# The Bulletin

Congregation B'nai Israel, Millburn, New Jersey Congregation B'nai Israel, Elizabeth, NJ - Affiliated 1992



#### 2012 - 5773: Schedule of High Holiday Services

ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE SANCTUARY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

#### **ROSH HASHANAH**

Sunday	September 16	6:30 pm		Erev Rosh Hashanah – Mincha/Ma'ariv
Monday	September 17	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 11:15 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	<ul><li>10:00 am</li><li>12:30 pm</li></ul>	Service Begins Family Service (MP Room) Yaldeinu Service (Chapel) Junior Congregation Shofar Service Family Service (MP Room) Tashlich Mincha
Tuesday	September 18	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 11:15 am 7:00 pm	<ul><li>10:00 am</li><li>12:30 pm</li></ul>	Service Begins Family Service (MP Room) Junior Congregation Shofar Service Family Service (MP Room) Mincha
YOM KIPPUR				
Tuesday	September 25	6:15 pm 6:30 pm		Mincha Kol Nidre
Wednesday	September 26	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 11:15 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	<ul><li>10:00 am</li><li>12:30 pm</li></ul>	Service Begins Family Service (MP Room) Yaldeinu Service (Chapel) Junior Congregation Yizkor Service Family Service (MP Room) Study sessions - TBD Community Yizkor Mincha Neilah

On Rosh Hashanah Day 1, Rosh Hashanah Day 2 and Yom Kippur there will be:

Childcare Program for ages 9 months -5 years old: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Junior Congregation for grades K-5: 10:30 am - 1:00 PM

HHD ticket order form is on page 7

#### **Shabbat Services**

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat 8:15 p.m.
Shabbat Morning 9:00 a.m.
Torah for Tots 10:30 a.m.
Tefilot Ketanim 10:30 a.m.
Yaldeinu (9/8) 11:15 a.m.

#### **Minyan Rotation**

Podhoretz – Renner	Aug 26 – Sep 1
Retik – Rubinstein	Sep 2 – Sep 8
Sabin – Schneider	Sep 9 – Sep 15
Schor – Shapiro	Sep 16 – Sep 22
Shaykevich – Solomon	Sep 29 – Oct 6

#### **Candle Lighting**

August 31	7:09 pm
September 7	6:58 pm
September 14	6:46 pm
September 21	6:34 pm
September 28	6:22 pm

#### Mincha / Havdallah

September 1	7:24 pm / 8:54 pm
September 8	7:13 pm / 8:13 pm
September 15	7:01 pm / 8:01 pm
September 22	6:49 pm / 7:49 pm
September 29	6:37 pm / 7:37 pm

#### **Selichot**

September 8 8:00 pm

# Selichot

# Saturday, September 8 at 8:00 pm

Please join us for Havdallah, followed by the Board Installation, Selichot and Dessert Reception.

Selichot, which literally means forgiveness, are poems and prayers said in preparation for the High Holidays. The special service of Selichot, held just prior to Rosh Hashanah, is designed to help us direct our hearts and minds to the process of teshuvah, or repentance. We begin to examine our deeds of the past year, seeking forgiveness from God, and promising to improve our behavior in the New Year. Some of the prayers and music for the Selichot service are taken from the services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This provides a musical transition between the "old year" and the New Year.

#### FROM THE RABBI'S DEN

By Rabbi Steven Bayar

n Rosh Hashana we read about the birth of Isaac, the subsequent exile of his half brother Ishmael and the almost sacrifice of Isaac.

These two readings are good stories. The best stories have many meanings and their meaning changes as our capacity to understand and appreciate them grows. All these meanings are true; the facts bring us to knowledge, but stories lead to wisdom.

Abraham has two wives, each with a son. Hagar with Ishmael and Sarah with Isaac. There is tension in the camp between their mothers— and implied strife between the sons.



Sarah wants Hagar and Ishmael expelled from the camp. Abraham does not. – God tells Abraham to "listen to Sarah's voice." So Abraham expels Hagar and Ishmael – and the rest is history.

Would you have forcibly evicted your eldest son – even if God told you to? Remember, this is the Abraham who argued vociferously with God over the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Would you willingly destroy your relationship with your child without a fight? Or would you move heaven and earth to keep the family intact?

And let's face it, you don't have to be a therapist to see that there are other solutions to the problem. Why not bring everyone into the room, validate their feelings and assert your authority? Isn't that what parents do?

God tells Abraham to listen to what Sarah is saying. That's a pretty ambiguous statement. And if you disagree, I will remind you that God has no problem being crystal clear with the ten commandments, or Noah's flood. So, what does it mean "to hear her voice?"

Do you really listen to what your loved ones say?

Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention. We connect through listening.

If Abraham had been able to take the time to see what was going on before his very eyes, would he have been so drastic?

When we love something, it is of value to us, and when something is of value to us, we spend time with it, time enjoying it and time taking care of it... Abraham loves God, and he has devoted his life and attention to God –

Is it possible that Abraham's promise and Covenant has blinded him to all else? Has he pursued his goals without regard to anything else? Has he neglected all those around him because he could not do both?

What if Abraham made a mistake? What if his interpretation of his mission led him to believe that he could have no dissension in the camp? Or did he just get tired of coming home from work every day to the find his family fighting? What if he was called in to solve problems that had nothing to do with his mission – and he failed to realize that his family was his mission? What if his solution to the family strife was to remove the sore spot, excise it so that it would no longer trouble him? And, God has to make it right? God saves Hagar and Ishmael so that they can fulfill their destiny,

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#### **MUSICAL NOTES**

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

synagogue is a unique treasure. Throughout the centuries, wherever Jews have lived and journeyed, the synagogue has provided a haven for Israel's spirit and a sanctuary for studying Judaism. In the synagogue, the essential times of life and rites of passage such as welcoming a newborn into the Covenant, the acceptance of adulthood and getting married are celebrated and made sacred. The synagogue can be a place in which to restore your strength and courage, and find the patience and wisdom with which to meet the many demands of life.



In the synagogue, you may declare your Jewishness and share in its twothousand –year- old history. One of the main ways in which we do all this is through prayer, and particularly, through communal prayer. Prayer is at the heart of our spiritual experience during the High Holy Days.

To the inexperienced or novice davenner, it may appear that for those who are more knowledgeable, prayer comes easy and is always a spiritual or emotional experience. Take my word for it that this is not so! Jews are commanded to pray, but praying is not only a matter of knowledge and will, it also involves thinking and feeling, But even if we don't feel spontaneous or are unable to summon our emotions, Jewish law requires us to pray. Rabbi Neil Gillman, a professor at The Jewish Theological Seminary, calls this "ritual prayer" as opposed to "expressive prayer." The ideal is the combination of the two models, but at various times in our lives one may exist without the other.

The question is what can we do to make praying a more meaningful experience? I don't have all the answers, but I do know that it requires perseverance and effort. Some suggestions are as follows: Try to increase your attendance at services, which will help you learn to recite various prayers and to become more familiar with the structure and choreography of the service. Study the content, meaning and origin of the prayers, using synagogue time to study the Siddur or Machzor, and to read translations and commentaries which appear in the various Siddurim that we have available. Take the opportunity to say your own personal prayers even if it means tuning out the structured service. If one prayer moves you in a particular way then focus on it, think about it, ask yourself what the prayer is saying and how it is relevant to your life. Another suggestion made by Rabbi Gillman is that if all else fails, pray for the ability to pray.

As we begin a new year, may we all achieve moments of heightened spirituality in our worship. As a community, I hope that we can inspire one another to pray as we lift our voices together in songs to G-d on the High HolyDays and throughout the year. Michael, Shira and Joshua join me in wishing all of you and your families a Shanah Tovah U'metukah.

Lorna Wallach

## In The Community

#### **Mazel Tov**

Helene & Steve Moehlman on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Harriet and Paul Klein on Zachary's graduation with honors from Rutgers Law School.

Harriet and Paul Klein on the marriage of their son, Andrew, to Emma Spitzer.

Lynn Jordan and Mark Arian on their recent marriage, and to Sheila Marx on being mother of the bride.

Steve and Gayle Chizzik in honor of the birth of their grandson, Max Clayton Chizzik.

Lenette and Larry Talpins on the birth of their daughter, Emily Rebecca

Barbara and Steven Brown on the birth of their granddaughter, Grayson Eve.

Sharon and Arthur Draznin on the birth of their granddaughter, Remi Ilana.

Michelle Neier and Jonathan Schor on the birth of their daughter, Marissa Alexa.

Rabbi Helaine Ettinger on her milestone birthday.

Linda and Donald Lakin on the engagement of Samantha Lakin and Ben Sacks.

