

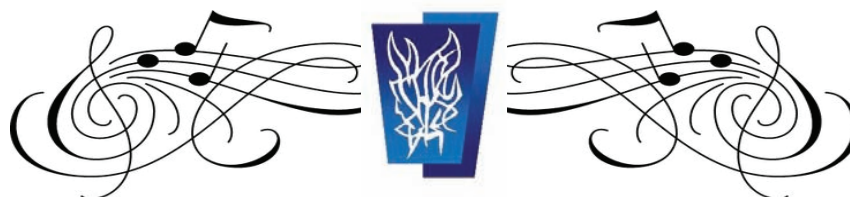
# The Bulletin



CONGREGATION  
B'NAI ISRAEL

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

December 2015



Congregation B'nai Israel

## *Musical Gala*

Saturday, February 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Crystal Plaza

Livingston, NJ



### Guests of Honor

Naomi & Gerry Eisenberger  
Nancy & Joseph Tenenbaum

### Rising Stars

Stacy Thompson & David Kanarek

### Celebrating Chai Anniversary

Cantor Lorna Wallach



### Gala Co-Chairs

Nan Greenwald & Steve Brown

### Gala Sponsors (in formation)

Miriam Linver & Matt Askin  
Helaine Ettinger & Henry Bloom  
Heidi & Brett Cohen  
Elizabeth & Gerald Cohen  
Ellen & Larry Garber  
Andrea & David Good  
Harriet & Sheldon Greenholtz  
Nan & Howard Greenwald  
Allison Grann & David Gutstein  
Carol & Bob Marcus  
Alia & Daniel Ramer  
Aleza & Joseph Rosenberg  
Ruth and Myron Rosenberg  
Susan & Jerry Webman  
Jane & Neil Yaris

### Gala Committee

Deena Bernhaut  
Corey Biller  
Barbara Brown  
Heidi Cohen  
Roni Chasin  
Rozlyn Engel  
Jonathan Engel  
Sheldon Greenholtz  
Robin Glatt  
Isabel Goldfaden  
Sharon Ingber  
Boaz Kimelman  
Carol Marcus  
Sydra Miller  
Ilisa Perlman  
Nicole Richter  
Ruth Rosenberg  
Alyssa Russo  
Jane Yaris

### Honorary Gala Chairs

Rabbi Steven Bayar  
Elizabeth & Gerald Cohen  
Betsy & Phil Darivoff  
Mariela & Ari Dybner  
Ellen & Larry Garber  
Andrea & David Hirschfeld  
Linda & Donald Lakin  
Lisa & Erik Lindauer  
Wendi Weill & Matthew Seiden  
Susan & Jerry Webman

## Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat	8:15 pm
Shabbat Morning	9:00 am
Tefilot Yeladim (Grades 3-6)	10:15 am
Tefilot Ketanim (K-2)	10:30 am
Tot Shabbat (Preschool)	10:30 am
Shabbat Journeys	
Minyan (12/12)	10:45 am
Valdeinu (12/5)	9:30 am

## Candle Lighting

December 4	4:11 pm
December 11	4:11 pm
December 18	4:13 pm
December 25	4:17 pm
January 1	4:22 pm

## Mincha/Havdallah

December 5	4:26 pm/5:26 pm
December 12	4:26 pm/5:26 pm
December 19	4:28 pm/5:28 pm
December 26	4:32 pm/5:32 pm
January 2	4:37 pm/5:37 pm

## Minyan Rotation

11/29-12/5	Kessler – Krauss
12/6-12/12	Lakin – Lindauer
12/13-12/19	Lipp – McCafferty
12/20-12/26	McGarr – Neger
12/27-1/2	Noval – Plump

This is a reminder that you are scheduled on the Minyan Rotation List for this month. ***We urge you to make every effort to attend minyan, the times are listed below.***

### Morning Minyan

7:10 am Mon. & Thurs.  
7:15 am Tues., Wed. & Fri.  
8:30 am Sun.

### Evening Minyan

8:00 pm Sun.-Thur.

## Let's Kvell Together!

Send us your simchas!  
New baby, engagement, marriage,  
anniversary, milestone birthday...  
Special honor or recognition  
in the community...  
***You get the idea!***

Share your joy with your CBI  
family... let's kvell together!  
Send your information to:  
Lisa Roth at [lisar@cbi-nj.org](mailto:lisar@cbi-nj.org).

## FROM THE RABBI'S DEN

By Rabbi Steven Bayar

As the month of Kislev has begun our thoughts turn to the upcoming holiday of Chanukah. If there was ever a holiday made for Hollywood it's Chanukah. The few against the many, the weak overcoming the strong and the fight for religious freedom resonate with so many of us on all different levels. And like so many other Hollywood stories what we have been taught is that the tale told does not even come close to the truth! The texts of Chanukah tell a somewhat different



story. Chanukah started as a civil war between rival factions trying to control the office of the Kohen Gadol (High Priest). There were the assimilationists versus the traditionalists. The assimilationists called for help from the Syrian-Greeks who came and stayed. What had started as a localized civil conflict became a full-fledged war.

The turning point in the conflict is found in the book of I Maccabees when Mattathias kills an apostate who is offering a sacrifice upon a pagan altar. He raises the banner of rebellion and the story continues from there.

Chanukah is a holiday that personifies the Mitzvah of Al Ta'amod (do not stand idly by). As the forces of Antiochus perpetrated atrocities and abomination upon Judaism – Mattathias and his son Judah kept the religious flame alive. While they and their descendents were seriously flawed and ended up more assimilated than those they originally fought, at the right time and in the right place their accomplishments are undiminished.

Chanukah retains its theme of Do Not Stand Idly By in modern times too. I grew up in a small community. Chanukah was a time when religious freedom was tested by those who would seek to display religious symbols on public property. When I was one of five rabbis who were imprisoned by the United States government for protesting the treatment of Soviet Jews, we were imprisoned on Chanukah and were nicknamed, the "Maccabee Five."

The following year I was sent to the former Soviet Union to visit Refuseniks during Chanukah as well. I found that Chanukah was a most important holiday. Religious freedom did not exist. They would make a Chanukah Menorah by cutting a potato in two, hollowing out a depression in one half and placing a single candle in it. That way, if the KGB or a neighbor called they could quickly dispose of the evidence.

There were no greater models for the Mitzvah of Al Ta'amod than the Refuseniks of the Soviet Union.

