

# The Bulletin



**CONGREGATION  
B'NAI ISRAEL**

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

January 2016



Congregation B'nai Israel

## *Musical Gala*

**Saturday, February 6, 2016  
Crystal Plaza  
Livingston, NJ**

**Festivities Begin 7:00 p.m.  
Party Attire**

### Guests of Honor



Naomi & Gerry Eisenberger

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Nancy & Joseph Tenenbaum

### Celebrating Chai Anniversary



Cantor Lorna Wallach

### Rising Stars



Stacy Thompson & David Kanarek

**Kindly RSVP by Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>  
Tribute Journal Submissions due Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

## 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 (1/9)	10:45 am
Yaldeinu (1/2)	9:30 am

## Candle Lighting

January 1	4:22 pm
January 8	4:29 pm
January 15	4:36 pm
January 22	4:44 pm
January 29	4:53 pm

## Mincha/Havdallah

January 2	4:37 pm/5:37 pm
January 9	4:44 pm/5:44 pm
January 16	4:51 pm/5:51 pm
January 23	4:59 pm/5:59 pm
January 30	5:08 pm/6:08 pm

## Minyan Rotation

1/3-1/9	Podhoretz – Renner
1/10-1/16	Retik – Russo
1/17-1/23	Sabin – Schneider
1/24-1/30	Schor – Shapiro
1/31-2/6	Shaykevich – Smith

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	Evening Minyan
7:10 am Mon. & Thurs.	8:00 pm Sun.-Thur.
7:15 am Tues., Wed. & Fri.	
8:30 am Sun.	

## 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

This year marks the 23rd Yahrtzeit of our Rabbi emeritus, Max Grünewald. I thought it a fitting tribute to remind CBI of his illustrious past – and his contributions to us which continue to this very day: This biography is an edited version from the Encyclopedia Judaica and the Leo Baeck Institute:

Max Grünewald was born on December 4, 1899 in Upper Silesia, Germany. In the fall of 1917, Grünewald was tested for the army. Despite many illnesses during his youth, he was declared fit and entered at seventeen years old. His experience in the military was one of tension and frustration. Max Grünewald applied for a leave of absence from military duties in 1918 and enrolled as a medical student at the University of Breslau. He was not happy with the subject and met with historian Hugo Brann from the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he enrolled after completing his military duties.

One of his most influential teachers was Saul Horovitz who later became his father-in-law. Grünewald received a Doctorate of Philosophy (medieval philosophy) from the University of Breslau in July 1925 and concomitantly was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary. After graduation, Max Grünewald held the post of Chief-Rabbi of the Mannheim Synagogue from April 1925 to March 1938. After the Mannheim Synagogue was destroyed during the 1938 *Kristallnacht*, the Grünewalds fled to Palestine. Max Grünewald traveled back and forth between Palestine and the United States where he conducted research at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (in New York City). He lived in Palestine until 1944, when he immigrated permanently to the United States and began working as an interim Rabbi for Congregation B'nai Israel in Millburn, New Jersey.

Beginning in the early 1950s, Grünewald became very involved with several important Jewish organizations based in the New York area. He was President of the Jewish Philanthropic Fund of 1933, Inc., and one of the directors of the Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation, which is still in existence today.

In 1942, Grünewald co-founded the American Federation of Jews from Central Europe and was chair from 1952 to 1962. Max Grünewald was present at the very beginning of LBI's founding in Jerusalem, at the home of Martin Buber, about a year or so before Leo Baeck died. The initial goal of the LBI was to document the lives of Jews living in Germany from the time of the Enlightenment to the time of the Holocaust. After the founding, Grünewald remained an integral part of the Institute and was named president of the New York LBI in 1956, a position he held until 1985.

He also maintained ties with other former Mannheim residents and took part in several reunions both in the United States and in Germany. For the 1987 reunion, Grünewald traveled to Mannheim in order to participate in the dedication of the new Mannheim synagogue. On December 28, 1992, Max Grünewald succumbed to cancer. The following year, the city of Mannheim named a square in his honor, the Rabbiner Max Grünewald Platz, illustrating his impact as a religious leader and an individual.

To All: Ginny and I wish you a happy and healthy secular New Year.



Steven Bayar



## MUSICAL NOTES

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

The beginning of the Hebrew month of Shevat, this year corresponding to the middle of January, is the fifth Yahrtzeit (anniversary of the death) of Debbie Friedman. I wanted to take this opportunity to pay tribute to her. Debbie had a distinguished career as an American Jewish songwriter, singer and song-leader, who accompanied herself skillfully on the guitar. As a recording artist, she released over 20 albums and performed in sold out concerts at Carnegie Hall and in hundreds of cities around the world. I had the honor of performing with her on several occasions and I was always amazed at her special gift and talent to be able to get people to sing together. She truly believed in the power of song and community singing to bring about healing and Tikkun Olam (repairing the world). One of her most famous settings is the Mi Shebeirach (the prayer for healing), the melody of which we use regularly at our Shabbat morning services, and which is sung in synagogues and churches across the nation. The following is commentary that Debbie wrote about the Mi Shebeirach:



"We are powerful. It is hard to remember that. Sometimes life takes its turns into the unknown and presents us with challenges we would have preferred not to encounter under any circumstances. Suddenly we are confronted with our pain.

It is a strange thing that pain creates beauty and potential for healing. It is hard to imagine that it can provide a foundation for beautiful moments to arise. When we are experiencing emotional discomfort, we need to find a safe place to express our grief and loss. The willingness to both offer and receive blessings of healing and well-being allows one who is wounded to transform and unravel their pain. Our pain need not bury us, instead it may elevate us to the point of healing - if we choose to allow it."

In the Torah portion Beshallah, which will be read this month on Sisterhood Shabbat, is Shirat ha-Yam, the Song at the Sea, a poetic, emotional expression by the Israelites in response to the Exodus from Egypt (Ex. 15:1-19). This chant is immediately followed by the Song of Miriam (v.20-21):

"Then Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her in dance with timbrels. And Miriam chanted for them: "Sing to the Lord for He has triumphed gloriously." Debbie's uplifting setting of this text, called "Miriam's Song," is another one of her best known and best loved songs.