Harriet and Paul Klein on the marriage of their son, Andrew, to Emma Spitzer.

Rabbi Bayar on the marriage of his daughter, Meira, to Aaron Elias.

#### Condolences

Cynthia Goodman on the passing of her beloved father.

Frieda Ostrowsky on the passing of her beloved sister, Claire Shulman.

Hanna Keselman on the passing of her beloved daughter-in-law, Renee Keselman.

Herbert Dobkin on the passing of his beloved wife, Charlotte "Chicky" Dobkin.

Carrie Masia Warner on the passing of her beloved aunt, Lillian Berger.

Carol and Bob Marcus on the passing of their nephew, Edward Posnock.

Cheryl Burstein on the passing of her beloved mother, Helene Burd.

David Jacobs on the passing of his beloved mother, Minna Jacobs.

Hilary Messinger on the passing of her father, Seymour Potashnick

#### **Refuah Shleima**

Robert Wallach, Meryl Griff Hubscher, Lisa Ryan Diamond, Jackie Fried, Louis "Buzz" Warren, Harriet Greenholtz, Ginny Panzer, Robert Finkel, Joseph Siff

## President's Message

By Linda Sotnick, CBI President

"The essence of volunteerism is not giving part of a surplus one doesn't need, but giving part of one's self. Such giving is more than a duty of the heart, but a way people help themselves by satisfying the deeper spiritual needs that represent the best that is in us."

he above quote, by Kathleen Kennedy-Townsend, aptly captures the gift we give ourselves when we choose to volunteer. There is no better way to enhance our connection to our spiritual home than by getting involved.

Summer is traditionally the time when many of us veer from our normal routine, take vacation, and hopefully enter into September feeling rejuvenated and refreshed. For me, this summer has been a time of listening and assessing as I embark on my new role as CBI president. As summer comes to a close and the high holidays approach, I am, indeed, invigorated. I have experienced wonderful energy, reaching out to people to chair and staff committees and am excited as our committees form. Committee chairs and members bring their unique skills, passion and commitment to our community. I am thankful for such a wonderful response to outreach. You will notice from the list of committees in this bulletin that we are in able and dynamic hands. Yet, there is room for more! If you are not sure where you fit in, no problem! We will help you find the right match for getting involved. Simply let me, or any board member, know of your interest. We want to help pave the road for successful participation.

Our board and chairs have heard from many of you that you are very satisfied with much of what goes on at CBI. We have also heard that there is a desire for our synagogue to broaden and expand some of our current program offerings. In response, we have a new program advisory committee, chaired by Helaine Ettinger with Janice Colmar as professional coordinator in a non-religious school capacity. In July, representatives from every arm of the synagogue, including, a new cultural arts and new young family task force, gathered together. This group discussed the reasons people join a synagogue, assessing each program and examining our "master calendar," to insure that needs are being met, and programs remain vibrant and relevant to our entire congregation. Throughout the year, in addition to our worship services, see all that we offer and choose from many dynamic educational, social and enrichment programs. There is, hopefully, something for

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everyone. If not, let us know.

I thank Andrea Hirschfeld, Lois Cantwell and their team of volunteers for a herculean job on this summer's white elephant sale. Thanks to those of you who donated items, worked as volunteers, and of course, shopped. This sale is dependent on a team effort, and we were successful.



It was wonderful to come together as a community during our August BBQ. This annual program has become an event we look forward to -- a time when old and new friends gather together to meet, shmooze and enjoy our community. Yasher Koach and tremendous appreciation to David Good, Janice Colmar and their team of volunteers who worked so hard on this event!

In closing, David, Hannah, Elliot and I wish you and your families a very happy new year. L'shana Tova U'metukah -- May this year be filled with joy, sweetness and blessings!

Linda Sotnick

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#### THE EXECUTIVE SUITE

By Jane Young, Executive Director

Telcome back, CBI!!! The staff and lay leaders of the congregation have been busy, busy, busy working to prepare for a terrific year! This will be our first full year in the beautiful new building envisioned by the congregation almost 10 years ago and brought to fruition due to the generous donations of time and funds by our members.

The Hedwig Gruenewald Early Education Center (HGECC) and Blanche Bayar Religious School (BBRS) are spiffed up and ready to reopen their doors. The silver is being polished and the chairs have been ordered for our first High Holiday season where you will all be able to daven together in our renovated facility – from the Sanctuary all the way to the back of the Social Hall!

I always loved the haimish feel of the building and I have been so pleased that, even though everything is bigger

and more beautiful, the facility still has that good feel to it – the warmth that makes CBI the special place that it is. It is clearly the people in the building that make it feel so inviting.

I hope you enjoy photos of events in the old Grace Levine Social Hall from before construction and those taken



at CBI's Winter and Summer Open House celebrations in 2012!

Wishing you a sweet, healthy and happy 5773!

Jane



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

**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

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

**COST:** \$25.00



Israeli folk dancing.



Good food and fun for all ages.

2012 Sukkot Services			
Sunday	September 30	Erev Sukkot	
Monday	October 1	Sukkot	
Tuesday	October 2	Sukkot 9:00 am Ma'ariv 8:00 pm	
Wednesday	October 3	Chol Hamoed	
Thursday	October 4	Chol Hamoed	
Friday	October 5	Chol Hamoed	
Shabbat	October 6	Chol Hamoed	
Sunday	October 7	Hoshana Rabbah	
Monday	October 8	Shemini Atzeret	
Tuesday	October 9	Simchat Torah	

#### **Adult Education**

By Joshua Schor

dult Ed has been working hard as a committee to bring you classes on a wide array of topics of Jewish interest. Look for our schedule in September and look for classes to begin in mid-October after the holidays. Rabbi Bayar will be continuing his weekday morning classes but will add an evening class as well. We hope to continue to offer Talmud and Prayer Book Hebrew. Our pilot class partnering with JTS (under the aegis of ConText) was a huge success and we are negotiating both fall and spring mini-series with topics to be determined. Each mini-series will be approximately 4 classes taught by 4

luminary JTS professors. We also are excitedly working on a Saturday night series that will feature films from modern Israeli Cinema. With all the hubbub about Israel and politics, some of the cultural riches from Israel are left on the cutting room floor so to speak. We seek to redress this by offering three gems on three different Saturday nights that will allow for brief directed discussions following the screenings. Refreshments will be served! For any questions or if you wish to help, please email Josh Schor at jschor@ aol.com.



# Congregation B'nai Israel

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#### REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL HIGH HOLIDAY TICKETS 2012-5773

Name of member(s)	Email
Address	Phone
Please add the above email address to CE  Adult members in good standing wi  Please indicate how you would like to reco  Exception: Associate Members are required to pu  If you are purchasing tickets, your payment mus se return your request no later than Friday, September 7th with y  Tickets will be emailed to you or can be picked up at the	Il be sent tickets automatically. eive them. Mail, Email or at the door. erchase tickets – see last option below. t accompany this ticket request form your check made payable to: Congregation B'na
	Name on Ticket
Please send High Holiday ticket(s) for the following	
additional adult family members who reside in my home (Please note that <i>tickets for dependent college-aged</i>	e
children and parents who live with you are free for	
member families, but must be ordered in advance.)	<del></del>
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Please send High Holiday ticket(s) for the followin	g
visiting family members who belong to another synagogue. ( <b>There is no charge if your relatives</b>	
submit a letter from their synagogue attesting to	
their membership in good standing.) Continue on	
reverse side if necessary.	
Please send High Holiday ticket(s) for the followin	g
visiting family members and/or adult, non-dependent	
children at \$175.00 per ticket. Continue on reverse side if necessary.	
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■ We are Associate Members.  Please send High Holiday ticket(s) at \$150.00 per	
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# Sukkah Hop!

# An event for the entire CBI community SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 1:00 – 3:00 PM



The best thing about Sukkot is inviting your friends for a meal or being invited to someone's Sukkah.

Sitting outdoors in the crisp Fall air, is the ideal way for meeting your CBI neighbors!

Join us as we hop from Sukkah to Sukkah!

- Will you have a Sukkah this year? Let us add your Sukkah to our Sukkah map. Put out some cookies and a drink and the guests will come
- Want to meet your CBI neighbors, but you don't have a Sukkah? Hop! We will give you a map and you can visit other CBI sukkahs!

Hope to see you! Please respond using this Google Form: http://bit.ly/Qy4VF5

Please call the Education Office at 973-379-1134 with any questions or email us at cbiprogramming@gmail.com

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# We've Changed Our Name, But Not Our Mission.

On July 1, UJC MetroWest and the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey joined forces to become the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ (Federation) — ifedgmw.org.