Steven Bayar

**HAPPY  
HANUKKAH**



## MUSICAL NOTES

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

### THE LIGHTS OF HANUKKAH

Each Hanukkah, I watch the candles burn on my Hanukkiah and with each additional candle, by the eighth night I am completely mesmerized by the lights. The Rabbis ordained that we should light the Hanukkah menorah each night in order to publicize the miracle of Hanukkah. Interestingly, the light of the candles is not to be used for any other purpose (like illuminating a room in order to see). But the original reason for marking the holiday with light is uncertain. From the Books of Maccabees we know that they burned incense on the altar and lit the lamps on the menorah when they rededicated the Temple; however, the well-known story of the miraculous cruse of oil does not appear in the Books of Maccabees nor in the Mishnah, but only in the Talmud.

So why do we celebrate Hanukkah with light? Rabbi Jose, in the Talmud (Megillah 24b), says, "I was long perplexed by the following verse: 'And you shall grope at noonday as the blind gropes in darkness [Deut. 28:29].' What difference does it make to a blind man whether it is dark or light? Once I was walking on a pitch-black night when I saw a blind man walking with a torch in his hands. I asked him: 'Why do you carry the torch?' He replied: 'As long as the torch is in my hand, people can see me and aid me.'" From this, we can derive deeper meaning about the Hanukkah candles. They not only remind us of what happened 2000 years ago in the Temple, but they also represent the light of the human spirit and the light of the Divine presence in our lives. The Hanukkah menorah reminds us that no matter how dark life may be, there always remains a source of light inside us. Each of us can brighten up the lives of others through acts of Tzedakkah, kindness and Tikkun Olam.

As I observe my father's third Yahrzeit at the end of this month, I continue to be grateful to this community for the light you provided to me during a very dark time in my life. This year, let us all remember that by lighting the Hanukkah menorah, we ignite the flame within ourselves, and we can use that spark to light up the lives of others. Wishing you a joyous and meaningful Hanukkah celebration!

Lorna Wallach



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email her at [cbicantor@cbi-nj.org](mailto:cbicantor@cbi-nj.org)



## In The Community

### Mazel Tov to:

Sheila Marx in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Caroline Elizabeth Marx.

Allan and Nancy Sloan on the birth of their new granddaughter, Cora Abigail Kessler.

### Refuah Shleima to:

Anitta Fox, Sharon Sloan, Joe Siff and Karen Tucker.

### Condolences to:

Linda Sotnick on the passing of her beloved mother, Phyllis Katz.

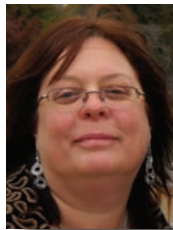
Jacqueline Gershman on the passing of her beloved husband, Mort Gershman

Sandra Nash on the loss of her beloved husband, Robert Nash.

## President's Message

By Andrea Hirschfeld, CBI President

I am excited to be writing this month's message from Chicago where I am attending the United Synagogue Convention. First let me say a BIG thank you to everyone who supported the congregation during this year's High Holiday Appeal. This effort directly helps to fund our operating budget, which covers our day-to-day expenses, salaries and mortgage.



The highlights from this year's USCJ convention are that we have tremendous opportunities to think about, discuss and implement for creating new ways of engaging and retaining members, new and exciting ways to access our unaffiliated millennial families, and continuing to meet people where they are on their Jewish journey. We have a host of new ways to use to engage people – from social media, new technology, ease of accessibility and brilliant ways to teach what we believe to our children. I discovered how truly blessed we are to have a dedicated Board of Trustees and wonderful team of volunteers who are beginning to be engaged in these conversations. Sulam for Emerging leaders will again be part of our leadership development this year starting in December. It has been rewarding to have many of the participants from last year join as chairs and members of our committees.

Our membership committee, this year co-chaired by Maureen Genderson and Greg Daniel (a Sulam participant), are looking at our data and developing new strategies for membership development and retention. Rabbi Bayar has

run several well attended adult education classes this fall attended by CBI members and non-members. December is full of great events and Chanukah celebrations for all ages. And finally - a big Mazel Tov to Henry Bloom on being this year's Men's Club Man of the Year – and our main organizer for all those great Shabbat dinners we all like to attend during the year!!

David and I look forward to welcoming and celebrating with you at this year's Musical Gala on February 6! Joe and Nancy and Gerry and Naomi have been enriching our community for more than 25 years in many ways. Cantor Wallach celebrates a wonderful 18 year tenure with us and David Kanarek and Stacy Thompson are just like so many of us – starting off as members and jumping into synagogue leadership soon after they joined. Expect nothing but a fun evening with great live music throughout the night, dancing, great food and lots of friends!

Wishing you all a happy, healthy winter holiday season with friends and family.

Andrea



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### Next Deadline

Please note, the deadline for the January 2016 bulletin is December 10. Information contained in the bulletin each month is time sensitive. We appreciate your cooperation in order to ensure that the Bulletin reaches everyone by the beginning of each month. Space permitting, we will do our best to include your item(s), and we reserve the right to edit your submission. Please submit all material to [CBIbulletin@cbi-nj.org](mailto:CBIbulletin@cbi-nj.org).

## B'NAI MITZVAH



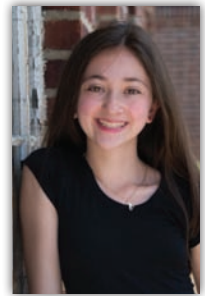
### **Mark Hubertus** October 17

Mark Hubertus is a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School where he serves as a Peer Leader. Mark enjoys playing the string bass and is a member of the MMS orchestra as well as the Youth Orchestra of Essex County. He also plays travel soccer and baseball and is a member of Kadima.

Mark is excited to celebrate his special day with his parents, Michelle and Jim Hubertus, his siblings Jake and Rachel, and his grandparents Maxine and Bert Saum and Jackie and Jerry Hubertus. Mark would like to thank everyone at CBI for helping him reach this milestone especially all of his teachers at HGECC, BBRS, and Cantor Wallach, Rabbi Bayar, and his tutor, Paula Touger.

### **Alison Araten** December 5

Alison Araten is a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School. She loves to figure skate, play lacrosse and field hockey, cook and play trombone in the MMS Jazz Band. For the last year and a half, Alison has volunteered every Sunday in the Essex Special Skaters Program. Through this program, Alison helps children and young adults with developmental disabilities learn to skate and train to compete in the Special Olympics New Jersey Figure Skating Competition. Alison has found it so rewarding to share her love of skating while working with these remarkable skaters. Alison is grateful for the love and support of her family, especially her parents Jeff and Wendy, her sister Sophie, and her grandparents, Burt and Marcia Mirsky and Michael and Abby Araten. She would also like to give a huge thank you to Paula Touger, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar for making her preparation for this special day so enjoyable and meaningful. .



