The Bulletin





Family Purim Extravaganza Sunday, March 20th

10:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Games! Arts & Crafts! Magic Show!



Wednesday, March 23rd

6:30 p.m.

Children's Purim Service (in costume!)

Hamantashen & Treats immediately following Service



7:30 p.m.



Congregation Megillah Reading

Festive Oneg immediately following Megillah Reading

There will also be a Megillah Reading on Thursday, March 24th at 7:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat	8:15 pm
Shabbat Services	9:00 am
Minyan Gesher (Grades 2 through 6)	10:30 am
Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade)	10:30 am
Minyan Katan (2 yr.old - 1st grade)	10:30 am
Shabbat Journeyers	
Minuan (2/12 0 2/26)	10.4F am

Minyan (3/12 & 3/26) 10:45 am Yaldeinu (3/5) 9:30 am

Candle Lighting

March 4	5:34 pm
March 11	5:42 pm
March 18	6:50 pm
March 25	6:57 pm

Mincha/Havdallah

March 5	5:49 pm/6:49 pm
March 12	5:57 pm/6:57 pm
March 19	7:05 pm/8:05 pm
March 26	7:12 pm/8:12 pm

Minyan Rotation

2/28 – 3/5	Wisenudal - Zucker
3/6 – 3/12	Abraham - Basarab
3/13 – 3/19	Benbasset - Blum
3/20 – 3/26	Bolton - Cantwell
3/27 – 4/2	Casel - Cohen

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. **Evening Minyan** 8:00 pm Sun.-Thur.

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.

FROM THE RABBI'S DEN

By Rabbi Steven Bayar

t this time of year I am taking the liberty of reprinting an article written by Dr. Paul Haimoff, past president of our congregation on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of CBI:

As I write this message on the occasion of our Congregation's Fiftieth Anniversary, there comes to mind the simple beginnings of our Congregation that started together in someone's living room. Later we became the little shul near



the railroad tracks which served not only as a center for religious observances, but also as a place where Jewish education was provided for both young and old.

With the influx of Jewish families, following World War II, a new building was constructed, which furnished the needs of a larger congregation. In addition to religious and educational purposes, it now became a focal point where Jewish people could seek each other out and congregate socially. In the Township, it became representative of the Jewish community.

Adherence to the traditions of the past and close involvement with the present lead the growing and consolidated congregation to a brighter and brighter future.

Our solid values, our long memories and our high goals enable us as congregants to be proud of our Congregation, which has retained the purpose and the warmth of those early years. We will serve the future as admirably as our predecessors did in the past, knowing full well that the standard will be high.

Steven Bayar





MUSICAL NOTES

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

his year, I am not only celebrating my 18th year as the Cantor of CBI but it is also the 25th anniversary of my graduation from Cantorial School at JTS. I received my first Tallit in my first year of Cantorial School, which was a year of study in a Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. It was handmade for me by one of my fellow students who knew that, at the time, I still felt awkward about wearing a Tallit when I prayed and that I hadn't gotten over my



ambivalence about taking on the Mitzvah of Tallit and Tefillin. May I remind you that I grew up in a very traditional Conservative synagogue in Brooklyn, New York, where women were not counted in the minyan, nor did women lead or participate in any part of the service. I had only seen one woman wear a Tallit, and that was at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires in the mid 1980's, when I was in High School. The "community" of Cantorial and Rabbinical students with whom I became connected, in Jerusalem that year and then back at the Jewish Theological Seminary, encouraged me and became my support group as I began my adult Jewish journey.

As a "pioneer" in the Cantorate because I'm a woman, I have had to navigate a great deal of unchartered territory, but for me Tallit (and Tefillin) were amongst my most challenging personal obstacles because they involved "garments" which, in my (not quite yet opened) mind, were traditionally worn by men only. To summarize what happened, basically I ended up following the wisdom of the Torah, in the concept of Na'aseh V'nishmah ("we will do and we will understand"), in Exodus 24:7, and I began doing the mitzvah of Tallit (and Tefillin). Over time, I came to understand the beauty and significance of the Tallit (and Tefillin). Since taking on this mitzvah, I have only prayed without a tallit 4 or 5 times (when I found myself in Orthodox services for various reasons) and feelings of being unconnected and unsheltered in those instances made me appreciate even more how praying while wrapped in a Tallit has transformed my personal prayer experience.

Over the years, I have acquired several more tallitot -- some were gifts and others I purchased. Each one has special meaning to me, but the one that was hand-made specifically for me will always bring me to a special spiritual place when I daven with it. Judaism puts symbolism in almost everything – even the garments we wear. I encourage you to embrace these symbols and literally make them your own! I also encourage you to take notice of the unique Tallitot which you see other people wearing and to inquire about their significance and the stories behind them!

