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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.
Shabbat Journeymen's	
Minyan (1/7 & 1/28)	10:45 a.m.
Yaldeinu (1/28)	11:15 a.m.

Minyan Rotation

Grabiner – Halpren	Jan. 1 – Jan. 7
Hausman – Jacobs	Jan. 8 – Jan. 14
Jaffe – Keselman	Jan. 15 – Jan. 21
Kessler – Krauss	Jan. 22 – Jan. 28
Lakin – Lindauer	Jan. 29 – Feb. 5

Candle Lighting

January 6	4:23 pm
January 13	4:31 pm
January 20	4:39 pm
January 27	4:47 pm

Mincha / Havdallah

January 7	4:38 pm / 5:38 pm
January 14	4:46 pm / 5:46 pm
January 21	4:54 pm / 5:54 pm
January 28	5:02 pm / 6:02 pm

Community News

Mazel Tov

Rose and Michael Solomon on the birth of their granddaughter Noa Solomon.

To Leora Wiener and Rabbi Bayar on their engagement.

Condolences

Heidi Allen on the passing of her beloved mother, Judy Solomon.

The Pressman and Cherna families on the passing of Esther Pressman.

The Spivack family on the passing of Selma Spivack.

Sam Cynamon on the passing of his beloved mother, Miriam Cynamon.

Scott Segel on the passing of his beloved father, Norman Segel.

Henry Sendyk on the passing of his beloved mother, Fay Sendyk.

Refuah Shleima

Robert Wallach and Carol Gates

FROM THE RABBI'S DEN

By Rabbi Steven Bayar

I will be spending the next several articles talking about Good People who do good work for our community. My first story is about a person who has worked with CBI on many programs; Ranya Kelly.

Meeting Ranya for the first time you would never guess that this quiet petite woman once brought a major corporation to its knees in the city of Denver. She never intended to be a controversial celebrity but when you get to know her you will find that Ranya never backs away from a fight when she is in the right.

Several years ago she found herself in need of a good sized box to send out a gift. She went in back of a strip mall store that sold shoes to find such a box, but, when she opened the dumpster, found 500 pair of brand new shoes instead. The store, and its parent company, had a policy to discard merchandise that did not sell after a certain amount of time.

Ranya took the shoes home and invited her family and friends to take what they wanted. But she still had hundreds of pairs of shoes left - and would not throw them out. She ended up driving to a homeless shelter to donate the shoes. There, she had an epiphany. As she put it, "I never knew about the shelters or people who really needed anything. I grew up in an upper middle class family. I was never involved with poor people. There was a pregnant woman standing in the doorway, her pants dragging on the floor. She had a two or three year old in tow and had no shoes. It was the middle of January. I just couldn't comprehend that somebody didn't have a pair of shoes when I had just found 500 pair."

Ranya went back to that dumpster and began collecting the discarded shoes. She was caught, almost arrested for theft and almost sued. When they could not stop her the store began shredding the shoes to stop her.

Finally, after the press got involved and both sides began talking, Ranya was allowed to continue. Today, almost one million shoes later, she has created an organization that brings stores which habitually discard unsold merchandise together with people who are in need. Ranya's organization, the Redistribution Center, channels millions of dollars worth



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of materials every year.

Ranya has sent CBI truckloads of material that we have distributed to social service agencies in Newark and supports our work in Appalachia. She is truly one of the Good People.

Steven Bayar

Chanukah Music Sing-a-long



The CBI Band, under the direction of Cantor Lorna Wallach, held a Chanukah music Sing-a-long in December. Members of the band are: (in the back row) Mark Goldenthal, Andrea Hirschfeld, Cantor Lorna Wallach, Phil Levine, Len Hausman, (in the front row) Debbie Liner. Photo courtesy of Andrea Hirschfeld.

Look for more occasions when the CBI Band will perform this Winter/ Spring. You won't want to miss it!

CBI Youth Groups Membership Information

A New Year means a new opportunity to join CBI Youth Groups! We always welcome new members...at any time!!

Chaverim

for 4th – 5th Graders

Kadima

for 6th – 8th Graders

Millburn USY

for 9th – 12th Graders

If you need details about an upcoming event or have any questions or comments, please contact one of the following:

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Don't miss the exciting January events!

Happy, Healthy 2012

President's Message

By Jonathan Engel, CBI President

Tu B'Shvat always resonates with me as it was during Shvat that I arrived in Israel for the first time in 1985 to enroll in a kibbutz-ulpan. The early ulpan classes were about *shkediot* (almond trees) and the all important *zman geshem* (rainy season). This was Israel in the pre-silicon wadi era, when the nation was still more attuned to agricultural cycles than to NASDAQ fluctuations. Mucking about in a chicken shed was still seen, at least in the Kibbutz Artzi movement, as reasonable life work for a college graduate.

Alas, agricultural socialism failed to grab me and I returned to the United States with modestly improved Hebrew but with a lifelong distaste for farm work. It seems that I was only a few years ahead of kibbutzniks generally, as a decade later the younger ones began to desert the collectives in large numbers in favor of business, the professions, and academe; the chicken sheds have lost their hold on the Facebook generation.

But the spirit of collectivism is not wholly dead. A group of CBI emissaries, organized by Art Fredman, recently returned from a *Sar El* expedition during which they volunteered on an army base with visitors from around the world, spent Shabbat in Tzfat, and reconnected with land. This is the third *Sar El* trip that CBI has participated in, and virtually all who have participated return glowing. I hope to participate in the next one, and I hope that you will consider doing so as well. Whatever our disagreements may be about current Israeli government policy, we can all connect with our inner Zionists by imbibing the beauty of the land, enjoying its bounty, engaging its people, and finding an authentic Israeli experience.

One of our challenges as suburban Jews in a post-industrial age is to rediscover our Jewish

sense of rootedness. Spring rains have become irrelevant to our well-being, and tomato season now extends from July to November. Few of us actually celebrate a harvest during our harvest festivals, and our *tal* and *geshem* prayers lack urgency. Volunteering in Israel is certainly not the only route back to the land, but it is a nice way of combining *tikun olam*, *ahavat tzion*, and some old fashioned elbow grease. Kudos to our *Sar El* emissaries! Let all of us try to join them next time.