The new name reflects your Federation's mission of helping Jews in need and ensuring a vibrant Jewish future in our local community, Israel, and around the world. And with its larger size, it has an even greater ability to do extraordinary good and benefit the synagogue community.

Greater MetroWest, for example, will now host the largest delegation of *rishonim* (Israeli emissaries) in the U.S., providing unprecedented opportunities for Israel programming right into your own congregation. Federation's close relationships with seven communities in Israel and two partner communities in the Ukraine create the framework for meaningful missions for adults and families and summer programs for teens.

Your Federation also has an expanded local footprint — Essex, Morris, Sussex, Union, and parts of Somerset County — and an increased number of partner agencies. Federation programs and services will be easier for you to access with headquarters in Whippany and a regional office in Scotch

Plains. And, planning is already underway for satellite offices in Montclair, Morris, and Somerset.

All of Federation's work, in Greater MetroWest, Israel, and around the world, is inspired its commitment to *Klal Yisrael* and *tikkun olam* — one Jewish people and repairing the world.



Take advantage of all that your Federation has to offer. Services such as career counseling and vocational training, crisis counseling, support for people of all ages with special needs and their families, shelter for victims of domestic violence, eldercare, Israel advocacy, and Jewish education and camping opportunities are all here for you and your family.

Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ is your Federation. Learn more by visiting www.jfedgmw.org. Have a question? Please contact Federation at (973) 929-3100 or jewishinfo@jfedgmw.org.

#### **HEDWIG GRUENEWALD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

By Rochelle Baron, Director

Summer Camp 2012 is now history and we are looking forward to beginning another school year. We are excited about our new after-school activities programs which will offer classes with Preschool of Rock (music), the Cora Hartshorn Arboretum (nature and science), Happy Feet (soccer), and Globetrotters (art). Together with JFS, we will host a class for parents and babies between 0 and 6 months old led by CBI's very own Karen Jacob. A new class, "Transitional Twos", is scheduled to begin mid-October and is fully enrolled. "Acting with Emily" is the newest addition to our list of enrichment activities for the children. All in all, lots of exciting new things!



Parent orientation meetings are scheduled for Thursday evening, September 6, at which time they will have the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers and to hear the plans for the upcoming year. An open house for the children is scheduled for Friday morning, September 7. On Sunday, September 9, we look forward to welcoming families to a school kick-off "Playdate in the Playground" from 11:00am to noon. Our first day of school is September 10.

All of us wish all of you a happy and healthy new year!



To contact Rochelle Baron, email her at 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



HGECC Art Auction Fundraiser Saturday, November 17, 2012

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

Questions? robglatt@yahoo.com





April 2009 CBI Groundbreaking.



# Congregation B'nai Israel



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Please fill out the form below and send it to:

Helene Moehlman 5 Elmwood Place Short Hills, NJ 07078

A donation of \$54.00 per student is appreciated to help defray costs. Please make your check payable to "CBI – College Connection."

#### Questions?

Call Helene Moehlman at (973) 379-3756 or email at <a href="mailto:shmoehlman@yahoo.com">shmoehlman@yahoo.com</a> or Debbie Liner at (973) 763-3226 or e-mail at <a href="mailto:soldenorph@aol.com">soldenorph@aol.com</a> (If you email us, please put "College Connection" on the subject line.)

Student's Name:		
Student Email:		
College:		
College Address:		
Parent's Name:		
Parent's Email:		

Don't have a college address yet? Don't worry! Reserve a package now, and email us the address later.

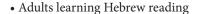
#### **BLANCHE BAYAR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS**

By Janice Colmar, CBI Education Director

uring the week of September 9th the halls of the Blanche Bayar Religious School will once again be alive with the sounds of children. In a walk down the halls, it will be possible to hear:

- Children in the chapel davening the morning service or discussing the reasons for prayer
- Sixth graders examining the theme of leadership in the Tanakh with Moreh Elie Hiller
- Third graders learning to read Hebrew
- Children who need a bit extra support or are ahead of their peers meeting with a tutor who is using an individualized program of instruction to teach Hebrew reading
- A self –selected group of students working on creating their own Puppet theater that will be used to put on holiday plays





Yes, it will be nice to hear those sounds again. Summer is wonderful, but there is nothing so beautiful as children learning about their heritage, their culture and their people.

#### **BBRS School Openings**

**September 9th – Primary "Camp" Kick Off.** Parents are invited to join their k-2 students for our first day. We will meet from 8:45 – 11:00. The morning will include the opportunity for children and parents to learn about the Fall holidays, a bit of Hebrew and the Welcome Back Reception sponsored by Parents Association, who will also provide the apples and honey!

**September 10 Zayin Family Orientation** – Our 7th graders and their parents will meet at 7:00 pm for a short orientation - New this year, our Zayin students will meet on Monday evening along with our Tichon (Hebrew High School ) program.

**September 11 – Opening Day for Gimel** – Hey (3rd grade – 5th grade). We will kick off the school year with apples and honey.

**September 13 – Opening Day for Vav and Zayin** (6th -7th grade). Apples and honey for a sweet new year, as our students get to study with Rabbi Bayar, Cantor Wallach and the rest of our staff.

#### **A Welcome**

Brukhim Habayim, welcome to our newest teacher, Michael Greenstein. Already famous for his chocolate making and incredible chocolate lessons, Michael, the husband of our youth advisor, Aly Greenstein, will be teaching our 4th and 5th graders. We know that everyone will find his classes yummy.

#### **Tutoring on Thursdays**

It is not uncommon to find that sports or other after school activities conflict, often seasonally, with Religious School. Now BBRS is offering a friendly way of handling this conflict. Thursday afternoons we will have a staff member available in the building for private and small group tutoring sessions on an as needed/wanted basis to help children keep up with their classmates. A nominal fee will be charged for this optional service. Appointments must be made in advance by contacting the Education Office at 973-379-1134 or bbrsschooloffice@gmail.com

Shanah Tovah!

Janice Colmar



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# Congregation B'nai Israel New Member Breakfast

with Rabbi Bayar and Cantor Wallach



# Sunday, September 9

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Join us for breakfast in the Rabbi's home to meet our wonderful clergy, synagogue officers, and fellow congregants! Children are welcome!

43 Haran Circle Millburn, NJ

We welcome you to the CBI community and look forward to meeting you!

The DCVD places return completed form to CDI office at

To RSVP, please return completed form to CBI office at 160 Millburn Ave. Millburn NJ 07041 or email Stacy Merkel at stacymerkel@yahoo.com

Family Name:	
Names of Adults Attending:	
Names of Children Attending:	
Phone Number:	Email:

Parents with children attending the first day of classes for the Primary Camp program (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) at Blanche Bayar Religious School are invited to attend an information session at 8:45 a.m. in the school wing of Congregation B'nai Israel immediately preceding the New Member Breakfast.

Families with children attending Hedwig Gruenewald Early Childhood Center are invited to a "Playdate in the Playground" at the Congregation B'nai Israel playground from 11:00 a.m.-noon.

Sponsored by Membership Committee of Congregation B'nai Israel

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Te are delighted to have been given the opportunity to serve as Membership co-chairs for the coming year. The baton has been passed and we will work (well, we think it's more fun than work) to not only bring in new members to our CBI family, but also to ensure that our new and current members are sufficiently engaged in the wonderful things that CBI has to offer. We know there are many people serving the CBI community who welcome feedback and input and we are happy to be included in that group. We would love to hear from you!

It was our pleasure to partner with other arms of the synagogue as we continued the "BBQ Under the Stars" tradition. The attendance was inspiring (too many to easily count) as congregants came together on yet another hot August day to eat, dance, watch movies, and schmooze with friends, old and new. We hope everyone in attendance enjoyed what we thought was a very successful event. Eliana Biller (5 years old) happily attended with her sister Lilah (2). Eliana casually munched on what was left of her popcorn and summed up her favorite part of the evening by saying, "The Lorax—I liked it a lot, especially when the movie started and when they were singing."

Please see the accompanying invitation to the New Member Breakfast with our clergy and officers. We hope to see and welcome our new members on Sunday, Sept 9th in the Rabbi's home. Please note the RSVP information on the invite.

We look forward to sharing more good times at CBI over the next year. And, we both extend wishes for a happy new year to all of you.

B'Shalom,

Lilli Finkler Janet Slifer (973) 564-9251 (973) 258-1892



Winter Open House 1-2012.

