

The Bulletin



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

November, 2012

Champagne Breakfast

Please join us as we honor our

Past Presidents

Steve Brown

and

Barry Allen

Sunday Morning,

November 4, 2012

9:45 AM

Congregation B'nai Israel

160 Millburn Avenue

Millburn, New Jersey 07041

Guest Speaker: Gil Hoffman

Chief Political Correspondent

for The Jerusalem Post

Couvert is \$36 per person



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Saturday Evening, November 17, 2012

at

Congregation B'nai Israel

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Auction: 8:30 p.m.

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Shabbat Services

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| 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 (11/17) | 10:45 a.m. |
| Yaldeinu (11/3) | 11:15 a.m. |

Minyan Rotation

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| Abraham – Basarab | October 28 – November 3 |
| Benbasset – Blum | November 4 – November 10 |
| Bolton – Caplan | November 11 – November 17 |
| Casel – Cohen | November 18 – November 24 |
| Cohn – Ehrlich | November 25 – December 1 |

Candle Lighting

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| November 2 | 5:33 pm |
| November 9 | 4:25 pm |
| November 16 | 4:19 pm |
| November 23 | 4:14 pm |
| November 30 | 4:12 pm |

Mincha / Havdallah

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| November 3 | 5:48 pm / 6:48 pm |
| November 10 | 4:40 pm / 5:40 pm |
| November 17 | 4:34 pm / 5:34 pm |
| November 24 | 4:25 pm / 5:25 pm |
| December 1 | 4:27 pm / 5:27 pm |

Next Deadline: Nov. 10

The deadline for the December, 2012 issue is November 10. Information contained in the Bulletin each month is time sensitive. We appreciate your cooperation in order to ensure that the Bulletin reaches everyone by the beginning of December. Space permitting, we will do our best to include your item(s), and we reserve the right to edit your submission.

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FROM THE RABBI'S DEN

By Rabbi Steven Bayar

This calendar year Hanukkah arrives in mid-December. Personally, I have always preferred Chanukah observed well-away from Christmas; it removes (at least partly) the inherent competition between the two observances.

As a holiday, Channukah is a fascinating study in the evolution of ritual, observance and meaning. Scratching the surface of its history we find questions that probe the very nature of our tradition. For instance:

What is the miracle of Chanukah?

In brief, the books of Maccabees state that Judah cleansed the Temple in Jerusalem, set sacrifices and reestablished the independent state. However no mention is made of lighting the Menorah or of any problem with the existing oil. There certainly is no mention of having only one cruse of oil that lasted for eight days.

In the books of Maccabees we find various reasons given for the holiday lasting eight days: Chanukah was modeled after the festival of Sukkot, which is an eight day festival or when Jehuda cleansed the Temple they took eight spears, filled them with oil and lit the "ad hoc" Menorah.

No miracle concerning oil is mentioned in our tradition until the story is recounted in the Talmud (600 CE). Yet the Talmud glosses over the Maccabean battles, hardly mentioning them at all. How can the Talmud assert a miracle that no extant literature contains?

What exactly is the miracle of Chanukah? The answer depends upon how loyal one remains to the tradition.

Why is Chanukah not mentioned in the Mishnah?

The Mishnah, a commentary on the legal portions of the Torah, was edited by Rabbi Yehuda Hanasi, leader of the Jewish community in Israel around 200 CE. He began to record the "Oral Law" (Mishnah) in response to repressive Roman policies which caused the death of many Rabbis and teachers of the law.

The title "Nasi" was given to the leader of the Jewish community. This was an inherited position; passed down from generation to generation. Each Nasi was considered to be a direct descendant of King David, who was of the tribe of Yehuda (Judah). Had Israel been an independent state, the Nasi would have been king.

Matityahu and Yehuda Maccabee were "Kohanim" (priests) from Jacob's son Levi. When their rebellion succeeded they declared themselves to be "Priest Kings" of Israel. They assumed both religious and administrative leadership of the now independent Jewish state. They began the Hasmonean dynasty which lasted until Rome took control of the Middle East about one century later.

Although qualified to become High Priests, the Hasmoneans violated the tradition when they declared themselves kings; a position that could



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MUSICAL NOTES

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

In January, 2000, The Jerusalem Report published the results of a readers poll of the 100 greatest Jews of the Millenium. I'm sure much can be said about every one of these "giants of Judaism", but the one person I would like to make special note of at this time is the person who ranked number 88 on that list, Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach. November 1st is the 18th anniversary of the death of this most influential songwriter, singer, storyteller and teacher. Defined as a "Chassidic Minstrel," Carlebach used his music to reach out to and inspire Jews around the world. He was an extremely prolific composer who also recorded his songs on more than 25 albums. Rabbi Carlebach put words of Jewish prayer to music and composed niggunim (melodies without words) which still can be heard at virtually every Jewish wedding from Chassidic to Reform. Some of his best known song are Am Yisrael Chai, Od Yishama, V'ha'air Einenu and Esa Einai.



Shlomo Carlebach was born in 1925 in Berlin, where his father, Naftali, was an Orthodox leader. The family, which fled the Nazis in 1933, lived in Switzerland before coming to New York in 1939. His father became the rabbi of a small synagogue on West 79th Street, Congregation Kehlilath Jacob; Shlomo Carlebach and his twin brother, Eli Chaim, took over the synagogue after their father's death in 1967. Shlomo remained the Rabbi of this shul, better known as "The Carlebach Shul," until his death in 1994.

In the 1950's, while studying with and working for the Grand Rabbi of Lubavitch, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, Carlebach picked up a guitar and began writing songs and visiting coffeehouses and clubs in Greenwich Village, where he met Bob Dylan, Pete Seeger and other folk singers. They encouraged his singing career and helped him get a spot at the Berkeley Folk Festival in California in 1966. After his appearance, he decided to remain in California to reach out to what he called "lost Jewish souls," runaways and drug addicted youths. He founded a commune-like synagogue called The House of Love and Prayer. Eleven years later, he closed the House of Love and Prayer and took the remnants of the congregation to Israel, where he established the small settlement of Moshav Or Modiin, in Lod, near Ben Gurion Airport.

Although Rabbi Carlebach was Orthodox, he operated outside of the traditional Orthodox "norm" in both his style and substance. He spoke of God and God's love for all people in a way that could make other rabbis uncomfortable. To paraphrase Carlebach himself, he had a homeopathic rather than a conventional view of Judaism and the purpose of religion. According to Carlebach, religion, like homeopathic medicine, has to work from inside to outside, unlike conventional medicine, which treats from the

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In The Community

Mazel Tov to:

Joe Tenenbaum on his Bar Mitzvah anniversary.
Cantor Lorna Wallach and Michael Kalet on the Bat Mitzvah of their niece.
Harry & Gina Zelnick on their 25th wedding anniversary.
Roslyn and Henry Brendzel in honor of the birth of their grandson, Isaac.

Condolences to:

Susan Gross and Goldie Axelrod on the passing of their beloved father Joseph Deligdish.
Stephanie Harris (Morgan) on the passing of her beloved mother, Ruth Harris.
Michael Berney on the passing of his beloved sister, Ellen Kushman.