Debbie Friedman was truly a modern-day prophetess. Not only was she a musical leader like Miriam, she was also visionary akin to her namesake, the prophetess and judge Deborah, the heroine of the Haftarah of Parashat Beshallah. Debbie showed us new ways to cross the sea, by bringing God into a folk-musical conversation and helping us all engage our souls in heartfelt prayer. Debbie's music and her memory will always be a blessing.

Lorna Wallach



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

## In The Community

### Mazel Tov to:

Sara Sherman in honor of her milestone birthday.

### Refuah Shleima to:

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

### Condolences to:

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

Randi Fish Ostry on the loss of her beloved mother, Francine Fish Schwartz.

Rachel Friedman on the loss of her beloved father, Stuart Handwerger.

## President's Message

By Andrea Hirschfeld, CBI President

I hope you all have had a wonderful Chanukah and start to 2016! By now you have your invitations to this year's Musical Gala when we will honor Joe and Nancy Tenenbaum, Naomi and Gerry Eisenberger, recognize our Rising Stars - David Kanerek and Stacy Thompson, and celebrate "all night long" with Cantor Wallach for her 18 years with our CBI community! It will be a fun evening with dancing, great food, terrific live music, friends, and a few surprises! David and I look forward to seeing you all there and celebrating together!!

In December I had the pleasure of again attending the Men's Club Chanukah party and was very touched by the words the Man of the Year, Henry Bloom, had to say about our B'nai Israel community and his families time with us since 2002. It was great to hear a little history, again, from a member who



came to us never thinking they would find a place where they would feel at home again when they moved to Millburn. We should be very proud that our community allows for such feeling. Having moved elsewhere myself during my 28 year membership here, I do know how awkward and displaced that can feel. Thank you all for your support in creating an inviting and welcoming culture.

And what's next?? PURIM, PURIM, PURIM! We are just now identifying people to chair the carnival and help make this another successful event for our students and their families! Please let me know you can help - or would like help chair the event.

See you on the dance floor at the Crystal Plaza February 6th!

Andrea



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## The CBI Gala Celebration



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday Evening**

**February 6th, 2016**

**at**

**Crystal Plaza in Livingston**

**More Details to Come!**

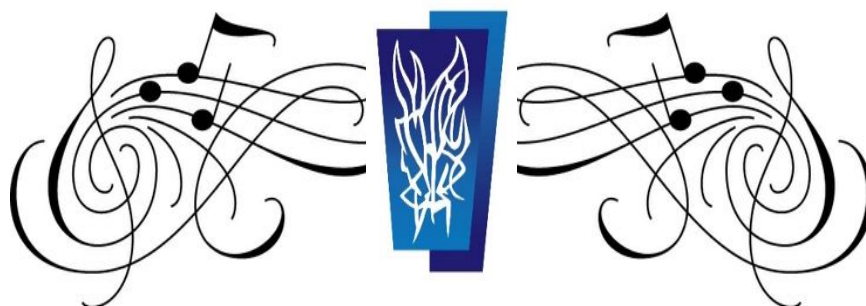
**Our Fabulous Honorees!**

**Sensational Musical Entertainment!**

**DON'T MISS  
THE DEADLINE!**

## Next Deadline

Please note, the deadline for the February 2016 bulletin is January 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).



**Congregation B'nai Israel**

# *Musical Gala*

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

**Crystal Plaza (Livingston, NJ)**

## **Gala Co-Chairs**

Nan Greenwald & Steve Brown

## **Gala Sponsors (in formation)**

Heidi and Barry Allen  
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Aleza & Joseph Rosenberg  
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Susan & Jerry Webman  
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## **Gala Committee**

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Heidi Cohen  
Roni Chasin  
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Robin Glatt  
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Sharon Ingber  
Boaz Kimelman  
Carol Marcus  
Sydra Miller  
Ilisa Perlman  
Micole 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



## HEDWIG GRUENEWALD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

By Rochelle Baron, Director

Happy new year! We are back from our winter break and it's good to be together again.

This will be a busy month for HGECC! On January 9 we are looking forward to the "Havdallah in Pajamas" program, beginning with a short service followed by songs, crafts and snacks. January 15 will be our first "Super Shabbat" when each child is asked to bring one or two adults to participate in our Friday morning Shabbat program. Parent-teacher conferences will take place throughout the month. An "Open House" is scheduled for Wednesday morning, January 20 from 9:30 to 11:00am (snow-date January 27) for prospective families. Please pass the word on to any neighbors or friends who might be looking for a warm, nurturing environment for their child to come by and visit.



HGECC is excited to partake in CBI's Mitzvah Day on January 18. Once again our project will be learning about recycling and making recycling containers to be used at home. This was very successful last year and we're hoping for another great turn-out at our table. We hope you will stop by and make your own useful creation!

Registration for Summer Camp 2016 as well as Fall 2016/ Spring 2017 is currently underway. New for this year is an eight week summer camp for children ages two through four. If you would like an application or more information about our offerings please contact me!

Stay warm!

Rochelle Baron



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### CBI Chanting Circle

Join us in the Chapel on  
**Sunday, January 17th, at 5 PM**  
for our inspirational Hebrew chant and song circle  
with musical accompaniment.

We will mark Tu b'Shevat, the new year for trees, which can be thought of as the Jewish Earth Day. In that spirit, we will explore the magnificence of the natural world and its wonders through the vehicle of song and chant with words from our sacred texts.

The intention of chanting is to awaken the divine in our hearts. It can soothe the mind and at the very least is simply fun to do! No prior knowledge of Hebrew or singing ability necessary. . . only a willingness to join in spiritual community.

## January 2016 Yahrzeit Donors

Ronnie Armuth	Susan Margulies
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Robert Fanburg	Sandra Nash
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Myron Feldman	Frieda Ostrowsky
Marvin Fish	Jeryl Rempell
Neysa Friedland	Mark Richman
Ellen Garber	Ruth Rosenberg
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Hanna Keselman	Susan Webman
Ilene & David Klein	Sydell Weiner
Frances Licht	

## BLANCHE BAYAR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

By Rabbi Sharon Litwin

As we finish up our first semester at BBRS for the year, I am reflecting on what has changed since I started in the spring.

