

The Bulletin

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Shavuot Services 2012

Saturday Night

May 26

8:00 PM Ma'ariv

8:30 PM-12 AM Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Sunday AM

May 27

9:00 AM Services

Sunday PM

May 27

1:00 PM Mincha

Monday AM

May 28

9:00 AM Services

10:30 AM Yizkor

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 (5/5)	11:15 a.m.
Shabbat Journeymen's Minyan (5/26)	10:45 a.m.

Minyan Rotation

Abrams – Basarab	April 29 – May 5
Beneroff – Bolton	May 6 – May 12
Brauer – Caplan	May 13 – May 19
Casel – Cohen	May 20 – May 26
Cohn – Ehrlich	May 27 – June 2

Candle Lighting

May 4	7:36 pm
May 11	7:43 pm
May 18	7:50 pm
May 25	7:56 pm
June 1	8:01 pm

Mincha / Havdallah

May 5	7:51 pm / 8:51 pm
May 12	7:58 pm / 8:58 pm
May 19	8:05 pm / 9:05 pm
May 26	8:11 pm / 9:11 pm
June 2	8:16 pm / 9:16 pm

FROM THE RABBI'S DEN

By Rabbi Steven Bayar

Shavuot suffers from bad timing; it occurs fifty days after the beginning of Passover, a time when religious schools are closed for the year. The Megillah of Ruth is read on Shavuot because it details the story of Ruth who is considered the model convert to Judaism. Naomi had two sons who married Ruth and Orpa. The son's marriages bore no children. After Naomi's husband and two sons died she wishes to return to the land of Israel without her daughters in law. She urges them to return to their own families. Orpa leaves. Ruth stays.

In the ancient world an elderly widow without male children is powerless. Ruth's desire to share Naomi's fate shows her character; she will not desert her elderly mother in law. When they return to Israel it is Ruth who works to keep them both fed. She does this by gleaning. In the Torah farmers were required to leave part of their harvest for the poor. In particular, if the workers drop any stalks of grain as they are harvesting, they are not allowed to pick them up. They are left on the ground for the poor to glean. It was hard work and the gleaners were not always treated with respect. Ruth finds herself in the field of a man named Boaz, who we later find is a relative of Naomi.

Boaz returns favor for favor. What Ruth did for Naomi, Boaz does for Ruth. Shavuot is the holiday that celebrates the revelation at Sinai. Ruth embodies the faith and spirit of the Torah we received. Faith and action are the models we follow.

Boaz and Ruth will marry and give birth to a son who is the grandfather of King David. The text suggests that if Ruth had not followed Naomi back to Israel, had she not shown Naomi kindness and loyalty she would never have met Boaz.

The story of Ruth brings up another question; was it just coincidence that Ruth went to glean in the field of Boaz or was it the hand of God? The older I get the less I believe in coincidence. I believe our lives are composed of threads of "coincidence" where we intersect with other lives circumstances. Each life we touch, each circumstance we encounter gives us the chance to bring about healing in the world. This weaving is a constant in our lives - if we allow ourselves to be sensitive to it.

Steven Bayar



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With love and joy in our hearts
and gratitude for life's blessings,
we invite our CBI community
to join us in celebrating this special day
as our daughter

Shira Celia

is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, May 19, 2012

at nine o'clock in the morning

Congregation B'nai Israel

Kiddush luncheon to follow

Cantor Lorna Wallach and Michael Kalet

Please reply by **May 7** with number of adults and children attending

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or 973-379-3811 ext. 20

Welcome to CBI! New Members —

Jonathan and Naomi Rogin & family

Wendy and Nikhil Minocha & family

Barbara Berger & family

Bunny Rice

In The Community

Mazel Tov

CBI's 2nd grade students at the Golda Och Academy on receiving their Chumashim: Eve Askin, Dara Brownstein, Joshua Friedman, Maia Hubscher, Oren Ramer and Sadie Slomovitz.

Happy Birthday (Mazel Tov) to David Most on his 93rd birthday.

Frieda Ostrowsky on the engagement of her granddaughter Allison.

Molly Burack in honor of her grandson Benjamin's engagement.

Ken and Nicole Gross on the birth of their daughter, Ella Madelyn.

Sue and Michael Turk on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Jamie Wolfe in Israel.

Condolences

The Ginsberg Family on the passing of Florence Ginsberg.

Teddy Leff on the passing of her beloved sister, Betty Wahl.

Lisa Satlin on the passing of her beloved father.

Anitta Fox on the passing of her beloved husband, Sheldon Fox.

Allan Reiss on the passing of his beloved father, Benjamin Reiss.

To Bunny Rice on the passing of her beloved husband Matthew Rice.

Steve Gross and family on the passing of his beloved mother Ada Gross.

Jane Young on the passing of her beloved mother Natalie Adlman.

Refuah Shleima

Robert Wallach

Meryl Griff Hubscher

Lisa Ryan Diamond

Jackie Fried

Gerry Eisenberger

President's Message

By Jonathan Engel, CBI President

The Omer

With Lag B'Omer approaching, our thoughts turn to this odd period of the year in which we variously adopt semi-mourning rituals, celebrate spring, recall the Holocaust, take up bows and arrows, and celebrate the rebirth of Israel. If you find yourself confused, be comforted; most people do.

