

# The Bulletin

Congregation B'nai Israel, Millburn, New Jersey

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*Come and celebrate as we honor and thank past presidents,*

**Todah  
Rabah!**

**Steve Brown** (2005-2007)

**&**

**Barry Allen** (2007-2008)

for their exemplary leadership



Now that our construction is behind us, the time has come for us to thank our past presidents.

Please join us for an elegant breakfast on

Sunday, November 4th

***Guest speaker: Gil Hoffman,***

*Correspondent for the Jerusalem Post*

*Gil will be speaking about the presidential election  
and its impact on Israel.*

Couvert is \$36 per person

Invitations will be mailed shortly. Please RSVP promptly.

## 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 (10/13, 10/27)	10:45 a.m.
Yaldeinu (10/13)	11:15 a.m.

## Minyan Rotation

Sorkin – Szerlip	September 29 – October 6
Talpins – Wank	October 7 – October 13
Warner – Winnik	October 14 – October 20
Wisnuda – Zucker	October 21 – October 27
Abraham – Basarab	October 28 – November 3

## Candle Lighting

October 5	6:13 p.m.
October 12	6:02 p.m.
October 19	5:51 p.m.
October 26	5:42 p.m.

## Mincha / Havdallah

October 6	6:28 p.m. / 7:28 p.m.
October 13	6:17 p.m. / 7:17 p.m.
October 20	6:06 p.m. / 7:06 p.m.
October 27	5:57 p.m. / 6:57 p.m.

## In The Community

### Mazel Tov

Murray and Marion Mohl on Marion's milestone birthday.

### Condolences

Ivy Samuels on the passing of her beloved mother, Bernyce Schmerken.

### Refuah Shleima

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

## FROM THE RABBI'S DEN

By Rabbi Steven Bayar



Emptiness takes many forms. We can be full of many things and yet be empty inside. A person who is so full of themselves that they have no room for others is literally “an empty soul.” A soul that is empty will look for almost anything to fill it – so that it does not feel the existential loneliness being self-centered brings. It's not only that our minds need to be filled – it's what we choose to fill them with that determines what type of life we will have. When we are full of anger and harsh feelings; when we refuse to focus on what is positive and good in our lives – then we search only for what we want – and obsess on why it is unobtainable.

Being obliged and acknowledging it, is a reflection of a much larger set of assumptions about the concept of community. Just look at the Torah; we have chapters devoted to the concepts of debt; who owns whom and who can incur a debt. And perhaps the greatest innovation of all; the Torah dedicates sacred space to the release of debts every 7th and 50th year.

There are many forms of debt – Each one of us lives a life with varied experience and interaction that has created relationships and memories. The experiences may be in the past – but they remain with us in the present and are constant companions as we face the future.

Debt and freedom are concepts that our tradition takes very seriously. The Torah requires us to treat people well. The most common reason given for not oppressing the stranger or the convert, not turning a blind eye to the poor and homeless – the reason given is – “because you were slaves in the land of Egypt.” Our debt to God is paid forward by helping others – but more importantly – it is acknowledged.

An obvious answer is that we owe our parents and grandparents, our mentors our friends – those people who have helped us in our journey. But we also owe a debt to those who have hurt us. We owe them for showing us who we don't want to be – for showing us our potential and for helping us choose to be different.

The rabbis teach, “who is wise? One who learns from everyone.” If this is true that each person can be our teacher, that we can learn from each and every person; then we owe many debts. And if we refuse to recognize these debts – how can we process what was done to us? We all have problems. We all have hurts. How we handle them and how we use the experiences is what makes us who we are.

And then you fill your soul with needs that cannot be met and wants that isolate you from others. Your head will be filled with anger but your soul will be empty. And it will stay empty – until you put something of worth in them.

We are indebted to those who listen to our story, who care enough about us to want to hear it. Perhaps they don't always understand, perhaps they don't always know how to respond – but they care enough to listen. Yes, there is a gap between parents and children; neither speaks the other's language.

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## 2012 Sukkot Services

Sunday .....	September 30 .....	Erev Sukkot .....	6:00 pm
Monday .....	October 1 .....	Sukkot .....	9:00 am
		Mincha .....	6:45 pm
Tuesday .....	October 2 .....	Sukkot .....	9:00 am
		Ma'ariv .....	8:00 pm
Wednesday .....	October 3 .....	Chol Hamoed.....	7:00 am
		Maariv .....	8:00 pm
Thursday .....	October 4 .....	Chol Hamoed.....	7:00 am
		Maariv .....	8:00 pm
Friday .....	October 5 .....	Chol Hamoed.....	7:00 am
		Maariv .....	6:00 pm
Shabbat .....	October 6 .....	Chol Hamoed.....	9:00 am
		Maariv .....	6:15 pm
Sunday .....	October 7 .....	Hoshana Rabbah.....	8:00 am
		Mincha/Maariv .....	6:00 pm
Monday .....	October 8 .....	Shemini Atzeret .....	9:00 am
		Yizkor .....	10:30 am
		Minchat Torah (Children's Service) ....	6:30 pm
		Simchat Torah.....	7:15 pm
Tuesday .....	October 9 .....	Simchat Torah.....	9:00 am
		Maariv .....	8:00 pm



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## President's Message

By Linda Sotnick, CBI President

What are the different opportunities at our synagogue to engage in a meaningful, spiritual experience?

- CBI's main Shabbat services follow traditional Conservative Judaic liturgy. During Friday evenings we usher in Shabbat with the beautiful Kabbalat service. Our clergy and laity are actively working on new ideas to add even more to the meaning of this service, so stay tuned to see what will be happening.

Shabbat morning services combine prayer and Torah study. During our main Shabbat morning service, whether or not there is a B'nai Mitzvah, congregants lead us through parts of the service. These skills have often been learned through participation in a CBI class, help from the Cantor or Rabbi, or in preparation for Sisterhood or Men's Club Shabbat. The opportunity to "learn our service," by learning to lead part of it, exists all year long. Simply reach out to Cantor Wallach or Rabbi Bayar and they will make it happen. If you are not sure what the meaning of a prayer is, or are reading along with the English, there is always the opportunity for a dialogue on your thoughts and questions – sometimes even during services!

We are guided through Shabbat morning services by Cantor Wallach's magical voice. We listen to and participate in Rabbi Bayar's insightful Torah study. It is quickly apparent to anyone who attends CBI's services, that sharing of ideas following Torah and Haftarah chanting is encouraged. Rabbi Bayar and Cantor Wallach have set the tenor within the congregation for open participation at all levels.

- Shabbat Journeymen's Minyan (SJM): This service takes place twice a month on Shabbat mornings, beginning at 10:45 as an alternative to the main service. Congregants discuss and explore topics related to the weekly Torah portion, the liturgy, religious holidays or any other topic related to Jewish life. This is a lay led minyan. Congregants are encouraged to suggest topics of interest to them and even lead this by preparing a brief discussion. The spirit in the room and dynamic sharing of ideas is an inspiring way to celebrate Shabbat. All are welcome to lead or just to participate. \*\*
- Yaldenu: This service was designed as outreach to families with children or young adults with special needs. But, this is a service that provides something special

for all of us: typical and special need. Last Spring, on a Shabbat morning during which I was having trouble sitting through our primary service, I wandered into the chapel where the Yaldenu service was taking place. Distracted and a bit out of sorts, I sat down in the back row, listened to the story being read and absorbed the



reaction and participation. After just a few minutes, I found myself enveloped in a quiet calm. Something special was happening in the room that enabled this peaceful energy. It was not traditional prayer, but it was restorative and it felt very sacred. I will surely attend Yaldenu services again. \*\*

- Chanting and Meditation: Our newest addition, these sessions will take place during several Sunday evenings and will be led by Len Hausman, Nancy Leaderman and others who are knowledgeable in leading and guiding a spiritual experience through chanting and meditation. No previous knowledge or experience with chanting or meditating is necessary. \*\*
- Morning and evening minyan: Morning Minyan takes place at 7:10 each weekday morning and 8:30 on Sunday mornings. Evening Minyan takes place at 8:00 each evening, Saturday–Thursday. This short (15-25 minute) service is a traditional service that allows for communal daily prayer and the opportunity to say Kaddish. It is a mitzvah to come to these services to help make a minyan. You truly make a difference. Following morning minyan, there is always breakfast available to anyone who would like to stay for a bite to eat or just for a little schmoozing amongst great company. **Come try out Morning Minyan on October 26th when I will be sponsoring the Minyan breakfast. I hope to see you then or at any of our services or programs!**

Linda Sotnick

\*\*Times for the various services are listed in this Bulletin and on our website (cbi-nj.org). The chanting and meditation is in the process of being scheduled and you will be able to find the schedule in future bulletins.