The most obvious and wonderful change is the level of student participation in Shabbat worship. In November, when we celebrated Youth Group Shabbat, so many of the BBRS students came up to participate in leading the prayers. They warmed our hearts with their joyous singing of Shalom Aleichem and V'shamru.

Every week our Minyan Gesher/Junior Congregation has amazing participation. The Kitah Vav students were so enthused a few weeks ago that they spontaneously sang the Haftarah blessings even though we don't read the Haftarah in Minyan Gesher. And in December, we had our first young Torah reader. Yashar Koach to Judah Marcus for his incredible Torah reading.

In December, we also had a standing room only crowd in the chapel for our Shabbat Hanukkah Shir Shabbat service. BBRS students joined with me in leading Kabbalat Shabbat with the melodies that we have been learning every week at

school. I was thrilled that so many students came up to sing and to participate with enthusiasm and with the desire to sing and learn the words to the prayers so diligently.

When I started here last spring, I hoped that over the course of my first year, we would start to create a sense of community around prayer and Shabbat amongst the BBRS families. It is wonderful to see everyone at our special services and every Shabbat. As the famous Jewish philosopher Ahad HaAm taught: "More than the Jewish people have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jewish people."

By joining together on Shabbat and creating a sense of community, we sustain a vibrant, passionate, committed Judaism for the next generation of Jews. I hope our students will continue to love to participate in Shabbat services and will carry their enthusiasm with them as they continue to grow as Jews.

**Rabbi Sharon Litwin**

Director of Congregational Learning



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### Preschool Open House

**Wednesday, January 20\***

**9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**Come and Learn About All Our Programs!**

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Transitional Two's

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Pre-K Program

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**Contact Rochelle Baron for More Info**

**973-379-4040 or [hgecc@cbi-nj.org](mailto:hgecc@cbi-nj.org)**

**Spread the Word! Bring a Friend!**

**\*Snow Date January 27**





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**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)



# 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.

### CONDOLENCE

☐ Dark Blue ☐ Cream ☐ Tree ☐ White

### CONGRATULATIONS ON ANY JOYOUS OCCASION

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

### MISCELLANEOUS

☐ In Friendship ☐ Todah Rabah (Thank you)

### GET WELL

☐ Refuah Shleimah (Complete Recovery)  
☐ Get Well

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

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**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

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# havdalah in pajamas

**Join us for a warm and cozy celebration  
as we say goodbye to Shabbat!**



**saturday  
january 9  
5:30 to 6:45 p.m.**



**Come in your favorite jammies for a short Havdallah service, songs, crafts and snacks.  
Your whole family will enjoy a beautiful time with our warm community.**

**\*\*\* Ages 2 to 6 \*\*\***

**Siblings welcome! Grandparents welcome!  
Open to everyone...bring a friend!**

**RSVP to Rochelle Baron by January 5**  
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## Sisterhood's Message

By Karen Tucker, Sisterhood President

### Welcome 2016!

I hope your 2105 was a good one.

I am very much looking forward to this month's Sisterhood activities.

We begin with **Mah Jongg** on Wednesday the 13th at 7:15. For those of you who haven't yet joined the craze-come down- try an evening. Amy has a learners table that is hopping. No need to rsvp just follow the fun.

Always a special day at CBI is the **MLK Mitzvathon**. This year it is on Monday the 18th from 2 to 4 pm. Sisterhood will be collecting new or gently used stuffed animals for Bears from Bergenfield. They are sent to Israel for traumatized children with different forms of stress. Anyone who could volunteer a bit of time at the table helping out please let me know.

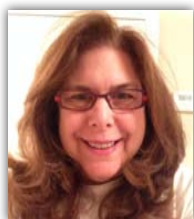
**Knit and Knosh** continues on Tuesday the 26th at 7:30. Join us as we work on our projects. We are a group of experienced, intermediate as well as beginner knitters and crocheters who welcome new faces. Pop in with your needles and yarn. We are generally in the youth lounge.

Have you seen how lovely the **gift shop** looks? There are lots of new items to help with all you simcha needs. If the shop is closed contact Ilisa Perlman and she will arrange a meeting time with you.

So what's happening on the 22nd and 23rd you ask?

### SISTERHOOD SHABBAT!!

This is Shabbat Shirah – the Shabbat of Song. We read Parshat Beshalach which is the period after the exodus and



is to give thanks to God for the parting of the Red Sea and the Israelites survival and escape to the other side.

The women of CBI play a pivotal role in all aspects of our congregation as well as in the Conservative Movement. Jewish education, religious equality and charity are the cornerstones of our community. This is wonderfully evident as every part of Sisterhood Shabbat is celebrated by our Sisterhood members. When I say everything I also mean behind the scenes as well as through the service itself. I want to thank Susan Gordon and Janet Slifer for their ability to fill each part and encourage us to try something new and challenging and Cantor Wallach for her tutorials. Come support your friends and relatives for Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday evening followed by a festive oneg and Shabbat services on Saturday followed by a very special Kiddush.

I so look forward to being able to attend Sisterhood Shabbat this year and hope you see a large number of you both days.

As always the way to participate is to join us and to join in- the reward is waiting for you.

If you have a concern, question, need a ride to a program or just want to chat please feel free to give me a call or shoot me an email. It may take me awhile to get back to you- but I will.

B'Shalom,  
Karen Tucker



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## WE INVITE YOU TO OUR ANNUAL SISTERHOOD SHABBAT! 12-13 SH'VAT 5776 JANUARY 22-23, 2016

Friday evening, Kabbalat Shabbat at 8:15 pm

Shabbat morning at 9:00 am

We read the Torah portion of Beshallah, including the inspiring Song of the Sea.

Please join us for this wonderful weekend.



## MEN'S CLUB MINUTE

By Dan Richter, Men's Club President

### LOOKING BACK AT DECEMBER

#### **Serving Latkes on December 6th**

In 1972 a crack commando unit was sent to prison by a military court for a crime they didn't commit. These men promptly escaped from a maximum security stockade to the Los Angeles underground. Today, still wanted by the government, they survive as soldiers of fortune. If you have a problem, if no one else can help, and if you can find them, maybe you can hire the A-Team. Or if you are on a tighter budget...you can hire the CBI Fryer's Club!