Refuah Shleima to:

Robert Wallach, Ginny Panzer, Joseph Siff, Jacob Gutstein, Brenda Eisenberg

*We Welcome Our New Members**

Mary Lou & Rabbi Daniel Allen
Sima Glickman
Genna & Ilan Klein
Donna & Lior Oshri
Isabel & Ben Sternlieb

**Watch for more new members
in our next edition.*

President's Message

By Linda Sotnick, CBI President

Coming up **this** Sunday morning, November 4th, we will gather to honor past synagogue presidents Barry Allen and Steve Brown. Both of these presidents were involved in the kick off of our "Honoring our Legacy, Building our Future" Capital Campaign and Strategic Planning and Implementation Committee. How joyful and fitting to honor Barry and Steve in our new space. Many of us had the privilege of serving with them and all of us have benefited from their leadership.

Barry Allen, though no longer CBI president, nor even a New Jersey resident, continues to provide guidance from Tennessee where he currently resides. Interestingly, Tennessee is known as the Volunteer state: a most appropriate moniker in this instance. Barry's dedication and loyalty are exemplified by his distinguished United States military service and CBI synagogue presidency. Despite having moved to Tennessee over four years ago, he worships with us at various points throughout the year and remains dedicated and committed to CBI. While we all miss Barry's weekly presence at CBI, we are appreciative that his warmth, intelligent approach and wit are never more than a phone call away. For our newer members who do not yet know Barry, come and meet him on November 4th.

Steve Brown was an exemplary president who continues to guide our congregation as a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees. Steve consistently offers his help to whatever committee or project has a need. Rarely missing a meeting, his quiet, thoughtful guidance enables us to benefit from his wisdom and experience while allowing the newer members to develop their leadership skills and style. Steve demonstrates to us how to combine CBI's rich and valued traditions with current vision and openness to relevant, thoughtful change; truly an example of honoring our legacy and building our future. Moreover, this newly-minted grandfather with a warm and sometimes, unexpected, sense of humor is a trusted friend, to not only me, but CBI as well. Perhaps one young congregant, who asked to remain anonymous (but is related to the sitting president), said it best: "Steve? He is a man you can trust."

If coming together to honor these past presidents is not enough, we will also be engaged by a relevant, timely and stimulating speaker: Gil Hoffman, Jerusalem Post correspondent. Gil will be speaking about the presidential election and its impact on Israel.

Our High Holiday Appeal is still underway. Thank you to those who have already generously contributed and a gentle reminder to those who have yet to send your pledge cards in.

In the spirit of the season, I'd like to thank this congregation for all that you do to make our community warm and welcoming. Congregation B'nai Israel is the special place it is because of what each of you brings to our spiritual home.

Warm and best wishes for a happy Thanksgiving!

Linda Sotnick



Rabbi's Message

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only be filled by someone from the tribe of Yehuda. As a descendant of King David, Yehuda Hanasi would have been aware of this. His decision to exclude Chanukah from the Mishnah was probably a statement against the legitimacy of the Hasmonean dynasty.

As I said, Hanukkah is a multi-layered holiday. It has at least as many facets as the different valid ways I have spelled "Chanukkah" in this article.

Steven Bayar

Musical Notes

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outside to the inside.

As part of CBI's efforts to bring programming into our Friday night services, please stay tuned for information about enjoying a Carlebach style service on a Friday night to be determined soon! It promises to be an uplifting service filled with song, dance and opportunities for spiritual reflection.

Lorna Wallach



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HEDWIG GRUENEWALD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

By Rochelle Baron, Director

October and the holidays are now behind us and we are now ensconced in full weeks of school! The Pizza in the Hut event was very well attended, and even though it was too wet to eat in the succah we had a great time together. The Preschool Shabbat Dinner and Service jointly sponsored by HGECC and CBI Membership was a big hit as well—thanks to Lisa Biller, Janet Slifer and Lilli Finkler for all of their efforts in putting together a meaningful evening.

Now it is November and the children are adapting to the rhythm of the continuous school days. The after school activities program, which extends the day for Threes and PreK's to 2:45, is off to a good start as well. Classes offered are Preschool of Rock (music), Cora Hartshorn Arboretum (nature), Happy Feet (soccer), and Globetrotters (art). This month we will be learning about all things Thanksgiving as well as the importance of kindness towards friends, being thankful for many things, and sharing together. The HGECC annual book fair takes place from November 29 through December 3—please stop by and do some Hanukkah shopping! We are also looking forward to the HGECC/PA sponsored Art Auction on November 17 at 7:00pm. Be on the lookout for your invitation!

The Shabbat Birthday celebration on Shabbat mornings, honoring children with a birthday during the month, continues this year. Families whose children are registered for this program will receive an email a few weeks prior to the date when their child will be honored. This event takes place at 10:15 in the CBI sanctuary. Children must be pre-registered in order to participate. All CBI/HGECC children between the ages of 2 and 6 are eligible to be part of this program and can enroll by calling the HGECC office (973-379-4040) or sending an email to hgecc@cbi-nj.org.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us!



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Rochelle Baron



ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



AIPAC Community Event Ambassador Yehuda Avner November 27, 2012

The AIPAC Metro & Central New Jersey is sponsoring an appearance by Ambassador Yehuda Avner on Monday night, November 27. Yehuda Avner was born in England in 1928, arrived in British Mandate Palestine in 1947, and fought in the War of Independence. He served in Israel's diplomatic corps for many years, and advised Prime Ministers Levi Eshkol, Golda Meri, Yitzhak Rabin, Menachem Begin, and Shimon Peres. In 2010, his book, *The Prime Ministers: An Intimate Narrative of Israeli Leadership* was published.

I have read the book, and found the breadth of Ambassador Avner's knowledge interesting and exciting. And the stories he told described events critical to Israel's history, many not unlike events in our own time. I encourage everyone in our community to attend this event to hear this distinguished speaker.

The program is scheduled for 7:30 pm, followed by a Dessert Reception at The Kushner Academy and High School at 110 South Orange Avenue in Livingston. The event is free, but you must RSVP to Alexa Silverman at asilverman@aipa.org or (212) 750-4110.

Dates to Put on Your Calendar

AIPAC New Jersey Community Event

Monday night, November 27

AIPAC Policy Conference – Washington, DC

Sunday, March 3- Tuesday, March 5, 2013

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

Community Yom Hazikaron, Yom Ha'atzmaut Program

Sunday, April 14 & Monday, April 15, 2013

Israel Day Parade

Sunday, June 2, 2013

AIPAC Policy Conference March 3 - March 5, 2013

One of the goals of the event described above is to encourage attendance at the 2013 AIPAC Policy Conference. This event is a microcosm of the Policy

Conference. Although there is only one featured speaker, he is amazingly qualified, and I can guarantee you that you will leave the event with a much greater understanding of Israel and of the U.S. Israel relationship. The Policy Conference is the same way, except it is much greater.