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# HEDWIG GRUENEWALD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

By Rochelle Baron, Director

September was a very busy time for us at HGECC! Our little friends made a smooth transition starting on the first day and have been busy learning and playing ever since.

This month we look forward to decorating the sukkah and hosting the "Pizza in the Hut" party on October 3 from 5:00 to 6:30pm. Our Shabbat program with Cantor Wallach begins on October 5. We look forward to welcoming our HGECC families to the CBI sanctuary as part of the weekly celebration. At the end of the month on October 26, together with the CBI Membership committee, we will hold the first preschool Shabbat early service and dinner. More information to follow!

We are very excited to announce a new program beginning this month. Congregation B'nai Israel and Jewish Family Service of Metrowest will host "First Steps", a group for new mothers and babies between zero and eight months old. This class, led by CBI's very own Karen Jacob, will allow new parents to share experiences as well as explore and discuss issues pertaining to Judaism and early childhood. It will meet on Fridays mornings beginning October 19, 2012. Please call the HGECC office or email [kjacob@jfsmetrowest.org](mailto:kjacob@jfsmetrowest.org) for further information.

Enjoy the crisp, cool days of autumn!



To contact Rochelle Baron, email her at [HGECC@cbi-nj.org](mailto:HGECC@cbi-nj.org)

Rochelle Baron



"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up" — Pablo Picasso

## Save the Date!

HGECC Art Auction Fundraiser  
Saturday, November 17, 2012

Fun, food, friends and art!  
All are welcome!  
More details coming soon!

Questions? [robglatt@yahoo.com](mailto:robglatt@yahoo.com)

## THE EXECUTIVE SUITE

By Jane Young, Executive Director

Here it is again, the 20th of the month, and I, in my capacity as Editor of the Bulletin, am going over it with a fine tooth comb – adding all the correct (hopefully) punctuation, correcting misspelled names and words and verifying all the dates. In addition to proofing the Bulletin, I revise the layout to maximize our space and do my best to have it all come out in a way that is aesthetically pleasing and coherent. For instance, this month's issue came to me as a 36 pager & I was able to reduce it to 28. This is desirable because it keeps CBI's printing, layout and postage costs down; plus who really wants to read a 36 page newsletter?!

Would you like to volunteer at CBI but you're not quite ready to join a committee? Have I got a job for you! Are you a stickler for details? Do you have a good eye for typos? If you are willing and able to spend time verifying dates and the spelling of names for an afternoon or evening or two mid-month, I would love to speak with you. This can be done at CBI or at your home – whatever is most convenient for you. If you'd like to give it a try for our November Bulletin, please call me at 973-379-3811 x18 or drop me an email at [cbidirector@cbi-nj.org](mailto:cbidirector@cbi-nj.org).

Chag Sameach to all!

*Jane*



Jewish Family Service of MetroWest and Congregation B'nai Israel  
are pleased to announce the



## Group for New Moms and Babies - Birth to 8 Months

Gather with new mothers and babies to share experiences of this remarkable and sometimes overwhelming phase of life -- birth, meeting your new baby & transition to motherhood.

### Topics will include:

Establishing eating and sleeping patterns, crying, temperament, attachment and changing relationships with friends, family and partners.

The group will also allow participants to explore their Jewish heritage and ways to bring family history, customs and backgrounds into the relationship with the baby.

*Come connect with others, share questions and experiences as we explore the wisdom of Judaism, early childhood research and our resident parenting experts – YOU!*



Small ongoing weekly group

**Fridays 10:00 - 11:15 am**

**Beginning 10/19 and will end 12/14**

*(will not meet 11/23)*

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Enrollment is limited. \$96 fee.

To register please call (973) 637-1750 or email [kjacob@jfsmetrowest.org](mailto:kjacob@jfsmetrowest.org)

Facilitated by Karen Jacob, LSW, MA, JFS Social Worker

Karen Jacob has been a social worker for 17 years working with children, adults, and families, and has led various support groups for new mothers. She is currently a clinician at Jewish Family Service of Metrowest.



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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Thanks to the new CBI members who were able to come join us for breakfast at the Rabbi's house. Who knew that Rabbi Bayar could smoke a piece of salmon to such perfection and whip cream cheese to such a smooth and spreadable consistency! It was a lovely morning and we were very happy to have a relaxed environment in which to get to know you. Was also fun to catch up with some of our synagogue professionals (Cantor Wallach, Rochelle Baron, and Janice Colmar, in addition to the Rabbi, of course). We look forward to continued opportunities to build our relationships and to watch you get further engaged in synagogue life. To those of you who weren't able to make it, we look forward to other opportunities to meet and welcome you. We would like to thank Rabbi Bayar for so graciously hosting the event and also for having such wonderful toys available for our more youthful members. Because really—who doesn't love a party with Elmo in attendance? Stacy Merkel did a fabulous job at organizing the event with help from Marilyn Atlas-Berney, Linda Silver, Mariela Dybner and Linda Sotnick. We appreciate the help and comradery of such a cohesive team.

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### *We Welcome Our New Members\**

Jenessa & Richard Dieterle  
Karin Weinberg & Benjamin Eyster  
Diana J'Ambra & Stuart Gold  
Helene Hauptman  
Elaine Ehrenkranz Kaplan & Jerome Kaplan  
Naomi & Jason Panzer

### *Please welcome back returning members & their families:*

Beth & Ira Barbakoff  
Ellen & Jonathan Blatt  
Eve & Richard Wasserman

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



## OUR NEW LOGO

Congregation B'nai Israel now has a new logo to go along with its renovated and expanded building!

Seven years ago, CBI embarked on a Capital Campaign based on the concept of "Honoring Our Legacy, Building Our Future." With the new building now in place, a logo that reflects both the tradition and future of our synagogue is needed.

The shape of the logo icon is inspired by the historic facade on the front of the building, an original element of the structure designed by famed architect Percival Goodman and constructed in 1951. The Burning Bush in the logo is a modern interpretation of the monumental relief created by renowned artist Herbert Ferber specifically for the CBI façade. Both elements are recognizable elements to anyone who passes the synagogue on Millburn Avenue and honor CBI's rich legacy while emphasizing the congregation's firm foothold in Jewish life today.

Boaz Kimmelman, a CBI congregant and Millburn resident, designed the new logo. He also designed the Capital Campaign logo. Boaz is owner and creative director of Boaz Design, LLC, a branding and graphic solutions company.

Special thanks to Lenette Talpins of the Publicity & Communications Task Force for all her efforts spearheading the focus groups and research into this project along with Leslie McCafferty and Elizabeth Cohen.

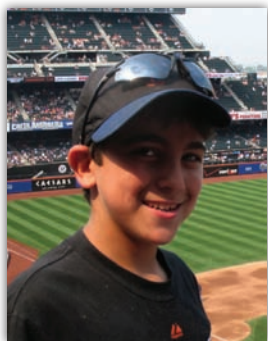
In the months ahead, you will see the new logo incorporated into all forms of communication and publicity for CBI.

Moving? New email address or phone number? Please contact [cbidirector@cbi-nj.org](mailto:cbidirector@cbi-nj.org) with your new info. We want to keep you "in the loop!"



## B'NEI MITZVAH

### Matthew Sherman October 20 (am)



Matthew Sherman is a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School. He loves playing baseball and is an avid fan of the NY Mets. He studies piano and likes to listen to jazz. This past summer, he had the opportunity to visit shrines of both his interests—traveling to the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, and to New Orleans, where he participated in a Habitat for Humanity project for victims of Hurricane Katrina, and developed an appetite for beignets at Café du Monde.