A crack team known as the CBI Fryers Club assembled on Sunday morning December 6 to serve up over 300 delicious latkes to CBI kids and some lucky parents. Thanks to Jeff and Marian Freedman for the idea, planning, and execution. And thanks to the Fryers Club Team! Also thanks to BBRS-PA for sponsoring!



*Jerry (BA Barachas Atachas) Weiss pours the batter. "I pity the fool who doesn't eat my latkes!"*

#### **Men's Club Hanukkah Dinner Dance December 13th**

And then...on Sunday December 13th, we had a wonderful Men's Club Hanukkah Dinner Dance Party Honoring our Man of the Year (usually just called the MCHDDPHOMOY). We toasted the 5776 Man of the Year, Henry Bloom. We danced to the music of B'nai Jazz and shmoozed through the night. We dined on delicious food served up by our chefs David Touger and Nahum Burstein. I know this to be true, because I was able to edit this bulletin article, 11 hours after the end of the same party. I am pleased to report that we will have David & Nahum



*Henry and Helaine*

back to cook up the Men's Club Shabbat Friday dinner on January 29th! Thanks to Michael Jurist for coordinating the event. Thanks to Michael Slifer for putting the ad journal together. And thanks to the cadre of Men's Club volunteers who helped gather prizes, buy food, set-up and promote the event! Thanks to Henry Bloom for being an exemplary Men's Club member and a credit to our community. December 13th evening was truly an MCHDDPHOMOY to remember!

### LOOKING AHEAD AT JANUARY

#### **Mitzvathon January 18th 2-4pm**

Come out and learn about many fantastic organizations that help the needy in our community and other organizations that help strengthen Israel. Men's Club will again help make sandwiches for the homeless. We hope to see you there!

#### **Cholent Challenge Weds day Night January 27th in the CBI Kitchen**

So are you also inspired to prepare tasty food in the CBI kitchen? Then we want you! And your cholent too! The second annual CBI Cholent Challenge is Saturday January 30th at the Men's Club Shabbat. Cholent Challenge contest should come to CBI Wednesday night January 27th.

On Wednesday night, January 27th at 7:30pm, those Men's Club Members who are worthy (have paid their dues) and who wish to take the challenge to cook up the greatest cholent in the land should arise and assemble in



the CBI kitchen with the following:

- a new (in the box) vessel to cook the cholent which can be a brand new plug-in Crock Pot (market value of approximately \$30) or an Oval Foil Roast Pan 18" x 14" x 3" 5 (5 pack for \$7.49) which can bake in our CBI oven.
- All 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.
- a recipe either on-paper, on-line, or in-head

Chefs will have from 7:30pm until 9:30pm to prepare their cholents. Those who are able to, can also take a 20 minute break for minyan. If you need past 9:30pm, that's fine, but those sticking around as Moshgiach of the kitchen might start getting hungry by then, and they might start eating the raw ingredients.

Cholents will cook overnight Wednesday, and will be put in refrigerators until Saturday morning. On Saturday morning, they will be warmed up in Shabbat ovens until the Kiddush at approximately 12:30.

Cholents will be brought out with no indication of the connection to the chef, but will be issued a number or letter. Attendees will vote for their favorite dish in a manner consistent with the rules of Shabbat. The winning cholent will be served in the Kiddush Cup trophy won by Men's Club Bowlers for a second year in a row back on that glorious Sunday night November 15th. The winning chef will be identified, congratulated, and will be given a free year's membership to the Men's Club!

So will you throw down your (new Hanukkah) gloves and step into the ring? I'm definitely in. I'll present a special cholent whose recipe is most exotic with origins most mysterious. The recipe may have been found in clay vessels inside a cave near a mostly dead sea in the Arava. Or it could have been passed down in the family for 20 generations. Whatever it is, I will certainly decide by Wednesday night January 27th in the kitchen of B'nai Israel. If you want to join the Cholent Challenge, just email [cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com](mailto:cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com) or call me or leave a message at 732-261-5138.

### **Men's Club Shabbat January 29th and 30th**

Men's Club Shabbat is a wonderful CBI experience. This year we are making the Shabbat experience "round the clock". Our Friday dinner will be an encore fete prepared by our celebrity chefs. Following dinner we will sing melodic Shabbat Songs and then adjourn for the Kabbalat Shabbat Service. We will again taste and vote for our favorite wonderful cholent selections at the Saturday noon Kiddush.

This year, we are taking Shabbat beyond the Kiddush on Saturday afternoon with a re-group at 4pm for services and a festive meal as we usher out the Shabbat called the "Seudah Shlishit". At this venue we will be physically nurtured with more delicious food and spiritually nurtured with special Jewish songs called nigunim, which Len Hausman will lead. At 5:45pm it's back to the evening prayers for the approximately fifteen minute Maariv service. 6pm is Havdallah. And then...the curtain will be pulled back for a CBI Band concert and dessert schmooze. With all this happening at Men's Club Shabbat, **the only RSVP needed is for Friday night dinner on January 29th**. Early Bird Cost: \$5 per person / \$25 per family max RSVP by Jan 15th. Afterwards, \$10 per person / \$40 per family max with last RSVP by midnight Jan 25th.

So Men's Club Shabbat in summary:

**Friday January 29th Dinner 6:30PM/Services 7:45 PM**

**Saturday January 30th Services 9:00AM, Kiddush to follow. Afternoon Mincha 4:00 pm, Seudah Shlisit Meal 4:45 pm, Ma'ariv Service 5:45 pm. 6:00 pm Havdallah. CBI band and deserts after Havdallah.**

### **OUR CONTINUING PROGRAMS**

#### **Pick-up Basketball**

Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. at Hartshorn Elementary School, 400 Hartshorn Drive, Short Hills. Sundays at 9:15 a.m. (starting Sept. 13th) YM-YWHA, 501 Green Lane, Union. For more information, contact David Touger at [dtouger@aol.com](mailto:dtouger@aol.com)

#### **Fencing**

The group meets Wednesdays at 8pm in the Social Hall at CBI. Instruction and coaching is led by CBI fencing coach, Len Rubin. Our very own Rabbi Bayar is often in the mix!