## We Welcome Our NEW CBI MEMBERS

We welcome members who have joined our congregational family in recent months!  
(Reflects through November)

Yoree Taits and Natasha Fuksina

Michael & Karen Borofsky

... and their families



## HEDWIG GRUENEWALD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

By Rochelle Baron, Director

We had a great time learning about and celebrating Thanksgiving last month and now we are on to Hanukkah, one of the children's favorites!

During December we have many holiday-based activities planned—crafts, cooking, singing, and dramatizing the story of Judah and the Maccabees. The Olive Press program will be here in early December teaching us about making the oil to light the menorah and how it can be used instead of wax candles. All of the grade levels will welcome their families to our Hanukkah celebrations—always a fun event! Our tzedakah funds for this month will go towards purchasing gifts for needy families.



Although we are only four months into the new school year we are already planning our programs for Summer Camp 2016 and 2016-2017. This summer we will be offering an eight week camp program for two, three and four olds. If you would like to learn more about the preschool or are interested in coming in for a visit, please contact me at the HGECC office.

Happy Hanukkah from all of us at HGECC!

Rochelle Baron



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email her at [HGECC@cbi-nj.org](mailto:HGECC@cbi-nj.org)



### CBI Chanting Circle

Join us in the Chapel on  
**Sunday, December 20th, at 5 PM**  
as we mark the approach of tekufat Tevet, the winter solstice. Our chants and songs on the theme of Light will chase the darkness away and bring in joy and warmth!

Our chants and songs will have musical accompaniment. Be prepared to sing your heart open, soothe your mind, and let your spirit soar!

No knowledge of Hebrew, or singing ability necessary... only a wish to join in spiritual community.

## December 2015 Yahrzeit Donors

Ronnie Armuth	Elaine Katzman
Daniel Baer	Al & Natalie Kent
William Berg	Sanford & Shirley Kingsley
Deena Bernhaut	Thelma Leff
Molly Burack	Flo Ellen Maslow
Judy & Gary Dubro	Leslie McCafferty
Ellen Eichler	Marion & Murray Mohl
Rosylin Epstein	Beverly Orel
William Fern	Ronald Parker
Janet Fischer	Steven Rod
Jeff Freedman	Betty Rose
Lawrence & Ellen Garber	Elliott Schabbes
Linda Glasofer	Stacey Thornton
Gloria Gottlieb	Neil Yaris
Scott Horowitz	

## BLANCHE BAYAR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

By Rabbi Sharon Litwin

As the days grow shorter and colder, Hanukkah comes closer. We will celebrate with BBRS on December 6 and I thought I might reflect on the word Hanukkah itself. Hanukkah, of course, comes from the 3 letter Shresh or Hebrew Root Chet, Nun, Chaf. L'achanoch, to train or teach, to school or educate, to tutor, bring up, dedicate or consecrate. Hanukkah is essentially all about what we do. Is there a real difference between educating and dedicating? Not so much, especially in Hebrew schools.

Our Chanichim, our students, pupils, trainees, or even neophytes come to us for Chinuch, education, schooling, training, upbringing, or maybe even an inauguration, as in L'chanech T'kufah Chadasha, to inaugurate a new era, the inauguration of their Hebrew studies and their parents might be sending them K'day L'chancho B'mitzvot, to initiate their child into the performance of Mitzvot.

Hanukkah will be a fun time at BBRS – because I keep thinking that Chanukkah itself was invented for the sake of sweetening the Chinuch, the education, of our chanichim. Our students will be delighted every evening when we gather to light the Chanukiyah (does that derive from the

word's Chanach and Ya? – Dedication to God? I know it doesn't, but I like the idea anyway.) They will answer trivia questions, they will sing Maoz Tzur, and they get down and dirty playing dreidle, which we know was created so that Jewish children could continue the study of Torah while hiding from the Romans, Or was it? I've read that the dreidle game is just a take off on an old European gambling game called Teetotum... but it's a nice myth and it inspires our students, which is just what it is meant to do.

There is another word in Hebrew with the same 3 letter Shresh, Chet, Nun, Chaf – Chanichayim means gums, and Chay'chan, is someone who smiles. It is my hope that our students will be smiling throughout Hanukkah and will be rededicated to their studies and to their Jewish life in all aspects of their lives, at school, at home and everywhere they go.

Rabbi Sharon Litwin

Director of Congregational Learning



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**Congregation B'nai Israel's  
COMMUNITY-WIDE  
ANNUAL MLK MITZVAH DAY**

*Monday, January 18th - 2pm - 4pm*

**MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**  
*"Make it a day on, not off!"*

*~ SOULFEGE ~*  
**Millburn High School's A Capella Group will  
perform at 2:00pm**



**MAKE MITZVAH DAY MORE THAN JUST ONE DAY**

**Participate in our 1st ever MITZVOT RAFFLE!**

Do a Good Deed (or as many as you want)  
from now until MLK Mitzvah Day, January 18th.

Reflect on what you have done & bring your 2-3 sentences to Mitzvah Day.

**Details:**

1. Do a good deed.
2. Write down on a piece of paper the following:
  - a) your name and what you did
  - b) where you did it and with whom
  - c) what you learned from the experience
3. Do as many mitzvot that you like, write them up individually and bring your descriptions to Mitzvah Day to submit. This is open to ALL AGES.
4. 3 submissions will be randomly selected and each will win a \$25 gift card, sponsored by David and Andrea Hirschfeld.
5. You must be present at Mitzvah Day to win the raffle.
6. Submissions will be displayed at CBI after Mitzvah Day.

**OVER 20 ORGANIZATIONS ARE REPRESENTED**

**A Complete List of all Participating Organizations/Activities/Collection Items will be available mid-December - please go to this link: <http://www.cbi-nj.org>, then click on Mitzvah Day link.**

*Organized by Hearts and Hands Committee and CBI Programming  
Questions? Please contact Lori Katzman at [lakatzman@me.com](mailto:lakatzman@me.com)*





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and click on the "like" button.



**us now!**



**Do you like Legos?  
Do you like prizes?  
Do you want to help others?**

Well, if you do, save the date for Jacob Daniel's Mitzvah Project,  
**LEGOFEST!** -- a class taught by Bricks4Kidz where you will build a  
cool, robotic Lego creation!