The Omer is that seven-week period after Pesach that takes its name from the commandment to count bundles of barley (an omer was a measure of grain in ancient Israel) until Shavuot is upon us. The counting seems critical, as the Torah takes pains not to articulate the actual date on which Shavuot falls (the 6th of Sivan) but describes it only as the 50th day of our counting which began on Pesach. This odd little task, mildly annoying but hardly onerous, has been made easier with the presence of digital age omer counters and i-Phone Omer apps. Along the way we trip over two modern Israel holidays, Yom HaZicharon and Yom Ha-atzmauth, which are wholly out-of-character with the semi-mystical quality of the Omer period, and one deeply somber modern holiday, Yom HaShoah, which raises its own problems regarding Jewish rituals of memory and mourning.

At its base, the counting seems designed to force us to recognize the connections between Pesach and Shavuot, both agriculturally (planting leads to harvesting) but also spiritually (liberation paves the way for redemption). The message is a bit heavy-handed for our usually nuanced canon, and would seem to teach us that just as we can only reap grain from fields that have been properly prepared and sown, so too could we only receive Torah once we had freed ourselves from physical and spiritual slavery. Seems a bit trite.

Fortunately, we need not stop at Torah. Early rabbinic-era sages wrestled with the meaning of the Omer, and began to view it as a semi-mystical period of spiritual transformation, encouraging

Jews to refrain from overt celebration and practice modest forms of self-abnegation. Many modern Jews eschew celebrations during this time, including weddings, overly festive b'nai mitzvot, dancing, and live concerts. At the same time, parallel rituals have grown up around hair during this period,

most likely emanating from the ancient Nazarites (of the Samson story) who were somewhat obsessed with the power of the plait. Many Jews will not cut their hair during the Omer, while among certain Hasidic sects a boy's first haircut is reserved for the Lag B'Omer following his 3rd birthday. Go figure.

Insofar as we embrace Omer rituals at all, today, we owe thanks to the 2nd century mishnaic rabbi Shimon bar Yochai (the "Rashbi"), student of Akiva ben Joseph, and the primary author of the Zohar. Rav Shimon was one of the few of Akiva's acolytes to survive a terrible plague that killed 24,000 Talmud students, and he celebrated the end of the plague, the 33rd day of the Omer, with bonfires, picnics, and (what else) Torah learning. Oddly, he later died on Lag B'Omer, making our annual spring gambol an odd sort of yahrtzeit ritual, as well as a celebratory anniversary of the end of the plague. Rav Shimon crafted a somewhat mystical approach to the Omer, assigning each of the seven weeks one of seven Kabbalistic values -- *Chesed* (compassion), *Gevurah* (strength), *Tiferet* (beauty), *Netzach* (persistence), *Hod* (splendor), *Yesod* (foundation), and *Machut* (nurturance). People drawn to the mystical explore these values while counting the Omer, ordering their lives, preparing for revelation, and tying strings around their wrists. Spiritual elevation is elusive, and people discover different paths to redemption.

What of those three modern holidays? The



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cbi's 'got mitzvah?' day

may 6, 2012

Synagogue-Wide Community Event

Spend the morning meeting representatives from various charitable groups and organizations in our community. Stay for an hour, stay for the day.

There will be something for everyone and Men's Club is having a BBQ for lunch!

there are NO regular school classes ~ children should attend with their families ~
childcare (under age 8) will be available with registration

9:00am 'got mitzvah?' day opens with

Mayor Sandra Haimoff, Rabbi Bayar and Jonathan Engel and 'got music' with Cantor Wallach

PRESENTATIONS IN THE SANCTUARY 10:00 - 11:35am

(McRoberts, Kentucky; The Seeing Eye; Interfaith Hospitality Network; HomeFront Hearts)

INFORMATIONAL TABLES AND ACTIVITIES IN THE SOCIAL HALL 10:00 - 11:30am

(Bracelets of Awareness, Valerie Fund, Ronald McDonald House, USY Tikkun Olam, Sar El, Arthritis Foundation, Dunk your Kicks, Justin Bear Charity, IHN and more...)

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AT CBI (times vary)

(Blood Mobile, Second Chance Toys, Bridges Meals for the Homeless and more...)

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES OFF-SITE (1:00pm)

Cora Hartshorn arboretum and the Community Foodbank in Hillside

COLLECTIONS (gently used, except if with an *)

old towels	sneakers	books	DVDs
*marble composition notebooks	*lams small dog biscuits	*macaroni and cheese (single serving)	*cereal (single serving)
plastic toys	soda can tabs	*paper towels	*Build-A-Bear

3 'got mitzvah?' tee-shirts will be raffled off!

get a ticket at each table you make a donation to (winners must be present)

To register for Presentations and Off-site Activities go to <http://bit.ly/I38dK2>

Questions? Please contact cbiprogramming@gmail.com

MARCH WITH CBI IN THE SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE

SUNDAY – JUNE 3rd, 2012

The Bus Will Leave CBI at 11:00 AM & Return at Approximately 4:30 PM



*Photo taken at the 2011 Salute to Israel Parade.