Between now and March 3, both the United States and Israel will have elections. Each country may (or may not) have a different government by then. The message of AIPAC is that the United States/Israel relationship must be strong no matter who is in charge of the two governments. It should be well known that AIPAC's focus is on strong Bi-Partisan support for the relationship, including both Democrats and Republicans. And the importance of the relationship is the same no matter which party is running the Israeli government.

While Ambassador Avner will provide a wonderful lecture which will teach and excite us about Israel's history, the Policy Conference offers two days of sessions – including panel discussions, speeches by leaders of both countries, in depth lectures on dozens of topics (you choose your session) as well as an opportunity to meet supporters of Israel from throughout the United States, and the world. And on the third day of the conference, you have the opportunity to meet with our own members of Congress, and relate to them how important the United States – Israel relationship is to you.

Please come to the event on the 27th prepared to sign up for the Policy Conference. If you want more information about the conference, you can contact me, or visit the AIPAC Policy Conference website.

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

5773 Rishonim come to CBI

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

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

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



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Coral Levy

Hi ! My name is Coral Levy and I'm 17.5 years old. I live with my parents, almost 13-year-old brother and a dog. I took dance classes for 8 years (ballet, hip-hop, modern dance, and jazz). I like watching basketball, tv shows and movies.

My major subjects are physics and chemistry; I also took several courses in Bar-Ilan University (gender, statistics, biology and physiology).

In July 2011 I participated in AMHSI, where I spent a month with an American group. I participated in the youth group "Young Diplomats" last year and this year I'm its junior counselor; during the time I participated, I joined the delegation from Germany for one week. Last February I was a member of the delegation to Poland from my school. Two years ago my community service project was helping an eight-year-old girl with her studies at school. I have also volunteered in a non-profit organization for disabled children and helped collect food for people in need for the holidays ("LATET").

In the last two years I've been active member in my school's student council. In November 2011 I was a member of the delegation "Young Ambassadors" in the U.S. (Boston, New York, and Washington) on behalf of the AIFL.

Two years ago I participated in "Diller Teen Fellowes". I was active in building DNP and took part in the program "Diller Next Phase" in Rishon LeZion. For 11 days we volunteered and toured around Israel. During this program I hosted 3 Americans from MetroWest. This year I will take part in the group "Diller Tikkun Olam." I am responsible for the Bar and Bat Mitzvah project. In addition, I'm in the Diller organization's national task team (Tzama), which builds and guides the Diller seminars in Israel.

I look forward to meeting you all!



Missing Soldiers

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

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

Special Report

Included in this Bulletin is another special report from CBI young adults. On a recent trip to Israel, Alex and Sara Jacobs visited the Israel Tennis Center. As they explain in their article they decided to use their B'nai Mitzvah (Shabbat morning on November 24) project to help support

this program. Their goal is to help ITC by raising funds and collecting tennis equipment and by publicizing its efforts. Please read the article, and visit the website to find out more information, and to help them support this program.

One More Item

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

Joe Tenenbaum

SAR EL SIGNUPS AT CBI

Sar El is a unique, important form of service for Israel because volunteers perform work on military bases throughout the nation. We work and interact with young IDF soldiers and receive a rare view of Israel from the inside. In addition, we live and work with volunteers from around the world.

Art Fredman is hoping to gather volunteers for his 4th trip, during the July 4, 2013 week. We will fly out of Newark Airport late Thursday PM and return the following weekend. The trip is approximately 10 days, including some touring and relaxing. Others may customize their itineraries according to their needs. We will be on the base from Sunday, July 1 through Thursday, July 5.

At this point, we have six interested people. Maximum number for this trip is ten. For additional information, contact Art Fredman at judyart18@aol.com.



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OUR MITZVAH PROJECT BEGAN IN ISRAEL

By Alex Jacobs and Sara Jacobs

For our Mitzvah project, we will be supporting the Israel Tennis Centers, ITC. We first learned about ITC when we were in Israel, just before we started the last CBI tour. We had some time and decided to check out the tennis in Haifa. This ITC looked the same as the tennis courts you find here.

When we came home, we were invited a few months later to a fundraiser for ITC with our parents. The fundraiser was a success and we met the kids from Israel who were in the United States as ITC “ambassadors”. The group included kids from places we had visited during our CBI trip, and kids from different backgrounds, some Jewish and some not. It didn’t matter that we didn’t all speak the same language because we could all play tennis. We had fun, and became friends.

ITC is a foundation that does far more than train kids to play tennis. This program brings together the children of Israel with the opportunity for a safe and fun activity. ITC has 14 different locations, mostly in disadvantaged neighborhoods or outlying development towns throughout Israel from Kiryat Shmona on the Lebanese border in the North to Beer Sheva bordering the Negev Desert in the South. Our last CBI trip also included a trip to the Negev.

ITC has many different programs. One of them is the Co-Existence program, where Jews, Arabs, Christians, Druze, and Bedouins play tennis together. The goal of ITC in this program is to have these kids grow up together, so they can build friendships that will continue to grow and to try to eliminate hatred. When we visit Israel it is clear everyone there wants peace so it makes sense to use tennis to get people together. Another program is for kids with special

needs, which our friend runs in Jaffa. This is a large and successful ITC program for these children to have fun and become winners by participating and trying. There is also a program for immigrant children like our friend Oshri, who is in the Ashkelon Special Populations program. Oshri had never been in a swimming pool until the weekend he spent in New Jersey. ITC’s most famous program is their High Performance Program, where they train and house kids to become college players, professional players, and coaches. They have produced such players such as Andy Ram, Shahar Pe’er, Yoni Erlich, Anna Smashnova, Amos Mansdorf, and Schlomo Glickstein.

A special success story is ITC graduate Nadine Fahoum, an Israeli Arab who became the number one singles player of the Duke University Women’s Tennis Team before graduating last year. She entered ITC as a young girl with a mother who opened up the door for many other Arab mothers to bring their children to the tennis centers. We met Nadine last summer as she was preparing to move to New Jersey to work fulltime for ITC. Besides being a wonderful player and person, she is the first Arab to represent Israel in the Junior Olympic Games. She is now the first Israeli Arab to have a leadership position in an Israeli charitable foundation. She truly is a success story of how we can all co-exist.

We are using our B’nai Mitzvah to bring attention to ITC, raise funds and collect tennis equipment for ITC. We will also be helping our friend Rakefet Benyamini coach kids in Jaffa when we visit Israel with the next CBI trip. We will continue to support ITC in any way we can, including another year of hosting ITC ambassadors at our home.

We hope that you will help by lending a hand to ITC and spread the word about them. When you go to Israel, pay a visit. Maybe even consider joining the next CBI trip, and we’ll make it a planned stop this time!

For more information about the ITC or if you wish to make a donation, please visit their website: www.israeltenniscenters.org.



Children from Israel Tennis Center’s social impact program on a field trip in Kiryat Shmona (North Israel)

MLK MITZVAH DAY

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

Below are some of the organizations that will be represented on MLK Day...