**Sunday, January 31, 2016  
12 noon – 2:30 p.m.  
at CBI...right after BBRs!**  
*(snow date Sunday, February 7, 2016)*

A donation to participate in the class will benefit **VERMONT ADAPTIVE  
SKI & SPORT**, a nonprofit organization that helps people with  
disabilities ski, sail, rock climb, and other fun activities! 100% of the  
donations collected will be donated to this organization.

There will also be a Lego contest, if you want to enter something you  
build at home and bring in for cool prizes!

Jacob and Bricks4Kids will be at CBI's annual Mitzvah Day on Monday,  
January 18! Registration forms for the class and contest will be  
available! There will be limited space available for the class  
-- so sign up quickly!

Questions? Contact Jacob Daniel at [jacobslegocontest@gmail.com](mailto:jacobslegocontest@gmail.com)



**Saturday, December 12, 2015  
10:30 AM**

## **חנוכה תש"ט שבת service**

**Please join us as we celebrate Hanukkah and Shabbat with a brief, child-friendly service followed by a festive Oneg sponsored by the HGECC PA.**



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**WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!!  
RSVP BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015**

**RETURN THIS FORM TO:**  
Rochelle Baron  
HGECC  
160 Millburn Avenue  
Millburn, NJ 07041

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

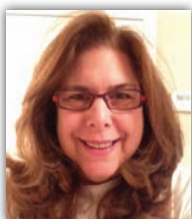
Questions? Contact Rochelle Baron at [rochelle@cbi-nj.org](mailto:rochelle@cbi-nj.org) or 973-379-4040



## Sisterhood's Message

By Karen Tucker, Sisterhood President

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at Sisterhood's Kick Off Dinner on Monday November 9th. I would like to thank Lisa Ehrlich and Renee Kingsberg for Co-chairing (and backing for) this event and thanks to Risa Wasserman for gathering such a lovely group of vendors. I hope you all got a chance to shop! Rabbi Sharon Litwin gave a very insightful D'var Torah and it was lovely to see some of our newest members make motzi.



Many of you know that I am a 21 year breast cancer survivor. However, during the summer I learned that I developed a new breast cancer that would require an extensive surgery. I didn't know that I would wind up enduring 4 long surgeries and a very difficult recovery. I have quite a road ahead, a lot more than originally anticipated, including more surgery in the spring. I tell you this because in order for me to recover fully, which there is no question that I will, I need you all to help. I will need to step up and I need you to do the same.

For Sisterhood to be successful we must participate and join. Try to attend as many programs as possible and if asked give a helping hand.

Paula Touger as well as other past presidents have offered their help in the day-to-day running of Sisterhood. If you should receive a call or an email asking for help—try to fit it in to what I know are your busy schedules.

This year Sisterhood Shabbat will be the weekend of January 22nd and 23rd. It will be chaired by Susan Gordon and she will be ably assisted by Janet Slifer. I know some of you have already signed up for parts but there are many that still need to be filled. Challenge yourself. It does not have to be a long part. Have you ever wanted to read in English but never did? Want to learn a new Hebrew skill? This is a great opportunity. The Cantor as well as others will work with you to learn whatever skill you pick. It is my goal to be well enough to attend this weekend because as you know it is one of the highlights of my presidency. Motivate me.

If you need to speak with me—be patient. It may take me longer than normal to return your call—but I will.

My family and I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Chanukah.

B'Shalom,  
**Karen Tucker**



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### Sisterhood Gift Shop

(Your Judaica depot)



*Come see our many new items for Chanukah!*



Back by popular demand - we will be hosting a "Chanukah Boutique" for BBRs students during school hours. There are many items from \$1 to \$20 for purchase for siblings, parents and grandparent gifts. Feel free to stop by too! The weekday hours are:

**Monday (11/30):** 6:00pm - 8:00pm

**Tuesday (12/1):** 3:45pm - 6:30pm

**Thursday (12/3):** 3:45pm - 6:30pm

The Gift Shop will also be open 10am - Noon on

**Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> (the first night of Chanukah)**

**Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> (the last night of Chanukah)**



As always, you can call Ilisa Perlman at (973) 379-9275 to shop during off hours.

# EYE ON MEN'S CLUB, A SPECIAL ADVERTISING SECTION TO THE CBI BULLETIN

By Dan Richter, Men's Club President

Have you ever noticed those Special Advertising Sections tucked into reputable publications such as the *Wall Street Journal* or *Fortune*, which are made to look like a regular news section of the newspaper or magazine that happens to be focused on the economic miracle of a single country, like Egypt, Russia, or Albania? They are there to enhance the public image of their country, and the government sponsors hope to encourage investment by the readership of the newspaper or magazine. So the CBI Men's Club, being a shrewd observer of these media trends, paid off the CBI Bulletin for an undisclosed sum to publish some important information that you won't find in the pages of the "main stream" media.

## A Small Land with Big Dreams

Men's Club is an autonomous group within the CBI community. It has a separate dues structure, and even its own bank account. The people of Men's Club, come from many places around the world or visited many places around the world, or at least have seen many parts of the world on TV. For many years there was not a physical homeland for the Men's Club. Before the beautiful renovations of CBI were complete a few years ago, it was once said of this group, "Men's Club is a people without a land who are searching for a land without a people." Today the Men's Club has their own land. It is a closet within a kitchen, within a synagogue. The Men's Club also administers a large refrigerator and a smaller refrigerator not connected to it under a Meat Counter of a kitchen within a synagogue.

## Building on Success

The other Special Advertisers like Albania, Egypt, and Russia will show you fancy charts about GNP growth, expansions of factories, and space programs reaching new heights. However, there is a reason these countries need to pay hefty sums than us to get their message out. They probably have some bigger issues that need to be worked in their countries, before they can provide fun and fulfilling venues for Conservative Jews. None of those other countries can boast a long and proud tradition of Hanukkah Parties honoring fantastic and accomplished Conservative Jewish Men, a renowned cholent cooking contest, and challah French toast paid up breakfasts. None of these other countries venerate their citizens for their athletic and skill accomplishments in bowling, fishing, and poker playing... and cholent cooking.

## Strong Economy

The industries that make up the GDP of Men's Club

are fairly diverse. While an annual membership fee is the biggest source of income, other important income streams ensure that our excellent programming is carried out. These include event fees, athletic participation fees, challah sales, and media sales (mainly the Hanukkah Party ad-book.) We export precious metals in the form of Kiddush Cups for bar and bat mitzvahs. Our high tech industry has been written up numerous times in the pages of this publication.