Matthew grew up at CBI, where he first attended pre-school. He shares this special day with his parents, Rosanne and Ted, and his sister, Aliza. He gives special thanks to his tutor, Alan Hershenfeld, Cantor Wallach and to Rabbi Bayar for preparing him to become a Bar Mitzvah.

### Julia Fried October 20 (pm)

Julia Fried is an eighth grader at Millburn Middle School where she is a peer leader in the SHOK program. She also volunteers at the Horizon School and enjoys helping with children with disabilities. Julia loves soccer and plays forward for her Millburn travel soccer team. She also enjoys cooking and baking and spending time with her family and many friends from home and Camp Kinder Ring.

Julia is excited to share this special day with her parents, Jackie and Stuart, her older sisters, Emma and Arielle, and with her shaggy dog, Potter. Julia wants to thank her tutor, Alicia and Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar for helping her prepare for her Bat Mitzvah. She also wants to thank all the teachers and staff at CBI for their help and support throughout her many years in CBI's nursery school and Hebrew school.



### Lucy Dybner October 27



Lucy is an eighth grader at Maplewood Middle School and a graduate of HGECC and BBRS here at CBI; she has now commenced the next chapter of her religious studies in Hebrew high school and by acting as a madrikh. In her free time, Lucy sings in the select chorus and enjoys drawing, painting, playing soccer, skiing and all things Disney.

In honor of becoming a Bat Mitzvah, Lucy has been tutoring a recent immigrant from Mexico during her lunch hour at school. She has met with him twice a week since March, helping him to improve his English and better acclimate him to life at Maplewood Middle School. She has also helped to raise funds for Kulanu, a non-profit organization that aims to help needy and little-known diaspora communities; particularly their project for nutrition for Abayudayan schoolchildren in Uganda. With her family and her Cadette Girl Scout troop, Lucy has accomplished many more mitzvot in the past year, benefitting Allie's Camp, the World Wide Orphans (WWO) and the Interfaith Hospitality Network, to name a few. She and her sister Phoebe also organized the new library at HGECC.

Sharing in this simcha are Lucy's proud parents, Ariel and Mariela, her little sisters Phoebe and Sara, her little brothers Teddy and Miles and her grandparents, Mario and Irene Markelis and Ruben and Ana Dybner. Lucy is grateful to her tutor Alan, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar for helping her develop the skills she will use on becoming a Bat Mitzvah and thereafter.



# BLANCHE BAYAR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

By Janice Colmar, CBI Education Director

Shana Tova! Welcome to 5763!

## Welcome to our New Students!

At Blanche Bayar Religious School we strive to build a community of learners. The elements that found this community is common likes, sports, background and more importantly respect. We believe that each member of our school community adds to our whole and makes us a better school. With that in mind we would like to welcome the following students who have joined our community since last June:

Sophie Araten, Eliana Biller, Liat Cohen, Madeline Drucker, Sara Dybner, Lucy Eller, Zachary Glatt, Eliana Goodman, Kyle Jacobs, Jacob Kamen, Ella Levy, Ilana Manne, Jared Manne, Rebecca May, Rebekkah Merkel, Andrew Minocha, Sophie Minocha, Zoe Panzer, Jake Panzer, Simon Richter, Emma Russo, David Sternlieb, Martin Stirling, Maxwell Wank, Jacob Warner, Milo Weiss, Samuel Eyler, Orly Freifeld, Zoey Blake, Rebecca Rubin, Alyssa Rubin and Sophie Wasserman.



## New Teachers

Please join us in welcoming the following three new teachers this year at BBRS: Shelly Brittner, Jessica Hadeef and Michael Greenstein.

## Ask your child about . . . what they learned this week at BBRS

<https://bbrslearning.wordpress.com/about/>

Within the same conversation, we expanded our definition of community to include our families. This year we hope to be more inclusive with regard to the day to day happenings in the Religious School. Beginning shortly (if not already) will be a weekly blog edited by our Office Manager, Claire Lingham, with anecdotes supplied by our staff. We encourage parents to comment on our blog and learn with us.



To contact Janice Colmar, email her at [cbieducator@gmail.com](mailto:cbieducator@gmail.com)

Janice Colmar

### Congregation B'nai Israel



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#### Questions?

Call Helene Moehlman at (973) 379-3756 or email at [shmoehlman@yahoo.com](mailto:shmoehlman@yahoo.com)  
or Debbie Liner at (973) 763-3226 or e-mail at [goldenorph@aol.com](mailto:goldenorph@aol.com)  
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## Adult Learning

By Joshua Schor

**A**fter a successful rejuvenating year, the Adult Learning committee is pleased to announce our fall schedule!

Given the very well received course on Passover this past spring, we partner again with JTS "ConText" and present a 4-session course on Hanukkah *right here* at CBI. Three "all-star" instructors from JTS and our own Rabbi Bayar will knock your holiday socks off with a spectacular review of this popular holiday. The class will take place on consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning October 24.

**The Fall 2012 Schedule  
with Class Descriptions and Registration Form  
can be found on the CBI website at [www.cbi-nj.org](http://www.cbi-nj.org)**

Rabbi Bayar continues his wonderful teaching on Monday and Thursday mornings and, by popular demand, will now add a Tuesday evening class. Cantor Wallach will melodiously teach two mini-courses on Monday evenings, one on renowned Jewish American composers to be followed later in the fall by a class teaching beautiful new melodies to well known prayers. Again, the schedule says it all but can you imagine sitting up close with the Rabbi and/or Cantor and imbibing their wealth of knowledge and song?

We continue our Talmud class on Tuesday evenings with master teacher Will Friedman whose loyal following will gladly welcome those new to the brilliant treasures of Talmud. Knowledge of Hebrew is helpful. Speaking of Hebrew, learn or brush up on your reading skills while beginning to understand the language and rhythm of prayer in Laurie Berkman's Hebrew Prayer Book Reading class taught in cooperation with the Blanche Bayar Religious School. Laurie is returning once again and class will meet Sunday mornings.

And last but not least (*acharon, acharon chaviv*), several focus groups asked for a film series and we think we have quite the ticket. Israeli cinema has flourished in recent years and we are proud to present a series of three modern films followed by discussion with our native Israeli congregants Ayala and Yoav Tamir (see their impressive bios in the class schedule). These films were selected to highlight aspects of current Israeli society that go beyond the usual politics and debate. We hope the discussions will be educational and challenging and bring you ever closer to the beauty but also the complexities and ironies of modern Israel. Our first film is the highly acclaimed *Ushpizin* which examines

the religious-secular divide during an unforgettable *Sukkot* holiday in Jerusalem. The first film screens Sunday night October 21 at 7:00 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

So come to CBI and indulge yourself in Jewish learning!

**Please take the time to read about *all* our classes by visiting [www.cbi-nj.org](http://www.cbi-nj.org). We ask that you kindly use the registration form that can be found online to sign up. If you have any questions or suggestions, please email Josh at [jschor@aol.com](mailto:jschor@aol.com). Don't delay...classes start mid-October!**

With warm blessings and wishes for a year of meaning and learning.

*Marbeh aytzeh, marbeh t'vuna.* (The more learning, the more wisdom).

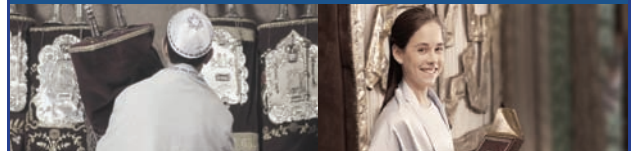
### The CBI Adult Learning Committee

Joshua Schor (Chair), Allan Rauch, Nancy Weinstein, Michelle Barnea, Fran Melton, Charlotte Wernick, Ted Sherman, Kopel Burk, Karen Tucker, Steve Friedman, Jamey Potechin, Matt Seiden, Hernan Wurgaft, Ayala Tamir and Gwen Orel!

Joshua Schor

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## Sisterhood's Message

By Paula Touger, Sisterhood President

When you read this edition of the Bulletin our community will be right in the middle of the "holiday season". That phrase may usually bring to mind busy shopping days in December but you know that's not what I mean! We've just gotten through the joy of seeing friends and family to celebrate another year together while beginning the process of repentance and reflection that concluded with the "*Tekiah Gedolah*" of the *shofar* (followed by a bagel).