Lorna Wallach

In The Community

Mazel Tov to:

Rabbi Bayar and Ginny Twersky on the birth of his grandson.

Jeremy and Lauren Soffin on the birth of their son, Jasper Shaw.

Refuah Shleima to:

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

Condolences to:

Edward Maleh on the passing of his beloved mother, Shirley Maleh.



To contact Cantor Wallach, email her at cbicantor@cbi-nj.org

President's Message

By Andrea Hirschfeld, CBI President

So I hear people say our winter isn't too bad this year – but it was just the right kind of bad for our Sisterhood members who worked incredibly hard to prepare for Sisterhood Shabbat only to be snowed out! I hope that many of those who did prepare get to use their skills again later this year and throughout the coming years. We are so fortunate to



have so many members generally who are so dedicated to our congregation and community!

Budget season is upon us and I am looking forward to sharing our financial standing with all of you at our annual meeting later this spring. Watch for the date and time in April's bulletin. In addition, I always want to hear from you if you are interested in any aspect of our congregation's life.

We have many committees that oversee most of what happens at B'nai Israel. We are what we are because of you!

Again this year our Purim carnival on March 20th overlaps with the AIPAC conference in Washington. I am grateful that so many of our members attend the conference, and I am certain Joe Tenenbaum would love to hear from you if you would like to attend this year. He can be reached by email at TenenbaumJ@aol.com. Finally, a big thank you to Isabel Goldfaden for chairing our Shaloch Manot fundraiser this year, and to Rabbi Litwin who jumped in to take on the Purim Carnival for everyone! I hope to see you "doing" Purim!

Andrea Hirschfeld



To contact Andrea Hirschfeld, email her at cbiandrea@gmail.com





Family Purim Extravaganza

Sunday, March 20th

The Purim Carnival is being generously sponsored by the BBRS Parent's Association!

All activities and magic show are being provided at no charge; food available for sale.

Come join the festivities with your children — fun for all ages!

10:15 a.m. - Purim Shpiel in Sanctuary!

Annual CBI Tradition...Performed by BBRS Madrakim Players!

Dueling Shpiels: Dr. Suess vs. Purim Rap

10:45 a.m. - Costume Parade!

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – **Purim Carnival!**



iames! Arts & Crafts! Prizes!

EXTRA SPECIAL PERFORMANCE!!!

The Magic of Jon Koons The Destinaster

Performing at 11:45 a.m.

Food available for sale starting at 11:00 a.m. Pizza, ice cream and more!

All children must be accompanied by a parent.

Children in BBRS will have regular classes from 8:45 to 10:15 a.m.

Questions to Rabbi Sharon at slitwin@cbi-nj.org or 973-379-1134.

Blanche Bayar Religious School

By Rabbi Sharon Litwin

You probably know that one of the themes of Purim is V'na'hafoch Hu, everything will be the opposite of what it usually is. On Purim we wear costumes instead of regular clothes, we eat junk food instead of healthy food, we drink and sing and have parties because things were supposed to be one way (i.e. the Jewish People were supposed to be killed), but they went another, (Haman was hanged on the gallows intended for Mordechai). At BBRS, though, I don't want to change everything. I am extremely proud of our students and our faculty. I love the learning that happens in the hallways, the classrooms, the sanctuary, the chapel, in my office, in the social hall, the multipurpose room and even in the parking lot! I get a chill listening to our students become fluent Hebrew readers and later, competent daveners and Torah readers and capable b'nei mitzvah.

So I suggest that in honor of Purim, we all find one thing to turn upside down in our Jewish lives. Last month, our Kitah Gimel, Kitah Dalet, and Kitah Hey students all tried one new fruit in honor of Tu B'shvat at our Tu B'Shvat Seder. Our Kitah Vav students took the next step toward their journey to becoming B'nai Mitzvah by attending the Mitzvot of Metro West Mitzvah Fair and by putting on Tefillin with the Men's Club at the annual World Wide Wrap.

This month our Tichon students will be taking a field trip to the American Museum of Jewish History and having a special tour with the emphasis on how Jews in America have put their values into action.

And of course we will celebrate Purim together at our Carnival on March 20 and on Wednesday evening March 23. I hope every student will come in costume on the day of the carnival. We will have regular classes from 8:45-10:00 and then the Purim Shpiel and Costume Parade followed by a wonderful carnival, a magician, pizza and ice cream. I look forward to lots of fun with children of all ages!

As we say, when we enter Adar (the month of Purim) we should increase our joy!

Rabbi Sharon

Hedwig Gruenewald Early Childhood Center

By Rochelle Baron, Director

March is full of school days and we will be busy with so many different activities!