-----*Detach before mailing*-----
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_____ number of parade participants in family @ \$12/person (\$36 maximum/family) = \$ _____

_____ I'd like to be a parade sponsor for an additional \$36 to help defer costs

Total Amount Enclosed = \$ _____

Mail this form, with payment to: **Michael Jurist, 82 Pine Street, Millburn, NJ 07041**

***Let's make sure we have a great turn out to show our support for Israel,
And to celebrate 64 years of Independence!***

HEDWIG GRUENEWALD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

By Rochelle Baron, Director

April has come and gone and so has Passover! We had a great time learning about the holiday, re-enacting the Exodus, and sharing memories of our seders together. 'Matzah Man' went home with each child and came back with tales of his Passover adventures. The photos are on display outside of the HGECC office so please come by and see where they've been. Last month also saw the first CBI Casino night, planned together with HGECC and the CBI Men's Club. Many thanks to Robyn Glatt, David Sotnick, and the members of their respective committees who organized this great evening and worked so hard to make it happen. It was a great event and one we hope to do again.



Now we are up to May and we have big plans for the month! The children in the Threes' classes will journey to the Trailside Nature and Science Center for a morning of outdoor learning. The next Preschool Shabbat dinner and Early Service, in conjunction with the CBI Membership committee, is scheduled for May 4 and we hope to see many of you there.

On May 9 we will welcome the mothers of our Two Year Olds at the annual "Tea with the Twos" event. That same evening, we are excited to welcome Tricia Stern Zelkowitz, HGECC parent, CBI member, and JFS Coordinator of Child and Adolescent Services, who will lead a discussion about transitions and young children. On May 16, the whole school will travel to Israel in celebration of its 64th birthday. The entire HGECC wing and part of the synagogue will be transformed into various cities/sites and we will spend the morning exploring, learning, and having fun together. On May 17, our little bakers will be making cookies in support of "Cookies for Kids Cancer"—we will be selling cookies at dismissal that day (12:30 and 2:30) so be sure to stop by and help us raise much needed funds for this charity. Also on the agenda for the month are end-of-year parent teacher conferences.

We are also looking forward to enjoying the last few weeks of school with our friends. Enjoy the spring days ahead!

Rochelle Baron



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cbiprogramming and hearts and hands presents

cbi's 'got mitzvah' day

May 6

(formerly known as mitzvathon)

**a day of service at cbi and in our
community**

9:00 am– 3:00 pm

come for an hour, come for the day!

learn about cbi trips to israel and kentucky

**create a treat for a military family; make a lunch for those
who are hungry, personalize books for those who have
none and more activities that will make a difference in
others lives**

new this year!

cbi 'got mitzvah?' t-shirts

**these cool t-shirts will be available
see the order form in the Bulletin**



8:45 am – 12pm – bloodmobile

9:00 a.m. - **community morning minyan**

9:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. –**on-site 'got mitzvah?'** activities
presentations, informational tables, activities
and collections for all ages

11:30 a.m. - **bbq lunch at the men's club café**

1:00 p.m. –**off-site 'got mitzvah?'** activities
reservations required(please respond to
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community food bank in hillside (1:00)

or
cora hartshorn arboretum (1:00)

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For more information, reservations or to offer to help – contact the co-chairs:
Lori Katzman or Marilyn Berney at cbiprogramming@gmail.com

BLANCHE BAYAR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

By Janice Colmar, CBI Education Director

May is the month in which we assess the year which has gone by. As the school year rolls to an end, we take this opportunity to review and reiterate the learning of the past year. And if you would think that I am referring to a series of final exams - perish the thought. The end of the school year is about Maccabiah – our academic color war and other such activities that allow us a “soft” assessment and evaluation of the past year.



A moment to reflect on Primary Camp. Last September we initiated a new model for our Kindergarten through 2nd grade students. As the year draws to a close we can say that this model was successful – students have enjoyed being welcomed at the door by their counselors and becoming friends with them. These counselors – all students in our Tichon program – have grown in the year, as demonstrated by our April 29 Yom Ha'atzmaut program. The students rotated through different activities taught by their counselors. They were escorted by ... their teachers. This reversal is an example of the beauty of Primary Camp – where counselors can become teachers, and teachers can learn from counselors. Next year the model continues as we expand the school day for these young students to noon and the counselors receive additional responsibilities.

Maccabiah – Each year the students in 3rd through 5th grade participate in an academic color war that takes place during the Tuesdays in May. I am most pleased that this year's program was created by Jacob Ehrlich, an eighth grade madrikh (teacher aide) who attends Tichon. Jacob came to us with the theme of the Tribes and developed a program of fun study that will have students learning about the Tribes, their banners as described in the Torah, their placement in Israel, a modern city that is located in the same area, etc. Not to mention the use of Hebrew for extra points.