Now we find ourselves in the middle of *Sukkot*, when we wish for mild weather so we can enjoy a relaxing meal in the *Sukkah* without rain boots or a fleece. In a few days all of these varied observances will culminate in Simchat Torah, when we celebrate the end of another cycle of reading the Torah from start to finish...and then start all over again by hearing the words, "Beresheet ...in the beginning".

Sisterhood has its own seasonal benchmarks and this time of year is KICK OFF TIME (also known as 'paid up'). This event is historically one of the biggest and most fun "girls night out" on the CBI calendar. We eat, drink, shmooze, celebrate our new and long-time members, reconnect with friends, make new acquaintances, and LAUGH A LOT!!! So please save the date, Monday, OCTOBER 29 AT 6:30 PM and RSVP to Jennifer Glick (see the flyer in this Bulletin)!!

Kick off dinner is also the night that we begin to prepare for our annual Sisterhood Shabbat (scheduled this year for Jan 25-26, 2013) by soliciting our members to fill the

many parts of the service. We have English, Hebrew, and non-speaking/singing parts and we always need help in the kitchen!!

Please don't forget our 1st book review of the year is scheduled for Thursday, October 11 at 7:30 pm., We will discuss the book, *A Pigeon and A Boy* by Meir Shalev, and our moderator will be Sara Sherman.

Wednesday, October 17th at 6:15 pm is the fall's first Rosh Chodesh discussion group. Stayed tuned for the topic!

Paula Touger

**ALL CBI WOMEN INVITED!!**

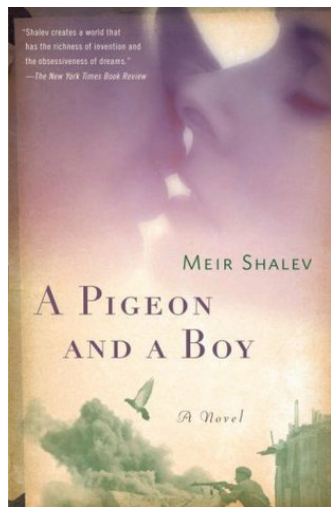
**COME TO THE KICK-OFF  
(AKA PAID-UP) SISTERHOOD  
DINNER.**

**FREE TO  
SISTERHOOD MEMBERS AND  
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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2012  
AT 6:30 OR LATER  
(LATECOMERS WELCOME!)**



To contact Paula, email [pdouger@aol.com](mailto:pdouger@aol.com)



### BOOKENDS

#### 3 Book Discussion Groups - Fall, Winter & Spring

We look to literature to connect with Israelis, explore our identities and share our understanding of human experience.

**The first book group will be held on Thurs., Oct. 11, 7:30 pm at CBI.**

**A Pigeon and the Boy  
by Meir Shalev**

In this novel, two love stories are separated by time, one occurring during the 1948 War of Independence and the other taking place in present day Israel. They are linked, however, by one amazing act of devotion.

Meir Shalev is an acclaimed Israeli author who has won the National Jewish Book Award and the Brenner Prize, one of Israel's top literary awards.

**The group facilitator will be our own Sara Sherman.**

Sara is highly experienced in leading book discussions. She holds a B.A. in English and an M.A.Ed. She has been teaching English and Creative Writing for 12 years.

**All are welcome. Please Join Us!**

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Liner at 973-763-3226 or Wendi Weill at 973-467-7967, Sisterhood programming co-chairs.



## Program Advisory Committee: Upcoming Events of Note

**A**s Linda Sotnick mentioned in her column in the September Bulletin, a new program advisory committee has been formed to identify, broaden and expand our current program offerings. The committee, already affectionately known as "PAC," is chaired by Helaine Ettinger, with Janice Colmar as professional coordinator in a non-religious school capacity.

Within the same conversation, we expanded our defEach month in this column, we will highlight a few special events that uniquely bring all segments of our community together for a synagogue-wide program or other smaller events that are targeted for specific groups with common interests or at similar life-stages.

### Sunday, October 7 - Sukkah Hop

What could be more fun on a crisp Sunday afternoon then a visit with members of the CBI community at various sukkot throughout Millburn/Short Hills. Or perhaps you have a sukkah and would like to enlarge your CBI community by opening it to others. Either way it will be a fun day! For details and to sign up please check out the synagogue website at [www.cbi-nj.org](http://www.cbi-nj.org) or call the Education Office at 973-379-1134.

### Monday, October 8 - Simchat Torah Oneg

The entire congregation is invited to a special Oneg in between the Minchat Torah (children's Simchat Torah

parades ) and the adult Simchat Torah service. This new event focused on "sweet" treats is bound to become a new tradition at CBI! Families attending the Minchat Torah will attend the Oneg following the 6:30 pm service and congregants attending the adult service are encouraged to come a bit earlier before 7:15 to partake.

### Sunday, October 14 - Bnai Mitzvah Workshop

This program is open to all families with an upcoming simcha. Join us from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. when we have a panel of parent experts discussing their experiences with hosting a Bar/Bat Mitzvah; a session on the Bar/Bat Mitzvah List Dilemma and the new mitzvot that are now part of the young adult's Jewish identity.

### Friday, November 23 - College Shabbat

Looking forward, all families with children in college - please mark your calendars for this special College Connections Oneg Shabbat! Details to follow.

**Helaine Ettinger,**  
PAC Chair

**Janice Colmar,**  
PAC Professional Coordinator

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## MEN'S CLUB: NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

By Hernan Wurgaft, Men's Club President

Shiviti is a form of Judaic art derived from Kabbalistic meditational techniques inspired by the verse "I have set (shiviti) the Lord always before me" (Psalm 16:8). It is usually depicted on a plaque that decorates the podium in the synagogue, and it contains the shiviti and other verses forming the shape of a menorah and other symbolic images. I became interested in Shiviti art when doing research on a story about my maternal great-grandfather, Abraham Malchuk (z"l), after whom I was named. In a memory book for the old Great Synagogue of Santiago, there is a letter by the architect - and artist - for the building describing how he created the magnificent vitreaux in the main sanctuary. After completing the design, which included multicolor crystals resembling jewels on a celestial background, the artist faced one more challenge: *"Since there was no Rabbi, I asked the congregation elders for a phrase (for the vitreaux) that represented the essence of being Jewish. Mr. Malchuk gave me what I needed: Shiviti Adonai Lenegdi Tamid."* It is not possible to know whether my great-grandfather simply borrowed the verse from the Kabbalistic Shiviti tradition, or he truly strived to respond to the essential nature of the question, or both. The synagogue of his younger years in Zabłudow, Poland may have very well contained Shiviti art; and as a pious Jew, he surely had delved into the profound meaning of the Psalm.

The Zabłudow synagogue was destroyed together with the majority of my great-grandfather's family during the dark years of the Holocaust -- there is a model of the Zabłudow Synagogue at the Beit Hatfutsot Museum in the University of Tel Aviv as a prime example of Eastern European wooden synagogue architecture. The old Great Synagogue of Santiago was left behind when the community decided to build a new synagogue more conveniently located in the suburbs. I, now at Congregation B'nai Israel, belong to a new generation that has inherited the line of reflection about Shiviti. I think that Shiviti at the same time implies divine protection and a sense of freedom and obligation that is so enmeshed with being Jewish. In this Sukkot festivity my family and I may include Shiviti art when decorating our Sukkah.

Hag Sameach,  
**Hernan Wurgaft**



### Mark Your Calendars

- **Sunday, December 16th at 6:00 pm:** Channukah/Man-of-the-Year Dinner and Dance .
- **Saturday, January 12th after sunset:** Casino Night.
- **Friday/Saturday February 8th/9th:** Men's Club Shabbat (Parashat Mishpatim)

### Men's Club Basketball

Sunday Basketball during Hebrew School hours has resumed. 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. For more information, contact David Touger at dtouger@aol.com.

### Men's Club Book Club

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

### Thank You

Thank you to all Men's Club members who participated as ushers during the High Holidays, and special thank you to Craig Rothman for coordinating the ushering.



CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL  
MEN'S CLUB

### TENNIS TOURNAMENT (MISHUGANA CUP)

**DATE: Sept. 30**

**\*\* RAIN DATE: Oct. 7 OR Oct. 21 \*\***

**TIME: 2-5:00 p.m.**

**PLACE:** Berkeley Tennis Club, 311 Tremont Ave., Orange, NJ 07050 (4.5 miles - Valley/Scotland to Tremont - turn right 2 blocks)

**FORMAT:** Round Robin, with a possibility of Singles

**INFORMATION:** Submit whether you are beginner, intermediate, advanced player

**EQUIPMENT:** Tennis sneakers for the red clay surface; one can of new balls; racket

**AWARDS:** Most games won, 1st, 2nd place; best sportsmanship for that "special" player

**DEADLINE:** Sign up by September 4th

**LIMIT:** 20 Adults

Sign up with Art Fredman  
judyart18@aol.com 973-714-7694 CELL

**COST:** \$25.00



To contact Hernan Wurgaft, email him at [hernanw40@yahoo.com](mailto:hernanw40@yahoo.com)

## Rabbi's Message

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But wanting to listen is much more important than using the right language. Don't dismiss the other simply because they are different.

These debts belong to us. They are part of our being. How we deal with them determines who we are and what we will become. But they cannot be imposed, they must come from self-realization and the understanding of who we are and why we are.

The rabbis ask, "who is wise? One who learns from everyone." It's a somewhat corny but nice phrase – unless

you study it. Think! You cannot be wise unless you are willing to learn from everyone. You cannot find wisdom until you realize that everyone has something to teach whether they realize it or not. And you won't be wise until you know this.

We are all of us teachers, healers and rabbis whether we like it or not; our only choice is whether to be good teachers, healers and rabbis or bad ones.

Steven Bayar

CBI Sisterhood  
cordially invites you to the

# 2012 MEMBERSHIP KICK-OFF DINNER (aka Paid-Up)

## RAFFLES

Meet new friends

## ENTERTAINMENT

Hang out with old friends

## FABULOUS FOOD

No charge for Sisterhood members...

Guests are welcome (\$10 couvert)

Not a Sisterhood member yet? You can become one at the event!! (\$36 cash or check made out to CBI Sisterhood)

New Synagogue member?  
Your first year's membership in Sisterhood is complimentary!

Can you help with this event?  
Any time you can volunteer to gather raffles, shop, cook, or set up would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Jennifer (see contact information to the right) if you would like to be a part of this event.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29  
6:30 pm\*

RSVP by 10/22 to Jennifer Glick  
([glickcorwin@msn.com](mailto:glickcorwin@msn.com) or 973-912-6993)

\*Can't make it at 6:30?

That's ok!

Get here when you can- you'll still make it for dinner!



## CBI Youth Committee

### COMMUNICATION

#### Are you aware of all the exciting youth group events?

For USY, the primary communication vehicle for paid-up USY members is Facebook, where Millburn USY has a dedicated (secure) group. To join the Millburn USY group, please reach out to Aliza Caplan (USY President) or Marla Parnes (USY Advisor) via Facebook. Emails are also sent to all parents and prospective high school students on a regular basis. Marla Parnes, the advisor for Millburn USY, can be reached at mparnes1@verizon.net.

For Kadima and Chaverim, periodic mailings are sent to all families with age-appropriate children and email reminders are sent to paid-up members prior to each event. Aly Greenstein, the advisor for both Chaverim and Kadima, can be reached at aly.greenstein@hotmail.com.

In addition, we include a schedule of upcoming youth group events in the monthly Bulletin and include current programming updates in the weekly email blast issued every Friday.

If you're not receiving information on upcoming events, please let us know!

### SCHEDULING

#### When do the youth groups meet?

After some experimenting over the past several years,

we have established the following primary meeting dates for the respective youth groups:

**USY** – Thursday Evenings

**KADIMA** – Thursday Evenings (immediately following religious school)

**CHAVERIM** – Tuesday Evenings (immediately following religious school)

Having a set day and time for most events has provided consistency for each group. Plus, for Kadima and Chaverim, parents get the added benefit of not making any “extra” trips to the synagogue...and one less mouth to feed at dinner time!

Periodically, some events will still be scheduled on weekends or other weeknights (such as special youth group Shabbat and Havdalah services, “hang out” nights and regional programs).

**All three of the youth groups are in full swing. Don't delay...send in membership forms today and get a free t-shirt!**

The Youth Committee hopes to see you at the 3rd Annual Youth Group Shabbat & Ice Cream Sundae Oneg on Friday, October 12 at 7:30!

**David Good**

Youth Committee Chair

dfgood@verizon.net or 973-921-1665

#### 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, October 16

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

##### Tuesday, November 13

Kibbutz Challenge  
Social Hall  
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, October 4

Super Sloppy Sukkah Structures  
Youth Lounge & Sukkah  
6:00 – 7:15 p.m.  
\*\*No Dinner\*\*

##### Thursday, October 25

GaGa & Games  
MPR and Youth Lounge  
6:00 – 7:15 p.m.  
\*\*Includes Pizza Dinner\*\*

##### Sunday, October 28

Hagalil Region – Opening Event  
\*\*Look for Details Soon\*\*

##### Thursday, November 15

Iron Chef Kadima  
Social Hall  
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, October 4

Hippies in the Hut  
Youth Lounge and Sukkah  
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

##### Saturday, October 13

Hagalil Region – Opening Dance  
Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Springfield

##### Thursday, October 25

Murder Mystery  
Youth Lounge  
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

##### Thursday, November 15

Food Olympics  
Youth Lounge  
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

#### SAVE THE DATE!!!

**3rd Annual Youth Group Shabbat & Ice Cream Sundae Oneg**

**Chaverim / Kadima / Millburn USY**

**Friday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m.**

## ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



### Recent Events

I would like to thank Janet Slifer for her thoughtful address delivered Kol Nidre night. I hope that each of you will consider taking action to build and strengthen our relationships with Israel as she encouraged.

An Israel Affairs Meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 18. I look forward to

seeing all committee members at the meeting, scheduled for 8 pm, following minyan. If you would like to be on the committee, contact me or Lisa Lisser.

### Dates to Put on Your Calendar for 2013

**CBI Israel Affairs Meeting**

Thursday, October 18, 2012

**Past President's Luncheon – Gil Hoffman Address**

Sunday, November 4, 2012

**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

### 5773 Rishonim come to CBI

Last month we described the Rishonim program at CBI and included a biography of Inbar Sade. This month, we are featuring **David Marder** (*see below*).

For more information about this program, you may contact me, or talk to Lisa Lisser ([llisser@verizon.net](mailto:llisser@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.

### David Marder

David Marder has lived in Rehovot his whole life.



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

Both of his parents are "Olim" (immigrants): his father made Aliyah from England and his mother from the United States. His family is religious and part of a Anglo-Saxon Modern Orthodox community in Rehovot called "Bermans".

While David likes science, sports and music, he enjoys more spending time with friends and family. He has been in a Modern Orthodox chapter of the "Tzofim" (Israeli scouts) since 4th grade and a counselor for the past 2 years. He volunteers in the MDA and is a qualified first aid provider. He received a regional excellence award for youth volunteers and has participated in a youth delegation to Switzerland (Keren Hayesod).



### Missing Soldiers

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

<b>Majdy Halabi</b> <b>Guy Hever</b> <b>Ron Arad</b> <b>Zachary Baumel</b> <b>Avi Feldman</b> <b>Yehuda Katz</b>
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### One Last Note

Last month I requested that congregants provide articles about their trips to Israel. I have included in this Bulletin an article written by Jake Hubertus, describing his trip to Israel (see page 7). Jake is a 15-year old CBI congregant who first experienced Israel when he was four as part of HGECC's "mock trip" to Israel. Later, in 2006, he physically went to Israel as part of CBI's family trip. After taking a Middle Eastern Studies class at Millburn High School, he decided to return to Israel this summer for a 5-week trip with Cedar Lake Camp sponsored by the Koby Mandell Foundation. He was also lucky enough to receive a grant from MetroWest.