#### **Book Club**

The next book for Book Club is All Who Go Do Not Return: A Memoir, by Shulem Deen will be discussed. Location is TBD. For information on time and location of the book club meeting, contact Ed Nadel at [enadel@lowenstein.com](mailto:enadel@lowenstein.com).

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 [daniel.richter@verizon.net](mailto:daniel.richter@verizon.net) / cell: (732) 261-5138.

**Daniel Richter**

Men's Club President  
[cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com](mailto:cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com)  
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# COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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

## Friday, January 1 - New Year's Day

### HGECC Closed for Winter Recess

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 8:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

## Saturday, January 2

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services
- 11:15 am-12:00 pm Yaldeinu @ Chapel

## Sunday, January 3

### BBRS Closed

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

## Monday, January 4

### BBRS Resumes

### HGECC Resumes

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 12:45 pm HGECC Staff Meeting @ MPR
- 7:30 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting @ MPR
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Tuesday, January 5

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 6:00 pm-7:15 pm Chaverim Winter Gold Rush Mania
- 7:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, January 6

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

## Thursday, January 7

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Adult Learning Introduction to Islam
- 12:30 pm Adult Forum Lunch & Learn
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Friday, January 8

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

## Saturday, January 9

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services - Bar Mitzvah of David Wisnudel Shabbat
- 10:15 am Birthday Morning
- 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
- 10:45 am Shabbat Journeymen's Minyan
- 5:30 pm-6:45 pm Havdalah in Pajamas

## Sunday, January 10

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 11:00 am-2:00 pm Party Showcase @ Social Hall and Motherwell Lobby
- 7:00 pm Israel Film Series @ MPR
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Monday, January 11

- 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, January 12

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting @ MPR
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, January 13

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 7:30 pm Open Mah Jongg @ MPR
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:00 pm Men's Club Fencing

## Thursday, January 14

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Adult Learning Introduction to Islam
- 12:30 pm Adult Forum Lunch & Learn Film
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Friday, January 15

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am-10:30 am HGECC Super Shabbat @ Sanctuary & Social Hall
- 8:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

## Saturday, January 16

- 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) @ Youth Lounge

## Sunday, January 17

### BBRS Closed

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 5:00 pm Chanting Circle @ Chapel
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Monday, January 18

### Martin Luther King Day

### BBRS Closed - Please Attend MLK Mitzvah Day

### HGECC Closed for MLK Day

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 2:00 pm MLK Mitzvah Day
- 4:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Tuesday, January 19

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 9:00 am-9:00 pm Sisterhood Kitchen @ Kitchen
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, January 20

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 9:00 am-9:00 pm Kitchen @ Kitchen
- 9:30 am-11:00 am HGECC Open House
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:00 pm HGECC Board Meeting
- 8:00 pm Men's Club Fencing

## Thursday, January 21

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:00 am-9:00 pm Kitchen
- 9:30 am Adult Learning Introduction to Islam
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:00 pm Religious Affairs Committee Meeting

## Friday, January 22

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 9:00 am Kitchen
- 8:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat led by Sisterhood

## Saturday, January 23

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services led by Sisterhood
- 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, January 24

### EREV TU BISHVAT

- BBRS Vav Class at Mitzvot of Metrowest (Offsite)
- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Monday, January 25

### TU BISHVAT

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

## Tuesday, January 26

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

## Wednesday, January 27

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am-11:00 am HGECC Open House (Snow Date)
- 7:00 pm Second Annual Cholent Challenge @ Kitchen
- 7:30 pm Youth Committee Meeting @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:00 pm Men's Club Fencing

## Thursday, January 28

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Adult Learning Introduction to Islam
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Friday, January 29

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 6:30 pm Family Shabbat Dinner prepared by Men's Club
- 7:45 pm Kabbalat Shabbat led by Men's Club

## Saturday, January 30

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services led by Men's Club
- 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) @ Room 105
- 4:00 pm Mincha / Seudah Shlisit Meal / Maariv led by Men's Club
- 6:00 pm Havdalah led by Men's Club
- 6:00 pm Musical Evening with CBI Band

## Sunday, January 31

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 12:00 pm -1:00 pm BBRS Tichon Plus
- 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm LEGOFEST @ Social Hall
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan



# CBI MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT DINNER & SERVICES

FRIDAY, January 29, 2016

Dinner at 6:45PM / Services at 7:45PM

See full Shabbat Around the Clock Schedule Below

Join your CBI friends for a communal Shabbat dinner  
prepared by the renowned Men's Club chefs Friday night!

Adults and children of all ages are welcome!

Shabbat singing and good times!

## Shabbat Around the Clock Schedule

- Friday night Shabbat Dinner 6:45pm ([RSVP form below](#))
- Friday night Services 7:45pm (Oneg desserts to follow)
- Saturday morning Services 9am (Kiddush with award winning cholents to follow)
- Saturday Mincha Service 4pm
- Saturday Seudah Shlishit Meal 4:45pm (eating and singing nigunim)
- Saturday Maariv Service 5:45pm
- Saturday Havdalah approximately 6pm
- Saturday band concert and desserts after Havdallah!



Early Bird Cost: \$5 per person / \$25 per family max RSVP by Jan 15th

(\$10 per person / \$40 per family max after Jan 15<sup>th</sup>. Last RSVP midnight Jan 25th.)

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**To RSVP, you can email Dan Richter at [cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com](mailto:cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com) / (732) 261-5138.**

Please send your check to the CBI 160 Millburn Av, Millburn NJ 07041 Attn.: Men's Club  
Shabbat. Make check out to "CBI Men's Club" with memo "Shabbat Dinner".

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

Adult Names \_\_\_\_\_

Kids Under 18 Names and Ages \_\_\_\_\_

\$10 per person / \$40 per family max after Jan 15<sup>th</sup>. Last RSVP midnight Jan 25th.

Total # of people \_\_\_\_\_ Total owed \_\_\_\_\_

Notes \_\_\_\_\_



## ***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.**

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)



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

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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!!**



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# ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



## The Situation in Israel

I do not actually consider this a current events column, but I try to add a little news in hopes that readers who do not focus on Israel in their daily or weekly reading and browsing will become more aware of what is happening. This is particularly important because listening or reading headlines about Israel is guaranteed to give you an inaccurate and incomplete picture.