Graduation: The major culmination in May is the Graduation of the 7th grade. On May 10, students who have been together for 5 – 8 years will gather in the sanctuary and mark their transition from BBRS to Tichon. A program designed by the students, we will hear about their favorite memories and their thoughts going forward. Many attended a Taste of Tichon in April and are all ready planning to continue their Jewish education at CBI or another educational program. In next month's Bulletin I will present the highlights of this ceremony.



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Janice Colmar



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COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 1

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

Wednesday, May 2

- 7:00 pm - Sisterhood Book Review

Thursday, May 3

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class
- 7:00 pm - Adult Education – "How to give a D'var Torah"
- 7:30 pm - USY – Induction Ceremony & Dessert
- 8:15 pm - Adult Education – Jewish Wisdom

Friday, May 4

- 5:30 pm - HGECC Musical Shabbat Early Service & Dinner

Saturday, May 5

- 10:30 am - Yaldeinu
- 8:30 pm - Chaverim Havdallah Hoopla

Sunday, May 6

- 9:00 am - Mitzvathon

Monday, May 7

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class
- 6:00 pm - Men's Club Regional Board Meeting
- 7:30 pm - Sisterhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 8

- 8:00 pm - BOT Meeting

Wednesday, May 9

- 8:00 pm - HGECC Parent's Workshop
Adjusting to Preschool Transitions

Thursday, May 10 - Lag B'omer

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class
- 7:30 pm - Zayin Graduation

Saturday, May 12

- 9:00 am - Miriam Engel Bat Mitzvah

Sunday, May 13 - Mother's Day

- 9:00 am - BBRS Yom Sport

Monday, May 14

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

Tuesday, May 15

- 12:00 pm - HGECC ~ Director's Luncheon
- 12:00 pm - Adult Forum
- 5:30 pm - BBRS Macciabab

Wednesday, May 16

- 7:30 pm - Sisterhood Planning Meeting
- 8:00 pm - HGECC Board Meeting

Thursday, May 17

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class
- 6:00 pm - CBI Youth Group Wrap-up Party

Saturday, May 19

- 9:00 am - Shira Kalet Bat Mitzvah

Sunday, May 20

- 8:45 am - BBRS Parallel Parent Shavuot Program

Monday, May 21

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class
- 6:00 pm - Bet Moving Up

Tuesday, May 22

- 5:30 pm - BBRS Macciabab
- 6:15 pm - Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh

Wednesday, May 23

- 8:00 pm - HGECC Board Meeting

Thursday, May 24

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class
- 5:15 pm - BBRS Shavuot Board Game

Saturday, May 26 - Erev Shavuot

- 8:00 pm - Ma'ariv
- 8:30 pm - Midnight - Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Sunday, May 27 - Shavuot 1st Day

- 9:00 am - Service
- 1:30 pm - Mincha
- 6:00 pm - JACS

Monday, May 28 - Shavuot 2nd Day

- **Memorial Day - HGECC & Synagogue Office closed**
- 9:00 am - Service
- 10:30 am - Yizkor

Thursday, May 31

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class
- 4:00 pm - BBRS Faculty Dinner

Saturday, June 2

- 9:00 am - Ellie Pitkowsky Bat Mitzvah
- 11:15 am - Yaldeinu

Sunday, June 3

- 1:00 pm - Israel Day Parade - see ad on page 6 for details

Monday, June 4

- 9:30 am - Rabbi's Class
- 6:00 pm - Sisterhood Installation

Tuesday, June 5

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

Wednesday, June 6

- 6:00 pm - Men's Club Installation

Thursday, June 7

- 10:00 am - HGECC Graduation

Sisterhood's Message

By Paula Touger, Sisterhood President

Surprisingly, I don't own a t-shirt that says "I survived another Passover", but if I did, I'd be wearing it right now.

Shavuot, when we commemorate the giving of the Ten Commandments, is the next Festival on the Jewish calendar and this one doesn't evoke nearly as much trepidation as Passover does. I recently learned (at the Adult Ed Passover series) of the deep connection between Passover and Shavuot. It can be argued that the experiences of the Israelites leaving Egypt and in the wilderness helped them to transition from a population of slaves to a free nation, prepared to receive God's laws.

For the Board members of Sisterhood this past year has been a learning experience as well. We planned programs and events, catered Kiddushes, and raised funds to benefit CBI and the Jewish Theological Seminary. We reveled in our successes and looked for ways to smooth the bumps for next time. We listened to each other's varying viewpoints and tried to think outside the box. And so we prepare to move on to a bigger and better year. With those thoughts in mind I give you the Sisterhood Board Slate for next year, with compliments to Jane Brauer and Janet Slifer, our nominating committee:



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Sisterhood Proposed Slate of Board Members 2012 – 2013

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I invite you to join us on **Monday, June 4th at our annual Installation and Dinner**. Please mark your calendar and watch for further notices to RSVP.

Though the Board positions have been filled we still have many committee openings if you would like to get involved in Sisterhood. I would be happy to talk about the many options, whether you have lots of time to give or just a little.