#### We Welcome Our New Members

John and Lauren Byers
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Pearl Lehrhoff

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# **Sisterhood Gift Shop**

Join us for our *Grand Opening* on *Sunday, September 9th* and *Sunday, September 23rd* from *9am till Noon*. Come browse our new and exciting gifts for all occasions – B'nai Mitzvot, weddings, birthdays, anniversaries and "just because". Choose from apple and honey servers to ketubahs to tallit and many items in-between. You can reach Ilisa Perlman at (973) 379-9275 or email IlisaPerlman@verizon.net to set up a convenient time to shop during the week.

Our scheduled hours will be posted each month in the bulletin and in the Gift Shop window. In October, we will be open on Sunday the 7th and Sunday the 14th from 9am till Noon. Looking forward to assisting you with all of your shopping needs!

See you at our **Grand Opening** on **September 9th**!

# LITURGY THROUGH MUSIC OF THE AGES AT CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL, MILLBURN

hey are in a musical major league of their own, settling in our community from cities throughout the country. They are musicians who identify with their instruments, especially as they promote Kabbalat Shabbat spirit and ruach. In the past, Millburn's Congregation B'nai Israel String Band has run the gamut of Jewish music, from Shlomo Carlebach's nigunim to Debbie Friedman's Jewish feminist folk pieces.

The CBI STRING BAND preserves prayer and psalm from its earliest years in the Temple in Jerusalem.

Congregation B'nai Israel, of Millburn, again provided the community with a program of unique Shabbat musical pieces by its CBI STRING BAND, on June 22 and August 3. Each Kabbalat Shabbat service showcased the diverse musical talents of congregation members. Longevity in musical performance was topped by Concert Master, Phil Levine, of Millburn, now 91. He has at least 80 years of experience and lengthy tenure in the New Jersey Philharmonic Orchestra. A living CBI legend, this World War II combat veteran is also is a member of the synagogue's softball team and, with wife Miriam, a regular at services.

Folk, rock, and blues guitarist Mark Goldenthal, stated, "The CBI STRING BAND is a liturgical band. Its sole purpose is to enhance T'philah, or prayer experience, and deepen the Kavenaugh, the intention of prayer. Each musician's instrument is their voice of prayer, personal and communal. It is hoped that the community prayer is so enriched and enlivened by the musicians that their contribution simply merges with the other voices and are not distinguished over the Zimrat T'philah." Goldenthal has composed the instrumental arrangements for the traditional melodies sung in CBI's musical Kabbalat Shabbat.

The seven member CBI STRING BAND is under the direction of maestro CBI Cantor Lorna Wallach. A force behind the development of the Band, Len Hausman, on acoustic guitar, regularly accompanies the cantor at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Springfield, at Friday evening services and leads a Kabbalat Shabbat program for residents of the Millburn Group Home. Andrea Hirschfeld, originally from Chicago, has studied, taught and performed on flute since age 9. Jill Teltser Kimelman is a Jewish music educator, with a Masters of Music Therapy in addition to playing piano and guitar. Debbie Liner has been playing folk guitar and mandolin with the CBI BAND since its inception. Diana Bensoul is a concert pianist and master teacher of piano.

Both services featured familiar musical selections in the Kabbalat Shabbat service, melodies of Louis Lewandowski



and Israel Goldfarb, with beautiful new arrangements by the Band's electric guitarist, Dr. Goldenthal. Also included are some more contemporary settings of the liturgy by composers such as Reb Shlomo Carlbach and Craig Taubman. The selections included Shalom Aleichem, Y'did Nefesh, Lichu Niranina, Shiru Ladoshem, Or Zaruach, Mizmor Shiru, Romemu, Hovu Lidoshem, I'cha Dodi, Mizmor Shir, and Adoshem Malach. The appreciative gathering danced, chanted, and sang throughout the Kabbalat Shabbat service.

These services were open to members of the community and those with an interest in Jewish liturgical music, and were followed by an Oneg Shabbat by Art Fredman.

Art Fredman



Party and auction 11-09.

#### Sisterhood's Message

By Paula Touger, Sisterhood President

'll be honest: the monthly responsibility of writing a column is not among my favorites, in theory. In fact, I was enjoying a pretty relaxing summer when I received the email reminder that this article was due into the office. But this seeming interruption to my August repose actually turned out to be a good



thing as it focused my attention on what's happening in the world of CBI Sisterhood this fall.

Our first event is a book review (see date below). As I write this I had not yet read the book (I had lent it to a friend) so I went to that ever-useful source, Google for some insights into our reading selection, A Pigeon and a Boy by Meir Shalev. The New York Times review from 2007 was favorable enough but one particular line struck me. "[the novel]..... is less concerned with the intricacies of a particular religion than with the question of what any person needs in order to be happy.". This statement got me thinking about the "real event" at CBI this fall: The Yamim Noraim, better known as the High Holy Days. After all, whether or not we are inscribed and then sealed into the "Book of Life" for the coming year could have a lot to do with our personal happiness.

According to our tradition, we are supposed to take the month preceding these important days, the Hebrew month of Elul, to start preparing ourselves for this serious period in our calendar. Special prayers and psalms are added to the service and the Shofar is blown at weekday morning services. The purpose is to get us prepped for these holidays. It's customary to ask forgiveness for any hurtful acts to friends and family.

Though I was enjoying the quiet of my summer, I'm glad that I got a jump-start on these mental preparations. Often things get busy in the fall and I find that I'm sitting in services on Rosh HaShanah before I've ever had a chance to think of my mistakes and successes of the past year, as well as my hopes for the new one.

So that is how writing an article to let you know about Sisterhood helped me connect to something even bigger and better. I hope that Sisterhood can have a positive effect on you as well.

On behalf of the Sisterhood Board, I wish you a sweet New Year. May you be inscribed for "what any person needs in order to be happy".

#### **Mark Your Calendar**

Thursday October 11th at 7:30 pm is our first book review of the year. Congregant Sara Sherman will facilitate a discussion of Meir Shalev's book A Pigeon and a Boy.

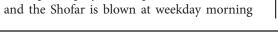
Wednesday, October 17th at 6:15 pm is the fall's first Rosh Chodesh discussion group. Stayed tuned for the topic!

Monday, October 29th at 6:30 pm is our annual Membership Kickoff Dinner (aka Paid Up)!!

Paula Touger



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#### **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. The 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.

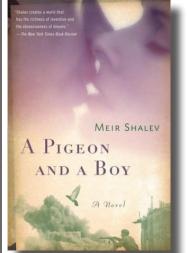
Meir Shalev is an acclaimed Israeli author who has won the National Jewish Book Award and the Brenner Prize, one of Israel's top literary awards.

#### 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.



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# **High Holiday Food Drive**

an important project to help feed hungry children in McRoberts, Kentucky.

McRoberts is a tiny town where the median household income is less than \$24,000.

Congregation B'nai Israel, led by Rabbi Bayar, has directly supported the McRoberts community for several years through home refurbishment, school supply assistance, clothing donations and more. Please join us in our ongoing efforts to support the families of McRoberts by donating items to enable children to eat over the weekends when federally-funded school meals are not available.

#### We are Collecting the Following Items Only

Condensed Canned Soups
Canned Pasta (15 oz: spaghetti, ravioli, etc.)
Popcorn (small microwave bags)
Boxes of Dry Pasta (1 lb.)
Puddings (non-refrigerated)
Pop Tarts
Cereal Bars
Instant Oatmeal (in envelopes; flavors okay)
Peanut Butter (plastic jars)
Crackers (boxes with sleeves like Ritz and Saltines)

# Sunday, September 9 through Sunday, September 30

Food donations can be dropped off in the bins at CBI in the school wing and near the front office. Food donations do not need to be kosher. No glass jars.

#### Looking for another way to help?

We are also collecting manufacturer coupon circulars. These coupon circulars will be sent to McRoberts residents to help them stretch their limited food budget when purchasing food at local supermarkets. Drop off near food bins.

Please direct any questions to Andrea Good <a href="mailto:asgood@verizon.net">asgood@verizon.net</a> or 973-921-1665.

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

By Hernan Wurgaft, Men's Club President

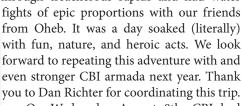
In this, my first column as president of the Men's Club, I would like to invite all members to take full advantage of everything that Men's Club has to offer in the New Year. At a basic level, Men's Club is a special space where we can

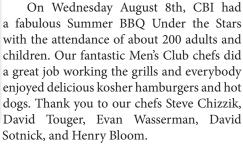


continue to grow as individuals and where we can cultivate friendships from diverse paths and stages in life. I greatly enjoy the readings and the discussions at Men's Club book club meetings, and many have heard me say that Men's Club pickup games have made an enthusiastic 'born again' basketball player out of me (I grew up almost exclusively playing soccer in South America). But at a higher level, Men's Club is a unique channel for us to put in practice Jewish values, and to contribute to the greater CBI family. When I usher for the High Holidays, or when, together with over fifty participating men, I lead a part of the liturgy during Men's Club Shabbat, I express the meaning that I find in being a Jewish man. Also, in actively collaborating with the Religious School, the Youth groups, the Israel Affairs Committee, and other arms of the Synagogue, I believe that Men's Club not only is a helping hand, but it is a vehicle that enhances the meaning of the activities in which our children and our families are involved.