Jonathan Engel

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Sisterhood's Message

By Paula Touger, Sisterhood President

Back in early December you received a special invitation from Sisterhood via regular mail. It came from our Torah Fund Vice-presidents, Sandy Panzer and Lois Kleiner. These ladies put together a fabulous event to raise contributions for the Torah Fund Campaign. The best thing about this event is that you can attend any time you want, wear anything you want, and not be late or under-dressed!



"What is Torah Fund?" you may ask. And why is Sisterhood raising money for it? These are good questions.

CBI Sisterhood is part of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, the umbrella organization for sisterhoods. One of WLCJ's initiatives, and the only outside fundraising that CBI Sisterhood participates in, benefits the Jewish Theological Seminary and its satellites.

"The Torah Fund campaign was first launched in 1942 as a scholarship fund. In 1963, it combined with the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall campaign that provided housing for undergraduate students. Since then, Torah Fund has been a vital source of support for JTS and its students, raising more than 66 million dollars. Thousands of dedicated volunteers have contributed to the spiritual, esthetic and material well being of the JTS community by supporting Torah Fund projects."

Back to that mailing you received in December...The "un-tea party" (this is a social, not a political term) is a wonderful way to raise funds for the Jewish Theological Seminary. Lois and Sandy have set up the "un-event" so that instead of spending money on a babysitter, a valet tip, or a new outfit you can just write your check, perform a mitzvah, and never leave the house!

I hope you will dig out the mailing from your "to do" stack and send in your donation large or small.

Please mark your calendar for these upcoming Sisterhood events for which you should definitely leave the house!!

- Wednesday, January 25th - *Rosh Chodesh*
- Friday-Saturday, February 3-4 - *Sisterhood Shabbat*
- Monday, February 13 - *Essential Conversations: How Women Strive for Work-Motherhood Balance*

(See notice in this Bulletin for details.)

Paula Touger



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Men's Club thanks **Hernan Wurgaft** and **Bruce Novick** for doing a fabulous job as co-chairs of this year's Chanukah Dinner Dance, our master chef **Howard Greenwald** for preparing an outstanding meal, and all the rest of the Men's Club crew and Synagogue staff for helping out. Thank you also to **Mike Slifer** for creating a beautiful ad journal to honor our Man-of-the-year Bob Brauer, to **Michael Jurist** and **Evan Wasserman** for soliciting our local merchants to obtain excellent raffle prizes and to the **Finklers** and **Ehrlichs** for taking care of all the decorations to help make it a truly festive evening.

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On Sunday morning, February 5, Men's Club will once again be participating in the annual **World Wide Wrap**. As in previous years, we are organizing this event together with the Hebrew School. Whether you're an expert who can help teach others or a first timer who wants to learn the basics about the mitzvah of wrapping tefillin, please come join us. Men and Women, boys and girls are all welcome. **For more information, contact Steve Chizzik at chizz1@comcast.net.**

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Men's Club basketball continues. Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings come play some basketball with your fellow CBI members. We all have a lot of fun and get a good work out at the same time. Join us at the Union Y located at 501 Green Lane in Union. **For more information, contact David Touger at dtouger@aol.com.**

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The next meeting of the **Men's Club Book Club** will take place on **Thursday, January 5, at 8:00 pm** at the home of **Paul Klein, 45 Ridgewood Terrace (corner of Wyoming Ave.), Maplewood**. We will be discussing "**Yoni's Last Battle**", by **Iddo Netanyahu**. Looking ahead to Feb/Mar, we'll be discussing "**To the End of the Land**", by **David Grossman**. **For more information, contact Ed Nadel at edward.nadel@credit-suisse.com.**

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MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT: IF MOSES WAS A MEMBER OF CBI

By Henry Bloom,
Men's Club President

Our sages called him *Moshe Rabbeinu*, our teacher. He was our most important prophet and the greatest leader that the Jewish people have ever known. And yet, we learn in *Parashat Va-era* that Moses struggled with a speech impediment and therefore could not face Pharaoh alone in his quest to free our people from bondage in Egypt.



During the planning for Men's Club Shabbat this year, it occurred to me that if Moses was a member of CBI and we approached him to participate in Men's Club Shabbat, he might very well turn us down. After all, leading the *davening* or reading Torah would probably be extremely difficult for him and giving the *d'var torah* would be completely out of the question. Hopefully, with the persistence of the planning committee, the promise of an MP3 file from the cantor and a little tutoring on the side, he would agree to a small assignment. This is no different from many other men in our congregation who take advantage of the opportunity offered by Men's Club Shabbat to refresh or develop a new skill. Men's Club Shabbat is all about the community, supporting the personal growth of the individual and demonstrating the extraordinary things we can accomplish when we work together as a team. We recognize that no matter how skilled and how accomplished a member of the community may be, there are times when he needs support and that our ultimate success depends on our collective contributions.

On Jan 20-21, 2012 more than 50 men from CBI will come forward to lead and participate in every part of our Friday night and Shabbat morning services. There is no other CBI event during the year that better epitomizes the spirit of Men's Club. If you would like to get a taste of what Men's Club is all about, please join us for Men's Club Shabbat.

Henry Bloom



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HEDWIG GRUENEWALD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

By Rochelle Baron, Director

Hanukkah was so much fun at HGECC! The children enjoyed learning everything about the holiday, from sharing PJ Library books together to celebrating with their families at the school parties to participating in the “Torah for Tots’ Hanukkah program on Shabbat. It was a fabulous month!

In January we plan on staying cozy in our classrooms doing all kinds of activities. The Two Year Olds will start their lunch program and everyone will finally be able to use the new school library. Children will have the opportunity to borrow books as well as share story time with their teachers in the library setting. On “Grown-Ups Day”, for children in the Threes and PreK’s and an adult of their choice, we will share a fun morning of projects, play, snack and singing. We are also looking forward to being part of the HGECC/BBRS/CBI Havdallah program on January 28—stay tuned for details of this fun evening!