I hope that you enjoy reading his perspective on visiting Israel.

Joe Tenenbaum

# COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

## Monday, October 1 - 1st Day Sukkot Synagogue Office, BBRS & HGECC Closed

- 9:00 am - Sukkot Service
- 6:45 pm - Mincha

## Tuesday, October 2 - 2nd Day Sukkot Synagogue Office, BBRS & HGECC Closed

- 9:00 am - Sukkot Service
- 8:00 pm - Ma'ariv

## Wednesday, October 3

- 7:00 am - Chol Hamoad
- 5:00 pm - Pizza in the Hut (HGECC)
- 8:00 pm - Ma'ariv

## Thursday, October 4

- 7:00 am - Chol Hamoad
- 4:00 pm - Sukkah in the Hut (BBRS)
- 6:00 pm - Kadima - Super Sloppy Sukkah Structure
- 7:30 pm - USY - Hippies in the Hut
- 7:30 pm - Sisterhood Board Meeting
- 8:00 pm - Ma'ariv

## Friday, October 5

- 7:00 am - Chol Hamoad
- 6:00 pm - Ma'ariv

## Saturday, October 6

- 7:00 am - Chol Hamoad
- 6:15 pm - Ma'ariv

## Sunday, October 7

- 8:00 am - Hoshana Rabbah
- 6:00 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv

## Monday, October 8 - Sh'mini Atzeret Synagogue Office, BBRS & HGECC Closed

- 9:00 am - Sh'mini Atzeret Service
- 10:30 am - Yizkor Service
- 6:30 pm - Minchat Torah (Children's)
- 7:15 pm - Simchat Torah

## Tuesday, October 9 - Simchat Torah Synagogue Office, BBRS & HGECC Closed

- 9:00 am - Simchat Torah Service
- 8:00 pm - Ma'ariv

## Wednesday, October 10

- 7:00 pm - Executive Committee

## Thursday, October 11

- 7:30 pm - Sisterhood Book Review

## Friday, October 12

- 7:30 pm - CBI Youth Group Shabbat (Please note early start time.)

## Saturday, October 13

- 11:15 am - Yaldeinu

## Sunday, October 14

- 9:00 am - B'nai Mitzvah Workshop (PAC)

## Monday, October 15

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

## Tuesday, October 16

- 12:00 pm - Adult Forum ~ Lunch & Political Campaign Songs w/ Linda Russell
- 6:00 pm - Chaverim ~ Chocolate Making
- 7:30 pm - Rabbi's Class ~ Jewish Law & Custom

- 8:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting

## Wednesday, October 17

- 6:15 pm - Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh
- 8:00 pm - HGECC Board Meeting

## Thursday, October 18

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class ~ A Jewish View of the Christian Bible
- 8:00 pm - Israel Affairs Meeting

## Saturday, October 20

- 9:00 am - Matt Sherman Bar Mitzvah
- 4:00 pm - Julia Fried Bat Mitzvah

## Sunday, October 21

- 8:45 am - BBRS Open School Day
- 7:00 pm - "Ushpizin" - critically acclaimed film of Israeli Cinema

## Monday, October 24

- 6:00 pm - Chaverim - Opening Event / GaGa & Games

## Monday, October 22

- 9:30 pm - Rabbi's Class ~ Mystical Torah Commentaries
- 8:15 pm - Cantor's Class ~ "But Cantor, That's Not the Traditional Tune"

## Tuesday, October 23

- 7:30 pm - Rabbi's Class ~ Jewish Law & Custom

## Wednesday, October 24

- 8:15 pm - JTS Hanukkah Mini-series "In Those Days at This Time"

## Thursday, October 25

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class
- 6:00 pm - Kadima - GaGa & Games
- 7:30 pm - USY - Murder Mystery
- 8:00 pm - BBRS Board Meeting

## Friday, October 26

- 5:30 pm - HGECC Early Service & Membership/HGECC Shabbat Dinner
- 8:15 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat

## Saturday, October 27

- 9:00 am - Lucy Dybner Bat Mitzvah

## Monday, October 29

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class ~ Mystical Torah Commentaries
- 6:30 pm - Sisterhood Membership Kick-off Dinner

## Tuesday, October 30

- 12:00 pm - Adult Forum ~ Lunch & Film TBA
- 7:30 pm - Rabbi's Class ~ Jewish Law & Custom

## Wednesday, October 31

- 8:15 pm - JTS Hanukkah Mini-series "In Those Days at This Time"

## 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



## **MAKE YOUR MLK DAY A MITZVAH DAY** **“A DAY ON, NOT OFF”**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 21st from 2:00-4:00pm at CBI**

**Mitzvah Day is a wonderful opportunity to learn about various charitable groups and organizations in our community and Israel.**

**There will be a “hands-on” mitzvah for everyone.**

**Have a charity that is near and dear to you, please let us know.**

**You can sponsor a table at this year’s Mitzvah Day!**

**This is a community-wide event open to all congregants to support local charities as well as those in Israel.**

1. Choose your own philanthropy or charitable organization.
2. Contact the organization.
3. Find out their wants/needs.
4. Invite a representative from their organization to come to CBI and “man” the table (2-4pm) or be the representative for the organization yourself.
5. Provide information (i.e. pamphlets or poster) regarding the organization.
6. Have a collection (not just financial) and/or provide a “hands-on” service activity for congregants to participate in.
7. Be responsible for staffing your table from 2-4pm.
8. Be responsible for delivering items to your organization (if pertinent).

**ALL ORGANIZATIONS & IDEAS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE  
MLK MITZVAH DAY COMMITTEE. FINAL DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10TH!**

Please contact Lori Katzman at 973-379-5856  
or [lakatzman@me.com](mailto:lakatzman@me.com) with any questions, ideas or to volunteer.

**Support an organization that is meaningful for you and share it with us!**

Organizations that have been supported in past Mitzvahthons include

(feel free to choose one of these or research your own):

Bridges, Max Care Foundation, Interfaith Hospitality Network, bookBgone, Project Night Night, United Jewish Communities of MetroWest New Jersey, Birthday Angels, Arthritis Foundation, Sar El, Stuffed Animals For Emergencies, Justin Bear Charity, Jewish Family Services, Soldiers in Israel, CBI’s Capital Campaign, Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills, B’nai Brith Senior Housing, The Valerie Fund, American Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, Down the Block, Market Street Mission, Operation Shoebox, Heifer International, The Seeing Eye, National Council of Jewish Women, Ronald McDonald House, Second Chance Toys, Community Foodbank in Hillside, Habitat for Humanity, McRoberts, Kentucky, Autism Ambassadors, St. Barnabas Hospital, CBI Religious School Tzedakah Fund, Zayin Tzedakah Fund, Jewish World Service’s Sudan Relief and Advocacy Fund, Urban Renewal Corporation, Teach America Program in New Orleans, Rachel Coalition, USY Tikkun Olam, Bar/Bat Mitzvah Projects

# My Trip to Israel

By Jake Hubertus

Let me start off by saying I am not a very religious person but my trip to Israel was an experience that is difficult to describe. The four preconceived notions I had going into my trip were that Israel would be too hot, the language barrier would be a problem, it would be too third world, and too dangerous. Israel is in fact one of the world's most advanced nations having already gotten to space and "turned the desert green". There are some risks of terror when one visits Israel, however they are very miniscule and the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) is one of the most dedicated and storied military powers in the history of man; they are posted all around common attractions. One of the conveniences of taking a trip to Israel is while you may not speak Hebrew, most Israelis speak English as a second language, and English is abundant including on signs and television as well. Lastly, Israel actually does not get that much hotter than the United States; it stays consistently summer temperatures year-round and water is very inexpensive as well as accessible. I visited all three regions – Central, North and South.

The central region of Israel is home to the cities of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The city of Tel Aviv is similar to a major American city in many ways including beaches and malls; however it is also home to several unique museums, restaurants, and sporting events. When in the Tel Aviv area one can walk through history in the biblical city of Jaffa which was where people lived in the area before expanding into modern Tel Aviv. Jerusalem offers many attractions suitable for everybody including shopping on the world famous Ben Yehuda Street, trying new and exotic foods, walking through history on different tours and of course there is also the Western Wall.