Lastly, **please come to our Book Review on Wednesday, May 2nd**, as Jennifer Glick leads a discussion on **My Russian Grandmother and Her American Vacuum Cleaner, A family Memoir** by Meir Shalev.

Paula Touger

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B'NEI MITZVAH

Miriam Engel May 12

Miriam Engel is in the 6th grade at Millburn Middle School. She plays trumpet in the school orchestra, and softball in the Millburn recreation league. She also likes swimming and skiing. She attends Camp Ramah, Berkshires in the summer. Miriam is a passionate carnivore.



Shira Kalet May 19



Shira Kalet is a 7th grader at the Golda Och Academy. Her interests include music, skiing, playing tennis and doing crafts such as knitting, crocheting and being creative with duct tape. Shira enjoys spending time with her friends and getting together with family, especially for holidays and vacations.

Shira is grateful for the love and support of her parents, Lorna Wallach and Michael Kalet, her brother Joshua, her grandparents Roberta and Robert Wallach and Mort Kalet, and all of her aunts, uncles and cousins. Shira gives extra special thanks to her tutor, Paula Touger, and to Rabbi Bayar for helping her to prepare for her Bat Mitzvah. (Her Mom said it's okay if she doesn't thank the Cantor!) Shira and her family are delighted to celebrate this wonderful milestone with the CBI community.

Save the Date!

CBI White Elephant Sale July 26th, 27th & 29th

It's getting to be that White-Elephant time-of-year again.

Now's the time to look around your attic, basement, kids room and put aside items to donate.

Last sale we were able to raise over \$10,000. If we're going to beat that number in 2012, your help is critical with donations of cast-offs and donations of your time. We are looking for people willing to donate a little, some, or a lot of time before during and after the sale. Committee will meet after Passover. PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU CAN HELP!!!!!!

Drop-offs will begin late June or early July, look for more details in next month's bulletin.

We can't accept large items; bathroom fixtures, exercise equipment, NO mattresses, large office equipment, construction items or wall units. Contact Andrea Hirschfeld, abh727@aol.com 312-497-0936 or Lois, loiskc@gmail.com 908-251-4458 for details or questions.



COUNTING OF THE OMER: A MEN'S CLUB PARALLEL

By Henry Bloom,
Men's Club President

Each year on the 49 days between Pesach and Shavuot we have the opportunity to perform the mitzvah of counting the Omer. Amongst the symbolism that has been attached to this mitzvah is the idea that counting marks the progression from our initial freedom following the Exodus from Egypt through a maturation process while wandering in the desert until we arrive at Sinai ready individually and collectively to receive the Torah from God. Reflecting on this idea, it occurred to me that the flow of our Men's Club events this spring follows a similar progression. Just days before Pesach we held our annual **Juan Katz/Joe Keselman Memorial Paid-up Breakfast**. This event honors two men who played a major role in establishing a Men's Club presence at CBI. In essence they gave us our start with an opportunity to grow as an organization and to realize our potential, much as the Children of Israel left Egypt with the opportunity and the potential to build their future as a people. This year as we look ahead to Shavuot and completing the counting of the Omer, Men's Club will be getting ready to hold our annual **Installation Dinner** (June 6, 2012) when we will thank our outgoing officers and board members who have dedicated themselves to our ideals, and helped us to grow and mature as an organization. At the same time, we will welcome a new group of leaders with new energy and new ideas who will take us into the future with the opportunity to reach our full potential. May we all be inspired this year by the symbolism of the counting of the Omer and by the recounting of the Revelation at Sinai, as we continue forward on our path toward growth and new possibilities



Henry Bloom



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Thank you to **Michael Jurist** for chairing the **Juan Katz/Joe Keselman Memorial Paid-up Breakfast**. The speakers Bruce and Mira Form came in full Civil War period dress and spoke with enthusiasm and passion about a subject that's close their hearts. They also displayed a wide array of interesting Civil War period artifacts. Thank you also to **Howard Greenwald** for organizing and preparing a delicious breakfast and to the **Brendzel's** and the **Levine's** for providing their able assistance in the kitchen. Finally, thank you to Mike Slifer for filming the event.

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Thank you to **David Ehrlich** for handling this year's Passover wine sale, and to all those from Men's Club who helped with the deliveries.

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Thank you to **David Sotnick** for all his efforts in co-chairing the first CBI Casino Night and to **Steve Chizzik**, **Dan Richter** and **Dan Dovdavyan** who also made major contributions to this event. A great time was had by all! The evening was a collaborative effort between the HGECC Parents' Association and Men's Club. David's co-chair **Robyn Glatt** and her team put in a huge amount of work to make the event a success and were great partners; we look forward to more opportunities to work together in the future.

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The softball season is in full swing; all CBI members are welcome to play. For more information, please 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, May 3 at 8:00 PM at the home of Kopel Burk, 519 Wyoming Avenue, Millburn. We will be discussing *What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank: Stories*, by Nathan Englander. Please join us. **For more information, contact Ed Nadel at edward.nadel@credit-suisse.com**.