## Clean Energy and the Environment

There are no coal mines in Men's Club. The only thing that gets smoked here is brisket in the summer time. (We import all smoked fish for kiddushes.) Men's Club organizes fun outdoor programming including hikes, fishing trips, rafting, and a Lag B'Omer picnic. If we can encourage people to plant a few trees in Israel to help the environment, baruch Ha-shem.

On November 1st, a group of CB'ers, spent the morning and early afternoon hiking up the Breakneck Ridge by Cold Spring, NY along the Hudson River. We enjoyed good exercise and took in beautiful scenery with the autumn hues in the hills. Despite the challenge of the hike, I am pleased to report that no CB'er was left behind. Future hikes will be planned in the spring.



That concludes all of the items in the special advertising section. Here is a list of upcoming events with the Men's Club.

## Basketball

The Men's Club plays pick-up basketball on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Games are casual...with just enough competitiveness to make it fun and worthwhile.



**Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m.** at Hartshorn Elementary School, 400 Hartshorn Drive, Short Hills **Sundays at 9:15 a.m.** YM-YWHA, 501 Green Lane, Union. For more information, contact David Touger at [dtouger@aol.com](mailto:dtouger@aol.com)

### Fencing

Experience is desirable, but not necessary. We will be fencing (and teaching) all three weapons: foil, epee, and saber). The group meets **Wednesdays at 8 p.m.** in the Social Hall at CBI. Instruction and coaching is led by CBI muskateer, Len Rubin.

### **Men's Club Hanukkah Dinner Dance - Man of the Year Celebration - Sunday, December 13th, at 6:30 p.m.**

Celebrate the last night of Hanukkah with the CBI friends. There will be a great dinner prepared by our celebrity Men's Club Chefs David Touger and Nahum Burstein. There will be great music to dance the night away from B'nai Jazz. We will raise a glass to Henry Bloom, our honored Man of the Year, and there may be a little roasting in the style of the Friars Club. This event is for the grown-ups. If you are looking for a sitter, please reach out to [cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com](mailto:cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com) and we will connect you with baby-sitting members of the shul.

Cost is \$60 per person (early bird \$50 before Dec 6th). You can sign up and pay right away at <http://tinyurl.com/chanukah-dinner-2015>.

### **Men's Club Book Club - Tuesday, December 15th, at 8:00 p.m. Book Club, at the home of Steve Moehlman, 609 W. South Orange Ave., Apt 5JK**

The Book Club will be discussing *The Mathematician's Shiva: A Novel*, by Stuart Rojstaczer. *The Mathematician's Shiva* is an unexpectedly moving and uproariously funny novel that captures humanity's drive not just to survive, but to achieve the impossible. Winner of the 2014 National Jewish Book Award for Outstanding Debut Fiction. The book can be found on Amazon at <http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0143126318>.

To RSVP for the December 15th meeting, or if you are interested in hosting other meetings, please contact Ed Nadel at [enadel@lowenstein.com](mailto:enadel@lowenstein.com).

### **Second Annual Cholent Challenge, Prep and Roasting Wednesday Night, January 27th 7:30 p.m. (Cholents served at Men's Club Kiddush Saturday January 30th.)**

Official rules to follow in the next article. You need no prior cholent making experience to participate. But you will need to bring on Wednesday night the following:

- a new (in the box) vessel to cook the cholent which can be a Crock Pot (approximately \$30) or a large foil pan from the supermarket (approx \$5)
- Kosher fleishik or parve ingredients to make a cholent for 12-15. Cholents will be served in small sample cups, so will likely be served to 50 or more attendees. We will reimburse for ingredients.
- a recipe

Cholents will cook over Wednesday night and will be put in refrigerators Thursday morning until served on Saturday just past noon.

### **Men's Club Shabbat - Friday, January 29th (Dinner 6:30 p.m./Services 7:45 p.m.) and Saturday, January 30th (Services 9:00 a.m., Kiddush to follow. Saturday Afternoon Mincha Service 4:00 p.m., Seudah Shlisit Meal 4:45 p.m., Maariv 5:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Havdallah. CBI band and deserts after Havdallah.**

Please reach out if you are interested in taking on a role for the Men's Club Shabbat. This year we will have a Shabbat Around the Clock experience, with a Friday night dinner prepared by the Men's Club chefs, cholent contest at the Kiddush, and a concert after Havdallah by the CBI band.

If you have any questions about Men's Club, feel free to email [cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com](mailto:cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com) or contact me directly at [dan.richter@verizon.net](mailto:dan.richter@verizon.net) / mobile: (732) 261-5138.

### **Daniel Richter**

Men's Club President  
[cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com](mailto:cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com)  
m: (732) 261-5138



# COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

You can also check the calendar on our website [www.cbi-nj.org](http://www.cbi-nj.org)

## Tuesday, December 1

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 9:45 am HGECC-Olive Press Program @ MPR
- 3:45 pm - 6:30 pm Chanukah Boutique Sisterhood Gift Shop
- 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm Chaverim-Chanukah Party with Chocolate Gelt Making
- 7:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, December 2

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Youth Committee Meeting @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:00 pm Men's Club Fencing

## Thursday, December 3

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Adult Learning - Introduction to Islam
- 12:00 pm Adult Forum - Lunch & Learn @ Oheb Shalom Congregation
- 3:45 pm - 6:30 pm Chanukah Boutique
- 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm Kadima-Chanukah Party @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Friday, December 4

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 8:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

## Saturday, December 5

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services - Bat Mitzvah of Alison Araten
- 10:15 am Shabbat Birthday Morning
- 10:30 am-12:00 pm Minyan Gesher (Grades 2-6) @ Youth Lounge
- 10:30 am-11:15 am Minyan Katan (Age 2 through 1st Grade) @ Room 105
- 11:15 am-12:00 pm Yaldeinu @ Chapel

## Sunday, December 6

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Monday, December 7 - 1st Day Chanukah

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 10:00 am-12:00 pm Chanukah Boutique Sisterhood Gift Shop
- 10:45 am-12:00 pm BBRs Family Chanukah Celebration
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Tuesday, December 8 - 2nd Day Chanukah

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting @ MPR
- 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm USY-Chanukah Casino Night
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, December 9 - 3rd Day Chanukah

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am HGECC-Three's/ Pre-K Hannukkah Party @ Sanctuary & Social Hall

- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:00 pm Men's Club Fencing

## Thursday, December 10 - 4th Day Chanukah

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Adult Learning - Introduction to Islam
- 5:15 pm Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh @ MPR
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Friday, December 11 - 5th Day Chanukah