Registration for Summer Camp 2012 and our 2012-2013 academic year programs is now taking place. If you would like more information or would like to take a tour of our new home, please give the office a call.

Stay warm.



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Rochelle Baron



Gan Students



HGECC Chanukah rehearsal

BLANCHE BAYAR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

By Janice Colmar, CBI Education Director

January at BBRS - check your calendar and circle these dates, January at BBRS is a busy time:



- **PLEASE GET ME TO SCHOOL ON TIME** - In order to help get our students out of bed and to school on time (with less arguments?) we have introduced a series of incentives. One week the first 25 students were eligible for our **Breakfast Club lottery**; another week we gave donuts to those who came on time; in future weeks we look forward to giving out tefila tickets and other positive reinforcement.
- **HESED DAY** - In May the synagogue will once again host its annual **Mitzvahthon**. In the meantime, BBRS is always looking for the opportunity to do a mitzvah. On **January 15**, the school will devote the day to acts of **Hesed**. Among the visitors will be **Randi Cairns** from **Home Front Hearts** – an organization that helps military families at home. Also that day our **Vav** (6th graders) will visit the residents of **Lester Housing**.
- **KABBALAT SIDDUR** - On Sunday, January 22, our **Gimel** (3rd graders) will receive their very own *Siddurim* (thanks to the generosity of the Men's Club) . Students and parents will celebrate this milestone together – *Mazal tov* to Lexi Abrams, Alison Araten, Alec Bachman, Brett Basarab, Ari Bersch, Mitchell Black, Sarah Bradstaedter, Kayla Cohen, Jacob Daniel, Marilyn Gates, Alana Good, Mark Hubertus, Hallie Jasinover, Emory Kaplan, Spencer Lipp, Henry Miller, Alexander Popolow, Jacob Popolow, Eliza Retik, Samantha Revsine, Hannah Rubinstein, Brandon Samuels, Sara Silverman, Niobe Tsoutsouris, David Wisnudel and Gabriela Wurgaft.
- **HEY CLASS TRIP TO THE JEWISH HERITAGE MUSEUM** - On Sunday, January 22 – our **Hey** class will travel to Lower Manhattan for a session at this special museum.
- **MITZVOT OF METROWEST** - Each year the **6th graders** of our shul participate in a very special program at the Partnership for Jewish Learning and Life in Whippany. It's a **Mitzvah Project Expo!**

Beyond our special activities here is a look at **Technology and BBRS**:

- Our **Zayin** (7th graders) are participating in a semester of Hebrew Ulpan using the videos of **eTeacherHebrew.com** and **www.milingua.com**
- Our **Zayin** class also skyped with Emmanuelle Moscovitz, who was our Youth Director on our most recent trip to Israel.
- Our **Vav** class is creating digital storyboards about Israel, they are also pen pals with a group of first graders in Washington DC.

Stay tuned for more ...

Janice Colmar



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B'NEI MITZVAH

Abby Kahn January 14 (PM)



Abby Kahn is a seventh grade student at Millburn Middle School. She loves to play basketball, listen to music, and dance. More than anything else, she loves spending time with her family and friends. She also adores dogs, and decided that instead of having flowers on the bima, she wanted to put together two big baskets filled with items needed at the South Orange Animal Coalition that can be used to care for dogs hoping to be adopted. Her big heart extends to humans too – she is dedicating time weekly to play with an autistic child through The Friendship Circle.

Sharing in this special day are Abby's parents, Karen and Mickey, as well as her two brothers, Aidan and Jordan. Abby would like to thank her tutor, Alicia Kuschuk, as well as Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayer, for helping prepare her for her Bat Mitzvah.

Arik Wolk January 21 (PM)

Arik, a 7th grader at Millburn Middle School, has been at CBI since preschool. Arik writes shockingly good screenplays and short stories, makes reasonably good grades, and plays point guard for several competitive basketball teams. He also babysits and is a loyal friend, with many friendships dating back to preschool and even earlier. He is perhaps the Best Big Brother on Earth to his sister, Miriam, and is deeply loved by his dad, Alan, mom, Janie, and grandparents, Alice and Walter Farkas, and Gloria Wolk. Arik thanks Cantor Wallach for her help preparing for his Bar Mitzvah, and sends a special shout-out to the father-daughter team of Rabbi Bayer and Merav Bayer for their tireless guidance, insight, understanding and inspiration.



Will Rosenberg January 28 (PM)



Will Rosenberg is a seventh grade student at Millburn Middle School. Will is an avid basketball and soccer player. Along with his friends, Andrew and Justin Wallman, Will helped collect hundreds of pair of shoes which were donated to needy families in Whitesburg, Kentucky when the synagogue visited there last August. Will shares this simcha with his parents, Amy and Marc and his older siblings, Blake, Alex and Drew. He is grateful to share the special day with his grandparents, Vivienne and Robert Cohen and Sonia and Curt Rosenberg, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

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Sar-El Report

By Josh Schor, David Sotnick, Hernan Wurgaft, Arnie Koster, and Art Fredman

CBI's third Sar-El journey - 2011 in Israel was extraordinary. An intoxicating cocktail of military support work, exploration, mysticism, and ruach.

Sar-El participants were Josh Schor, David Sotnick, Hernan Wurgaft, Arnie Koster (& Cousin Barry Koster, from Ohio), and Art Fredman. Trip consultant, Steve Jacoby, of West Orange, made excellent arrangements and provided oversight of our movements from his Israel office.

Tel Aviv is an exciting major city. We walked the streets, enjoyed museums, visited Jaffa, relished the good food, saw the Sun set over the beach, and relaxed over a 36 hour period for the start of our 'military duty.' Some went to Shabbat services and cycled the wonderful promenade from Jaffa to Hayarkon Park north of Tel Aviv. Since we were between holiday seasons and the temperature was moderate, we were comfortable and unhurried.