You are, I hope, aware that over the past couple of months, Israelis have been subjected to surprise attacks using not only firearms, but often knives and automobiles which often maim but are intended to kill. While the enemy is aiming at Jews, their attacks have been indiscriminate, often injuring Muslims and Bedouins as well. In addition, they are purposely aiming at people of all ages— including infants, and adults over 60 or 70 years old.

While I was generally aware of this, the news reports often report the number killed and the number injured, or report some as “moderately” injured. This understates the impact of these attacks. I was shocked recently when I saw a list of Israelis in need of Refuah Shleima due to terrorist activities.

(As of December 9)

Genadi Chaim Nota ben  
Raaya Rachel  
Yagel ben Chofit...  
Miguel ben Coastal  
Daniel ben Yedida  
Natan ben Odel  
Odel bat Miriam  
Moshe ben Orli  
Meir Yitzchak ben Sarah  
Aharon Moshe Chaim ben  
Chaya Chana  
Dvir ben Shoshana  
Ron Shai bat Sigalit  
Adi ben Rut  
Niv ben Yardena  
Moshe ben Daisy  
Meor Efraim ben Fortuna Daniella  
Moshe ben Edgach  
Liat bat Yael  
Or-El bat Limor  
Yosef Chaim ben Zahava  
Neor Shalev ben Rut Elisheva  
Yom Tov Lipa ben Roiza  
Yair ben Roizina  
Samuel Ono ben Antoni  
Shoshana bat Lulu

Moshe ben Bracha  
Maya bat Ilana  
Ron ben Chana  
Adiv ben Fortuna Mazel  
Daniel Chaim ben Revital  
David ben Shoshana  
Alon Chaim ben Rita HaCohen  
Yehonatan Amiram ben Miriam  
Pesach ben  
Rachel Miriam Haddassah  
Yarden ben Orli  
Meital Dikla bat Ninette  
Gilad ben Meirav  
Tahel bat Sigal  
Sigal bat Jacqlin  
Gal ben Naomi  
Yaniv ben Chana  
Yotam ben Penina  
David Shlomo ben Rachel  
Nirit Chana bat Nitza  
Leah Michal bat Bracha  
Shmuel ben Chasiba  
Eliyahu Menachem ben Devora Sora  
Yonatan ben Ruth Ruchama  
Roëe ben Rachel  
Yitzchak David ben Iris Tova  
Malka Wasserman  
Yosef ben Daisy

May they all have a refuah shelaima -- a full and speedy recovery among all the sick and wounded of Israel.

My point is not to frighten our community or cause distress. I am simply encouraging all of you to be compassionate towards our brothers and sisters in Israel and show them how much we care.

## What Can We Do?

- Communicate – Make public statements of support and stay in touch with Israelis you know.
- Visit—if you have plans to go, go. If you do not have plans, make plans. It is so important that the American Jewish community let Israel as a nation, and Israelis as individuals know that we will not be kept away.
- Support – Support Israeli charities, and buy Israeli products. Attend events where Israelis appear (like the recent FIDF event I publicized last month).
- Understand – the situation in Israel (like the situation in the US) is not subject to a simple solution. Please be understanding with Israel as it struggles with finding the best way to keep its citizens safe.

I know that almost all places in Israel (as in the US) are safe at almost all times. I just want us to be as supportive as we can be.

I recommend two sites for getting current information about attacks of this type:

On Facebook, follow The Muqata – He has up to date posts about events. (He was actually my source about the Refuah Shleima list). On the internet, follow the blog – This Ongoing War, a site regularly updated with accurate news to fill in the holes, or the misrepresentations you may read elsewhere [www.thisongoingwar.blogspot.com/](http://www.thisongoingwar.blogspot.com/)

## Israel Movie Nights at CBI

An Israeli movie is scheduled to be shown on January 10 at 7 pm with lights snacks and a short discussion at the film's conclusion. Cost for the program is \$5. If needed, we may pause the movie at 8 pm to support the Sunday evening minyan. Details about the movie are included in this Bulletin

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

Please consider attending the 2016 AIPAC Policy Conference. AIPAC's mission of ensuring bi-partisan

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.

### 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



*Adult Forum Kaplowitz program*

### 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 (cbrabbi@cbi-nj.org) with the name.

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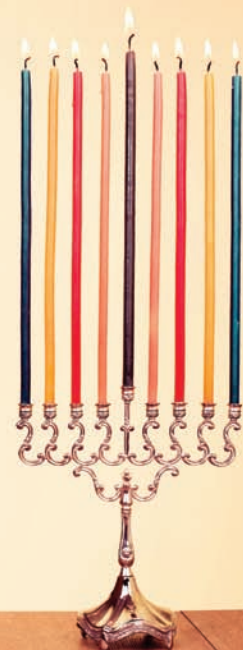
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## Thoughtful and Creative Giving with JCF: How Congregation B'nai Ahavath Shalom Continues to Shine

By Jordan Kestenbaum

*When Congregation B'nai Ahavath Shalom (CBAS) of Union closed last year, quite a few members of the congregation join our community. We are thrilled that they have found a home at CBI! Here is an article about how two current CBI members from CBAS—Hank Kaplowitz and David Gelband—helped ensure a continuing presence for their former synagogue in the Jewish community.*

(Reprinted from the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater MetroWest's *Quarterly Statement*)

Hank Kaplowitz, who recently retired as the Director of Kean University's Human Rights Institute, and David Gelband, attorney and CBAS president for the last 23 years, are passionate about what matters to them. So it is no surprise that they passionately described the fortuitous fate of their beloved Congregation B'nai Ahavath Shalom (CBAS) on Vauxhall Road in Union.

Faced with shrinking membership, the shul to which Hank, David, and their wives had belonged for years was struggling to stay afloat. The synagogue (which was itself the product of mergers between two temples in the 1960s) could not simply merge with another congregation; there were none nearby. It was clear that it was time to close CBAS's doors, but the few dedicated members left, like Hank and David, were determined that the new owners of the synagogue's property (building and an adjacent house) would maintain a Jewish presence in Union.