#### **Recent Events**

On Sunday August 5th, CBI Men's Club joined Oheb Shalom Men's Club on our first river rafting trip on the Lehigh River (see picture). The CBI crew valiantly maneuvered through treacherous rapids and had water







David Touger, Griller extradinaire

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#### **Coming Up**

Men's Club First Mishugana Tennis Cup is scheduled for Sunday September 30st. The venue for this event will be the Historical Berkeley Tennis Club, which was home club of legendary Jewish Champion Dick Savitt, one of only three Americans to ever win both Wimbledon and the Australian Open in the same year (1951). Also, the Berkeley Club was a pioneer in breaking discriminatory barriers and its courts saw a young Arthur Ashe play integrated tournaments. For more information please see the announcement on this page or contact Art Fredman at judyart18@aol.com

Our next Book Club meeting will take place on Thursday, September 20, at 8:30 p.m., at the home of Len Hausman. We will be discussing *Radical Judaism: Rethinking God and Tradition*, by Arthur Green. For more information contact Ed Nadel at Edward.nadel@credit-suisse.com

I am fortunate to build upon a well-established and vibrant Men's Club at CBI. I wish to thank all past-presidents, and especially the immediate past-president Henry Bloom for their dedication to get us where we are and for their support going forward. Our Men's Club is profuse with camaraderie, energy, and initiative. We are finalizing an exciting calendar with social events, lectures, and sports and we are open to new ideas and further collaboration with other arms of CBI. I look forward to your involvement in this New Year. L'shanah tovah umetukah.

#### Hernan Wurgaft



Matt Askin, Jerry Weiss, Eric Manne, Hernan Wurgaft, Dan Richter

# SALUTING OUR SUPER SENIORS: MIRIAM AND PHIL LEVINE

By Sheldon Greenholtz

he Levines have been married 62 years. Miriam knows, however, she was not Phil's first love. It was the violin, which he's played since he was nine.

Parents may coax, bribe or insist their children practice. Unnecessary with Phil. His love for violin was so great, that if he misbehaved, his mother would not let him practice. That was punishment enough.

Phil's extensive musical resume includes: Concertmaster, Elizabeth Philharmonic, violinist, NJ Symphony, NJ Pops, NJ State Opera, Paper Mill Playhouse, Garden State Orchestra, plus numerous town symphonies and oratorios. He's performed with Judy Garland, Jack Benny, Liza Minnelli, Placido Domingo, Pavarotti, Liberace, Steve Lawrence/Edie Gorme, and Joan Sutherland. The realities of raising four children led Phil into the carpet business. His life as a musician was never far away, however.

Miriam, from Jersey City, attended a Yiddish High School in Manhattan, along with attending her neighborhood school. At that Jewish School, she learned language, culture, and subsequently attended the Jewish Teachers Seminar in Manhattan, deepening her knowledge of Judaism. She worked for The American Federation of Lithuanian Jews, assisting individuals and families at displaced persons camps in Europe, writing letters on their behalf, as they sought relatives here to sponsor them. Miriam also worked for American Ort.

Miriam's love of music was so strong that her mother, with parental instinct, predicted that, someday, Miriam would probably marry a musician.

It seemed only proper then, that Miriam and Phil would meet, years later, near the Berkshire Music Festival. Their love of music brought them together. Miriam did make Phil promise that she would never play second fiddle, and they have been making "sweet music" for over six decades, raising four children, and being grandparents of eight.

A catcher on the CBI men's softball team, Phil is more than twice the age of most teammates. He was also honored as Men's Club Man of the Year.

Phil received a purple heart at the Battle of the Bulge. He muses that the violin might have saved his life. Recovering from a leg wound, he was asked to play for recuperating troops. His stay extended 3 weeks. The day after he returned to battle, a peace treaty was signed, and the war in Europe ended. Phil occasionally reflects, "Maybe it DID pay to fiddle around."



Phil and Mirriam Levine

To Miriam and Phil, we say, "Let life's sweet music continue to play on."

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



CBI members participate in the Salute to Israel.Parade that occurred Sunday, June 3 in Manhattan.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

#### Saturday, September 1

• 9:00 am - Jacob and Julianna Zomper B'nei Mitzvah

# Monday, September 3 - Labor Day - Synagogue Office Closed

• 9:30 am - Sam Zarin Bar Mitzvah

#### Tuesday, September 4

• 8:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting

#### Wednesday, September 5

• 7:30 pm - Sisterhood Board Meeting

#### Thursday, September 6

- 5:45 pm BBRS Primary Camp Meeting
- 7:00 pm HGECC Parent's Orientation

#### Friday, September 7

• 10:00 am - HGECC Open House

# Saturday, September 8 - Torah for Tots & Junior Congregation begins

- 9:00 am Sophia Sinins Bat Mitzvah
- 11:15 am Yaldeinu
- 8:00 pm Selichot followed by CBI Board Installation
- 8:45 pm Dessert Reception

#### Sunday, September 9

- 8:45 am BBRS Opening Day for Primary & Parent's Welcome Reception
- 10:00 am New Member Breakfast at Rabbi's Home
- 11:00 am HGECC Playdate in the Playground

#### Monday, September 10

- **7:00 pm** *Zayin Orientation*
- 8:00 pm Men's Club Meeting

#### Tuesday, September 11

- 12:00 pm Adult Forum ~ Debbi Kahn Vocal Stylings
- 6:00 pm Kadima Opening Event // Chocolate Making
- 7:30 pm USY Opening Event // Chocolate Making
- 8:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

#### Sunday, September 16 - Erev Rosh Hashanah

• 6:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv

# Monday, September 17 - 1st Day Rosh Hashanah Office and School Closed

- 8:30 am Service Begins
- 9:00 am Young Family Service
- 10:00 am Yaldeinu Service
- 10:30 am Children's Programming
- 11:00 am Shofar Service
- 11:15 am Grade School Family Service
- 6:30 pm Tashlich
- 7:00 pm Mincha

#### Tuesday, September 18 - 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah Office and School Closed

- 8:30 am Service Begins
- 9:00 am Young Family Service
- 10:30 am Children's Programming
- 11:00 am Shofar Service
- 11:15 am Grade School Family Service
- 7:00 pm Mincha

#### Sunday, September 23

• 8:45 am - BBRS 1st day of school

#### Monday, September 24

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

#### Tuesday, September 25 - Erev Yom Kippur

#### Office closes at noon

#### Schools closed all day

- 6:15 pm Mincha
- 6:30 pm Kol Nidre

#### Wednesday, September 26 - Yom Kippur

- 8:30 am Service Begins
- 9:00 am Young Family Service
- 10:00 am Yaldeinu Service
- 10:30 am Children's Programming
- 11:00 am Yizkor Service
- 11:15 am Grade School Family Service
- Afternoon TBA Study Sessions
- 4:30 pm Community Yizkor
- 5:00 pm Mincha
- 6:30 pm Neilah

#### Thursday, September 27

- 6:00 pm Kadima Happenin' Hippies // Tie-Dyeing
- 7:30 pm USY SA/TO Birthday Party

#### Saturday, September 29

• 6:15 pm - Nicole Jurist Bat Mitzvah

#### Sunday, September 30 - Erev Sukkot

- 2:00 pm Men's Club Tennis Tournament (offsite)
- 6:00 pm Erev Sukkot

#### Monday, October 1 - 1st Day Sukkot

#### Office & Schools Closed

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

#### Tuesday, October 2 - 2nd Day Sukkot Office & Schools Closed

- 9:00 am Service
- 8:00 pm Mincha

#### Wednesday, October 3

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

#### Thursday, October 4

- **7:00** am Chol Hamoed
- 4:00 pm BBRS Sukkah in the Hut
- 6:00 pm Kadima Super Sloppy Sukkah Structures
- 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 Hamoed
- 6:00 pm Ma'ariv

#### Saturday, October 6

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

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#### Rabbi's Message

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separate from Abraham's but valid none the less.

So, God will tell Abraham to sacrifice the son he loves, the only son left, Isaac -

So, Abraham, now you know what it feels like, is this where you want to be? This is what you did to Hagar? This is what you caused by expelling them from the camp. Abraham, wake up - I don't need you to sacrifice everything you have -I need you to be compassionate. I need you to try to resolve the difficulties in life – not push them away.