On Sunday morning we arrived at the designated Sar-El meeting place at Ben Gurion Airport. There, we met Sar-El Executive Director Pamela Lazarus, Chicago-born Israeli citizen, who would collect our paperwork and assign us to military bases. An estimated 100 volunteers from many countries arrived by 10:00 am. The

Millburn delegation was assigned to duties at Camp Matzrap, a medical supplies post just a few miles east of Tel Aviv. We were transported directly to the base.

We were greeted by two Madrichot assigned to the 30 person Matzrap contingent. Liat and Anna were excellent examples of the best

of Israel's young ladies - strict, detail-oriented, confident, and, of course, pretty 20-year-olds. Anna's parents are German; Liat's are American and Israeli. They would oversee our duties, insure our welfare, issue orders and admonitions, and

become our friends. After lunch, we received our olive-drab Tzahal uniforms and were told, above all else, to keep our shirts tucked into our trousers and be certain our belts were under all the loops.

Matzrap is a medical supply base, providing weighty medical bags and kits for combat medics throughout country. The process of recycling expired elements and replacing them with properly dated items is both tedious and physically challenging. Sar-El volunteers are integral to the success of this year-round work. The responsibility for providing the best in medical support weighed heavily on us. We were proud to help implement an innovative, efficient system guaranteeing that IDF receive only the best in medical support.

Among our Sar-El volunteers were representatives of many nations, including



Hernan Wurgaft and David Sotnick at their work station.



Art Fredman and IDF work manager, Dima, with IV saline solution bags.



The Millburn contingent with author Zipporath Porath, a Hebrew University student from New York who, in 1947, found herself in the midst of Israel's war of survival. Left to right, Barry Koster, Arnie Koster, Josh Schor, Hernan Wurgaft, David Sotnick, Art Fredman.

Ukraine, Byelorussia, England, Czech Republic, Australia, Canada, South Africa, Germany, and USA. The men and women were mostly Jews with a few Christians, of all ages and walks of life. Several adults and younger men were anticipating making aliyah. The five young men were anticipating entering Ulpan, then Machal for IDF training. All joined together equally in morning flag raising and singing of Hatikvah, work, meals, and socializing. Within a short time, we were a very large family and, to be sure, the men of Millburn were known by all as great guys. Our Australian friend, Avi Feldman, of Melbourne, often commended us with a hearty "Good onya," or 'well done.'

Evenings were highlighted by special activities. Volunteers gathered in a large meeting room to hear speakers and enjoy discussions. New York born Zipporah Porath spoke to us about her experiences as a student at Hebrew University in 1948, under the British Mandate and then in 1948 during the war. Also, the Commander of Matzrap provided an informative and lively discussion of the importance of our work and how it fits into the big picture of IDF medical support. During another evening, we learned some Hebrew and, as our final activity of the week, the men from Millburn sponsored a pizza-party for all the volunteers.

At the conclusion of the week, all departed for Sar-El hostels or other destinations as Shabbat approached. Our delegation was met at the security gate by a van which would transport us to Tzfat for two days of touring and mysticism.

Tzfat, the ancient city of the sages, located on a mountaintop, is across the valley from Mt. Meron, the tallest mountain in Israel inside the green line. The area has been home to rabbis who have impacted greatly on Judaism since the destruction of the Second Temple. We trekked up and down the innumerable cobblestone steps leading to commercial and religious sites. All pales in the face of the Kabbalat Shabbat service we visited in a very small shul located over some stores. Aptly named Bet Ahavat U'Tefila, the House of Love and Prayer, we joined in the ecstatic singing and dancing which would reach the Almighty and help prepare the way for the Mashiach. We Sar-El volunteers from Millburn joined Chasidim, Charedim, Yemenites, businessmen, and children in an ever-rising crescendo of song and dance.

After Shabbat, some in our group continued on to visit with friends and relatives, Jerusalem, the Kotel

and the Knesset; others returned, however reluctantly, to Ben Gurion Airport directly from Tzfat. The 2011 Sar-El experience was impeccably planned, precisely executed, and a memorable experience. Each of our Men's Club volunteers, whether veteran Israel travelers or first-timers, contributed immeasurably to the welfare of the Jewish State, acquired friends from around the world, and enjoyed new and unique experiences in miraculous, magical, and mysterious Israel. Good onya!



Posing in IDF uniforms is the Millburn Sar El group.

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ADULT FORUM

January–February 2012

Our winter month programming includes what

promises to be two most interesting talks and a wonderful film. Our first event, on January 3, is the much acclaimed movie, Woody Allen's *Midnight in Paris*. If you have ever longed to go back to an era in the past you felt was a far, far better time than that in which we are currently living, then this is the film for you. It is an intriguing mixture of romantic comedy, time travel fantasy and existential examination. Go back in time and meet F Scott Fitzgerald and Ernest Hemingway and rub shoulders with the likes of Cole Porter, Pablo Picasso and Salvador Dali.

Rabbi Bayar will present our second annual program titled *Stump the Rabbi* on Tuesday, January 17. If you like, you can search for questions that are difficult to answer, but feel free to think about and come in with concepts that puzzle you. Some sample questions might be something like: Who was the first major-party Jewish nominee for President or Vice-President? Or they can be of a more spiritual nature, but please don't expect Rabbi Bayar to stand on one foot while responding.

On February 7, Chaim Lauer, the former Executive Director of the Jewish Education Association of MetroWest, will share interesting facts about Tu B'Shevat, a holiday also known as the New Year for Trees. Judaism has several different "new years." In America, we have the calendar year (January-December), the school year (September-June), and many businesses have fiscal years. It's basically the same idea with the various Jewish new years. One of the customs is to eat a new fruit on this day, or to eat from the Seven Species (shivat haminin) described in the Bible as being abundant in the land of Israel.

We invite you and your friends to escape the winter's chill. Relax and watch one of the best films of 2011, *Midnight in Paris*. Have lunch and learn with us during Rabbi Bayar's program and Hirschhorn speaker Chaim Lauer's presentation. Remember, our programs are open to all.

