

The Bulletin



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May 2016



Join us for a

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat

as we welcome Shabbat, with an
uplifting and spiritual instrumental
musical service.

Friday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m.

CBI Yom Tov Band & Cantor Lorna Wallach!

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***Musical Shabbat
June 10 at 7:00 p.m.***

Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat	8:15 pm
Shabbat Services	9:00 am
Minyan Geshet (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 Journeymen Minyan (5/21)	10:45 am
Yaldeinu (5/14)	9:30 am

Candle Lighting

May 6	7:41 pm
May 13	7:48 pm
May 20	7:54 pm
May 27	8:00 pm

Mincha/Havdallah

May 7	7:56 pm/8:56 pm
May 14	8:03 pm/9:03 pm
May 21	8:09 pm/9:09 pm
May 28	8:15 pm/9:15 pm

Minyan Rotation

5/1-5/7	Gersho – Gottlieb
5/8-5/14	Greenberg – Halpren
5/15-5/21	Hausman – Jacobs
5/22-5/28	Jaffe – Keselman
5/29-6/4	Kessler – Krauss

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.

FROM THE RABBI'S DEN

By Rabbi Steven Bayar

The aftermath of Pesach brings yearly programs to our congregation. We celebrate the birth of Israel, commemorate the tragedy of the Holocaust and are reminded of our ongoing responsibility to tikkun olam; fixing the world.

Our Yom Hashoah service forms the ethical foundation for these programs. We are reminded with all the ongoing tragedies in the world today, the Holocaust remains the one event where "not all victims were Jews, but all Jews were victims." To hear the love testimony of a survivor is an experience that by the passage of time has become all the more precious – and serves as a constant motivator for us to heal the world.

As the tradition teaches, "it is not for us to complete the task, but we are not allowed to turn away from it." Being a part of the chain of tradition allows us to be part of a whole that spans most of civilized history and encourages us to do our part in making the world a better place.

These are the major reasons behind our yearly pilgrimage to Appalachia. Our annual trip will take place in early June. If you are interested in a no expenses paid trip that may change your life (and will certainly change the lives of those we work with) you have only to let us know and we will take you to a place few have ever seen.

Reb Zusya of Talmudic fame once taught, "When I die and go before the heavenly throne, I will not be asked why I was not like Moses or Abraham. For those questions I would have a ready answer. No, but I will be asked 'why were you not like Zusya' (why did you not do what YOU were capable of doing? Why did you not reach for your own personal potential?' and for that, I will not have an answer."

The answers are before you. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Steven Bayar



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MUSICAL NOTES

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

Music is one of the greatest gifts given to humanity. The Torah speaks of Yuval, “the father of all who play the lyre and the pipe” (Genesis 4:21), and the book of Psalms concludes with a stirring call to praise God with harp and lyre, drum and dance. Without Jewish music, it would be impossible to experience the serenity of Shabbat, the silliness of Purim, the pathos of Kol Nidrei, or the joy of Simchat Torah. Through music we can express the greatest praise and thanksgiving to God.



I believe that we have all experienced the power of music at some point in our lives. Particularly in Jewish prayer, where music has always played an important role, I’ve heard many people comment that it is often the melodies of the prayers or singing together as a community which uplifts them, inspires them, or strengthens their connection to G-d and to their Jewish heritage. But this is more complex than it seems, because not all types of music speak to everybody, and when the familiar melodies are changed, some people feel uncomfortable and distanced from the prayers. One of my primary tasks as a Cantor is to transmit a part of our Jewish heritage through the medium of music but also to create a deeper spiritual prayer experience through singing!

We are blessed to have a new tradition at CBI in the spring and summer, where on several Shabbatot, we begin our Kabbalat Shabbat services at an earlier time on Friday evening so that we can enjoy musical accompaniment for the services provided by our own CBI volunteer band. These instrumentally enhanced services have been very well received by many and the ruach (spirit) of the service is truly uplifting! I have always found the Kabbalat Shabbat service to be one of the most beautiful and spiritual services of the entire year. This service, which consists of six Psalms, the hymn “Lecha Dodi” and two more Psalms, is of relatively recent origin. It was introduced by the Kabbalistic scholars of Tzfat during the middle of the sixteenth century. These mystics created a liturgy for greeting the Sabbath with the sovereignty of God as its theme. Most of the Psalms included refer to singing to God and rejoicing. Two of the Psalms, (96 and 98), begin with the phrase *Shiru l’Adonai shir chadash*--Sing unto God a new song. To me, the challenge is just as much about reinvigorating our old melodies so that they feel new each time we chant them as it is about finding new ways to sing praises to God.