Picture Day is scheduled for March 14. Our second visit with Lotem, our visiting rishona, takes place the day after and we always look forward to the Israeli-based activities that she brings with her. Class Purim parties will be



on March 21 and 24. The PreK's will journey to see a performance at the Kean Stage Theater Company on March 29. At the end of the month we look forward to hosting the Matzah Bakery here and preparing our own matzah—even

though Passover is a long time away!

We are looking forward to playing outside and looking for signs of spring. In the fall we planted about 100 daffodil bulbs in the center circle near the school wing and are anxiously waiting to see if they come up. Here's hoping the ground hog was right and that it will be an early spring this year!

Enjoy the month ahead—Happy Purim!

Rochelle



To contact Rochelle Baron, email her at HGECC@cbi-nj.org

Sisterhood's Message

By Karen Tucker, Sisterhood President

Winter Energy Check

For me March is the turning point of winter. The days become longer and new growth starts to pop through the winter lull. With that come the spring holidays.



First Purim, the carnival, costumes and

joy along with the megillah reading and gifts of mishloach manot, the giving of food; as well as matanot l'evonim, charity to the poor. I for one take a look at how very lucky I am. Even through considering what the past few months have thrown at me I am so very blessed for we belong to a wonderful community.

Then the lead up to preparations for Pesach. Not all have to be filled with stress. Please save the date and join us for a special Rosh Chodesh on Sunday evening April 3rd <u>Baking Passover Desserts</u>. More detailed information will follow.

A reminder- the Gift Shop is well stocked for all your Passover, bar and bat mitzvah gifts, hostess gifts, a beautiful

selection of tallitot, wedding, baby gifts and that special gift for yourself. Contact Ilisa Perlman@verizon.net.

Upcoming Events:

Mah Jongg - Wed. March 16 - 7:15-9:30 pm

Knit & Knosh - Tues. March 29 - 7:30-9:00 pm

Save the Date: Sunday May 22 – Join us for a special **Mah Jongg** day of play. More information will follow.

As always, if there is anything you would like to discuss, ideas and suggestions or would like to get involved please feel free to contact me. I am available by phone (908-313-5677) or by email.

Please remember to join us and to join in.

Karen Tucker



To contact Karen, email KarenLTucker@comcast.net



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 local day schools. Come as a family and experience what **Shir Shabat** is all about...singing, prayer and spirit!

Friday at 6:45 p.m.

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 or slitwin@cbi-nj.org



Congregation B'nai Israel

Musical Gala

Saturday, February 6, 2016 Crystal Plaza Livingston, NJ

Guests of Honor Naomi & Gerry Eisenberger

Celebrating Chai Anniversary
Cantor Lorna Wallach

Reflections from Andrea Hirschfeld, CBI President

"Oh what a night..."

The Gala at Crystal Plaza was everything we expected it to be for our Musical Gala...and a bit more! Lovely location, terrific food, great music from the Howard Leshaw Band, who can play just about anything from jazz to disco with the flavor that reminds us of our *shtetl* roots! We started with the *hora* and ended with waltzing to traditional Jewish melodies – while dancing to standards and recent tunes in between.

Musical numbers from our Gala Committee, Cantor Lorna Wallach, and Jody Reich and Steve Orich, recent additions to our CBI family, illuminated the *special* qualities, talent and commitment to our synagogue that everyone has. And there is that word – *special*. That was what I heard all through night – what a *special* community we are – so warm and wonderful. That's what you felt in the room – an engaged, caring community.

Added to this was the many past presidents who continue to contribute and support us – Nan Greenwald and Steve Brown (co-chairs of the Gala!), Bob Marcus, Sheldon Greenholtz, Ilisa Perlman, Erik Lindauer, Barry Allen (in from Tennessee!), Karen Rose (in from Atlanta!), David Touger, Jonathan Engel, Linda Sotnick and, of course, Joe Tenenbaum and Naomi Eisenberger, two of the evening's honorees.

My heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in making the evening a great success for everyone - the Gala Committee, our performers, our merchant contributors, our honorees, the staff of the Crystal Plaza, the band - and all of you who continue to make CBI your family's spiritual home!

Guests of Honor
Nancy & Joseph Tenenbaum

Rising Stars
Stacy Thompson & David Kanarek

Reflections from Andrea Wallach, Sister of Cantor Wallach

Even though it's cold outside, I still feel uplifted and inspired from the warmth and *haimish* spirit that was the CBI Gala on Saturday night. I just can't get over how amazing and special that event was. Everything from the venue to the food to the set-up to the music and mostly the people. It's the people, the people are what make everything special...otherwise it's just a room. The love and closeness and special bonds that permeated that room were palpable from the second we entered...the CBI family is so supportive and caring. The love all around was as yummy as the plentiful food!!

The beautiful elegant venue contributed to the festive nature and the food set-up let people interact and communicate in a special way as everyone in that room shares a common passion - CBI. The photo booth was a nice fun touch that gives people special memories of a great event for a great community. My Mom and I got there at 7 and 3 1/2 hours later, we didn't want to leave and felt like we'd just arrived.