I look forward to seeing you.



Lois Dyer

ADULT FORUM Events RSVP January–February 2012

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☐ Jan. 3 - Screen *Midnight in Paris*. RSVP to Lois (973) 533-1809 by December 30.

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☐ Roast Beef ☐ Tuna ☐ Egg Salad

☐ Jan. 17 - *Stump the Rabbi* with Rabbi Bayar. RSVP to Lois (973) 533-1809 by January 13.

☐ Turkey ☐ Corned Beef ☐ Pastrami
☐ Roast Beef ☐ Tuna ☐ Egg Salad

☐ Feb. 7 *Tu B'Shevat* program with Chaim Lauer. RSVP to Lois 973-533-1809 by February 3.

☐ Turkey ☐ Corned Beef ☐ Pastrami
☐ Roast Beef ☐ Tuna ☐ Egg Salad



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

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

Tuesday, January 10

Food Olympics

Tuesday, February 7

Game Night

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, January 12

Iron Chef Kadima

Thursday, January 19

Game Night

Thursday, February 2

Murder Mystery

Sunday, February 12

Bowling (time and place TBD)

MILLBURN USY

The CBI Youth Group for
9th – 12th Graders

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Youth Lounge (unless otherwise
noted)

Thursday, January 12

A USY Birthday Party

8th Graders Invited!

Thursday, January 19

Study Break & Kindergarten Night

Thursday, February 2

Murder Mystery

Thursday, February 16

Purim Basket Race

Meet at Target in Union

Millburn USY

Lara Good is a 9th grader at Millburn High School. She currently serves on the Millburn USY Board, participates in the Tichon program at BBRS and is a Madrikh at religious school on Sunday mornings.

Hello! I am Lara Good and I am the Communications VP on the USY Board.

Recently, we redesigned and recreated our Millburn USY web site. On the web site one can find many things. You can find out what USY is all about, how to contact us, our calendar looking ahead, our region's constitution and much, much more. The calendar on the website includes events up to a few months ahead. Obviously things are subject to change, but it is still a lot farther ahead than our emails and Facebook notifications. You can check our website out for yourself at **<http://usymillburn.yolasite.com>**. We also set up a Pulse, which will be used to remind USYers through text messages about an event the day of that event!

In December we had a whole slew of great events. Our first event was on December 1st. It was 80s Game Night and Candy Sushi. We had a whole lot of fun playing traditional board games and some of us even became pretzels while playing Twister and I would have to say our kosher candy sushi was top notch.

Our next event was Hannukah Casino Night, which raised money for SA/TO. We all had a ton of fun! Hannukah Casino Night was the first event of our three day marathon of USY. The second was the Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat service, which was led by our very own USYers and was followed by a Make-Your-Own Ice Cream Sundae Oneg. The last event of our three day marathon was the USY Membership dance. It was a regional event, and the theme was NEON! All of us who went had a *fantabulous* time. Lastly, at the end of December was IC. IC stands for International Convention. This year it was held in Philadelphia.

In January we have some fun events planned, so keep a look out. And if you have any questions feel free to email us at **Millburn.USY.Comms@gmail.com**.

Lara Good

Millburn USY

Communications VP, USY Board

ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



AIPAC Policy Conference, March 4-6, 2012

It is not too late to register for this year's AIPAC Policy Conference – but you should register soon. If you are attending for this first time and if a scholarship will help you attend, CBI has 50 free registrations which it can offer (Actually some have already been used. . .).

While housing and transportation are your expenses, I understand that Amtrak has fares as low as \$49 from New Jersey to Washington.

Registration scholarships are available to congregants and members of congregant's families who are attending the policy conference for the first time. The conference is held in Washington, D.C. and is scheduled for March 4 – March 6, 2012. If the scholarship can help you or another family member attend, please let me know, or contact Nora Berger at nberger@aipac.org and tell her you are with Congregation B'nai Israel.

AIPAC's mission is to strengthen the ties between the United States and its ally Israel. As America's leading pro-Israel lobby, AIPAC works with Democrats, Republicans and Independents to enact public policy that enhances the U.S.-Israel relationship. As next year's conference will be held in an election year, the importance of the Israel Community to our elected officials is heightened.

For more information about AIPAC visit www.aipac.org. For more information about the Policy Conference, visit <http://www.aipac.org/get-involved/your-synagogue--aipac>

If you have questions, please contact me TenenbaumJ@aol.com for more information.

Step Up For Israel!!

Next event – January 17

CBI is participating in an exciting new pro-Israel program being sponsored by the Community Relations Committee (CRC) of United Jewish Communities or MetroWest NJ. The Step Up for Israel Campaign is a 5-part Israel education film mini-course. MetroWest CRC is partnering with Jerusalem Online University and Hasbara Fellowships to offer the minicourse to all

synagogues in MetroWest. CBI is one of many congregations to participate in this program. The first two films were shown in November and the third film, The Peace Process was shown in mid-December. Cheryl and Nahum Burstein led a discussion about the issues related to the Peace Process.

The last two films in the series will be shown in early 2012. The topics of these films are:

- *Israel and the West* Tuesday, January 17
- *Communicating for Israel* February TBD

For more information about this program, please visit www.ujcnj.org/SUFI

Sar-El (Service for Israel) in Israel December, 2011

Art Fredman and his intrepid team of IDF auxiliary heroes have now returned from their trip providing important support service for the IDF. The trip included Shabbat in Tel Aviv and in Tzfat, and in between, 5 days of hard work for the Israel Defense Force.

The CBI participants included Art, Josh Schor, Hernan Wurgaft, Arnold Koster, David Sotnick, and Arnold's cousin Barry Koster.

If you thought about going, but could not, be sure to contact Art next year – He is considering a summer, 2012 CBI trip as well. Contact Art by e-mail at Judyart18@aol.com and by phone at (973) 714-7694.