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 6:45 pm Shir Shabbat Service
- 8:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

## Saturday, December 12 - 6th Day Chanukah

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services
- 10:30 am-12:00 pm Minyan Gesher (Grades 2-6) @ Chapel
- 10:30 am-11:15 am Minyan Katan (Age 2 through 1st Grade) with Chanukah Special Activity @ MPR
- 10:45 am Shabbat Journeyers' Minyan

## Sunday, December 13 - 7th Day Chanukah

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 6:30 pm Men's Club Chanukah Dinner Dance & Man of the Year Celebration
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Monday, December 14 - 8th Day Chanukah

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 7:30 pm BBRs Board Meeting @ BBRs School Wing
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:20 pm Men's Club Meeting

## Tuesday, December 15

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 7:30 pm Men's Club Book Club @ Offsite
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, December 16

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 7:15 am Open Mah Jongg @ MPR
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:00 pm HGECC Board Meeting
- 8:00 pm Mens' Club Fencing

## Thursday, December 17

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Adult Learning - Introduction to Islam
- 12:00 pm Adult Forum - Lunch & Learn
- 6:00 pm - 7:15 am Kadima - Challah Baking
- 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm USY - Israeli Birthday Party
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:00 pm Religious Affairs Committee Meeting

## Friday, December 18

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 6:00 pm Early Family Shabbat Service
- 6:30 pm Shabbat Dinner
- 8:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

## Saturday, December 19

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services - Bar Mitzvah of Aidan Goldberg
- 10:30 am-12:00 pm Minyan Gesher (Grades 2-6) @ Chapel
- 10:30 am-11:15 am Minyan Katan (Age 2 through 1st Grade) @ Youth Lounge

## Sunday, December 20

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm BBRs Tichon Plus
- 5:00 pm Chanting Circle @ Chapel
- 7:00 pm Israel Film Series -- "Waltz with Bashir" @ MPR
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Monday, December 21

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Tuesday, December 22

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 7:30 pm Knit and Knosh @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, December 23

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:00 pm Men's Club Fencing

## Thursday, December 24

- BBRS Closed
- HGECC - Closed for Winter Recess
- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Friday, December 25

- HGECC - Closed for Winter Recess
- Office Closed
- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 8:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

## Saturday, December 26

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services

## Sunday, December 27

- BBRS Closed
- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Monday, December 28

- BBRS Closed
- HGECC - Closed for Winter Recess
- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Tuesday, December 29

- BBRS Closed
- HGECC - Closed for Winter Recess
- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, December 30

- HGECC - Closed for Winter Recess
- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Thursday, December 31

- BBRS Closed
- HGECC - Closed for Winter Recess
- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan



CONGREGATION  
B'NAI ISRAEL

# WINTER SHABBAT DINNER

*A CBI Shabbat Experience*

**Friday, December 18**

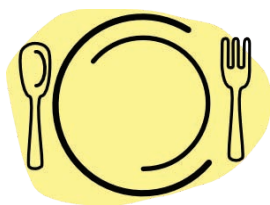
*Celebrate Shabbat with family and friends! Attend service of your choice.*

**Early Family Shabbat Service** at 6:00 p.m.

**Dinner** at 6:30 p.m.

**Traditional Kabbalat Shabbat Service** at 8:15 p.m.

## Shabbat Dinner Includes:



Challah  
Roasted Chicken  
Potato Latkes and Applesauce  
Tossed Salad // Vegetable

***Especially for the Kids: Chicken Tenders // Pasta // Carrot Sticks***

Dessert // Fresh Fruit // Beverages



**\$15 per adult/ \$9 per child** (*maximum of \$45 per family / children under two free*)

RETURN THIS FORM AND A CHECK MADE OUT TO "Congregation B'nai Israel"  
TO THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE.

160 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, NJ 07041

**PLEASE JOIN US!!!**

**RSVP Required by Monday, December 14**

Family  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please advise if any special dietary requirements.)

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I Can Help with Set-Up (at 5:30 p.m.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I Can Help with Clean-Up (after meal)

***Questions? Please contact Henry Bloom at [henry.bloom@novartis.com](mailto:henry.bloom@novartis.com).***



## ***Friday Evening*** **SHIR SHABBAT SERVICE**

*(Shir Shabbat is Hebrew for Shabbat Song!)*

**Welcome Shabbat with an interactive service co-led by our students along with Clergy.**

**Shir Shabbat is a complete Friday night service...**

...with tunes synced with prayers learned in Blanche Bayar Religious School and Golda Och Academy. Come as a family and experience what **Shir Shabat** is all about...singing, prayer and spirit!

**Friday at 6:45 p.m.**

December 11

January 8

February 5

March 4

April 1

May 6

***BBRS students receive Shabbat credit for attending this service.  
Traditional Kabbalat Shabbat Service will take place on these evenings at 8:15 p.m.***

For more information about **Shir Shabbat**  
or if you have any questions, please contact:

Rabbi Sharon Litwin, Director of Congregational Learning

**(973) 379-1134**

[slitwin@cbi-nj.org](mailto:slitwin@cbi-nj.org)



# *Annual Chanukah Dinner Dance*

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

*Dancing - Celebrating - Door Prizes*

*Honoring*  
**Men's Club 2015 Man of the Year**  
***Henry Bloom***

*Festive Holiday Dining*

Prepared by Chef's Extraordinaire Nahum Burstein and David Touger

*Featuring Fantastic Musical Encore*



***B'nai Jazz***

Merging Jewish Roots  
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**Reservation Deadline December 6**

Please RSVP to Invitation in the Mail  
Or, to RSVP online...click [HERE](#) or go to [www.cbi-nj.org](http://www.cbi-nj.org)

Admission \$50 per person (\$60 after December 6)

**For more information, please contact:**

Michael Jurist at [michael.jurist@verizon.net](mailto:michael.jurist@verizon.net), Michael Weinstein at [majklw@verizon.net](mailto:majklw@verizon.net) or  
Mike Slifer at [mikeslifer@verizon.net](mailto:mikeslifer@verizon.net)





# Torah Fund

## How Can I Contribute to Torah Fund?

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

Call Sandy Panzer at 908-351-1999

Make checks payable to: Torah Fund – JTS

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

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### CONGRATULATIONS ON ANY JOYOUS OCCASION

☐ Baby ☐ Mazel Tov ☐ Rejoicing with You  
☐ Milestone ☐ Special Occasion

### MISCELLANEOUS

☐ In Friendship ☐ Todah Rabah (Thank you)

### GET WELL

☐ Refuah Shleimah (Complete Recovery)  
☐ Get Well

## Purchase Special Gift Cards from the Torah Fund Office.

Beautiful cards are available for \$18 or \$50 donations. Call the Torah Fund office at 212-678-8977 to order. Or visit them at [www.jtsa.edu/torahfund.xml](http://www.jtsa.edu/torahfund.xml)

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

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

## Lois Kleiner and Sandy Panzer

Torah Fund Vice Presidents

## ENABLE SENIORS TO LIVE WITH DIGNITY

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# Planning a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Wedding, Sweet 16 or Party?