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| Music & Memory (Logan Ferdinand) | Learn how you can give the gift of personalized music to the elderly or infirm via digital music technology. Donations welcome - iPods (any model, any condition) or iTunes or Apple gift cards. |
| Art Creation Foundation for Children (Abigael Good) | This foundation based in Haiti teaches children how to create art, providing them with hope and a skill for a better life. Information about the foundation and an art project will be provided. |
| The Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation (Judy Gottscho Eichinger) | Learn how you can help children with kidney disease attend 2 weeks of sleep away camp with healthy campers! |
| The Seeing Eye (Michael Karnish) | Meet a trained seeing eye dog, learn about the organization and donate old towels and Iams small dog biscuits. |
| The Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning (Dan Ramer) | Learn how this organization enhances Jewish educational experiences for the MetroWest community; activity provided. |
| Bracelets for Awareness (Tsippy Segev) | Create friendship bracelets representing different charities based on the Ribbons of Awareness colors and meanings. |
| Interfaith Hospitality Network (Tracy Ferdinand) | Learn about IHN's hosting program. Sign up to volunteer when CBI hosts IHN families for one week in October of 2013. Pick up a wish list of items needed to make our IHN families feel at home. |
| Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation (Lori Katzman) | Learn how you can help facilitate bone marrow transplants. Join the bone marrow donor registry with a simple cheek swab. |
| Arthritis Foundation (Nealy Troll) | Learn how the local chapter promotes wellness; activity provided. |
| Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (Linda Silver) | Support Judaism and the environment by learning about SPNI and making your own bird feeder out of recycled materials. |
| bookbgone (Andrea Hirschfeld) | Recycle, reuse and donate your books, DVDs and CDs keeping them out of NJ landfills! Help sort and personalize the books. |
| Meals for the Homeless (Co-sponsored by Men's Club and Hearts and Hands) | Assist with the making and assembly of over 250 bagged meals for individuals in need. |
| Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (Katzman Family) | Have a treat and write a letter to an Israeli soldier! All bake sale proceeds will benefit Israeli soldiers through FIDF. |
| Scarves for Children (Rochelle Baron) | Two ways to give the gift of warmth this winter season! 1) Start knitting or crocheting today and bring a handmade child-size scarf to donate. 2) Help fringe and embellish a cozy fleece scarf at MLK Mitzvah Day to donate to children in need. |

Suggested items to donate on MLK Day include....

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| books (all ages) - gently used | Iams small dog biscuits | new/used/broken iPods | knitted scarf for a child |
| DVDs and CDs-gently used | old towels (any size) | iTunes/Apple gift cards | crocheted scarf for a child |

Please look for the complete list of mitzvah activities and collections in the December Bulletin.
Questions? Contact Lori Katzman @ 973-379-5856 or lakatzman@me.com

Kids grown or not at home?

DATE
Friday, November 30th
TIME
6:15 pm
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Join other CBI
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Empty Nester Shabbat Dinner

To reserve your place please mail your check
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RSVP TODAY!

For more information please contact
Sandy Panzer (908-352-1999) or Teddy Leff (973-379-9506)
Co-sponsored by the Membership Committee of CBI

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Number of persons @ \$20 pp _____ Amount Enclosed _____



COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Thursday, November 1

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

Friday, November 2

- 5:30 pm - BBRS Family Shabbat & Dinner
- 8:15 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 3

- 9:00 am - Ilana Feldman Bat Mitzvah
- 11:15 am - Yaldeinu

Sunday, November 4

- 9:30 am - Adult Education: Introductory Prayerbook Hebrew with Linda Berkman
- 9:45 am - CBI Past Presidents Champagne Breakfast

Monday, November 5

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

Tuesday, November 6

- 7:00 pm - Adult Education: Reading Talmud with Will Friedman
- 7:30 pm - Rabbi's Class: Jewish Law & Custom
- 8:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 7

- 8:00 pm - JTS Hanukkah Mini-series "In Those Days at This Time"

Thursday, November 8

BBRS & HGECC Closed

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

Friday, November 9

BBRS & HGECC Closed

Saturday, November 10

No Junior Congregation & No Tot Shabbat

- 9:00 am - Shai Bloom Bar Mitzvah
- 11:15 am - Yaldeinu
- 6:30 pm - Jake Helfand Bar Mitzvah

Sunday, November 11

BBRS Closed

- 9:30 am - Adult Education: Introductory Prayerbook Hebrew with Linda Berkman

Monday, November 12

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

Tuesday, November 13

- 12:00 pm - Adult Forum: Chaim Laurer
- 6:00 pm - Chaverim: Kibbitz Challenge
- 7:00 pm - Adult Education: Reading Talmud with Will Friedman
- 7:30 pm - Rabbi's Class: Jewish Law & Custom
- 8:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, November 14

- 8:00 PM - JTS Hanukkah Mini-series "In Those Days at This Time"
- 8:00 pm - HGECC Board Meeting

Thursday, November 15

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class: A Jewish View of the Christian Bible
- 6:00 pm - Kadima: Iron Chef
- 6:15 pm - Sisterhood: Rosh Chodesh
- 7:30 pm - USY: Food Olympics

Saturday, November 17

- 9:00 am - Sydney Fox Bat Mitzvah
- 10:45 am - Shabbat Journeymen's Minyan
- 7:30 pm - HGECC Art Auction

Sunday, November 18

- 9:30 am - Adult Education: Introductory Prayerbook Hebrew with Linda Berkman

Monday, November 19

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

Tuesday, November 20

- 7:00 pm - Adult Education: Reading Talmud with Will Friedman
- 7:30 pm - Rabbi's Class: Jewish Law & Custom

Wednesday, November 21

HGECC & Office Closing Early

- Kadima & USY: Ice Skating (offsite)

Thursday, November 22 - Thanksgiving

Office, BBRS & HGECC Closed

Friday, November 23

Office & HGECC Closed

8:45 pm - Oneg Honoring College Students

Saturday, November 24

No Junior Congregation

- 9:00 am - Alex and Sara Jacobs B'nai Mitzvah

Sunday, November 25

No BBRS

- 9:30 am - Adult Education: Introductory Prayerbook Hebrew with Linda Berkman

Monday, November 26

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

Tuesday, November 27

- 12:00 pm - Adult Forum: Lunch & Film TBA
- 7:00 pm - Adult Education: Reading Talmud with Will Friedman
- 7:30 pm - Rabbi's Class: Jewish Law & Custom
- 8:00 pm - BBRS Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 28

Thursday, November 29 - HGECC Book Fair

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

Friday, November 30 - HGECC Book Fair

- 6:15 pm - Empty Nesters' Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, December 1

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

Sunday, December 2 - HGECC Book Fair

- 8:45 am - BBRS Kabbalat Yeladaynu
- 9:30 am - Adult Education: Introductory Prayerbook Hebrew with Linda Berkman
- 9:30 am - Sisterhood Book Review

B'NEI MITZVAH

Ilana Feldman November 3 (am)



Ilana is a 7th grader at Golda Och Academy. She enjoys photography, art and reading. Ilana loves spending time with her friends and family. She likes to do stage work for her middle school's play. She also loves working with young and disabled children.