We look forward once again to holding three instrumentally enhanced Kabbalat Shabbat services this spring and summer, featuring the CBI volunteer band. The first service will be on **May 20th at 7:00 PM, please note the earlier start time.** ALSO, THERE WILL NOT BE AN ADDITIONAL LATER SERVICE THAT EVENING. Hold June 10th for the next Kabbalat Shabbat service with the band and a July date will be announced soon.

I encourage all of you to make every effort to join us in welcoming Shabbat through a spiritual and spirited Friday night experience in which children of all ages are welcome to attend. Let us lift our voices together in singing a new song unto God.

Lorna Wallach



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In The Community

Mazel Tov to:

Elizabeth and Gerald Cohen for being honored by the the Friendship Circle at their 2016 Annual Banquet on April 4.

Rachel and Jeffrey Cohn on the birth of their daughter, Hanah Sari.

Refuah Shleima to:

Deena Bernhaut, Harvey Brooks, Bernie Eichler, Anitta Fox, Sharon Sloan, Joe Siff, Lisa Roth, Karen Tucker, Charlotte Wernick

Condolences to:

Russell Okrent on the passing of his beloved mother, Shirley Okrent.

Susan Webman on the passing of her beloved father, Leonard Ginsburg.

Stacey McGarr on the loss of her beloved grandmother, Julia Zimmerman.

Mindy Haber on the loss of her beloved grandmother, Hanna Ordower.

President's Message

By Andrea Hirschfeld, CBI President

In April I was at my first Brit Shalom. For those of you who are not familiar with this, it's a naming ceremony for uncircumcised Jewish boys.

And, it's not the first I've heard of this. Some people criticize those Rabbis who openly officiate over these ceremonies and even over interfaith marriages. They complain Judaism is somehow getting watered down. I'll be honest, I'm far more traditional and don't understand the kind of ritual change that is evident by a Brit Shalom. But I also don't want to exclude those who put Judaism in their lives differently than I do.

During my tenure as president I have heard more and more about transformation and change within the conservative movement, from not only the PEW study, but area



synagogues and our own United Synagogue. Clearly, as evident by the increasing prevalence of the Brit Shalom and the rise of interfaith marriages, there is transformation and change throughout Judaism and now we are challenged to embrace what changes we can.

And with change, comes great possibilities! B'nai Israel is also going through its own exciting transformation and change during the next few years. I am looking forward to sharing the state of the congregation with you at the annual meeting June 14th and including all of you in developing our future CBI in the coming years.

Andrea Hirschfeld



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Blanche Bayer Religious School (BBS)

By RabbiSharton Litwin, Director of Congregational Learning

My first year as Director of Congregational Learning is winding down. Our school year was a great success. We opened school on Erev Rosh Hashana and wished everyone a sweet new year. In October we welcomed the Bible Players, who entertained us in honor of Sukkot. Our students and families were honored to host guests for a week in our school week during IHN week, and we transported our learning from the traditional classrooms to nooks and crannies all over the building. Our Gan, Kitah Aleph and Kitah Bet students had a great time learning about the synagogue, and creating great memories which will help prepare them for more intensive Hebrew studies when they get older. Our Kitah Vav families gathered to begin the conversation about the meaning of their upcoming Bnai Mitzvah and our Kitah Hey students took a field trip to Shop Rite to reinforce the lessons on sacred eating and kashrut that they learned in class. Unfortunately our Tu B'shvat Seder for Kitah Gimel and Dalet families was snowed out, but our students celebrated Tu B'shvat a few days later with a wonderful seder and planted parsley that they were able to use for Passover. We wrapped Tefilin at the World Wide Wrap, made masks for Purim, had tons of fun at the carnival and learned many



traditions and customs for Passover.

The best highlights came during our weekly Tefillah, where students stood up to lead Kabbalat Shabbat on Tuesdays, Torah Service and Musaf on Thursdays and Sunday morning Shacharit. Across the board, the most important accomplishment of the school year is the improved Hebrew reading and prayer proficiency of our students. I am thrilled that our students have risen to the challenge of learning new prayers and becoming stronger readers. This can only help them to be more confident and comfortable in the synagogue and to feel more connected to Judaism.

It's been a great year and I look forward to many more. Come join us on May 8 for Maccabiya Field Day and on May 22 for moving up exercises, Gan Kabbalat Yaldeinu and Kitah Gimel Siddur Presentation, all at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary followed by a festive dessert reception sponsored by the PA.

And don't forget to register for next year!