4<sup>th</sup> Annual

## PARTY SHOWCASE

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DJ Entertainment • Photographers • Videographers

Invitations • Party & Photo Favors

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**Sunday, January 10**  
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



**Free Admission!**

**Gourmet Food Samples by Local Kosher Caterers**

**Bring Your Friends!!**



160 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, NJ

[www.cbi-nj.org](http://www.cbi-nj.org)

# ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



## Chanukah, Israel, and CBI

There is an effort among enemies of Israel to isolate Israel among the nations and to discourage individuals from trading with Israel. In addition to the BDS movement which is active within some American organizations and college campuses, the European Union recently instituted a rule that Israel must identify products made outside the 1967 truce lines. The requirement that these products be identified as "Israeli Settlement" products is a requirement unique to Israel, and is a step not otherwise taken in other cases of disputed territories, such as Morocco and Turkey.

The Israel Affairs Committee and the Hearts & Hands Committee encourage congregants to purchase Chanukah gifts from Israel, in addition to purchasing everyday products like olive oil, Ahava skin care products, Natot sandals, et cetera. Here is a website that includes some information as well as links to various Israel products...

<http://www.buyisraelgoods.org/>

We also encourage you to buy Israeli wines.

Strong trade between Israel and the US and other countries is good for Israel, good for the US, and good for the world economy. Standing up to the Boycotters is good for not only for the Arab and Jewish citizens of Israel, but also for the Arab population of the west bank who are able to work for these Israeli companies.

And Speaking of Chanukah...

## IDF Ensemble Chanukah Holiday Tour Kushner Hebrew Academy, Livingston NJ

I have attended IDF Hanukah shows in the past, and I strongly encourage your attendance with your entire family. It is a wonderful way to connect with Israel and with Israeli soldiers live and in person during the holiday. There will be a program at the Kushner Academy on Wednesday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available by visiting this website, <https://www.fidf.org/musical-ensemble-livingston> or by calling Cara Chernin at 646 274 9646 or by e-mail at [Cara.Chernin@fidf.org](mailto:Cara.Chernin@fidf.org)

## Rishonim at B'nai Israel

CBI is delighted to be participating in the Rishonim program sponsored by the Legow Family Israel Program Center of the Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest. This

program brings recent Israeli high school graduates to our area for a one year assignment as emissaries from Israel.

Currently the Vav class within our Religious School is visited by Lotem Fried Betito on Thursday afternoons. The title of her program is "I love Israel" and each week she brings fun and informal activities to teach the students about another aspect of Israeli culture. They have learned about Tel Aviv, about what is different in Israeli schools from American schools, about Yom Kippur Bikes Ride through the streets of Israel, about some geography of Israel and much more. The students love Lotem's class because it is fun and interactive and she is a really enthusiastic teacher.

We are currently working with the Israel Program Center to bring Lotem or another of the young Israelis to bring Israel to our Early Childhood Center as well.

If you wish to sponsor a special program for your CBI organization, please contact me and I will help you work with IPC to bring Israel to Millburn.

## Israel Movie Nights at CBI

The November 8 film documented the story of a woman facing obstacle after obstacle in her attempt to gain a divorce from her husband who did not wish to grant his consent. The movie featured a very austere set, few characters, and effectively depicted the challenges many women face in the Israeli courts.

Come on December 20 at 7 p.m. for a viewing of *Waltz with Bashir*. This movie is about a veteran of the 1982 War in Lebanon who tries to come to grips with his war time experiences by interviewing his fellow soldiers. While the film is animated, it is a serious and difficult treatment of the Lebanese war. To view a trailer for the film, visit:

[www.imdb.com/video/imdb/vi3976855577](http://www.imdb.com/video/imdb/vi3976855577)

Light snacks will be served and the movie will be followed with our usual lively discussion. If needed, we may pause the movie at 8 p.m. to support the Sunday evening minyan. Admission fee is \$5 per person.

## The Israel Affairs Committee

I write this column every month because I hold the position of chairman of the CBI Israel Affairs Committee. However, it has been some time since I have brought together enough congregants to form an active committee (although there are supportive individuals who do help out a lot). I would like to issue a call out to the congregation for

volunteers to join the committee.

I welcome individuals interested in building a strong US Israel Relationship – through education, travel, study and political activity. Ideally the committee would include representatives of each of the major arms of the congregation, so that we can coordinate and encourage more support.

Please contact me or the synagogue office if you are interested in serving on the committee.

### **2016 AIPAC Policy Conference March 20-22, 2016**

Please consider attending the 2016 AIPAC Policy Conference. AIPAC's mission of ensuring bipartisan support for the US Israel relationship was challenged in 2015 due to the contentious issue of the Iran nuclear agreement. Please help bring the pro-Israel community together. In past election years, presidential candidates

have appeared at the Conference sharing information about their positions as they relate to Israel. Plan to be a part of this historic event.

### **Missing Soldiers**

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

**Guy Hever Ron Arad  
Zachary Baumel Avi Feldman Yehuda Katz**

Joe Tenenbaum



To contact Joe Tenenbaum, email him at  
TenenbaumJ@AOL.com

## **Mi Sheberach**

One of the least known liturgical functions of a congregation involves the "Mi Shebarach:" the prayer asking God to heal those who are ill. Congregation B'nai Israel has a "Mi Shebarach" list that is read at services on Monday, Thursday and Shabbat mornings.

We ask members of the congregation to inform us of those they would like placed on the list. If there is anyone you feel would benefit from these weekly prayers, please contact Rabbi Bayar by phone (973-379-3811) or email (cbirabbi@cbi-nj.org) with the name.