The Western Wall was one of the highlights of my trip; I felt a large connection to it, but not immediately. As I stated before I am not a deeply religious person and for the first few minutes my group and I were there, I just looked at it hoping to feel a connection, when none came I went over to a group of men helping people put on tefillin and started to talk with them. One man asked me where I was from and I said the United States, he replied, "Where, New Jersey?" I said yes, he responded, "Where in New Jersey?" I said Short Hills, he then told me, "My friend I used to live on Millburn Avenue before I made Aliyah to Israel." I asked why he had made the switch to Israel, and he told me "to be here, at the Kotel, where Jews come from all over the world." It was at that moment that I realized why I was there, to be amongst all other Jews in a place built by our ancestors.

The north of Israel had many attractions such as the biblical city of Zefat and the Golan Heights, and activities such as mountain climbing and vineyard visiting. In the North, one can visit museums, climb mountains, visit vineyards, and view historic synagogues in Zefat. Zefat is not only home to many important synagogues it is also world famous for candle making, which may sound dull, but when I saw what was possible with wax, I was blown away. The Golan has a rich wine country which has thrived in recent years.

The South is the Negev Desert. The Negev features many exciting spots to visit including the lively Dead Sea, Masada, Eilat (the Las Vegas of Israel), and much more. The Negev is in my opinion the most beautiful place in Israel where one can take many exiting ventures into the desert including hiking, jeep tours, and camel riding. Eilat includes fun activities such as parasailing, tubing, or just relaxing; the difference is, in Israel the Red Sea offers exciting views of neighboring countries, including looking at four at once, (which for some countries might be the only way to view them). Eilat also features one of Israel's largest shopping strips and airports.

The Dead Sea is a must see because ironically enough, it is dying. It is being used for products at a rate faster than nature can replenish it and in many parts has disappeared. Speaking as someone who has been there twice, everyone should go at least once before it disappears. Masada is one of the most important historical sites in Jewish history and is a must see, the climb is not very challenging and the heat is not bad at all, well worth the experience. The Dead Sea and the Negev are living proof that Israel has turned the desert green.

## Sar El Update

Sar El, Service to Israel, is anticipating a trip to a military post in Israel late June '13. If you would like to find out more about this 10 day mission and tour, contact Art Fredman (judyart18@aol.com). This will be the 4th Sar El group from CBI since 2005. It is amazing to experience Israel from inside a military base. We will also tour for about 3 days prior to and after our 'military duty.'

## SALUTING OUR SUPER SENIORS: BERNICE LUXEMBERG

By Sheldon Greenholtz

**B**ernice has been a CBI member since 1958. That was the year she, her husband Milton, and their family moved to Millburn.

In her over five decade association with our congregation, Bernice has served as adult education chairperson, hearts and hands chairperson, blood drive chairperson, as well as congregation secretary. She has also been a CBI board member twice.

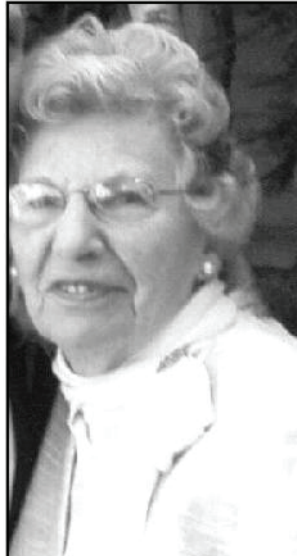
Bernice is the proud mother of four sons, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. Her oldest son, Jack, has been the chief Rabbi at Temple Beth Ami, a 1250 member reform congregation in Rockville, Md., for more than thirty years. Bernice notes that when her son assumed that pulpit, the congregation had only about 250 members. Asked to comment on the dramatic growth, Bernice said, "there are probably many reasons, but I always exhorted Jack, as a youngster, to listen to your mother, and good things will happen." And so they have.

Although Bernice does not travel extensively anymore, she sometimes would spend high holidays and other occasions with Jack and his family.

Bernice, the youngest of four children, was raised in Bayonne, and graduated from New Jersey College of Women (now Douglass). She and Milton both were school teachers. Milton taught at Westfield High School and Bernice was in the Millburn School system, spending almost twenty years at Wyoming School.

Bernice and her family have owned a home on Long Beach Island since 1954, and, as a teacher, enjoyed spending extended summer vacations there. Her children and grandchildren are now its primary vacationers. One of LBI's attractions at that time, was, that since it had no trees, it was pollen free, and therefore, allergy free.

Bernice is a lifetime member of Hadassah, believing strongly in its mission for women here, in Israel, and in-



*Bernice Luxemberg*

deed, around the world. She is a longtime board member of the Millburn-Short Hills Chapter.

When queried about the changes she has experienced at CBI, Bernice says that today's congregation is more informal, and more inclusive and flexible. "After all", she said, "women, until the mid seventies, were not even counted for a minyan here, nor could they be called for an aliyah. They now have equal leadership with our men, many lead and participate in services, and have achieved well deserved parity."

Bernice is a welcome and familiar face in our congregation. May you, Bernice, continue to be so for many years to come.

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

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### October – November 2012

**W**e are partnering with our friends from Oheb Shalom and the JCC of Central New Jersey for our first trip of the year. The October 11, trip to The Museum of Jewish Heritage and the 9/11 Memorial is sold out. If you would like to be placed on the waiting list, please call Barbara Weisbart at the JCC of Central New Jersey 908-889-8800 x207.

Keeping in mind the upcoming elections, our October Hirschhorn presenter is Linda Russell who will regale us with a timely program entitled *Songs America Voted to-Political Campaign Songs of the Past*. This program will take place on Tuesday, October 16 beginning with lunch at noon and the entertainment starting at 1 p.m.

We have the PBS DVD of *Johnny Carson: King of Late Night* scheduled for Tuesday, October 30. Narrated by two-time Oscar®-winner Kevin Spacey, the film features 45 original interviews with Carson's friends, family and colleagues, including his second wife, Joanne, Dick Cavett, Doc Severinsen, and other *The Tonight Show* staff. Performers who appeared, or began their careers, on *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* are also interviewed, including David Letterman, Jay Leno, Mel Brooks, Jerry Seinfeld, Ray Romano, Drew Carey, Garry Shandling, Steve Martin, Angie Dickinson, Ellen DeGeneres, Carl Reiner, Don Rickles, Bob Newhart, Joan Rivers, and David Steinberg. Late night TV hosts Jimmy Fallon and Conan O'Brien also discuss Carson's influence on their careers. Come laugh out loud with us.

We have another trip planned to 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 possibly 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 email your check to Barbara Weisbart, C/O JCC of Central New Jersey 1391 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

You will have noted that due to rising costs both our membership fees and the cost of lunch have been minimally increased. Please feel free to contact me in confidence if this increase is a deterrent to your participation. If you have not yet paid your Adult Forum dues, please send your check for \$12 to the temple a.s.a.p., so that you can benefit from the lower cost to members for our in house programs and trips.

**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.**

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Lois Dyer

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- ☐ **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.

## CBI RELIEF CONVOY TO McROBERTS, KENTUCKY

*“The world stands on three things: Torah, service, and actsof loving kindness.”*

*Pirkei Avot (Ethics of our Fathers, 1:2)*

Our intrepid group of mitzvah-men/women left around 6 am on May 29, drove 126 miles on Route 78, then 431 miles on US81; then we pivoted north, then west, for about 2 more hours to cap a 641 mile journey into one of America’s forgotten corners – McRoberts, Kentucky, tucked into a valley in Appalachia. On the way, about 40 miles east of McRoberts, we noted a Walmart. It was located on a low rise of rocky promontory. It would be the next day, that our own David Stolow mentioned to our local friend and facilitator, Everett Duncan, that it appears the Walmart was built on a hill whose partially truncated ridge line was a victim of strip mining. He agreed that the megastore found a home on a swathe of previously strip-mined property, thereby ruining the land and eliminating mom and pop commerce within a large radius. The epicenter of our work, McRoberts, is a smorgasbord of hastily shaped backroads, called hollows, which often run erratically from the valleys up the mountains, adorned with weatherbeaten and decayed mining cabins which were hastily constructed at the start of the 20th Century. We aimed to help one particular family whose house had been in disrepair due to family health issues, and, generally, the entire community with a generous donation of needed supplies and food. .