Ilana would like to give a special thanks to her father, Nathaniel who tutored her for this momentous occasion. She would also like to thank her mother, Tracie for all the love and support. And thanks to Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar who have also helped her prepare for her becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Shai Bloom November 10 (am)

Shai Bloom is a 7th grade student at Golda Och Academy. He loves sports, especially baseball, and is an enthusiastic team player. He is kind and friendly and always eager to help. He can be found most Shabbatot playing with his friends in the CBI hallways or leading *Anim Z'mirot* in the sanctuary. Thank you to all of his GOA teachers and to Cantor Wallach and Abba for helping him prepare for his service. Shai shares this special day with parents, Henry Bloom and Rabbi Helaine Ettinger, sisters Lyla and Yael and grandparents Irving Bloom and Ella Ettinger.



Jake Helfand November 10 (pm)



Jake Helfand is an 8th grade student at Golda Och Academy. He has enjoyed attending Golda Och since first grade. He is the last Bar/Bat Mitzvah in his class. Jake studies Jujitsu weekly at American Martial Arts in Whippany New Jersey. He is also an accomplished artist and recently became interested in golf and magic. His card tricks and fairway shots are both pretty impressive. He enjoys spending time with family and friends. He shares this great event with his parents, Tanya and Adam, his grandparents and his dogs Ruby and Blaize. Jake appreciates all the help he received from his tutor Alan, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar in helping him prepare for this wonderful event.

Sydney Fox November 17 (am)

Sydney Fox is a 7th grader at Millburn Middle School. All of Sydney's religious education has been at CBI, having attended HGECC and BBRS. In Sydney's free time she likes to horseback ride, ripstick, waterski, play basketball and softball. Sydney is a voracious reader and can always be seen with a book or Nook. But, above all, she likes spending time with her friends from home and camp. Sydney is part of the Lunch Buddies program where she helps students navigate the myriad of social challenges in the Middle School.

Sydney is excited to spend this special day with her parents, Debbie and Ron and her younger brother, Zachary. Sydney wants to thank her tutor, Merav and Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar for preparing her for her Bat Mitzvah. She also wants to thank all of the teachers she has had through the years at CBI who have helped her prepare for her special day.



Sara and Alex Jacobs November 24 (am)



Sara Jacobs and Alex Jacobs are twins who will add to their shared experience, the simcha of a B'nai Mitzvah. You may recall seeing them attend CBI services as infants in a double stroller, at the activities here as students since preschool or on two CBI trips to Israel.

Alex and Sara are 7th graders in the Millburn Middle School. They are each accomplished tennis players, with USTA rankings. They travel extensively with their last journey to the Baltics and Russia. Alex enjoys all things sports, and even guided his family to an international basketball tournament in Lithuania. Sara is the only family member who can get their 120 lb dog to sit on command, and finds no language barrier as she manages to have many new furry friends attempt to

come home with her from foreign countries. They are committed to help where they can, when they can, and for whomever they can.

They turned their passion for tennis into yet another strong tie to Israel through their on-going efforts with the Israel Tennis Centers. For the past two years, they have hosted children who travel from Israel to the United States as ITC ambassadors. In honor of their B'nai Mitzvah, Sara and Alex have expanded this commitment to include special fundraising, written an article to bring more attention to the various programs being funded by ITC, and will themselves be ambassadors with ITC in Israel when they travel with CBI in February 2013.

Alex and Sara share this special day with parents, Janet and David. They thank all of the many congregants, staff members and teachers in the CBI community who have supported, encouraged and educated them, with special appreciation of the patient efforts from tutor Merav Bayar, Cantor Wallach, and Rabbi Bayar as they become Bat and Bar Mitzvah.

BLANCHE BAYAR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

By Janice Colmar, CBI Education Director

BBRS Reminders

With Tishrei, the first month of the Jewish year, rolling to an end, our school programming has settled into a normal pattern. Here are some highlights:

- Our Gimel – Hey students who attend on Tuesday are earning Israel prizes through our “Judaism on the Spot” contest at 3:45.
- New this year is an Ulpán program for 6th graders. Students chosen to participate have already completed our advanced Tefila (prayer) curriculum.
- On Thursdays, the Vav and Zayin students meet at 3:45 to discuss social and ethical dilemmas with me. The current topic is the Jewish concept of “free will” and its applications today.

Chugim Update

Each Sunday from 11:30-12:00 our students attend various “chugim” (clubs) which allow them to experience their Judaism through the arts and culture. Here are some updates.

- Our puppet chug (club) is busy creating a theater, puppets and a play to perform for Hanukkah.
- Tzedakah Club is raising money for Jake’s Ride through a chocolate raffle.
- Shira (music) is planning a performance of their greatest hits.

Hebrew Immersion

I am pleased to announce that our Primary enrichment class in Hebrew has begun. Taught by Miriam Segal, this class meets on Tuesday afternoons.

After all the hagim, Tichon and Zayin Monday began on October 15. New this year, our 7th graders are meeting with our High School students. Classes include a study of Torah text, the Rabbi’s class, Dating 101, News for Jews and Conversational Hebrew.

Were you there?

Kol haKavod to our Primary Madrikhim who performed a short play for our Gan – Bet children in the Sukkah on September 30. The play was written by Sara Diamond. Thanks to our Parents Association for the Sukkah treats!



This year’s Open School Day was held on October 21st. As always it is a thrill to watch our children and their parents learn together.

Tichon+, our alternative program for High School, has met twice. The first guest was Amy Forman from ACHIEVE, a tutoring program for South Orange school students. Many of our madrikhim participate in this hesed project.

Looking forward . . .

In November we are looking forward to our annual pre Thanksgiving Hebrew Reading Marathon.

Please keep up on school happenings by going to our school blog – the link is on the school page of www.cbi-nj.org.

Janice Colmar



Alana Good - Chug puppetry



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Sisterhood's Message

By Paula Touger, Sisterhood President

As I write this, it's October and I'm wearing my "I survived Rosh Hashanah through Simchat Torah 2012" t-shirt and am getting ready for the first full week without a Jewish Holiday in quite some time!

The holidays were definitely "off" this year because of the absence of Brenda Eisenberg due to her surgery and rehab. Of course it was odd not to see Brenda patrolling the sanctuary during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to make sure that everyone was in place for their honors. Brenda's absence always makes me realize how great a contribution she makes to the daily functioning of our congregation. It literally takes a "minyan" of women to fill in for Brenda. I want to thank everyone who helped keep the ship afloat in Brenda's absence. I am truly grateful for your help. I would like to give a special shout-out to Carmella Maye for pitching in. Get back here, Brenda!!! We can't keep this up without you!

Though I'm writing in October you will be reading this in November and will be anxious to know what happened in the world of Sisterhood in the past month and what to mark on your calendar in the coming weeks.

Thanks to Sara Sherman, Debbie Liner, and Wendi Weill for the stimulating October discussion of Meir Shalev's A Pigeon and A Boy. We are grateful to Janice Colmar, Susan Stern, and Leslie McCafferty for helping us to understand the history of Jewish voters in this election season at the first Rosh Chodesh discussion of 5773. Finally, October ended with a bang with our Membership Kickoff Dinner on the 29th. Jill Kimelman and Jennifer Glick and team did an amazing job organizing while Nancy Weinstein, Robin Polson and culinary crew gave us a fabulous meal.