Rabbi Sharon Litwin

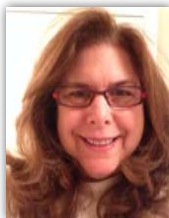


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Sisterhood's Message

By Karen Tucker, Sisterhood President

As I'm sure you are all aware Mah Jongg has made quite a comeback over the past couple of years. No longer is it just the ladies game of the Catskills. Groups have formed all over the country. Sisterhood has had a very successful monthly group with those who have played for years, new learners, and lots in between. Many thanks to Amy Dantus for helping to spearhead the CBI group and her continued monthly "learners table" for our newest players. Many players now have weekly home games and have become devotees of the game.



Join us on May 22nd for our very first Mah Jongg Marathon. Sisterhood has invited other shuls as well as our local Hadassah groups to join us. The day is as follows: Doors will open at 10:15 and play will begin at 11am and run through 3pm. We will break for a catered dairy lunch. There will be a grand prize for the most wins and many smaller prizes. We are also pleased that author and Mah Jongg maven Karen Gooen will be our special guest.

Seating is limited so please do not delay sending in your registration form. The deadline for registration is May 16th. The form is available in the bulletin, at the CBI office and online.

Our spring Bookends will be on Monday, May 9, at 7:30 pm.

The selection is *The Paris Architect* by Charles Belfoure and will be facilitated by Jennifer Glick.

Knit and Knosh will meet on Tuesday May 24th at 7:30pm. Come with a project or just to schmooze and get ideas for new projects. Knitters, crocheters, and needlepointers are all welcome. Having a problem with your project? Marion and Ann are more than happy to help out.

I take much pride knowing how much time and effort our volunteers put into making Sisterhood successful and our onegs, kiddusim, and programs the best they can be. I do worry however that there are not enough new faces to sustain that spirit. It is with that in mind that I hope as this year starts to wind down I will get to see some new faces pop up! There are many different and fun ways to participate, bring us new ideas, or just come and join in.

Please contact me at any time if you wish to get involved.

With that in mind mark your calendars for our Installation Dinner on Mon. June 6th. Please contact Paula Touger ptouger@gmail.com or myself to join our Sisterhood Board for the 2016-17 year.

Finally, I wish you all a happy Mother's Day!

Karen Tucker



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Hedwig Gruenewald Early Childhood Center

By Rochelle Baron, Director

Passover has come and gone and now we are busy with a multitude of May activities! The Twos have a Mother's Day party scheduled and the Threes will be journeying to Trader Joe's for a neighborhood walking trip. We will celebrate Israel's birthday on May 12 with all kinds of activities featuring food, crafts, and dancing. May 15 is the date for HGECC's annual end-of-year extravaganza sponsored by the Parents Association. Teachers will be hosting conferences with parents to discuss their child's progress since school began in the fall. We will say good-bye to Lotem, our visiting Rishonim, who has spent time in our classrooms teaching us about Israel.



As we begin winding down the school year we are also gearing up for Summer Camp! This year we are offering an eight week program for two through four year olds from June 20 through

August 12. There is also a toddler class for children 15 to 23 months old which will meet on Monday mornings. If you'd like more information please contact the HGECC office.

Enjoy the glorious spring days ahead!

Rochelle



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Join Us as We Commemorate
Yom Hashoah -Holocaust Remembrance Day
Thursday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m.
at Congregation B'nai Israel



In Their Own Words

Our synagogue remembers...a Holocaust commemoration program in conjunction with [The Blue Card Fund](#).

We are honored to have as our speaker Eva Deutsch Costabel.

Eva was born in Yugoslavia to a Viennese family. In 1941, her father Arnold Deutsch was arrested by the Ustashe, Yugoslav Nazis. He was later murdered in gas chamber of Treblinka concentration camp in Poland. Eva's remaining family fled Zagreb in 1941 to Adriatic Coast, occupied by the Italian army. Eva was imprisoned in two Italian concentration camps, Kraljevica and Rab. After the Italian capitulation in 1943 she joined the resistance against the Nazis, worked as an army nurse and later as a staff artist on a Yugoslav Resistance newspaper in the mountains of Yugoslavia.

Please support The Blue Card Fund and Holocaust education by supporting the Men's Club Yellow Candle Program.



There will be a candle lighting ceremony during which time the names of CBI family members who perished during the Shoah will be read aloud. If you would like to add a name to our list, please contact Clergy Office at clergyoffice@cbi-nj.org or 973-379-3811.

Men's Club is taking a hike.. at High Point State Park, Sunday May 15th 7:45am-3pm(expected Return)



This is a moderately difficult 10 mile hike which will take us to the top of High Point State Park, the highest point in NJ. (Don't fret; it's not the Himalayas.) We'll be following the Appalachian Trail. We'll meet in the CBI parking lot at 7:45am and return by 3pm. Bring lunch, snacks, & water. Weather permitting. No fee!