Friends of the IDF Musical Program Held December 11, 2011

I attended the recent FIDF Musical Program at Adath Shalom in Morris Plains. I can tell you now that this concert was a fun, rousing family program that you should go to next year. If you like hearing Israeli, Jewish music sung by Israeli soldiers, with dancing and singing encouraged for the audience (from pre-school to grandparents) you will be entertained and inspired by this event.

The event is a fundraiser to support the IDF soldiers, but the fundraising is very low key. This year's event included an Israeli style lunch, a concert, and an address about the importance of FIDF by a Commander of a Paratroopers Company.

Perhaps next year, we can bring the event closer to us, but either way, I recommend that



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next time you find out about an FIDF musical program, attend the event, and support the organization. More information is available at www.fidf.org

Men's Club Book Club January 5, 2012

CBI Men's Club is discussing the book *Yoni's Last Battle, The Rescue at Entebbe* the story of Jonathan Netanyahu and his role in Israel's rescue of hostages in July, 1976. The discussion will be held on January 5 at 8pm.

In February or March, the Book Club will discuss *To the End of the Land*, by David Grossman at our February/March meeting. This is a novel by one of Israel's most prominent writers.

For the location of the discussions and more information, please contact Ed Nadel.

Upcoming Events

Step Up for Israel – Israel & the West 1/17/12
AIPAC Policy Conference 3/4/12-3/6/12
MetroWest Yom Haatzmaut Event 4/26/12

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

About Israel and the Diaspora

There has been much discussion recently about a series of 3 advertisements which the Israeli Ministry of Immigration and Absorption produced.

I first became aware of them because I read commentary on a reaction to the ads by Jeffrey Goldberg, who writes for The Atlantic. As someone who frequents opinion blogs, I know that too often we read opinions about opinions without reading or viewing the source of the controversy. In this case, I recently viewed the three ads.

The first ad features a son trying to wake up his Dad by calling Daddy loudly several times, and then whispering Abba (Father in Hebrew) and Dad wakes Up.

The second ad shows a couple returning to an apartment, where the man misinterprets the music and candles in the room – his Israeli girlfriend (spouse?) is observing Yom Hazikaron, and he is unaware.

The third ad shows grandparents in Israel communicating with a granddaughter and her parents over Skype. The Israelis are celebrating Hanukah, but the granddaughter is excited about Christmas.

Each of these ads also has a tag line, which appear in Hebrew and are translated as: "They will always be Israeli, but their children won't" Or in the Yom HaZikaron ad- "They will always stay Israeli, but their partner won't always understand what that means." And then at the end - "Help them come back to Israel".

When Goldberg reported on these ads, the headline read: "Netanyahu Government Suggests Israelis Avoid Marrying American Jews." He writes: I don't think I have ever seen a demonstration of Israeli contempt for American Jews as obvious as these ads. And "these government-sponsored ads suggest that it is impossible for Jews to remain Jewish in America."

Goldberg and others have said that if the campaign is designed to encourage Israelis living outside of Israel (The ads do not identify the United States), to return to Israel, they should have focused more on positive values in Israel and less on problems outside Israel. However, the overblown conclusions he draws tell us more about what he is thinking about, than what the ads were trying to say.

In another commentary about these ads, the Chancellor of the JTS (Jewish Theological Seminary), Arnold Eisen writes "We should get out the word to Israelis and North American Jews alike that Jewish life in the United States and Canada can be rich, satisfying, joyful, and deeply meaningful; that Jewish communities on this continent are flourishing in numerous places and in numerous ways;" I agree that declaring this message is important, but does he really feel the ads were that deeply critical of United States Jews? It is not clear to me that any of the non-Israelis in the ads were Jewish and to say that there is a problem with assimilation outside of Israel is not controversial.

The Chancellor concludes "We roll our eyes knowingly and think nothing of it when Israelis so totally ignorant of Judaism that they make fools of themselves when visiting a synagogue have no hesitation in lecturing us about what it means to be a Jew. And—most serious of all—we quietly forgive Israelis who live under constant threat of

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Monday, January 2

- **BBRS, HGECC AND OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday, January 3

- 12:00 pm - *Adult Forum*
- 8:00 pm - *Executive Committee Meeting*

Thursday, January 5

- 9:30 am - *Rabbi's Class*

Saturday, January 7

- 11:15 am - *Yaldeinu*

Monday, January 9

- 9:30 am - *Rabbi's Class*
- 8:00 pm - *Men's Club Meeting*

Tuesday, January 10

- 6:00 pm - *Chaverim – Food Olympics*
- 8:00 pm - *Board of Trustees Meeting*

Thursday, January 12

- 9:30 am - *Rabbi's Class*
- 6:00 pm - *Kadima – Iron Chef*
- 7:30 pm - *Sa/to Birthday Party*

Saturday, January 14

- *ABBY KAHN BAT MITZVAH (PM)*
- 10:30 am - *Shabbat Journeys' Minyan*

Monday, January 16

- **MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY**
- **BBRS, HGECC AND OFFICE CLOSED**
- 9:00 am - *Hearts' & Hands' MLK Lunch Bag Donation*

Tuesday, January 17

- 12:00 pm - *Adult Forum*
- 8:15 pm - *Israel Affairs Step-up Film Series*

Thursday, January 19

- 9:30 am - *Rabbi's Class*
- 6:00 pm - *Kadima Game Night*
- 7:30 pm - *USY - Study Break*

Friday, January 20 &

Saturday, January 21

- *ARIK WOLK BAR MITZVAH (PM)*
- **MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT**

Sunday, January 22

- 8:45 am - *Kabbalat Siddur & Gimel Family Workshop*

Monday, January 23

- 9:30 am - *Rabbi's Class*

Wednesday, January 25

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

Thursday, January 26

- 9:30 am - *Rabbi's Class*

Saturday, January 28

- *WILL ROSENBERG BAR MITZVAH*
- 10:30 am - *Shabbat Journeys' Minyan*
- 11:15 am - *Yaldeinu*
- *HGECC/BBRS/CBI Havdallah program (time to be announced)*

Sunday, January 29

- 6:30 pm - *JACS*

Monday, January 30

- 9:30 am - *Rabbi's Class*

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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 Josh Schor ~ In honor of your being named one of the top Geriatric Doctors by NJ Monthly Magazine.