Looking ahead we have another Rosh Chodesh discussion group and dinner scheduled for **Thursday, November 15**. Be on the lookout for our flyer with the topic! If you have ideas for topics or presenters please let me know.

Our next book review is on **December 2**, a special **Sunday morning** event to accommodate our members who can't always make it to weeknight presentations. The book chosen is Nathan Englander's collection of short stories entitled, "What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne



Frank: Stories". The book is available on Amazon.com in paperback and I'll be happy to lend my copy when I finish reading it!

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING IS COMING BACK!!! We have a series of dates tentatively scheduled for Wednesdays in January. Look for the upcoming flyer and practice your Mayim step!

Paula Touger

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

Come browse through the Gift Shop and see many of our new items.

We are open on Sunday, Nov 4th and Sunday, November 18th from 10am till noon. Please call Ilisa Perlman at 973 379-9275 to shop other times at your convenience.

Happy Thanksgiving



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ADULT FORUM

November 2012

On Tuesday, November 13, noted Hirschhorn lecturer, Chaim Lauer will delve into the Kabbalistic legend with a talk on *Lilith and Madonna-the Fashion of the Red Bracelet*. How many of you tied red strings on your child's crib? How and why did Lilith become a terrifying demon and later the name of a leading magazine? Why does Madonna wear a fashionable red bracelet? Why red and from where is its central string supposed to come? In this lecture, Mr. Lauer will address the origins, comforts, and dangers of superstitions. This will be a most interesting talk on a fascinating topic, so please join us.



There may still be tickets available for NJPAC to see Ben Vereen in *Broadway and Beyond* on November 15. Spend an afternoon with the ultimate song-and-dance man. Ben Vereen, a recent inductee to the Theatre Hall of Fame and winner of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Museum of Dance. Transportation on your own, or car pool if we have enough drivers. A box lunch and backstage tour are included in the cost, \$65 for members and \$70 for Community Participants. Please call me, 973-533-1809, to make transportation arrangements, and mail your check, payable to JCC of Central New Jersey, to Barbara Weisbart, C/O JCC of Central New Jersey 1391 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

One of the most popular films that came out recently is *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*. On November 27, we will be screening this wonderful gem of a movie. It features a stellar cast including Judy Dench, Maggie Smith, Bill Nighy, Penelope Wilton, Tom Wilkenson and Dev Patel. The plot revolves around British retirees who travel to India to take up residence in what they believe to be a newly restored hotel. Much less luxurious than its advertisements had led them to believe, the Marigold Hotel slowly begins to charm them in unexpected ways. Come have lunch with us and view, or if you've already seen it, re-view this film.

Remember, all are welcome to attend any of our programs and trips, so feel free to invite your friends who may not be temple members.

Wishing all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Lois Dyer

ADULT FORUM Events RSVP November 2012

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



Cost: Adult Forum members \$10 per event, community participants \$12 per event. Events begin with lunch at noon. Make checks out to B'nai Israel, except the Ben Vereen trip on 11/15, 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:

☐ **Nov. 13 Chaim Lauer - *From Lilith to Madonna and the Fashion of the Red Bracelet*. RSVP to Lois 973-533-1809 by Nov 9.**

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

☐ **Nov. 15 TRIP to NJPAC to see Ben Vereen in *Broadway and Beyond* - Transportation on your own or carpool. Call Lois 973-533-1809 to make arrangements. Cost \$65 for members and \$70 for Community Participants. Make check payable to JCC of Central New Jersey, c/o Barbara Weisbart, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.**

☐ **Nov. 27 Film - *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*. RSVP to Lois by Nov. 23.**

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CBI NET STARS SERVE ACES

By Art Fredman

With the sound of the Shofar still ringing in their ears, like Joshua in Jericho, the B'nai Israel tennis players attacked on the clay courts of Berkeley Tennis Club, in Orange, for the prized Men's Club Mishugana Cup. From a sports perspective, these descendants of the athletic giants and mighty hunters of our distant past, carry on the tradition of Nimrod and Esau, Jacob, Saul, David, and the mighty Samson. On September 30, on an historic clay surface, we witnessed the athletic feats of our own David(s), Hernan, Grant, Steven(s), Mark, Lisa, Mitchell, and Daniel.

Nine Men's Club members (and one wife), showcased their athletic abilities at the First Annual Mishugana Cup. Three hours of keen competition on a glorious Fall Sunday resulted in the winner, Mitchell Radin, doing a victory jog down the deuce doubles alley of Court 6, at Berkeley Tennis Club, in nearby Orange.

According to event director, Art Fredman, "CBI members displayed skill, competitive drive, and passion for the sport." CBI President Linda Sotnick provided a cameo of her fast-paced forehand before helping out with photography and score keeping. Each competitor displayed unique skills and galvanized plenty of interest from onlookers, including Club members on nearby courts who commented, "Who are those guys....some heavy hitters!"

Unfortunately, the players didn't pay heed to Fredman's advice: "Warm up...start slow...take it easy and just enjoy the occasion." Ha. Never was advice so completely ignored. During warm-ups, they muscled the ball with great velocity. Their eyes glared dominance, intimidation, and personal pride as they ripped at little innocent yellow spheres labeled Penn and Wilson. Some small talk between points didn't disguise their single-minded determination to win, win, win.

Competition started. "I marveled when David Touger, in a blurry split-second, levitated 2 ½ feet horizontally on a net poach and landed with a thud on the soft clay, then rolled over -springing up, catlike, to get ready for the next shot," said Art, who thought, "Is this the same guy who just gave the ultimate Hagbah lift - now dusting himself off?"

"David Sotnick, with quick feet firmly planted on the red clay, pounded a low baseline forehand for a fast-paced deep winner, demonstrating racket control and bounce anticipation. Dan Ramer delivered many crisp serves, rushes to the net, and heavy ground strokes to knock off point after point, always on the attack - undaunted. Steven Friedman consistently returned difficult balls from every angle of the court, forcing fatigued opponents to chase down his accurate returns. And, wife, Lisa, surgically returning every tough shot

with grace, confidence, and the scrupulous bearing of a player not prepared to give up any easy points.

"Grant Miller possesses a polished game, complete with spin serve, relentless net rush, graceful and quick court coverage, and accurate volley. Balls flew off the racket of Steve Chizzik, reminiscent of those Taylor Park days of his endless hours of tennis with his sons - both terrific Millburn players. Steve retains finesse and courtship.

Mark Richman was steady, always in control, protecting his alley, and innovative from his mastery of court geometry (pun). Hernan displayed some of the classic South American clay championship tactics, a baseline retriever with consistency and accuracy, in the tradition of Guillermo Villas, of Argentina...and very determined.

"The First Annual Champion, Mitchell Radin, impressed his opponents with grace, finesse, effective topspin, and efficient stroke mechanics. He savored his near-perfect tennis performance, and expressed a desire to display the trophy in the synagogue for all to see - a la Stanley Cup. As a sidebar, if there were a trophy for competitive grit, it would probably go to David Touger, a true 110%er who is among the last of the 'no pain, no gain' believers.