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President's Message

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calendar marches on, and history sometimes falls inconveniently. Yom Ha-atzmauth, the 5th of Iyar, was simply the day in 1948 (May 14th) when Israel declared independence shortly before the British departed. Yom Ha-Zikaron, military remembrance day (akin to the U.S. Memorial Day) initially coincided with Independence Day, but was moved to the day before in 1951 in an effort to better focus on the message of military valor. The conservative movement honors Yom Ha-atzmauth by adding *al-hanisim* to the Amidah that day, while the Israeli government has tried to reconcile the jarring juxtaposition of military celebration and Kabbalistic drive by elevating Lag B'Omer to a sort of youth scouting holiday (taking the lead from those bar-Kochbah-era bows and arrows). For much of *Hiloni* (secular) Israel, the Omer gets the worse of the compromise.

Yom Ha-Shoah (Holocaust remembrance day) is problematic in its own way. Although virtually all Jews today feel compelled to remember the victims of the Nazi Shoah, the current date chosen (the 27th of Nisan) is more Zionist than halachic. The date came about as a commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, which began on Erev Pesach in 1943. In deference to Pesach, the Israeli government moved the date back two weeks and mandated certain national mourning rituals, meaning that the current date,

besides being essentially arbitrary, commemorates an episode of partisan military resistance which was largely inconsistent with the broader tragedy of the Shoah, and seems designed, instead, to portray the Holocaust as a sort of modern day Hasmonean revolt. The Orthodox have long rejected Yom HaShoah in favor of Tisha b'Av as an appropriate time in which to mourn our Holocaust dead, but even the Conservative movement has wrestled with the idea. Chancellor Ismar Schorsch of the Jewish Theological Seminary, notably advocated for Tisha b'Av as the more appropriate day of mourning.

There are so many competing ideas and ideals circulating about the Omer that a modern-day Conservative Jew can truly make of it what he or she wishes. Try actually adhering to the counting; it may bring out your inner Zen, and it certainly adds a bit of drama to the arrival of Shavuot. Pick and choose from bows and arrows, haircuts, yellow candles, Israeli flags, *Tiferet/Gevurah*, and asceticism, knowing that any ritual that reminds us of the coming of Sinai can only deepen our passion for Torah. It is a confusing time of year, but then being Jewish is not for the faint of heart!

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SALUTING OUR SUPER SENIORS: IRVING AND SHIRLEY ALPER

By Sheldon Greenholtz

B'nai Israel first opened its doors in 1925, corner Essex Street and Lackawanna Place. Annual family dues were five dollars.

Irving Alper arrived in Millburn, from Hoboken, as an 8 year old, with mother Sonia, Father Max, brother Carl, and sister Ruth. His family immediately joined B'nai Israel, a 25 family congregation. Irv has been a member of the congregation for 82 years, our longest continuous member.

There were only three grammar schools - Washington School, Hobart Avenue School (both closed), and Wyoming School. Millburn High School included grades 7 and 8, on the site of the current Middle School, Old Short Hills Road. When Irv graduated High School in 1940, he was the only Jewish student in his class.

Shirley Alper (nee Goldberg) was raised in Cranford. They are the parents of Michael, Laura and Eugene, and grandparents of Ben, Jeffrey, Devon, Michael and Eden.

Irv had a dental practice in Millburn for 50 years, and his successor, Dr. Scott Krosser, operates that today, as Millburn Dental Arts. Shirley and Irv recently celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. Shirley's background is in Education. She attended the University of Wisconsin/Madison, and graduated from Kean College. Shirley taught English at Linden High School, and was a Registrar at Union County Vocational-Technical Institute in Scotch Plains. She also created a counseling program there.

The Max Alper Prayer Book Fund at our Synagogue was established in memory of Irv's father, also our First Torah Reader and Shofar blower.

Shirley and Irv have traveled extensively. Irv



Irving and Shirley Alper

looks back fondly on his service as a Volunteer Dentist on two trips to Israel, at two Kibbutzim, one in Jerusalem and one in the Negev. These were monthly commitments, which he undertook while still practicing dentistry.

Irv's 1940 High School yearbook bears this message from his father, "The wisdom you have acquired, the knowledge you possess, may they, like a beacon, lead you to success." Irv has assuredly followed the wishes of his father. We salute Shirley and Irv Alper, for over 60 years of marriage, for their energy, spirituality and devotion to our congregation.

At a recent 90th birthday celebration, Irv acknowledged Shirley for being his lifetime partner, true inspiration and constant presence. In truth, it is we who are honored by their presence as congregants.