### GPS and TRIPTIK Required

As the morning mist lifted from the lush ground cover around us, and the low clouds parted to reveal thickly forested mountains, our minivan caravan left the Whitesburg *Super 8 Motel*. A left at the end of the driveway took us past a strip mall, onto Main Street and, after about one block, a right took us onto Kentucky Highway 119/15. After about 5 miles, we noted a MacDonald’s on the right and maneuvered for a left, across the 4-lane highway, to Route 805. A traffic light made the left possible. Soon, we took a hard right to stay on that road. We passed roads called Smoky Row, Possum Road, and marginal ghost towns named Kona, Seco, and Whitaker; just after Possum Road, we took a hard left to Route 317 to Neon. The GPS signal is erratic in the valleys, and we become temporarily disoriented – and annoyed. After passing squalid living conditions and dormant shops and facilities, it was refreshing to see the new federally-funded Neon Firehouse, equipped with first-rate fire engines and EMT rigs. Everett Duncan, one of our personal contacts in



*Eve and Jesse Moehlman, Adam Tannenbaum, local resident.*

McRoberts, is a fireman and EMT. He proudly took us on a tour of the facility and told us of the unending emergencies faced by folks from the region.

The caravan continued onto 343, passing a street called Coal Avenue on the way to McRoberts. For the CBI veterans, these were familiar environs. The same sad miner cabins, some renovated, but most being another year older and on even shakier footings. In the outskirts of Neon, we passed Mike Johnson’s Dairy Bar, East Kentucky Discount Tobacco Pawn Shop, Letcher County High School, then, in a few minutes, the tiny McRoberts Elementary School. We follow 343 for about 1,000 feet onto Dusty Row, harboring a 6’ tall granite obelisk tribute to too many of the many local fallen heroes of four wars, at the epicenter of the town. Two Baptist churches and a 4’ tall black granite copy of the Ten Commandments dominate the modest town center green. This road becomes Tom Biggs Hollow, which snakes past the home of Jerrie and Don Shepherd (last year’s project) and up the mountain. Hollows are generally one-lane paved roads which often deteriorate to rocks and mud when followed upgrade. There is occasionally some adventure up and down the hollows.

### Backstory

Three of our recruits were college-age CBI members. Jesse Moehlman, Adam Tanenbaum, and Merav Bayar, students at the University of Michigan and Rutgers, form the back story of the trip to McRoberts. Certainly, from within their hallowed centers of advanced learning, the fine arts of spackling, painting, sanding, sweeping, and sorting goods were never taught. They are now CBI-certified renovation artists. The hard work of Andrea Hirschfeld, Steve Moehlman, Bill Cariste, Steven Bayar, Naomi Eisenberger, David Stolow, Peter Freimark, and Art Fredman was a sight for reality TV – possibly called “This

Old Miner's Cabin."

### **Lewis & Clark, Rabbi Avram Belinski, Yad Mordechai**

The expedition was 'mapped' by Rabbi Steven Bayar and former CBI President Naomi Eisenberger, modern-day Meriwether Lewis & William Clark, leading us into charted, but relatively unknown, mountainous territory, often lacking cell towers. President Jefferson sent Lewis & Clark out West; our mission was directed by a higher, omniscient authority. We were not intent on documenting a claim of ownership in this remote Kentucky territory. Helping out. Yes. Owning, occupying, establishing trade routes. Absolutely no. We would interact with some of the neediest people in this nation, relish the warmth of the townsfolk, and be humbled at their sincere gratefulness.

Could we have locked into the journey of "*The Frisco Kid*"? We were not as lucky as Rabbi Avram Belinski, played by Gene Wilder, whose odyssey from a Polish shtetl finally brought him to a Jewish community in San Francisco. Negative. There were no lanzmen in McRoberts, Kentucky. Just 'true' Baptists who lived righteously in God's shadow. Alas! We were elated to learn that Jim Asher, owner of the *Super 8 Motel* and a local attorney in nearby Whitesburg, was a volunteer on Kibbutz Yad Mordecai, near Ashkelon, in 1967! Kol Hakavod! (But, that's another story.)

### **Humble Home on Goose Creek Hollow**

We distributed knap sacks laden with school supplies for every student in the local elementary school and large amounts of food and cleaning materials to needy residents of McRoberts. Susie and Everett Duncan, our 'boots on the ground' identified the home of a distressed local family. Their place was in need of immediate repair and renovation. It was with a great sense of accomplishment that, after two days, our crew cleaned and painted this humble little home on Goose Creek Hollow. Many kin of the elderly couple lived on the same hollow on about ten neighboring plots of land. Their homes included some old campers and trailers as well as some well-maintained former miners homes. Kin often move their trailers and campers onto the property owned by their parents and grandparents.

There was no noticeable source of income among all the kin, many of whom came by to bear witness to the work of our CBI 'home remodelers.' There was a sense of appreciation from the locals; but, it's tricky to describe the reactions of people whose spirits and souls have been shredded through decades of joblessness and the ever-present scourge of drugs. The equation gets even more troubling when the elements of poor nutrition, absence of medical services, and substandard education are added.



*Andrea Hirschfeld and Naomi Eisenberger shop for McRoberts residents at the local 'Save-a-Lot' market.*

Besides Susie and Everett Duncan, we met three shining stars of McRoberts. They are living proof that the human spirit is not completely extinguished— even in a remote former coal mining town. Megan, our waitress at the *Kentucky River Grill*, is in college and expects to become a math and science teacher in McRoberts or the neighboring towns. She lives in the town center in a house next to that of her sister, adjacent to one of the Baptist churches. We learned that McRoberts people have a magnetic draw to the town. Many who depart eventually return to be with their kin. Grandpa Winston Johnson, whose physical condition prevents him from logging anymore, is now a carpenter, constructing bird houses and signs from old barn and cabin wood. Occasionally, he sells his works of art to stores in the outlying area. Also, Amanda, the Principal of McRoberts Elementary School, college grad, attractive young mother of two, recalls her early years of growing up dirt poor in a miner's shack. These shining stars bring a modicum of leadership and organization to the town.

Local attorney and former Mayor of Whitesburg (about 10 miles away from McRoberts), Jim Asher, spoke of the possibility of a Federal Penitentiary coming to the area, but it's not a certainty. That would provide an economic engine the likes of which has not been seen since the glory days of coal mining. Unfortunately, out-of-staters generally work at the ever-present natural gas drilling, strip mining, and mountaintop removal. It's been observed that local workers generally lack the basic skills to do such work.

In the words of the founder and Executive Director of *The Good People Fund*, Naomi Eisenberger, "Congregation B'nai Israel has developed a strong bond with the residents of McRoberts, Kentucky. We are committed to continuing to help make their lives a bit more tolerable through our donations and, most importantly, our personal connection."

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*Pirkei Avot (2:21)*



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To Rabbi, Cantor, BOT and Staff of CBI ~ In appreciation of your good wishes extended on Zach's law school graduation and Andrew's marriage to Emma.

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To Rabbi Bayar ~ In honor of Meira's marriage to Aaron

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To Rabbi Bayar ~ In honor of your engagement. So happy for you!

❖ Mort & Rosalie Farber

To Rabbi Bayar ~ Mazel Tov on your daughter's marriage. Such wonderful news!

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To Stephanie Schrage ~ Mazel Tov! In honor of your successes in tennis, Being ranked #1 in NJ and ranked 44th in the USA in your age group.

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Being roused to action is often just the prelude to awakening others, whether via the shofar—as seen growing out of the letter 'ayin in the 5773 Torah Fund pin—or by using our voices and networks to focus on the critical needs of our families and communities, our movement, and our people. The imagery of dawn invokes an awareness of the challenges before us as well as our need to be alert to address them. What challenges will we face in 5773 as Jewish women? Will we rise to meet them, and will the glory of God be present in our response? Uri, uri—awake—and shir dabeir—sing a song—of activity, of victory, and of thanks to the Holy One whose light illuminates all of our waking moments.

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