We read these texts to learn about compassion. Abraham was so blinded by his relationship with God that he could not see the people in front of him. He needed to learn how to have compassion - and God showed him how.

That is what we need on these days - to learn that everyone needs compassion - and everyone needs to be compassionate. Maybe God was trying to teach Abraham that life is never perfect, sometimes not even close. But some things that cannot be fixed can still heal. And without healing, you cannot have a true relationship with anyone. You can't be holy until you are whole.

Steven Bayar

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## Jacob and Julianna Zomper September 1 (am)





Jacob and Julianna are miracle children to their parents, having been born three months premature. Both are very good students, excelling in Math and English, respectively. Julianna spends much of her spare time mentoring, practicing and competing in Irish Step-dancing. Jake is working towards getting his black belt in Tae Kwon Doe.

Living in Berkeley Heights and attending CBI has been good for Jake and Julianna and has exposed them to a whole new set of

children, many of whom have become friends. There has never been any "kvetching" about going to Hebrew school, which given their lack of hesitation to kvetch about other things, says a great

deal about their teachers and the Temple more generally. Thank you CBI for a job well done.

#### Sam Zarin September 3 (Labor Day)

Sam Zarin is an eighth grader at Millburn Middle School, and a graduate of B'nai Israel's Hebrew school. This fall he will attend Hebrew high school and serve as a madrich at B'nai Israel and a Peer Leader at Millburn Middle School. Sam enjoys many sports, especially baseball, hockey, sailing and tennis. He is also a fan of art, with interests ranging from Pablo Picasso to Sergio Aragones.

Sam shares this special day with his parents, Melissa and Glenn, and his sisters, Miranda and Chloe. He would like to thank his tutor, Paula Touger, the Cantor, the Rabbi and all of his family and friends for all of their help and support.



## Sophia Sinins September 8 (am)



Sophia Sinins is a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School. Her many hobbies include baking, dancing and participating in the creative arts. Sophia dances jazz, ballet and acro at Turning Pointe Dance Center. She also plays on the Millburn Magic travel softball team and the town's recreation basketball team. Sophia enjoys playing the baritone for the Middle School band. She spends her summers at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires, her second home.

Sharing in this simcha are Sophia's parents, Debra Pianin and Rubin Sinins, her brother, Benjamin, her sister, Alexandra, and her grandparents, Betty Pianin and Stephen Sinins. Sophia gives special thanks to her tutor, Paula Touger, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar for not only preparing her well for the bat mitzvah, but for their kindness and enthusiasm.

# Nicole Jurist September 29 (pm)

Nicole Jurist is an eighth grader at Millburn Middle School. She likes playing soccer, swimming and working on art projects, but most of all loves to dance. She enjoys spending time with her family including all her cousins, with whom she is very close.

Nicole has been volunteering at the Daughter's of Israel nursing home, where she is a "friendly visitor". She enjoys helping people, especially the elderly.

Nicole is very grateful for the love and support of her family, especially her parents, Susan and Michael Jurist, her sisters, Marielle and Julia, her maternal grandmother, Barbara Heiden and her paternal grandparents Herb and Linda Jurist. Nicole is also grateful for the wonderful support she receives from her Bat Mitzvah tutor, Beth Giladi, and from Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar.



# CBI Youth Groups Chaverim – Kadima – Millburn USY

elcome to a new year of **Team Youth** at B'nai Israel – the Chaverim, Kadima and Millburn USY youth groups!

CHAVERIM – for 4th and 5th graders KADIMA – for 6th, 7th and 8th graders MILLBURN USY – for 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th graders

The youth groups are open to all children of the Congregation B'nai Israel community...and beyond!

- A child does not need to attend the Blanche Bayar Religious School to be a CBI youth group member.
- Our youth groups are a great way for children in day schools such as Golda Ochs Academy to maintain a strong connection to CBI.
- We even have members who belong to other synagogues but have joined our youth groups to be with their CBI friends!

Under the professional guidance of Marla Parnes (USY) and Aly Greenstein (Chaverim and Kadima), **Team Youth** at CBI is marked by continued growth in the number of participants and, more importantly, by the tremendous fun, passion and friendship that are the hallmarks of our youth groups. Membership is at an all-time high!

Why are more and more kids joining in the fun?

Our youth groups are guided by a simple set of guidelines:

- We believe in connecting CBI's youth to each other and the wider Jewish community through yearround informal programming that emphasizes love of Jewish living, encourages communal responsibility and charity, and recognizes our youth's energy and creativity.
- We know that our kids benefit from a wealth of extracurricular activities and are constantly forced to make choices about where to spend their time.
- The goal of the CBI youth groups is to provide Jewish experiences that are so fun and rewarding that the kids will choose to include them into their already-packed schedules. By doing so, we will truly integrate our children into the greater Congregation B'nai Israel community.

• It's called Informal Jewish Education, but the kids know it has nothing to do with school. Even the most secular activities (board games, food Olympics, etc.) can reinforce Jewish values. Youth group programming includes social, recreational, religious and cultural activities in an informal, age appropriate setting.

The ultimate goal, of course, is to provide the maximum number of opportunities for our kids to be with other Jewish kids.

Don't miss the opening kickoff events in September! Complete the membership forms and send them in today! Please reach out to Marla (mparnes@verizon.net) or Aly (aly.greenstein@hotmail.com) for more information about Chaverim, Kadima and USY.

And, of course, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any member of the Youth Committee directly with any ideas or questions. Members of the committee include: Michelle Daniel, Roz Engel, Heidi Cohen, Rich Jacobs, Ariel Dybner, Alia Ramer and Michael Berney.

The Youth Committee looks forward to 2012-13 with anticipation as together with Marla and Aly, we work to provide the most vibrant, passionate and fun environment for **Team Youth** within Congregation B'nai Israel!

#### David Good

Youth Committee Chair dfgood@verizon.net or 973-921-1665



#### **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

3rd Annual Youth Group Shabbat & Ice Cream Sundae Oneg Chaverim / Kadima / Millburn USY Friday, October 12

#### CBI YOUTH GROUPS

#### CHAVERIM – KADIMA – MILLBURN USY

I halom and welcome back from what we hope was a great summer for everyone! We are looking forward to another wonderful year of Youth programming and have many exciting events planned for Chaverim, Kadima and Millburn USY.

Watch your mailboxes! Our membership information packets will be sent out soon and will include a calendar of events, membership application and contact information for our new USY Board. Please return your membership forms right away so we can keep you up-to-date with the schedule of events. Remember to mark your calendars so you don't miss an event! Once again, we will be providing tee shirts to our Chaverim, Kadima and USY members – register early to make sure you get a shirt!

Check out the schedule of events on this page for a quick look at our September and October programs for all three youth groups. Bring your friends, bring your ideas and bring your enthusiasm to help get this year off to a fabulous start!

B'Shalom,

#### Marla Parnes

Millburn USY Advisor mparnes1@verizon.net

#### Aly Greenstein

Chaverim & Kadima Advisor aly.greenstein@hotmail.com

#### 2012-13 Millburn USY Board Hagalil Region "Chapter of Excellence"

Congratulations to Ezra Engel and the incoming Millburn USY Board!

President:	Ezra Engel (Senior)
Israel Awareness VP:	Ben Caplan (Junior)
Religious Education VP:	Adam Beneroff (Junior)
Social Action/Tikun Olam VP:	Lara Moehlman (Junior)
Membership VP:	Tali Greenberg (Sophomore)
Communications VP:	Lara Good (Sophomore)
Honorary Officer:	Sage Ferdinand (Sophomore)
USY Freshman Representative:	Jen Jacobs (Freshman)

#### **Events**

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

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

#### Monday, September 24

Opening Event // Gaga & Games 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. \*\*Special Monday Date, Includes Pizza Dinner\*\*

Tuesday, October 16 Chocolate Making 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:<u>00</u> – 7:15 p.m. CBI Multi-Purpose Room

#### Tuesday, September 11

Opening Event // Chocolate Making 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. \*\*Includes Bagel Dinner\*\*

#### Thursday, September 27

Happenin' Hippies // Tie-Dyeing MPR and Youth Lounge 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. \*\*Includes Pizza Dinner\*\*

#### Thursday, October 4

Super Sloppy Sukkah Structures Youth Lounge & Sukkah "\*No Dinner

#### **MILLBURN USY**

The CBI Youth Group for 9th – 12th Graders 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Youth Lounge (unless otherwise noted)

#### Tuesday, September 11

Opening Event // Chocolate Making <u>Social Hall</u> 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, September 27

SA/TO Birthday Party 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, October 4

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





#### TRIP

#### 9/11 Memorial and the Museum of Jewish Heritage Thursday, October 11, 2012

THE 9/11 MEMORIAL SITE is located at the site of the former World Trade Center complex, and occupies approximately half of the 16-acre site. The 9/11 Memorial features two enormous waterfalls and reflecting pools, each about an acre in size, set within the footprints of the original twin towers. The Memorial Plaza is one of the most eco-friendly plazas ever constructed. More than 400 trees are planned for the plaza, surrounding the Memorial's two massive reflecting pools. Its design conveys a spirit of hope and renewal, and creates a contemplative space separate from the usual sights and sounds of a bustling metropolis.