I've never seen such dedicated and passionate honorees and I'm sure it was a hard choice as whom to select because everyone in the *shul* is so passionate about it. I also think it's so wonderful to see the old guard and the new guard/Rising Stars being celebrated together and at the same event in the same room. Beautiful. One family, one community.

The older I get, the more I realize how important it is to have a loving, dedicated, welcoming Jewish community. I'm so thrilled and happy for my sister, Mike, Shira and Josh that she has found such a beautiful, passionate, loving, welcoming, dedicated Jewish community. It was SO wonderful to see that Jewish community celebrate at such a special event and I thank you for letting my Mom, our family and me be a part of it

Mazal Tov on a lovely event and a special congregation!

Gala Snapshots



Honorees Nancy and Joseph Tenenbaum



Rising Starts Stacy Thompson and David Kanarek with Andrea Hirschfeld, CBI President



Honorees Naomi and Gerry Eisenberger



Cantor Lorna Wallach Celebrating her Chai Anniversary



The Gala Committee Toasts the Honorees



CBI's special musical talent... Steve Orich and Jody Reich

We appreciate the generosity of the following people whose contributions to the

Musical Gala Ad Journal

did not appear

Half Page Ad

In honor of Naomi and Gerry Eisenberger

Love,

Alice Kaplan and Jason Aronson

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Friends Listing

Shirley Alper

Steven and Ilene Kandler

Sandra Nash

MEN'S CLUB MINUTE

By Dan Richter, Men's Club President



Installment XVIII - Going back in time

Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your legs! For one week, a team of Jewish riders, including 10-15 CBI Members, will zip through Southern Israel faster than any Roman chariots did back in the 70's (not the 1970s...just the 70's). Like them, they will ride without gas propulsion, without air-conditioning, and without Sirius Satellite radio. Siriusly! They will be participating on the Annual Israel Ride bike trip from Jerusalem to Eilat. See additional info in this bulletin!

With such a long warm lead-in to this winter, there is less focus on the annual Punxsutawney Phil February forecast. In fact many of us would welcome 6 more weeks of winter to make up for missing ski trips or sledding rides this winter. Regardless Phil's frosty or not-so-frosty forecast, we will have far more than 6 weeks of great Men's Club Programming ahead. We will continue year-round, even through the summer with wonderful events.

So mark your calendar for the November 8-15th Israel Ride in Jerusalem - Southern Israel.

To learn more about the Israel Ride, Hazon, and to support this year's riders, come on out to our annual Joe Kesselman & Juan Katz Memorial Paid Up Breakfast. Our speaker will be David Rendsburg, Chief Data officer of Hazon and Associate Program Director. David will speak about the Hazon organization, the Israel Ride, and he will give a demonstration on how to pickle vegetables. Did you know....Pickling isn't just a preservation method! Learn how the simple process of lacto-fermentation can make seasonal vegetables into the best-tasting, healthiest, probiotic pickles you've ever had.

The breakfast is free for paid up members. \$5 for non-members. Please bring a check to make a donation to the Desert Dawgs team. (You can put \$5 non-member breakfasts and donation on one check, if you want.) Any

amount helps! Each rider needs to come up with \$3,600 in fund raising funds plus \$1,500-\$2000 of their own funds for airplane tickets, bike shipping or renting, and program costs including room & board for the 1 week program.

Men's Club chefs will be serving up delicious French Toast from all of the varieties of Men's Club Challahs that are available for pick up before every Shabbat! In addition to syrup, we will have delicious jams from Hazon's Adamah Omelets to be served also. Come to this always wonderful event, and it will be especially wonderful this year to support our Desert Dawgs!

So mark your calendar for the Sunday April 3, 9am-11am Annual Joe Kesselman & Juan Katz Memorial Paid Up Breakfast!

It's March! And you know what to beware of, right? Not the Ides. Beware... the Penguins of March! What say'st I to you now? I shall speak once again. Beware... the Penguins of March! CBI Men's Club and families will be meeting up at the Prudential Center as the New Jersey Devils take on the Pittsburgh Penguins on March 6th at 5pm. We'll get a NJ Devils hat and t-shirt and have a nice picture down on the ice after the game.

So if you missed the flier and happen to be reading this on Sunday, March 6, before 5pm, you can still meet up with us at the Devil's game. Just send me a text to 732-261-5138.