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



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Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Courtesy of Union Settlement House

JOURNEY TO JEWISH HARLEM, THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 8 AM – 5 PM

Join Marty Shore, urban historian, as he leads us through the sites of Jewish religious life in the remarkable urban settlement of Harlem, which was once the second largest Jewish community in the U.S. Delight in exteriors of Jewish synagogues of Harlem such as Temple Israel of Harlem, Oheb Zedek Synagogue and many more. On this tour you will be shown places that you never would have noticed on your own. Tour guide will be on our bus, but there will be stops and some walking required. Tour includes soul food restaurant lunch; fish or vegetarian options available. **Cost includes bus and restaurant lunch. \$70 JCC of Central New Jersey Member, Adult Forum member, New Beginnings Member; Community Participant \$80**

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ADULT FORUM

May – June 2012

Dear Adult Forum Members,

Please take a moment to read the SUPER SENIORS column (on page 15) this month featuring Shirley and Irving Alper. Interviews are conducted and edited by Sheldon Greenholtz.



Join us on **May 1** to screen the Academy Award winning delightful film *Hugo*. *Hugo* is an extravagant, elegant fantasy from Martin Scorsese, and one that emanates an unabashed love for the magic of cinema. **May 15** will bring us Hirschhorn speaker Susan Teltser-Schwartz's program *Old Wives Tales: Fact or Fiction? Differences between, Tradition, Superstition, and Old Wives Tales*. This promises to be a fascinating program and we are looking forward to seeing you there. We screen the Alfred Hitchcock thriller, *North by Northwest*, starring Cary Grant on **June 5th**. On **June 14** join us for a docent led bus **TRIP** in conjunction with the JCC of Central New Jersey to **Jewish Harlem**—all are invited. SEE SEPARATE FORM ON PAGE 18 TO REGISTER. On **June 19** we will hear a concert by The Moonlight Duo, a cellist and a pianist. We hope to see you at many of our events.

Feel free to give us feedback on your feelings about the SUPER SENIORS column (on page 15).

Shalom,
Lois Dyer

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May – June 2012

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- ☐ **May 15 - Susan Teltser-Schwartz - *Old Wives Tales*. RSVP to Lois 973-533-1809 by May 11.**

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- ☐ **June 5 - screen film, *North By Northwest***
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- ☐ **TRIP TO JEWISH HARLEM, Thursday, June 14**
 SEE SEPARATE FORM \$70 Adult Forum or B'nai Israel member, \$80 for community participants.
- ☐ **June 19 - screen film, *The Moonlight Duo***
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ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



Salute to Israel Parade—June 3, 2012

There is more than one way to support Israel. One of the easiest and fun ways is to march in the Salute to Israel Parade in New York City.

Marching in this parade does not require spending days away from your family; nor does it require a

significant financial commitment. And it is open to all ages. And perfect weather is guaranteed. (Parade is held, rain or shine – we support Israel in ALL weather!)

If CBI can send 40 to 50 delegates to the AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington, shouldn't we be able to send 60 to 80 people to the Salute to Israel Parade in NYC?

The Parade goes up 5th Avenue from 57th Street to 74th Street. It is a fun walk – at a slow pace – much like a Sunday stroll in the park.

And CBI makes it easy for you to participate. For only \$12 per person (family maximum of \$36) we provide round trip bus transportation to the parade, a colorful parade t-shirt, snacks on the bus and water. The bus will leave CBI at 11 am, and return at approximately 4:30 pm.

For those of you who want to support the effort more fully, you may become a CBI Parade sponsor with a contribution of \$36.

To help make this event successful, plan to come and bring your friends and family. To really help, RSVP within the week so that we will not have to guess how many t-shirts to buy and how many buses to rent.

There is a form in this Bulletin. Mail the form with payment to Michael Jurist. To make sure your spot is reserved, you can e-mail Michael at michael.jurist@verizon.net

For those of you who are looking for a more challenging day, there is a 4 mile race Sunday morning preceding the parade. For more information about the race, and to register go to this link: <http://nyrr.org/run-with-us/nyrr-celebrate-israel-run-4m>.

AIPAC Policy Conference—2012 and 2013

I hope that you go to the Parade, but that doesn't mean I will quit telling you how wonderful the Policy Conference is. Actually this month, I will not be telling you my thoughts about the Conference. I can relay what Jill Kimelman wrote in response to a survey about the Conference:

What was the highlight?

That is a hard one because there were many -- I think in general I found the plenaries exhilarating and the opening plenary, with the honoring of Shimon Peres, was especially touching and inspiring for me. The message Peres gave us to avoid cynicism despite all the setbacks and struggles and to always go toward hope (as he has done) is something that I will utilize to stay on task rather than feel defeatist. Next, the plenary sessions were designed so beautifully between individual speeches, panels, video stories and interviews. The visuals were fantastic and it seemed like there was no bad seat. And to sit in a session with thousands and thousands of Israel supporters was in itself uplifting.

What was your favorite Break-Out Session?

[Break out sessions are smaller meetings which delegates select from dozens of choices]

My break-out sessions were extremely informative. I especially enjoyed one in which I could learn about the missile defense systems that are being put in place and developed with the help of money coming from defense budgeting from the USA. We learned about the systems and what they are doing and will do, about the importance of the budget for them, and about the work Congressman Steven Rothman does on the appropriations committee about this. The information was thorough and presented extremely well.