President Linda Sotnick, along with leaders of Berkeley Tennis Club, champion player and President Dr. Mike Winds, and Berkeley Pro, Jean Bernard Kitio-Kitio, added a touch of class to the event. It is hoped that, at the time of this writing, the CBI warriors enjoying Dead Sea Salt baths to minimize the pain that is the aftermath of such tough competition.*

* Did you know there were six Jewish athletes in the 2012 Olympics?

* Did you know, out of almost 9,000 Jewish athletes, worldwide, there were 3 CBI, Millburn, members competing in the 2009 Maccabiah Games, in Israel.

Do you know who they were and the medals they brought home?



Mitch Radin, the winner of the Mechugana cup

MEN'S CLUB

By Hernan Wurgaft, Men's Club President

As we progress with the reading of the weekly Torah portions, and we read the parashot about Abraham Avinu, I think of him as the first Hebrew Mensch and as a role model for us at Men's Club.



Abraham's hospitality and social advocacy are two features of his character that seem particularly relevant. We learn about Abraham's hospitality in Bereishit 18-2 when he displays great excitement and anticipation by running to meet three strangers who arrive at his tent on a hot day. With comparable excitement and anticipation we meet and greet new members and old members that get more involved as the year's activities accelerate to full swing (see upcoming events). Abraham's social advocacy is observed in his negotiation with G-d to reduce, from fifty to ten, the number of just people that was necessary to save the city of Sodom (Bereishit 18-27). Nowadays we avail of the democratic process as an important way to negotiate our views to improve society. Throughout most of history, nations imposed legal disabilities or promulgated limited rights to their Jewish populations. In this respect, the United States of America was exceptional from almost its beginning. The adoption of the First Amendment, in 1791, guaranteed equal rights without discrimination due to religion. Ever since, American Jews have participated in politics, got elected to public office, and contributed to the improvement of society. By voting in this and every presidential election, and by getting out the vote, we strengthen and celebrate these achievements.

Upcoming Events

- **November Men's Club Book Club:** *The Girl from Foreign: A Search for Shipwrecked Ancestors, Forgotten Histories, and a Sense of Home*, by Sadia Shepard. For more information on this month's meeting contact Ed Nadel at edward.nadel@credit-suisse.com.
- **Sunday, December 16th at 6:30 pm:** Men's Club Channukah Dinner Dance Honoring Men's Club Man of the Year Craig Rothman. Featuring the live Band B'nai Jazz. Elegant dining, dancing, door prizes, and Channukah candle lighting. Invitation will be mailed shortly. For more information contact Josh Schor at jschor@aol.com.

- **Saturday, January 12th after sunset:** Poker Night. For more information contact David Sotnick and Steve Chizzik.
- **Friday/Saturday February 8th/9th:** Men's Club Shabbat (Parashat Mishpatim) For more information contact Dan Richter and Dan Dovdavy.

Men's Club Basketball

Sunday Basketball during Hebrew School hours. Come play with your fellow CBI members, have fun, and get a great workout. Join us at the Union Y located at 501 Green Lane in Union. Also, there is Wednesday night Basketball at the Maplewood Y. For more information, contact David Touger at dtouger@aol.com.

Men's Club Book Club

Men's Club Book Club continues. For information on next month's meeting contact Ed Nadel at edward.nadel@credit-suisse.com.

Thank You

- Special thank you to Art Fredman for organizing and sponsoring the Mishugana Cup Tennis Tournament. The event was a great success. See the separate article on the previous page.
- Thank you to Howard Greenwald and David Touger for preparing and serving the beautiful Men's Club sponsored Kiddush on the first day of Sukkot.

Hernan Wurgaft



Tennis, anyone?



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

BBRS Jewelry Fundraiser

Experience jewelry you won't find in stores!

Shop Tocara jewelry to benefit BBRS

Sunday, November 18th, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

(Shop during religious school hours)

This is a 1 day event - 10% of sales going to BBRS

Great opportunity to buy Hanukkah gifts

Hosted by Kathy Potechin

Preview the jewelry at www.tocaraplus.com/kathy

Email: tocara@potechin.org or call Kathy at 973-919-8176



 TOCARA

SALUTING OUR SUPER SENIORS: MANNY MAGID

By Sheldon Greenholtz

Manny and Phyllis Magid joined CBI in 1957. We were not, however, their first congregation. As then residents of Springfield, they were among the founding families of Beth Ahm, their local conservative synagogue experiencing a growth in Jewish families. This demographic pattern would evolve in many suburban communities.

Congregants of longer standing will remember Phyllis who passed away in 2002. They were married 53 years. Manny spent his career as a math teacher, first in Brooklyn, then New Jersey. He retired as Chairman of the Mathematics Department at Newark East Side High School.

Sons, Martin and David, reside in Newton and Worcester, Mass., respectively, with their spouses, Beth and Debra, and son Joseph lives in Wynnewood, Pa., with wife Liz. Four grandsons and two granddaughters complete his immediate family.

Manny and Phyllis both served as board members in our congregation. Manny was on the finance committee for many years, and also served on the CBI Board as Treasurer. Both Manny and Phyllis served on the Adult Forum Steering Committee of our congregation, since its inception in the early '90s. They established the Phyllis Magid endowment fund in recognition of his wife's long time service and commitment to the synagogue.

Their communal activities have been extensive. Phyllis, in 1967, became the first director of the West Orange YMHA nursery school, remaining in that position for 27 years, until 1993. She then assumed the role of Director at the Whippany JCC. Manny, in retirement, has kept busy. He was Budget Director of The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, originally established in 1914. He managed a 36 million dollar budget which supported, among others, HIAS immigration, ORT international, and Lubavitch Schools in France and Morocco.

Manny is currently Vice President of Newark C.A.S.A. – (R) Council of Administrators and Supervisors. This is a 150 member organization of retired school academicians.

Manny, Crown Heights, and Phyllis, Flatbush, were raised in Brooklyn. Maplewood residents since 1964, Manny is most proud of his sons, Martin, a Math Professor (second generation) at Wellesley College; David, a Computer Consultant of broad standing; and Joseph, a Health Care Consultant and political activist.

Manny can be found most Shabbat mornings, in his customary seat, far left isle, in the sanctuary. And he is always



Manny and Phyllis Magid

ready to accept an aliyah. To Manny, (Yosef Menachem ben Moshe Mickel), we say, “Yasher Koach.” May you continue to go from strength to strength.