So a few notes on events past:

Thank you to Dr. Jeff Greenberg for organizing and speaking and thank you to the doctors who presented at the health forum on Monday February 29. This is a bi-annual event, and this year we had the following doctors schedule to present to attendees:

- Eating Disorders: It's Time to Talk About It by Dr. Leslie Sanders
- Childhood Immunizations: Some Facts & Fictions by Dr. Barry Dashefsky
- New Advances in Treatment of Varicose Veins by Dr. Jonathan Schor
- Answers to the Top 10 Questions for Your Dermatologist by Dr. Isabel Goldfaden
- Sub-acute Care for the Elderly After a Hospital Stay: Passing the "SNF TEST" by Dr. Joshua Schor

 No Guts, No Glory: Tips for Gastrointestinal Health by Dr. Matt Askin



The Kiddush Cup

The name of our newly anointed cholent champ, Jeff Freedman, is now affixed to our Kiddush cup. Mazal Tov to Jeff! People have seen this great kiddush cup and have wondered what great acts of personal achievement would earn a spot on this cup of champions? Would one really have to wait until July or August when we go fishing again to try to earn a spot? The answer is, I'm not quite sure yet. But we're definitely open to ideas. So far we honor of champions in Cholent, Fishing, Bowling, and Poker. One thought is that there will be an incredible picnic coming our way on Sunday, May 22. There is talk of a pop-up kosher smoked foods restaurant pulling up to it, which would sell delicious chicken and brisket sandwiches. Perhaps we can crown a bean bag toss champion there? So send me your ideas.

Paper Mill Playhouse West Side Story - Sunday June 26th 1:30pm

More to come on this exciting event, as well as a very interesting fact about the production in the next bulletin article. We have reserved 30 seats in the back rows of the Orchestra (row Z and Y) for the matinee performance of

West Side Story on Sunday, June 26, at 1:30pm. Our group rate will be \$80 ticket. If you are interested please email or call me at contact below

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. YM-YWHA, 501 Green Lane, Union. For more information, contact David Touger at 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! For more information contact Michael Jurist at michael.jurist@verizon.net. No double-bladed light-sabers please.

Book Club

The last meeting for Book Club at the home of Hernan Wurgaft. The next meeting will be in late March of April. Time and location will be determined soon, probably by the time you are reading this. The book is Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates. For more information on the scheduled time and location of the next meeting, contact Ed Nadel at enadel@lowenstein.com..

If you have any questions about Men's Club, definitely reach out!

Daniel Richter

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

You can also check the calendar on our website www.cbi-nj.org

Tuesday, March 1

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 6:00 pm-7:15 pm Chaverim Girls Night Out @ Youth Lounge
- 7:30 pm-8:30 pm B'nai Mitzvah Meeting
- 7:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Wednesday, March 2

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

Thursday, March 3

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Adult Learning-Introduction to Islam
- 12:30 pm Adult Forum Hirschorn Speaker -Nobody Owns the Sky
- 7:30 pm-9:00 am Adult Jewish Learning Committee @ Room 201
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Friday, March 4

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

Saturday, March 5

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services
- 10:15 am Shabbat Birthday Morning
- 10:30 am -12:00 pm Minyan Gesher (Grades 2-6) @ Room 205
- 10:30 am-11:15 am Minyan Katan (Age 2 through 1st Grade) @ MPR
- 11:15 am-12:00 pm Yaldeinu @ Chapel

Sunday, March 6

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 11:00 am-12:00 pm B'nai Mitzvah Parent's
- 5:00 pm Men's Club Hockey Night offsite @ **Prudential Center**
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Monday, March 7

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Adult Learning-The Genius of Maimonides (morning session)
- 7:30 pm Adult Learning-The Genius of Maimonides (evening session)
- 7:30 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting @ MPR
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Tuesday, March 8

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 6:00 pm-7:15 pm Chaverim Boys Night Out @ Youth Lounge
- 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting @ MPR
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Wednesday, March 9 - HGECC Closed for Staff Inservice

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

Thursday, March 10

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Adult Learning Introduction to Islam
- 6:00 pm-7:15 pm Kadima Iron Chef
- 7:30 pm-9:00 pm USY Target Run for Purim @ Offsite
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Friday, March 11

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

Saturday, March 12

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah of Iacob Daniel
- 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) @ MPR
- 10:30 am -11:15 am Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade)
- 10:45 am Shabbat Journeyers' Minyan

Sunday, March 13

Daylight Saving Time Begins

- BBRS Special 8th & 9th Grade Field Trip to Philadelphia
- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Monday, March 14 - BBRS Closed

- HGECC School Photos
- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Adult Learning-The Genius of Maimonides (morning session)
- 7:30 pm Adult Learning-The Genius of Maimonides (evening session)
- 7:30 pm BBRS Board Meeting
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:20 pm Men's Club Meeting

Tuesday, March 15

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Wednesday, March 16

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 7:15 pm Open Mah Jongg @ MPR Youth Lounae
- 7:30 pm Committee Meeting @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:00 pm HGECC Board Meeting
- 8:00 pm Men's Club Fencing