Jill had some advice for next year's delegates:

I would advise people to go early to plenaries so as to avoid more time on line in favor of a more relaxed waiting in the space. I would advise them (as I appreciate that I was advised) to



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anticipate that it will be crowded and to be patient and take advantage of time on lines to meet folks. I would advise people to bring power bars in case food lines are long and you want to get to your break-out session. Stay within walking distance (even many blocks away is a pleasant walk) so you can come and go without dependence on buses or cabs if the weather permits. Come -- it's worth it!!!

Plan to attend Policy Conference 2013 March 3-5, 2013. <http://www.aipac.org/pc>

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

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If you know a college student who is looking for something interesting to do this summer, take a look at Hasbara Fellowships. They have several training programs in Jerusalem designed to train college students in Pro-Israel advocacy. For more information, or to apply for admission, visit www.Hasbarafellowships.org.

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<i>Salute to Israel Parade</i>	6/3/12

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6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 17

CBI Youth Group Wrap-Up Party

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

MILLBURN USY

The CBI Youth Group for
9th – 12th Graders

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Youth Lounge (unless otherwise noted)

Thursday, May 3

USY Induction Ceremony & Dessert

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Parents and Family Invited

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

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David Good

(CBI Youth Committee Chairperson)

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Don't miss the exciting May events!

Millburn USY

Emily Beneroff serves on the Millburn USY board as the Israel Awareness Vice President. She has also worked as a Madrikh at BBRS since 8th grade. Emily spent last summer working as a counselor at Camp Gesher in Livingston and is excited to work there again this summer. Currently a senior at Millburn High School, Emily will be attending Middlebury College next year.

USY has been an amazing experience, one that every high schooler should have. It allowed me to make friends with students from other grades and schools. Serving on board as the Israel Awareness VP made the year even more memorable. It was an amazing accomplishment to get to plan the events I had enjoyed throughout high school.

March was a busy month for Millburn USY. At one of our events, one of the rishonim, pre-army Israelis spending a year of service in Metrowest, came to teach us about being a teenager in Israel. April featured our very own elections and Hagalil's Spring Convention!! Before long, many Millburn USYers will be leaving for their 'Wheels' trips, an unforgettable summer experience. My high school years would not have been the same without eating Twizzlers and hanging with friends on Thursday nights at USY!

Emily Beneroff

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Hagalil Encampment is a valuable enriching experience for all Jewish middle school and high school students. It provides teenagers with an informal opportunity to make new friends and renew the friendships they have made at previous activities. At the same time, they will be living in a completely Conservative Jewish setting and soaking up knowledge in an informal fun setting. Most of those attending camp in 6th and 9th grade are first timers and all the returnees help to create a warm and friendly atmosphere for everyone. In addition, the staff has attended for multiple years both as campers and staff and help to create bonds that will last a lifetime.

Many CBI youth groupers attend in past years. To quote one, "It was the best USY experience I've had so far." Graduating Senior Pam Perler said about her attendance at the 2011 event, "Encampment was one of the best weeks of my life. I strengthened my friendships with not only the other 21 girls in my bunk, but with all of the seniors.

My favorite part was when all of the seniors gathered by the lake and did slow ruach together because it was our last encampment and we were going to miss Shabbat due to the hurricane. Overall it was an amazing week that I'll never forget."

Each day of the program is filled with activities, sports, meals and plenty of free time to just relax and enjoy with new friends (and old friends). Highlights include talent show, Maccabiah, Israel programs, social action programs, drama, arts & crafts, creative services, swimming and more. You'll be amazed how much fun you can have in just one week! The total cost is very reasonable (2011 cost was \$387.00), which includes all accommodations, meals, insurance and round-trip transportation.

We look forward to many other CBI youth groupers joining us this summer from August 19-26th.

For more information, please contact Marla Parnes USY Advisor (mparnes1@verizon.net) or Aly Greenstein, Kadima Advisor (aly.greenstein@hotmail.com)



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To Molly Burack ~ In honor of your grandson Benjamin's engagement.

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To Rochelle Baron ~ In recognition of your being honored at the gala this year.

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

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To Wendy Araten ~ In honor of your birthday.

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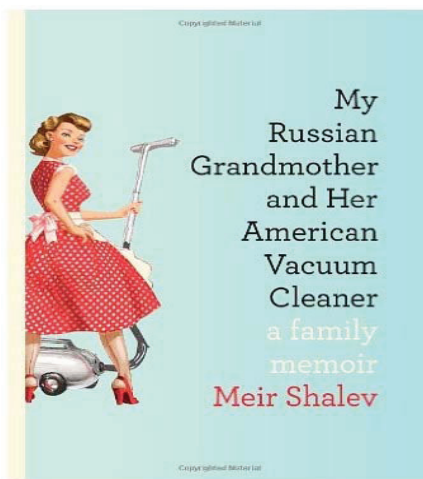
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Tricia Stern, LCSW, MPH is a therapist and JFS Coordinator of Child and Adolescent Services. Tricia specializes in working with infants, toddlers and preschoolers and their families including using the Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP) model. She is a Fellow in the Anni Bergman Parent-Infant Program in New York City.

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