Emma Lazarus: Poet of Exiles Special Exhibit at the Museum

#### We will have a docent led tour of this exhibit

Known for more than a century as the author of the lines "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free . . . ," the poet Emma Lazarus gave voice to the Statue of Liberty and generations of newcomers to America. However, few people know her fascinating story, her Sephardic background, her American roots, and her work for Jewish causes and a Jewish homeland. Learn how Emma Lazarus was inspired to craft an enduring message on exile, refuge, and the promise of America.

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

Cost: Adult Forum & New Beginnings Member- \$ 59 Community Member- \$ 69

Includes donation to 9/11 Memorial, entrance and docent led tour of Lazarus exhibit, and lunch.

NOTE: The bus will drop us off in a 9/11 Memorial designated area, about 2 blocks from the Memorial. The Memorial area is outside and quite large. There are some places to sit down. A ranger is available to answer questions. There are no guided tours.

Space is limited and this trip is being sponsored by three groups. RESERVE EARLY.

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

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

NAME	PHONE
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Amount Enclosed for Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup> trip	
For lunch, select your wrap: Oven Roasted Turkey _ Grilled Vegetables with Hummus Tuna Salad _	
Select your beverage:Bottled WaterCokeDi	et CokeSpriteDiet Sprite
Emergency Contact: Name	Phone

#### **ADULT FORUM**

#### September - October 2012

The hope you've had an enjoyable summer and are ready to rejoin us for our fall activities. We have an exciting year of speakers, entertainers and trips planned for you. Our Opening Event takes place on Tuesday, September 11 and will feature the vocal stylings of musical theater actress and Hirschhorn entertainer, Debi Kahn. Debi has been featured at the Nevele (ah, remember the Nevele?) as well as NYC Cabaret venues. As always, we will begin with lunch at noon and the performance at 1 p.m.

We are partnering with our friends from Oheb Shalom and the JCC of Central New Jersey for our first trip of the year. On October 11, a coach bus will take us to The Museum of Jewish Heritage where we will have a docent led tour of the Emma Lazarus exhibition, and a kosher box lunch. Later on in the day we will tour the 9/11 Memorial site where Rangers will be available to answer any questions we may have. The cost for this trip, which includes lunch, is \$59 for Adult Forum and New Beginnings members and \$69 for Community participants. This should be an exciting and memorable event, so get your reservations in early. The form is on a separate sheet.

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 a film scheduled for Tuesday, October 30. Stay tuned, we have not made a selection yet so-this is a "to be announced."

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. 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 arrangements.

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.

The Adult Forum Steering Committee consists of Shirley and Irv Alper, Ralph Berkowitz, Rosylin and Barnet Epstein, Marcia Gabbe, Bernice Luxemberg, Manny Magid, Beverly Orel, and Ethel Rosenfeld. They join me in wishing all of you and your loved ones a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

#### ADULT FORUM Events RSVP September – October 2012



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

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

#### **ISRAEL AFFAIRS**

By Joe Tenenbaum



# 5773 Rishonim Come to CBI

This year we are going to be a pilot congregation for a new approach to Israeli integration into our community. Every vear for the last 10 years, the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest has brought young schlichim, called "Rishonim", to New Jersey to work in our religious schools,

day schools and public schools. Their job is to show the face of real Israelis to our kids. We at CBI have benefited from this service in the past with Rishonim in our religious school and Rishonim at the Golda Och Academy. They are able to do so much more.

This year we are trying a new model so that the broader CBI community can meet and get to know these extraordinary Israelis. The Rishonim will be working throughout the CBI community in the Early Childhood School, in our religious school, and with our youth groups. They will also provide special programming to our Sisterhood and Men's Club. During our programming meeting this summer, we highlighted several areas that could enhance CBI. One idea was a college reunion. We are reaching out to those of you with college age kids to help on this, but the Rishonim will plan and develop the program with a Birthright focus as well. Additionally, the Rishonim will help us build excitement for the community wide Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut celebrations April 14th and 15th as well as build a meaningful contingent to the Israel Day Parade in NYC on June 2.

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

Each month we will introduce one of the Rishonim in our bulletin. There are 5 of them this year, and they will rotate in and out of CBI based on the timing of their projects. We're very excited to be able to bring Israel to CBI in this innovative way. Make sure to say hi and introduce yourself when you see one of the Rishonim in the building. The first Rishonim we are introducing is Inbar Sade:

Inbar Sade has lived in Rishon LeZion since she was 5. She is the middle daughter of her parents, Tamir and Ronit. She has two siblings, an older sister Yarin, 19 who

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is currently serving in the IDF and a younger brother, Elay, who is 6 years old.

Inbar attended the Gimnasia Realit High School, majoring in philosophy and chemistry while spending most of her free time with the Scouts. In her senior year she was a "Merakezet"-in charge of the 6th graders and their counselors and of the general operations in her chapter.



Inbar participated in the Diller program two years ago and had the opportunity to visit the MetroWest community. In addition, last summer she took part in the Scouts' summer delegation to the US and had the opportunity to be a counselor in a Young Judaea camp in Texas.

#### **Dates to Put on Your Calendar for 2013**

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

#### Israel Bonds News

I have written in the past about buying Israel bonds online. You can buy for yourself or for your family, or for friends. We have used this website to purchase Israel Bonds as Bar or Bat Mitzvah presents. Israel Bonds is pleased to announce a new product. While in the past, the smallest denomination of bond was \$100 (The Mazel Tov Bond), now Israel Bonds is offering a new smaller denomination bond – the eMitzvah Bond. This bond is available in amounts from \$36 to \$90, perfect for sending the message of a connection to Israel, but for less cost than the Mazel Tov Bond. This can be purchased only through an online account. For more information, visit http://www.israelbonds.com/Invest/Introducing-the-eMitzvah-Bond. aspx online.

#### Gil Hoffman to speak at CBI Sunday, November 4, 2012

We are scheduling an appearance at CBI of Gil Hoffman chief political correspondent of the Jerusalem Post. While details are still being determined, we expect Gil to be at CBI on Sunday, November 4 and to speak about the potential impact of the upcoming US election.

#### **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

#### **One Last Note**

If you or a family member are in Israel, or will be soon, or have been recently, please write a short article (150-300 words) and I will publish it sometime during the year. The best way to encourage families to go to Israel is to tell the stories of those of us who have gone. So please, send me stories.

Joe Tenenbaum

# 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" 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).

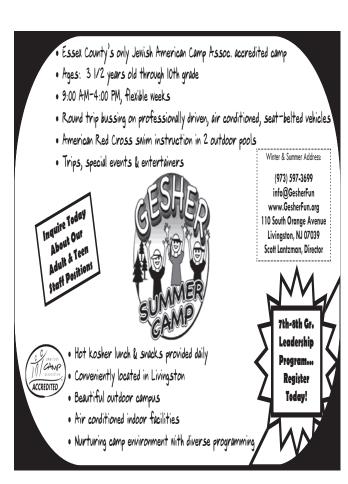
# ALL ORGANIZATIONS AND IDEAS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE MLK MITZVAH DAY COMMITTEE BY SEPTEMBER 30TH!

Please contact Lori Katzman at 973-379-5856 or <a href="mailto:lakatzman@me.com">lakatzman@me.com</a> 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 if 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



#### **How Can I Contribute to Torah Fund?**

Order Torah Fund Cards ~ \$4 per card or 6 for \$20

Call Sandy Panzer at 908-351-1999

Make checks payable to:

Torah Fund - JTS

Please leave order in Sisterhood mailbox located in the synagogue office. We will fill & deliver your order promptly.

#### ONDOLENCE

☐ Dark Blue ☐ Cream ☐ Tree ☐ White

#### **CONGRATULATIONS ON ANY JOYOUS OCCASION**

☐ Baby ☐ Mazel Tov ☐ Rejoicing with You

☐ Milestone ☐ Special Occasion

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

☐ In Friendship ☐ Todah Rabah (Thank you)

#### **GET WELL**

- ☐ Refuah Shleimah (Complete Recovery)
- ☐ Get Well

**Purchase Special Gift Cards from the Torah Fund Office.** Beautiful cards are available for \$18 or \$50 donations. Call the Torah Fund office at 212-678-8977 to order. Or visit them at www.jtsa.edu/torahfund.xml

**Give a donation!** Make donation payable to Torah Fund-JTS & send to Sandy Panzer, 975 Harding Road Elizabeth NJ 07208.