Thursday, March 17

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Adult Learning Introduction to
- 12:30 pm Adult Forum Movie "Bridge of Spies"
- 6:00 pm-7:15 pm Kadima Hamantaschen
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:00 pm Religious Affairs Committee Meeting

Friday, March 18

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

Saturday, March 19

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah of Emory Kaplan
- 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 Purim Special Activity @ MPR

Sunday, March 20 - Purim Carnival

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

Monday, March 21

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am HGECC Two's Purim Party @ MPR
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Tuesday March 22

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Wednesday, March 23

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan / Fast of Esther 6:30 pm Children's Purim Service (followed by Festive Family Oneg)
- 7:00 pm USY Capture the Rabbi
- 7:30 pm Congregation Megillah Reading

Thursday, March 24 - BBRS Closed

- 7:00 am Morning Minyan and Megillah Reading
- 9:30 am HGECC Three's PreK Purim Party @ Sanctuary & Social Hall
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Friday, March 25

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

Saturday, March 26

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah of Brett Basarab
- 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) @ MPR
- 10:30 am-11:15 am Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade) 10:45 am Shabbat Journeyers' Minyan

Sunday, March 27

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm BBRS Tichon Plus
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Monday, March 28

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Adult Learning The Genius of Maimonides (morning session)
- 7:30 pm Adult Learning The Genius of
- Maimonides (evening session) 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

- Tuesday, March 29
- 7:15 am Morning Minyan 7:30 pm Down the Block Meeting @ Social
- Hall (Alcove)
- 7:30 pm Knit and Knosh @ Youth Lounge
- 7:30 pm-9:00 pm USY Amazing Race 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Wednesday, March 30

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

- Thursday, March 31 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:00 am-3:00 pm Adult Forum On the Road Trip with ICC
- 9:30 am Adult Learning Introduction to Islam
- 9:45 am HGECC Matzah Bakery Program @
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

Please note, the deadline for the April 2016 bulletin is March 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 CBlbulletin@cbi-nj.org.



CBI Chanting Circle

Join us in the Chapel on
Sunday, March 20, at 5 PM
for our inspirational Hebrew chant and song circle
with musical accompaniment.

We will be exploring P'sukei D'Zimra, the Verses of Song that are part of the morning service through new and compelling music that will heighten appreciation of their remarkable beauty and poetry. By focusing on just one verse as we chant, we create our own midrash on the text as we explore it with our voices, melody, and rhythm.

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.

Bar / Bat Mitzvah Parent Meetings

Parents of Students with 2017-2018 B'nai Mitzvah Dates
Tuesday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 6 at 11:00 a.m.

Parents of 2017-2018 B'nai Mitzvah students are invited to attend this meeting which will include information on the Bar/Bat Mitzvah process, an overview of the student's preparation, and the logistics and policies of the congregation. It's a great opportunity to meet and speak with other B'nai Mitzvah families and to ask questions of members of the staff and the lay volunteers charged with creating the B'nai Mitzvah experience at CBI.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents only need to attend ONE of these meetings! The same information will be given at both meetings but we offer it twice so that parents can choose the time more convenient for them! QUESTIONS? Please contact Celeste Johnson in the Clergy Office at cbjmillburn@aol.com.

Parents of 4th Grade (Dalet) Students Who Have
Not Been Assigned a Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date
Sunday, April 3 at 11:00 a.m.
Monday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Are you the parent of a current 4th grade/Dalet student at BBRS, GOA, or Kushner? Haven't been assigned a Bar/Bat Mitzvah date for your child? If so, please know that the B'nai Mitzvah Scheduling Committee will be holding meetings on Sunday, April 3, and Monday, April 4, and your attendance is requested! You can attend whichever date is best for you. The same information will be discussed at each meeting. We will be discussing B'nai Mitzvah scheduling and give you the opportunity to share your preferences for dates.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents only need to attend ONE of these meetings! The same information will be given at both meetings but we offer it twice so that parents can choose the time more convenient for them! QUESTIONS? Please contact Michelle Daniel at michellefdaniel@gmail.com.

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Our annual Purim tradition -- if you wish to **share a misholach manot basket with an Israeli soldier**, please check the box on the form provided and we will send your contribution to The American Zionist Movement's Purim Connection.

Just a Few Days Left to Order!

<u>Deadline is Monday, March 7, 2016</u>

Can you help us assemble or deliver baskets?

Packing of baskets -- Will be taking place in the MPR at CBI during Religious School on Sunday morning, March 13th. Let us know if you'll be there. Come join the assembly line! It's fun and easy; stay for a couple of minutes or the entire time.

Delivery to friends and neighbors -- Baskets may be picked up beginning on Sunday, March 13th, after packing and will be available at the Purim Carnival on March 20th, Purim services and festivities on March 23rd & 24th as well. After March 24th, the acknowledgement card will be mailed and the basket donated to Bobrow Kosher Food Pantry.