After many false starts, a "shidduch" was created between Rabbi Gershon Neumann of Yeshiva Zichron Leyma and the CBAS Board. They credit Rabbi Levi Block, of the Union

County Torah Center in Westfield, who knew of a yeshiva that needed a permanent home. It was a great match: CBAS members looking for a minyan would be welcome, and the yeshiva would maintain CBAS's Yahrzeit memorial boards, ensuring that these lights will continue to shine to commemorate lost members of the CBAS community.

Once the synagogue and house were sold, the congregants had to decide what to do with the profits. They considered many options and eventually came to JCF due to the organization's considerable knowledge of charitable giving. The synagogue's executive committee met with JCF professional staff and chose to invest their proceeds with JCF by creating the Congregation B'nai Ahavath Shalom (CBAS) Fund. It is truly an exceptional project. Through the CBAS Fund, synagogue members in good standing were each allotted an equal share of the funds to support a Jewish nonprofit organization of their choice. Some will support a new synagogue; others many give to a Jewish camp or a JCC; still others may support Jewish Family Service, Daughters of Israel or another agency.

Hank and David were clearly very proud that, in one way or another, CBAS is still sustaining the Jewish community. Union was always a working class community, so giving to the synagogue was not always easy for the congregants. The fact that the assets from the sale of CBAS will help feed the hungry, for example, keeps alive the CBAS spirit of giving back to the Jewish community. What an inspiration! The CBAS family made the best of a tough situation and showed, once again, that the Greater MetroWest community is genuinely dedicated to Jewish philanthropy.

### SAVE THE DATES!

#### Sisterhood Shabbat



**Friday, January 22**  
**Saturday, January 23**

#### Men's Club Shabbat



**Friday, January 29**  
**Saturday, January 30**



## SALUTING OUR SUPER SENIORS: WENDY AND HANK KAPLOWITZ

By Sheldon Greenholtz



*Wendy and Hank  
Kaplowitz*

Wendy and Hank Kaplowitz recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. When their new friends at CBI remark, based on their youthful appearance and vigor, that they must have been very young when they got married, they respond that they were so young that they are still growing up together

Wendy was born in the Borough Park section of Brooklyn before it became Chassidic, and her family attended the Conservative synagogue Temple Emanuel where she was confirmed. Hank was born in New Haven, Connecticut and attended the New Haven Hebrew Day School. Because there was no Yeshiva high school in New Haven at that time, he went to Yeshiva University (YU) High School in Manhattan, where he dormed. He stayed at YU and earned his B. A. and Ph.D. in Social Psychology there. While in college, he not only pursued two degrees (240 credits) but he also managed to work as a waiter in the Catskills and at catering halls on weekends.

When the couple married, Wendy was entering her junior year at Hunter College majoring in Home Economics/Dietetics and Hank was starting graduate school. They lived in a studio apartment on the Upper East Side of Manhattan that was the size of a dormitory room, but they viewed it as a great adventure. They relate how they managed to work at jobs in their fields while going to school that afforded them the opportunity to move to a bigger apartment on the East Side and travel to Europe and Israel during the summers on student fares.

When Wendy finished her Masters in Nutrition at Hunter, she moved on from being a hospital dietitian to working as a nutritionist for the Health Insurance Plan (HIP) of Greater New York. Upon finishing his doctoral coursework, Hank took a position as an instructor in the Psychology Department of Kean University, then known as Newark State College. This led the couple to move to New Jersey, where Wendy worked as a nutritionist for visiting nurse agencies, providing nutrition counseling to patients in their homes and educational programs in the community, until they both retired last year.

While at Kean, Hank rose in rank from instructor to full professor and managed to balance the seemingly conflicting positions of chair of the Faculty Senate, officer of the faculty union and special assistant to the President. He also was the founding director of Kean's Human Rights Institute. Upon his retirement, Kean's Board of Trustees conferred upon him the title of Professor Emeritus and named the award presented annually to a prominent human rights activist at the Kean International Human Rights Conference in Hank's name.

When they moved to New Jersey and started their family forty years ago, the couple bought a house in Union, because Solomon Schechter Day School was located in that town, and it had two vibrant Conserva-

tive synagogues. They quickly became active members of Congregation Beth Shalom with Wendy co-chairing the Annual Dinner Dance and Hank becoming the President. Time slowly changed the demographics of Union and neighboring communities. Even after the synagogue's merger with Congregation Ahavath Achim Bnai Israel of Irvington and its name change to Congregation Bnai Ahavath Shalom (CBAS) the Shul eventually struggled to maintain its Minyans. As the membership receded, Hank and Wendy took on more responsibility to keep their beloved synagogue functioning. Wendy became responsible for the weekly luncheon Kiddush, and Hank served as unlicensed plumber, electrician, Gabbai and Treasurer. Together with their dear friends Barbara and David Gelband, the synagogue's long-serving President, keeping the Shul afloat became a second full-time job for all of them.

With the closing of CBAS, Hank and Wendy immediately joined CBI and were joined by a number of other former CBAS members. They state that they were attracted by the warm greetings they received from congregants when they visited, and they particularly enjoyed the Rabbi's ability to blend knowledge and wisdom with an irrepressible sense of humor. The Cantor's angelic voice and beautiful melodies along with the traditional service clinched it for them. Additionally, they were looking for a synagogue within walking distance to their home, so that their children Mark and Tracy and their families could join them on Shabbat when they visit.

Mark and Tracy are Solomon Schechter (Golda Och Academy) Graduates. Mark has his Ph.D. in Jewish Philosophy and teaches at the University of Tennessee in Memphis. He and his wife Rebekah, who is director of the Women's Health Clinic at the Memphis Veterans Authority have three daughters: Ruth, Shoshannah and Miriam. Tracy received her rabbinical ordination from JTS and has a Ph.D. in Sociology of Education. She serves as Director of Strategic Initiatives and Admissions at the Schechter School of Long Island. She also was a Rabbinical Intern at CBI in 1999. Tracy and her husband Jonathan Boxer, who is a physician in Huntington, NY, have three children: Jordana, Jacob and Nina.