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



CBI Programming Bar Bat Mitzvah Social Issues

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, November 13

Kibbutz Challenge

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

Tuesday, December 4

Chanukah Hooplah

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

KADIMA

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

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

Thursday, November 15

Iron Chef Kadima

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

SPECIAL EVENT

Wednesday Evening, November 21

Annual Night-Before-Thanksgiving
Ice Skating with USY (Multi-Chapter Event)
Time: TBA
Mennan Arena
Bus to Leave from Millburn or Springfield

Thursday, December 6

Mitzvah Madness

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, November 15

Food Olympics

Youth Lounge
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENT

Wednesday Evening, November 21

Annual Night-Before-Thanksgiving
Ice Skating with USY (Multi-Chapter Event)
Time: TBA
Mennan Arena
Bus to Leave from Millburn or Springfield

Thursday, December 6

Chanukah Casino Night

Youth Lounge
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Millburn USY

Ezra Engel is the President of Millburn USY for 2012-13. Ezra is a senior at Millburn High School and has been active in USY since his freshman year. Ezra spent much of the past summer in Israel. He conducted research on desalination technologies at Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, located in Haifa. During his two month stay, he traveled around Israel and met up with the USY pilgrimage trip. This month's USY Column features Ezra's speech about the importance of youth groups, given during Kol Nidre service.

In the Central Bus Terminal in Jerusalem, you'll find an interesting piece of art. Adorning the entrance walls are large wrought iron sculptures of Jewish hats. Shtreimels, spodik, shtofeners, kolpiks, kashkets, samets, fedoras, kutchmas, yamakahs and kippahs. I'm not joking. Those are all real.

And that list still doesn't even come close to capturing the diversity of the Jewish movement.

Depending on whether a man's hat is pinched or rounded, one can tell if he's from Stolin or Slonim. The shape of the brim can tell whether he comes from Hungary or Poland.

When I think about this incredible diversity in our culture, I can't help but think of America as well. We live in a country of immigrants, and we are stronger for it. Thousands of different perspectives and traditions synergize to create a more comprehensive and complete world-view.

However, living in America has its drawbacks. We do not share in the cultural diversity of Israel. American Jewry, especially the Conservative movement, is more subdued. We don't have a thousand different hats. Most of us don't even wear a kippah outside of shul.

While we may try to perpetuate the ideal of the salad bowl, America is, and forever will be, a melting pot. We have a talent for assimilation. Cultures and faiths are not lost, but they are certainly muted. It's difficult to hear our ancestral tradition when its voice is drowned out by loud dance music. This is true for all cultures, including Judaism.

Our movement may not share in the variety or zeal of Hasidism, and we seem to have an increasing tolerance of religious torpor.

This all begs the question, where will we be in 50 years? or 100? I surely don't know, but if you believe some of the more pessimistic Israelis, we'll be gone. Disappeared. Assimilated completely. That's a very sad prospect, but...I don't think that'll be the case.

I don't think that because when I look out over this congregation, I have trouble believing that we'll disappear. Tonight, over 600 people sit in this synagogue that we built. And we're all here not from threat of excommunication or familial shame but because we want to be here. That passion is the reason that I think we'll survive.

To safeguard our future, we must instill this passion in children. As President of Millburn USY, the best way that I know how to do that is to get them involved. Those who invest in their community sustain it, not only with their time and effort, but with their presence as well.

Youth Groups have become an integral part of Congregation B'nai Israel: Chaverim, Kadima and USY. These groups will help to protect the future of the Jewish faith.

As a national movement, USY aspires to connect young Jews with their peers around the country. We are a uniquely nationalized movement. And here at Millburn USY we become part of a much larger community than our own.

Our Chaverim and Kadima programs are great ways for younger kids to get involved in the community and socialize with their friends in a Jewish setting. Chaverim and Kadima help us get involved early, and provide a great extracurricular for kids in elementary and middle school.

This year, USY and Kadima opened with chocolate making events; Chaverim opened with GaGa and Games. I want to assure everyone that this is not Hebrew school. We have far too much stress in our lives for that. The main purpose here is to relax and have fun and enjoy good food, but along the way, we might rekindle a religious fire.

I want my generation to be able to pass on our ancestral culture to our children. We may not have 1000 hats, but we still have something very special and it's worth passing on.

Ezra Engel
President, Millburn USY

CBI Youth Groups Membership Information

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

Chaverim – for 4th – 5th Graders

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Millburn USY – for 9th – 12th Graders

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

Aly Greenstein (Chaverim and Kadima Advisor)
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Hearts and Hands

By Tracy Ferdinand

Hearts and Hands would like to thank everyone who helped with our October events.

THANK YOU TO:

Andrea Good and Janet Pennisi for running this year's High Holiday Food Drive to benefit the children of McRoberts, Kentucky. Also to Abigail and Alana Good and Alex and Sarah Jacobs for spending many hours helping to sort, pack and weigh the food. Many thanks to the Beneroff's for donating the boxes used to pack and ship the food to McRoberts.

Thanks to the efforts of these volunteers and to those congregants who generously donated to the collection, we were able to send 628.4 pounds of food to Kentucky to be used in their weekend backpack program. Additional food items were donated to both the Bobrow Kosher Food Pantry and the Interfaith Food Pantry of the Oranges.

Great job everyone.

Tracy

NOVEMBER EVENTS

■ **Holiday Toy Drive – November 11th through December 9th.** This year our holiday toy drive will benefit the South Orange/Maplewood Parenting Center. Bring your new unwrapped toys, games, books and gifts for children, age birth to 17. Over 150 local families will benefit from your generosity this holiday season. See the flyer in this month's bulletin for details. Collection bins can be found in the main lobby and in front of the HGECC office. Questions? Contact Beth Von Bevern at b.vonbevern@verizon.net.

■ **Oheb Shalom Kosher Food Pantry – November 14th.** Volunteers are needed. The Bobrow Food Pantry serves the elderly and poor living in the South Orange Community. Groceries that have been collected and purchased are divided into bags and distributed on various days throughout the year. This month, they need volunteers on Wednesday, November 14th from 7-9 pm.

For safety reasons, the pantry requires that children be over 9 years old and accompanied by an adult. RSVP to Tracy Ferdinand at teferd@aol.com for more information.

PLANNING AHEAD . . . SAVE THE DATE!!!

■ **MAKE YOUR MLK DAY A MITZVAH DAY - "A DAY ON, NOT OFF" - JANUARY 21st from 2:00-4:00pm at CBI**

This amazing program is really coming together! So far there are over 14 organizations confirmed and more in the works. This promises to be an inspirational and educational experience for all ages, so make sure you mark your calendar and plan to be there! If you are interested in volunteering, contact Lori Katzman at lakatzman@me.com. See the flyer in this month's bulletin for more details. A complete list of the day's activities and collections will appear in the December Bulletin.



To contact Tracy Ferdinand, email her at teferd@aol.com

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November 11 to December 9

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To Brenda Eisenberg ~ Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

- ❖ Gary & Judy Dubro

To Lucy Dybner ~ Mazel Tov on your Bat Mitzvah.

- ❖ Lenore May

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To Joe Tenenbaum ~ In honor of your milestone birthday.

- ❖ Linda & Donald Lakin

To Mark Perlman ~ In memory of your father.

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Marion Mohl ~ Happy special birthday and many more!

- ❖ Claire Seligman

To Susan and Michael Jurist ~ In honor of Nicole becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

- ❖ Andrea & David Hirschfeld

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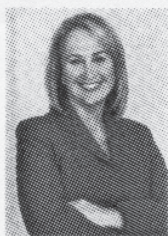
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