Please volunteer to help!!

We depend on our members to pack AND deliver more than 500 baskets! Let the Purim Committee know how you'll be helping: igoldfaden4@gmail.com for Isabel Goldfaden, Elizabeth Goldgaber and Ginny Twersky.

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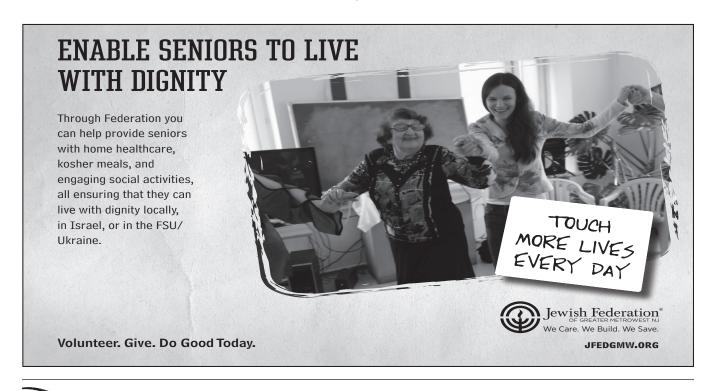
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Our programs are open to CBI members and the general community. By all means, bring friends! Lunch begins at 12:30 p.m. and the program begins at 1:00 p.m. AT CBI

Thursday, March 3 at Congregation B'nai Israel—Hirschhorn speaker Carol Simon Levin presents *Nobody Owns the Sky: Fascinating Stories of Forgotten Female Aviators.* There is so much more to learn about early female aviators than Amelia Earhart

Thursday, March 17 at Congregation B'nai Israel screen multiple Academy Award nominated film, *Bridge of Spies.* Tom Hanks is Steven Spielberg's great stoic hero, James B. Donovan, a lawyer who defended the Soviet spy Rudolf Abel after his arrest in 1957, performing the vital duty of representing American fairness, and giving Abel his day in court.

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Thursday, March 31 9:00-3:00 The Seeing Eye in Morristown, New Jersey

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Thursday, April 14 – 10:00 am-5pm Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition at Liberty Science Center

This exhibit is designed with a focus on the compelling human stories. It includes more than one hundred authentic artifacts set within replicas of cabins and other areas in the famous ill-fated ship. Upon entering, visitors will be drawn back in time to April 12, 1912. An audio guide can be purchased at the exhibit for \$5. There will also be an opportunity to explore some of the museum on your own or see an Imax movie. **Group lunch at Amanda's will precede the Museum visit.** Optional viewing of the film "Titanic" on Wednesday March 30 at 10:45a.m. at the JCC of Central New Jersey. **Price: \$90; Member Price: \$85**

For information about membership, trips or programs, call Lois Dyer 973-533-1809 or email Penzoe1@comcast.net

B'NAI MITZVAH



Jacob Daniel

March 12

Jacob Daniel is a 7th grader at Millburn Middle School. He loves to play the guitar, saxophone, and piano/keyboard. He plays defense for his lacrosse team and enjoys skiing with his family and friends. Jacob lives for his summers at URJ Camp Harlam, where he is affectionately known as "JD."

Jacob has been a member of CBI since birth; he is a graduate of HGNS and is currently a student in BBRS. He has been an active member of the CBI youth groups as well.

For his mitzvah project, Jacob combined two passions—- Legos and skiing—- and created LEGO Fest, which was held January 31 at CBI. To date, he has raised over \$700 for the Vermont Adaptive Ski and sport, an organization that brings the thrill of outdoor sports to people with all levels of physical and cognitive ability.

Sharing in Jacob's simcha are his parents, Michelle and Greg, his sisters Jessica and Rebecca, and his grandparents, Judy and Gary Daniel and Alan and Ellie Farber. Jacob is especially thankful for the assistance and guidance he has received from Paula Touger, Cantor Wallach, Rabbi Bayar, and all of his teachers from HGNS and BBRS, in helping him to prepare for this milestone!



Emory Kaplan

March 19

Emory Kaplan is a seventh grader at the Millburn Middle School. He has a passion for baseball, the New York Mets, fantasy football, and sports trivia. He is an avid reader and collects baseball cards. For his mitzvah project, Emory is expanding the Wyoming One-Can-A-Week program started by his younger sister, Hannah, four years ago. The program enables members of the Wyoming community and students at the Wyoming School to provide cans that are donated to the Apostles' House in Newark. Emory has

expanded the operations town wide and significantly increased the number of cans collected weekly. Emory is grateful to his family, as well as his tutor, Alan Herschenfeld, Cantor Lorna Wallach, and Rabbi Steven Bayar for supporting him during his Bar Mitzvah preparations.