The Kaplowitzs are regular attendees on Friday night, Saturday mornings and holidays. Hank also attends the Sunday morning service. They both attend the Rabbi's classes, and Wendy participates in mah jongg games and serves on committees. In addition to synagogue involvement, Wendy serves as the Treasure of the Union County Section of NCJW and the Hillside-Union Chapter of Hadassah. While the children were at SSDS Hank was a member of the Board of Governors and the Education Committee. Although he's retired, Hank continues to teach his favorite Social Psychology course in the Kean doctoral program in Clinical Psychology as well as a General Psychology course to senior citizens at the Green Lane YM-YWHA. Hank and Wendy take courses in the Osher Life Long Learning Program at Rutgers and pursue their passion for travel. This January they will be taking a Jewish tour of India.



## **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**

January 13th

February 17<sup>th</sup>

March 16th

April 6

June 22nd

**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!**

### **CBI Adult Learning presents**

**Israel through the Lens of Modern Cinema**  
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**A comedy to start 2016!**  
**Zero Motivation**  
**Sunday, January 10**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
Congregation B'nai Israel  
**Snacks & Discussion to Follow**

*Private Benjamin* meets *M\*A\*S\*H*, speaks Hebrew, and keeps kosher! Set in a remote desert military base, a platoon of young women soldiers, all Israeli conscripts, serve out their time playing computer games, singing pop songs, and conspiring to get transferred to Tel Aviv -- while endlessly serving coffee to the men who run the show. Here's an Israeli film filled with funny, quick-witted, zany women who wield their staple guns like automatic weaponry. If there is a war going on, it's one against boredom, bad uniforms, dopey rules, and doing everything in triplicate. Debut filmmaker Talya Lavie is Israel's answer to Lena Dunham; *Zero Motivation* has had rave reviews and huge audiences. Winner of the top prize for narrative world cinema at the 2014 Tribeca Film Festival.

**View trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SV4ptfyaQFA>**

## YOUTH GROUPS REPORT

### Chaverim

Chaverim is all ready for 2016 and we kicked off the year with a blast! Our first event of the 2016 was our first Wild West Winter Gold Rush where the Chaverim students had the opportunity to play games, win prizes and have a “rootin tootin” good time.

Our next event will be the first Tuesday in February and will be our 5th annual “Top Chef Chaverim”.

If you would like to join our 4th and 5th grade youth group program, please email Michael Greenstein at cbichaverim@gmail.com

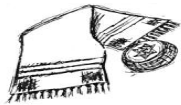
### Millburn USY

You learn something new at every USY event—such as, it’s possible to be bad at a game of chance (dreidel at the Hanukah Casino Night) or that a fellow USYer is not

as innocent as they seem (Murder Mystery, Miriam did it) or how to make a blanket (Mitzvah Madness, helping out Project Linus).

But at the moment, we’ve learned something even more exciting—Hagalil has just introduced iGive, a computer download partnered with tons of online stores that lets you donate money based on your purchase at no extra cost.

We’ll see what else USY has to teach us at our next event on the seventeenth, Israeli Birthday Party. Non-final plans include writing letters, singing, eating cake, trivia, music, and a cameo appearance by Rabbi Bayer, so with any luck we’ll be learning some new jokes as well. A few other highlights from the past months include raising money for SATO and a successful food drive, and we’ll keep everyone posted on new projects coming up!



### Sisterhood Gift Shop (your Judaica Depot)



The Gift Shop is open for all of your shopping needs for **newborns, b’nai mitzvah’s, weddings, and other celebrations!** We have a wide variety of items from Israel as well as local vendors. Check out our supply of tallit, wine cups, wedding items (including ketubahs), candlesticks, organic soaps, and decorative pieces just to name a few!

Many of our items make great hostess gifts too!

#### Open the following days:

**Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** (during the Party Showcase) **11am till 1:30pm**  
**Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** (MLK Mitzvah Day) **2pm – 4pm**  
**Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** **10am - Noon**

### Take 35% off all items on our Sale Table on 1/10 & 1/18!

Please call Ilisa Perlman at 973 379-9275 to meet at your convenience when the Gift Shop is closed.





**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**

**January 7 at B'nai Israel** Rabbi Bayar will present **The Torah you Thought You Knew**. Four of the fascinating questions to be covered are: Does Charleton Heston portray a valid Moses?; Was Haman the real villain of Purim?; When does the day really begin?; and, Why are we allowed to eat meat? Please join us for a stimulating new perspective on the Torah.

**January 14 at B'nai Israel** screen *Iris*. At 93, fashion legend Iris Apfel is clearly still at the top of her game; supervising the dress selections for a tour, advising models and negotiating with buyers in this affectionate documentary by Albert Maysles, himself an octogenarian. Iris is a quick-witted, flamboyantly dressed style maven who has had an outsized presence on the New York fashion scene for decades. More than a fashion film, the documentary is a story about creativity and how a soaring free spirit continues to inspire

**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 at 973-533-1809 for events at B'nai Israel, by the TUESDAY before the program, with your lunch order. Choices are: Pastrami, corned beef, roast beef, turkey, brisket, egg salad or tuna.**

**Adult Forum Spring 2016 "On the Road" Trips 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).

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- ❖ Ellen, Jay, Hannah, and Emma Hirsch

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- ❖ Abbe Zimmerman

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- ❖ Dr. Herb & Marion Cohen

The Wertheimer Family – We are sorry for your loss.

- ❖ Stacy, Michael and Sam Heistein

Rabbi Bayar – Thank you for all your help in making Alison's Bat Mitzvah such a special occasion for our entire family!

- ❖ Jeff, Wendy, Sophie, and Alison Araten

Allan & Nancy Sloan – Mazel tov on the birth of your granddaughter!

- ❖ Steve & Helene Moehlman

Karen Tucker – Wishing you a speedy recovery

- ❖ Sally Shotkin

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Sandra Nash & Family – In memory of Robert Nash

- ❖ Fred & Carol Bolton

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- ❖ Charlotte Wernick

Rabbi Bayar – In honor of Lexi's Bat Mitzvah...thank you!

- ❖ Debra Nevas & Jonathan Abrams

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- ❖ Jeff, Wendy, Sophie, and Alison Araten

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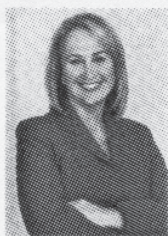
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