❖ Susan & Michael Jurist

To Heidi Allen ~ In memory of your mother, Judy Solomon.

❖ Lilli & Steve Finkler

❖ Carol & Bob Marcus

❖ Harriet & Paul Klein

To Linda & David Sotnick ~ In honor of Elliot becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

❖ Carol & Bob Marcus

To Paula Touger ~ Thank you for your beautiful and meaningful presentation of gifts to Ryan upon his becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

❖ Heather & Marc Adelman

To Alan Hirshenfeld ~ Thank you for preparing Ryan so thoroughly for his Bar Mitzvah. We really appreciate your kind words and encouragement throughout the process.

❖ Heather & Marc Adelman

To Brenda Eisenberg ~ In honor of your granddaughter, Mariella becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

❖ Lisa & David Ehrlich

❖ Linda & Bill Glasofer

To Debbie Fox ~ In memory of your father, Harold Rosenthal.

❖ Lisa & David Ehrlich

To Deena Bernhaut ~ In honor of the birth of your grandson Eli Chaim.

❖ Lisa & David Ehrlich

To Robert Brauer ~ In honor of your being named Men's Club Man of the Year.

❖ Natalie & Al Kent

To Inez Ehrenkranz ~ In memory of your husband, Daniel Ehrenkranz.

❖ Ellen & Arnold Gwartzman

To Renee & Kopel Burk ~ Mazel Tov on the Bar Mitzvah of your grandson Eli Alexander

❖ Judy & Art Fredman

To Jody & Jonathan Caplan ~ In honor of your daughter Sophie becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

❖ Lori & Larry Pitkowski

To Lisa & Josh Lisser ~ In honor of your daughter Cara becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

❖ Lori & Larry Pitkowski

To Brenda Eisenberg ~ Thank you for all your help in planning our son Ryan's Bar Mitzvah.

❖ Heather & Marc Adelman

To Heather & Marc Adelman ~ In honor of your son Ryan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

❖ Lori & Larry Pitkowski

To Kopel Burk ~ In honor of the anniversary of your Bar Mitzvah.

❖ Natalie & Al Kent

To Yuda Drattler ~ In memory of your brother, Eli Drattler.

❖ Harriet & Paul Klein

To Rose & Michael Solomon ~ In honor of the birth of your granddaughter Noa.

❖ Harriet & Sheldon Greenholtz

Rabbi's Fund

To Linda & David Sotnick ~ In honor of Elliot becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

❖ Andrea & David Hirschfeld

To Steve Chizzik ~ Thank you for all your support.

❖ Andrea Hirschfeld

To Rose & Michael Solomon ~ In honor of the birth of your granddaughter Noa.

❖ Andrea & David Hirschfeld

To the Wallman Family ~ In honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of your son's Andrew & Justin.

❖ Andrea & David Hirschfeld

To Inez Ehrenkranz ~ In memory of your husband, Daniel Ehrenkranz.

❖ Ellen & Arnold Gwartzman

To Sam Cynamon ~ In memory of your mother, Miriam Cynamon.

❖ Karen Tucker

❖ Harriet & Sheldon Greenholtz

To Rabbi Bayar ~ In honor of the engagement of your daughter Meira to Aaron Ellias.

❖ Lois Dyer

To Rabbi Bayar ~ Thank you for making Ryan's Bar Mitzvah the wonderful experience it was. Your assistance throughout the planning process and your sincere words to Ryan were greatly appreciated.

❖ Heather & Marc Adelman

Cantor's Music Fund

To Heidi Allen ~ In memory of your mother, Judy Solomon.

❖ Nancy & Michael Weistein

To Yuda Drattler ~ In memory of your brother, Eli Drattler.

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To the Berko Family ~ In memory of Debbie Berko.

❖ Nancy & Michael Weinstein

To Cantor Wallach ~ It was a pleasure getting to know you better during the Bar Mitzvah process. Thank you for your kind attention to Ryan and the rest of the family perfecting their Torah portions and prayers.

❖ Heather & Marc Adelman

H. Gruenewald Early Childhood Center Fund

To Deena Bernhaut ~ In honor of the birth of your grandson Eli Chaim.

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To Debbie Fox ~ In memory of your father, Harold Rosenthal.

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To Scott Segel ~ In memory of your father, Norman Segel.

❖ Rochelle Baron

Burk-Mendlovitz Youth Fund

To Linda & David Sotnick ~ In honor of Elliot becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

❖ Renee & Kopel Burk

To Brenda Eisenberg ~ In honor of your granddaughter, Mariella becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

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To Heidi Allen ~ In memory of your mother, Judy Solomon.

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

❖ Renee & Kopel Burk

THE KADIMANIKS ARE COMING!!!
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March 9 -11, 2012

CBI has been chosen to host
this year's Hagalil Region
8th Grade Kadima Shabbaton!

A Shabbaton is a Kadima community observance of Shabbat. From March 9-11, eighth graders from North/Central New Jersey will join us for a joyous weekend together, with icebreakers, study, ruach, singing, food, peer-led prayer, and a fun Saturday evening program.

The CBI Kadima youth group is excited to be able to host this Shabbaton and will be looking for congregants to open up their homes to host our guests and volunteer during this weekend. When possible, Kadimaniks are often hosted by members of the congregation with children of Kadima age (6th-8th grade).

Nearly all the meals for are served at the synagogue, so the primary responsibility of a host family is to provide a place to sleep (participants bring their own sleeping bags) and transportation to and from the synagogue.

More information to come!

To Renee & Kopel Burk ~ Mazel Tov on the Bar Mitzvah of your grandson Eli Alexander

❖ Judy & Art Fredman

Dr. Max Gruenewald Adult Education Fund

To Celeste Johnson ~ Thank you for all your help with Adult Education at CBI. You have been a pleasure to work with.