**Become a Benefactor** for \$180 donation and receive a pin. Larger donations receive a pin with a gem in the pin.

Lois Kleiner and Sandy Panzer Torah Fund Vice Presidents

#### **DONATIONS**

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

#### **Synagogue Fund**

To Herbert Dobkin ~ In memory of your beloved wife, Chicky.

- Shirley & Irving Alper
- Phyllis Brightman
- ❖ Molly Burack
- Bettye & Ramon Green
- Isobel Kahn
- Mae Levy & Jerry Rose

To Teddy Leff ~ In memory of your sister.

Shirley & Irving Alper

To Amy Dantus  $\sim$  In memory of your beloved mother, Thelma Stern.

Gloria Segel

To Jane Young ~ In memory of your beloved mother.

- Miriam Linver & Matthew Askin
- ❖ Jill & Boaz & The Kimelman Family
- Gloria Segel

To Sheila Marx ~ Mazel Tov on Lynn and Mark's marriage!

Barbara & Sonny Meisler

To Lynn Jordan and Mark Arian  $\sim$  Congratulations on your wedding!

Barbara & Sonny Meisler

To Miriam Engel ~ Mazel Tov on your Bat Mitzvah and for performing so beautifully!

Miriam & Philip Levine

To The Potechin Family  $\sim$  In honor of Lauren becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

- Sivia Lapidus & Ed Nadel
- Ruth & Myron Rosenberg

To Lauren Potechin ~ Mazel Tov on becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Ettinger-Bloom Family

To Lauren Potechin and Family~ In honor of your beautiful Bat Mitzvah!

❖ Jill & Boaz Kimelman

To Lenette and Larry Talpins ~ Mazel Tov on the birth of your daughter, Emily Rebecca.

Nan & Howard Greenwald

To Wendi Saltzman  $\sim$  In memory of your beloved father, Herb Joseph.

Wendy & Myron Rosenberg

To Gayle and Steven Chizzik  $\sim$  Congratulations and Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Max.

- Lisa & David Ehrlich
- Harriet & Sheldon Greenholtz
- ❖ Helene & Steven Moehlman
- Fran & Marc Levine

To Jamey and Kathy Potechin ~ In honor of Lauren becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Miriam Linver & Matthew Askin

To Carrie Masia Warner ~ In memory of your beloved aunt.

Miriam Linver & Matthew Askin

To Matthew Askin  $\sim$  In honor of your recognition by Israel Bonds.

Barry Langman

To Helene and Steven Moehlman ~ Mazel Tov on your 25th wedding anniversary.

- Lisa & Josh Jacobs
- Miriam & Philip Levine
- Cinthya & Daniel Sarano
- The Slifer Family
- Roz & Jed Buck

To Lori and Josh Schor ~ Mazel Tov on Noemi's graduation.

- Shirley & Irving Alper
- Lisa & David Ehrlich
- Harriet & Paul Klein

To Janet and Michael Slifer ~ Mazel Tov on Pam's graduation from Rutgers University.

Shirley & Irving Alper

To Cheryl and Nahum Burstein  $\sim$  Mazel Tov on your daughter's graduation.

❖ Harriet & Paul Klein

To Ellen Shulman and Jay Perler ~ Mazel Tov on Pam's graduation from High School!

Lisa & David Ehrlich

To Jane and Robert Brauer ~ Mazel Tov on Abby and Michelle's graduation from High School!

Lisa & David Ehrlich

To Hanna Keselman ~ In memory of your beloved daughter-in-law, Renee Keselman.

- Shirley & Irving Alper
- Harriet & Paul Klein
- Linda, Donald, Samantha, and Zachery Lakin
- Robin & Gabriel Margent

To Linda Sotnick  $\sim$  Thank you for all that you added to Ellie's Bat Mitzvah service.

The Pitkowsky Family

To Sharon and Arthur Draznin ~ In honor of the birth of your granddaughter, Remi Ilana.

Betsy & Phil Darivoff

To Barbara and Steven Brown  $\sim$  Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Grayson Eve.

- Deena Bernhaut
- Lisa & David Ehrlich

To Harriet and Sheldon Greenholtz ~ In honor of the marriage of your son Andrew to Emma Spitzer – Mazel Tov!

❖ Harriet & Paul Klein

To Linda and David Lakin ~ Mazel Tov on the engagement of your daughter, Samantha Lakin, to Ben Sacks.

Fran & Marc Levine

To Ginny Panzer ~ Wish you a speedy recovery!

- Shirley & Irving Alper
- Amy & Larry Dantus

To Anna Mohl and Mitch Revsine ~ In honor of their milestone wedding anniversary.

Marion & Murray Mohl

To Amy Dantus, Jonathan Engel, Sheldon Greenholtz ~ In honor of your help organizing and leading the service at our daughter Marissa Alexa's baby naming.

Emily & Seth Barnett

To Cheryl Burstein  $\sim$  In memory of your beloved mother, Helene Burd.

Allan & Nancy Sloan

To David Jacobs ~ Condolences on the passing of your beloved mother, Minna Jacobs.

❖ Helene & Steven Moehlman

To Janet Pennisi ~ Condolences on your loss.

Helene & Steven Moehlman

To Cheryl Burstein  $\sim$  Condolences on the passing of your beloved mother, Helene Burd.

- Helene & Steven Moehlman
- ❖ Jill & Boaz Kimelman
- Hanna Keselman

To Leila Schott ~ Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Molly Burack

To Harriet Greenholtz ~ Look forward to seeing you happy and healthy at Shul and around town.

Rosalie & Mort Farber

To Robert Finkel ~ Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Amy & Larry Dantus

To Harriet and Paul Klein ~ In honor of you son Andrew's marriage to Emma Spitzer.

Andrea & David Hirschfeld

#### Rabbi's Fund

To Herbert Dobkin  $\sim$  In memory of your Chicky, with much affection.

Shirley Lieberman

To Rabbi Bayar ~ In memory of the recent passing of my beloved father, Irwin H. Perlman.

❖ Mark & Ilisa Perlman

To Sy Mullman ~ In memory of your mother.

Marcy & Harvey Brooks

To Amy Kurzrok  $\sim$  Congratulations on your daughter Samantha's graduation.

Ellen & Arnold Gwirtzman

To Sheila Marx ~ Congratulations on the marriage of your daughter Lynn.

Ellen & Arnold Gwirtzman

To Gayle and Steven Chizzik ~ Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Max Clayton.

- ❖ Sydell & Lee Weiner
- Andrea & David Hirschfeld

To Ginny Panzer ~ Best wishes for a full and complete recovery.

Andrea & David Hirschfeld

To Rabbi Bayar ~ Our heart felt appreciation to Rabbi Bayar for helping to prepare Ellie for her Bat Mitzvah.

The Pitkowsky Family

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

- ❖ Shirley & Irving Alper
- ❖ Jackie & Mort Gershman
- Miriam & Philip Levine
- Evelyn & Herman Schachtel
- Gloria Segel

To Helene and Steven Moehlman  $\sim$  In honor of your 25th wedding anniversary.

- Fran Melton & Marc Levine
- ❖ Gayle & Steve Chizzik
- Lisa & David Ehrlich

To Paula and David Touger ~ In honor of your daughters graduation from college.

Gayle & Steve Chizzik

To Roz and Jonathan Engel ~ In honor of Miriam becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

- The Hirschfeld Family
- Shirley & Irving Alper

To Jane Young ~ Condolences on the passing of your beloved mother. Natalie Adlman.

Miriam & Philip Levine

To Frieda Ostrowsky ~ In memory of your beloved sister, Claire Shulman.

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To Cantor Lorna Wallach ~ In appreciation of every thing you did to create a beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat.

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To The wonderful graduates of HGECC ~ We wish you all the best and a bright future!

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## 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.'

To Janet and Michael Slifer ~ In honor of Pam graduating from Rutgers.

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To Lori and Josh Schor ~ In honor of Noemi's college graduation.

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To Hanna Keselman ~ Condolences on the passing of your daughter-in-law, Renee Keselman.

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To Harriet Greenholtz ~ Best wishes for a full and complete recovery.

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To Ginny Panzer ~ Best wishes for a full and complete recovery.

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To Buzz Warren ~ Best wishes for a full and complete recovery.

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