Brett Basarab

March 26

Brett is currently a 7th grader at Millburn Middle School where his favorite subject is Science. He began his Jewish education right here at HGECC where he made some of his best friends. Brett is happiest when he is busy and he enjoys playing most sports, especially basketball, baseball and football, and in the winter, snowboarding. He also loves spending time with his friends and family. In preparing for his Bar Mitzvah, Brett would like to thank his parents, his grandparents, and his tutor, Paula as well as Rabbi

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By Joe Tenenbaum



Supporting Israel

This month's Bulletin article provides you reminders about different ways to support Israel, either politically, or through travel – Please consider these options for your and for your friends and family. And don't forget last month's

description of the Bike Trip in Israel scheduled for November

2016 AIPAC Policy Conference March 20-22, 2016

There is still time (some time, not a lot of time) to register for the 2016 AIPAC Policy Conference. Please help bring the pro-Israel community together to maintain vigilance against Iran and to work for continuing strong support for the US Israel partnership. I expect that the Conference will include speeches by many of the remaining Presidential candidates; some might even appear in person. Leaders of Congress, and leaders from the Israeli government will also appear. If you want to discuss attending, please contact me at TenenbaumJ@AOL.com

This year's conference will be the largest ever, with several of the sessions being held at the Verizon Center. The Conference begins Sunday morning and concludes on Tuesday afternoon with lobbying on Capitol Hill

Are you interested in a Sar El trip to Israel? Sometime in 2016

Art Fredman has provided information about a potential SAR EL TRIP for some time later this year:

If you are now 'ready' to volunteer on a military base in Israel, NOW is the time. There are several one-week programs available: May 1, June 5, and November 20. I'm looking closely at the May 1 week.

Sar El was started in the summer of 1982, when General Davidi saw a need for volunteers to bring in a Fall harvest while a military action in Lebanon was taking place. He sent out a request in the United States for volunteers and about 650 appeared and helped harvest much-needed food. That project morphed into an international organization, called Sar El (acronym: Service for Israel), which brings volunteers from about 70 nations, numbering around 3 to 4 thousand annually. Volunteers are assigned to a military base and the one-weekers will work on an important

project. Personally, I like to encourage CBIers to go together for the fun and camaraderie. I've escorted six Sar El trips (total about 25 people from CBI + friends) and enjoy each one more than the last. In November 2014, five of us worked in an ammunition base deep into the Negev Desert. We helped recycle ammunition casings left over from Operation Protective Edge, in Gaza.

You will meet Jews and Christians from all over the world, and it will be a deeply moving experience. Israeli soldiers will be able to devote more time training as you bear the brunt of certain logistical duties. Also, for those who are able to stay a couple of extra days, we will develop an itinerary to tour a part of Israel during a 48 hour postbase time frame. Some can visit friends and relatives; others can either relax or tour to Dead Sea, Haifa, Golan, Beersheva, Jerusalem, Tsfat, Tel Aviv, etc. By the way, you must pay for everything except your four nights on the base - free room and board! If you want to stay an additional week or more, that can certainly be arranged.

If you are interested in hearing more about Sar El (http://www.sar-el.org/), call my cell: 973-714-7694 or email: judyart18@aol.com. I always accompany the group. By the way, in the US, the administrative arm of Sar El is named Volunteers for America (VFI).

Birthright Trip to Israel

Michelle Brauer, daughter of Jane and Bob Brauer recently travelled to Israel on a birthright trip. She shared a report on her trip with us. If you have children or grandchildren or nieces or nephews who are eligible for Birthright, I encourage you to encourage them to take advantage of this life changing program.

My Birthright Experience - Michelle Brauer

Approximately one month ago, I boarded a plane to Israel on an Israel Outdoors trip sponsored by Birthright. I was excited that I had this opportunity, but unsure of what to expect.

Overall, the trip was amazing and far surpassed all of my expectations. We traveled across the entire country, visited historic and religious sites, climbed canyons, crawled through caves, trekked across the Golan Heights, slept in Bedouin tents, hiked Masada at sunrise, rode on camels, shopped in markets, swam in the Dead Sea, prayed at the Kotel, volunteered at a community center and much more.

For five days, eight Israelis joined our group. It was

interesting to hear their stories about growing up and serving in the army, as well as their point of view on American life and culture. While many of the sites we visited made an impression on me, the people had an even bigger impact. Playing endless rounds of Head's Up and singing with everyone on the bus as we traveled from site to site were highlights of the trip.

The entire experience definitely strengthened my identity as a Jewish American. I am now more interested in learning about the history of Israel and its political situation. Having friends who live there further strengthens this bond. I am more conscious of efforts that I can take in America to support Israel such as through voting and purchasing Israeli products.

Although I am still recovering from less than four hours of sleep each night, I am so grateful for the experience and I cannot wait to return.

Missing Soldiers

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

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