❖ Josh Schor

Phyllis S. Magid Adult Forum Fund

To Heidi Allen ~ In memory of your mother, Judy Solomon.

❖ Manny Magid

High Holiday Appeal Fund

To Brenda Eisenberg ~ In honor of all you do for the synagogue community.

❖ Sharon & Dennis Lowenthal

A special note of appreciation regarding Lester Lieberman z'l who named Congregation B'nai Israel as beneficiary of his life insurance policy. Long time members Shirley and Lester had the foresight to purchase life insurance policies many years ago as a generous expression of their enduring commitment to CBI. This is one of many wonderful types of planned giving you can use to make a donation that will provide a lasting legacy to the congregation you love. If you would like to learn more about using planned giving as a meaningful way to contribute to CBI, please contact Executive Director, Jane Young, at cbidirector@cbi-nj.org or 973-379-3811 ext. 18.

Mitzvot of MetroWest

**Mitzvah Project Expo
for pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah students and
their parents**

Sunday, January 29, 2012

Snow Date: February 5, 2012

**The UJC Aidekman Campus
901 Route 10, Whippany**



**Congregation B'nai Israel
8:45am - 10:15 am**

Please contact Janice Colmar at 973-379-1134 or cbieducator@cbi-nj.org with any questions.

Check out www.jteenmw.org for updates about the program.



In case of inclement weather, please
call 973-929-2966 that morning!



Contact Leah Weiss, lweiss@thepartnershipnj.org, 973-929-2966

Hearts and Hands

By Tracy Ferdinand and Beth Von Bevern

So many people to thank for their generosity this month, so we'll get right to it:

THANK YOU:

Thank you to everyone who donated toys to the Holiday Toy Drive. Your generosity helped make the holidays special for the children of the Valerie Fund.



CBI Bridges event

Thanks to those who purchased and donated books at the HGECC Book Fair for the children in McRoberts, Kentucky. Special thanks to Rochelle Baron, Audrey Samon, Marina Kaplun, Naomi Eisenberger and the parent volunteers who made the drive such a success.

Yasher koach to Michelle Retik and Elizabeth Cohen for organizing our Bridges pack and run on December 4th. Thank you to those who donated, packed and delivered over 300 lunches and 150 toiletry kits to some of our more needy neighbors in Irvington.

The Rekem Family	Lara Good
The Kierkut/Casel Family	Kyle Basarab
Rachel and Josh Friedman	The Brownstein Family
The Wallach/Kalet Family	The Ramer Family
The Feldman Family	The Grann/Gutstein Family
Michael Weinstein	The Slomovitz Family
Matt Ratner	The Askin Family
The Potechin Family	The Helfand Family
The Cohen Family	The Sorkin Family
Ide Mills	The Bloom & Ettinger Family
The Retik Family	The Schor Family
Sage Ferdinand	

We are so proud of our CBI teens that accompanied us on the run. If you see them, ask



CBI Bridges event

them to tell you about it...Jacob, Kyle, Lara, Hailey, Sage, Max, Hannah, Rachel & Ben.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered at the Oheb Shalom Kosher Food Pantry both in November and December:

NOVEMBER: Logan, Sage and Olivia Ferdinand, Cari and Sam Feldman, Pat Winnik, Daniel Silver, Jill & Matthew Solomon.

DECEMBER: Andrea & Lara Good, Michelle, Rebecca, Jessica and Jacob Daniel & Sage Ferdinand.

JANUARY EVENTS

MLK Day - A DAY ON, NOT OFF - Monday, January 16. Join us at CBI at 2:00pm sharp to make meals for others in need. This is open to adults and children - all helping hands are welcome! Food will be donated to people in need and placemats



CBI Bridges event



CBI Bridges event

will be designed and decorated by you and donated to the Red Cross Meals on Wheels program. We hope to see you there! Questions? Please contact Lori Katzman at lakatzman@me.com or Heather Adelman at heather.adelman@verizon.net.

Oheb Shalom Kosher Food Pantry – January 18th & 22nd.

Volunteers are needed. The Bobrow Food Pantry serves the elderly and poor living in the South Orange Community. Groceries that have been collected and purchased are divided into bags on various Wednesdays throughout the year and distributed on Sundays. We need your help this month. Bagging is on Wednesday, January 18th from 7-8:30 pm and distribution is on Sunday, January 22nd, from 9-11 am. The address is 170 Scotland Road, South Orange. ***You don't need to volunteer for both days.*** For safety reasons, the pantry asks that children be over 9 years old and accompanied by an adult. RSVP to Tracy Ferdinand, teferd@aol.com or 973.376.3240 by Friday, January 13th.

CBI Bridges event

Beth Von Bevern & Tracy Ferdinand
b.vonbevern@verizon.net
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Israel Affairs

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terrorist attacks, missiles, and (soon, perhaps) Iranian nukes for telling us how insecure the American Jewish future is." I am amazed at the hostility and negativity reflected in the Chancellor's remarks. Is he being supportive of Israel's Masorti movement to make such broadly negative comments about Israelis?

I believe that Goldberg and Eisen have missed the main point of the ads – As Adam Oded is quoted in a New Jersey Jewish News article written by Alia Ramer, he writes, "I don't think the message is that you can't remain Jewish outside of Israel. That's just silly. I think the message is that you can't remain Israeli outside of Israel."

To me, that interpretation makes a lot of sense. And the indignation and the anger generated by the ads seems inappropriate and overblown. The discussion is good (let's keep talking), but we should keep it level headed and brotherly.

Joe Tenenbaum

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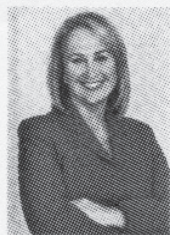
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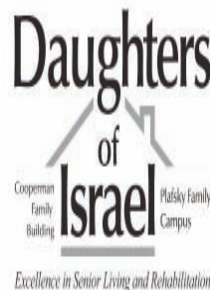
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