will be in April and drop-off hours will be announced.

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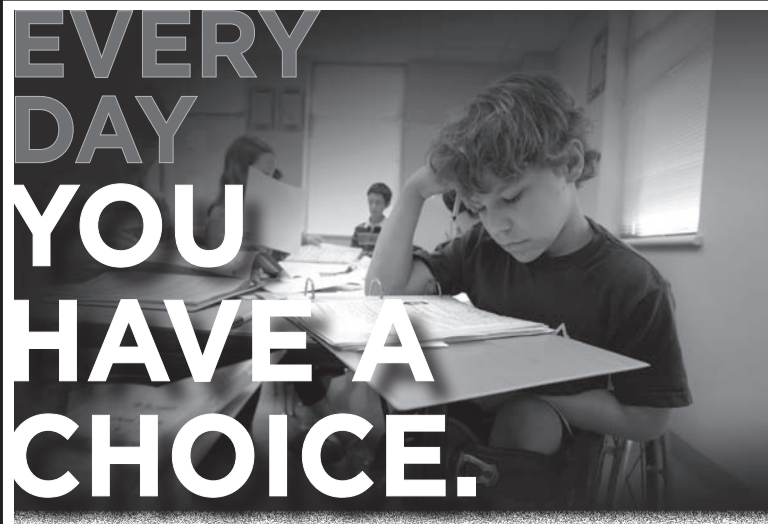
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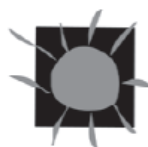
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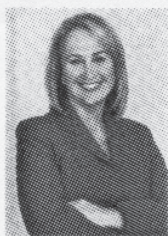
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