## **THIS HANUKKAH**

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## CBI Adult Learning

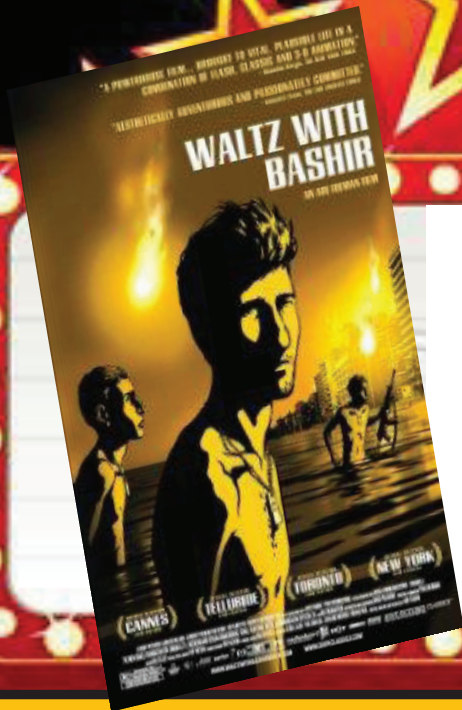
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### Israel through the Lens of Modern Cinema

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### Waltz with Bashir

**Sunday, December 20**

*New Date!*

**7:00 p.m.**

**Congregation B'nai Israel**

**Snacks and Drinks!**

Inspired by actual events, *Waltz with Bashir* chronicles one man's descent into his own half-forgotten past. Filmmaker Ari Folman, an Israeli veteran of the First Lebanon War, encounters an old friend suffering from nightmares of the conflict. Ari begins to wonder why his own memories are full of gaps. In an effort to uncover the truth, he reconnects with old friends and dares to confront the horrors of war. Hailed as "innovative" and "devastating," *Waltz with Bashir* fuses animation and documentary to create an experience unlike anything you've ever witnessed. The film was nominated for "Best Foreign Film" at 2009 Academy Awards and was winner of "Best Foreign Film" at Golden Globe Awards.

View Trailer here: <http://www.sonyclassics.com/waltzwithbashir/trailer.html>



# **Mah Jongg at CBI!**

**2015-2016**



Join us as we continue to rack our tiles and Charleston our way to that perfect hand. All levels of play are welcome. New players welcome.  
Learners table available.

## **Open Mah Jongg Night** **Wednesday Evenings at 7:15 p.m.**

December 16<sup>th</sup>

January 13<sup>th</sup>

February 17<sup>th</sup>

March 16<sup>th</sup>

April 6

June 22<sup>nd</sup>

***Please RSVP to Amy Dantus at [abdant@gmail.com](mailto:abdant@gmail.com)***

***Sisterhood Members -- FREE!***

***Non-Members -- \$5.00***

*\*All dates are subject to change; please check CBI calendar for updates.*

**Mark Your Calendars for...**

**All Day Open**

**MAH JONGG-A-THON!!!**

**Sunday, May 22, 2016**

**Details Coming Soon!**





**Adult Forum “Lunch & Learn”**  
Congregation B’nai Israel  
160 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, NJ

**Our programs are open to CBI members and the general community. By all means, bring friends!**

**Lunch begins at 12:30 p.m. and the program begins at 1:00 p.m. AT CBI**

**Wednesday, December 9 At OHEB SHALOM**-located at 170 Scotland Road, South Orange, NJ *The Golden Age of Yiddish Theater* with Mark Levy. Deli lunch followed by guest speaker Mark Levy presenting *The Golden Age of Yiddish Theater*. Mark is a well-known singer, songwriter, and presenter. Just a fraction of the great actors and singers who graced the Yiddish stage over a 50 year period-Avrom Goldfaden, Boris Tomashevsky, Jacob Alder, Molly Picon, Moishe Oysher-will be seen and heard on vintage records and film. Cost is \$10 for Simcha Senior members and partners, and \$1 for community participants. Register by Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> by calling Ellen. Please leave your name, phone number and sandwich order. **CALL ELLEN NESSON (973-285-9772) WITH YOUR LUNCH ORDER. LUNCH BEGINS AT NOON.**

**December 17 at B’NAI ISRAEL** screen *The Best of Enemies*. *The Best of Enemies* is a 2015 documentary about the 1968 televised series of debates between two great public intellectuals, liberal Gore Vidal and conservative William F. Buckley. These debates ushered in a new era of public discourse and pundit TV. Intended as commentary on the issues of their day, these vitriolic and explosive encounters came to define the modern era in the media, marking the big bang moment of our contemporary media landscape when spectacle trumped content and argument replaced substance.

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, PLEASE CALL THE TEMPLE (973-736-3811)**

**\$10 for Adult Forum members & partners// \$12 for non-members**

**YOU MAY PAY AT THE DOOR, but you need to CONTACT LOIS BY WEDNESDAY at 973-533-1809 for events at B’nai Israel, with your lunch order. Deli sandwiches are back! Choices are: Pastrami, corned beef, turkey, brisket, egg salad or tuna.**

**Adult Forum Fall 2015 “On the Road” Trip with JCC of Central New Jersey are currently in the planning stages.**

For information about membership, programs or trips, contact Lois Dyer 973-533-1809

## DONATIONS

The following tributes have been sent over the past several months. If you wish to send a tribute please call Ana Amorim at 973-379-3811 ext. 10 or email her at [anaa@cbi-nj.org](mailto:anaa@cbi-nj.org).

### Synagogue Fund

- Barbara & Steve Colin – Mazel Tov on David's marriage  
❖ Teddy Leff
- Dr. Sharon Selinger – In memory of your beloved father  
❖ Debbie & Ron Arons
- Linda Sotnick – In memory of your beloved mother, Phyllis Katz  
❖ Rosalind & Jed Buck  
❖ Helene & Steven Mohelman  
❖ Harriet & Sheldon Greenholtz  
❖ Helen Hadar  
❖ Sally Shotkin  
❖ Linver/Askin Family  
❖ Karen & David Jacob  
❖ Betsy & Allan Rauch
- Karen Tucker – Wishing you a speedy recovery  
❖ David & Barbara Gelband

### Rabbi's Fund

- Seymour Beneroff – In memory of Harriet Beneroff  
❖ Jill Sugarman
- Family of Ruth Morvay – In memory of your beloved mother  
❖ Jill Sugarman
- David & Ilene Klein – In honor of the birth of your twin grandsons  
❖ Howard & Risa Goldberg
- Sharon Selinger – In memory of your father  
❖ Howard & Risa Goldberg
- Linda Sotnick – In memory of your beloved mother, Phyllis Katz  
❖ The Pitkowsky Family
- The Forster Family – In honor of Elie becoming a Bat Mitzvah  
❖ The Pitkowsky Family
- Rabbi Bayar – We wish you joy with your new grandson  
❖ Harriet & Paul Klein  
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