PLEASE RSVP by May 10th to Jonathan Engel at engeljw@gmail.com or (973) 666-2011.

CBI Adult Learning

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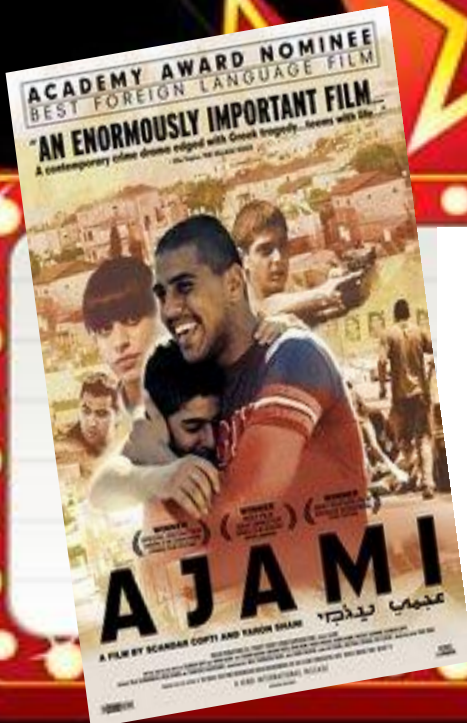
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Ajami

Sunday, May 15

7:00 p.m.

Congregation B'nai Israel

Snacks and Drinks!

Ajami is the religiously mixed community of Muslims and Christians in Tel Aviv. This movie features five storylines about everyday life in Ajami. This Academy Award nominated film draws us into the lives of two brothers fearing assassination; a young refugee working illegally to cover his mother's medical expenses; a cop obsessed with finding his missing brother. Through this dramatic collision of different worlds, we witness cultural and religious tensions simmering beneath the surface and the tragic consequences of enemies living as neighbors.

View Trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atG9ta5foM4>



Congregation B'nai Israel

L'Dor V'Dor Speaker Series

Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Israel and American Jews The Growing Divide?

While Birthright Israel is having a positive impact, many younger Jews say Western values outweigh their Zionism.

A look at generational differences and how these trends play out.



special presentation by

Gary Rosenblatt

Editor and Publisher of The Jewish Week of New York

This event is free and open to the public.

This program has been generously supported by Aleza Rosenberg.

Gary Rosenblatt has been editor and publisher of [The Jewish Week of New York](#), the largest Jewish newspaper in America, since the summer of 1993. Prior to that he was editor of the Baltimore Jewish Times for 19 years.

Rosenblatt has won numerous journalism awards from both the Jewish and secular press for his writing, and was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize in 1985 – the first time an article in the Jewish media was cited in the competition. His series of articles in 2000 on a rabbi accused of abusing teenagers for three decades won several national awards and has been cited as a landmark in Jewish investigative reporting.

Rosenblatt is founder of several Jewish Week projects, including: *The Conversation*, an annual retreat for American Jewish leaders and emerging leaders; *Fresh Ink*, a webzine written for and by high school students; *The Jewish Week Investigative Journalism Fund*; and [Write On For Israel](#), an engagement and educational program – through journalism – for high school students. A collection from 20 years of his weekly column, [Between The Lines: A Reflections on the American Jewish Experience](#), was published in 2013.



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MEN'S CLUB MINUTE (15 MINUTES)

By Dan Richter, Men's Club President

Yom Hashoah Light Candles Wednesday May 4th/ CBI Program Thursday May 5, 7:30 p.m.

Please check your mail for a small box containing a memorial yellow candle for Yom Hashoah which begins on the evening of May 4th and goes through the day May 5th. With delivery of these candles, we are offering the CBI community the opportunity to make a donation upon receipt of the candle. This is consistent with the Jewish tradition of giving tzedakah in memory of a departed person at the time of the yahrzeit (the anniversary of the individual's death). Please consider a donation of \$18 (or multiple of) since this is the numerical equivalent of the Hebrew word chai, or "life". All funds raised above the cost of this program will be used for CBI Holocaust programs and related activities. So light your candles on the evening Wednesday May 4th. If you would like to wait and bring them to our CBI Yom Hashoah Memorial, you may do so and light them there on Thursday May 5 at 7:30 p.m..

Hoopoe Awakening

So I had an awakening in shul a few weeks ago. I thought I had heard the word "Dookey Pot" read from the bima in the middle of the parsha. Can you imagine? Of course I had to flip ahead in the Chumash



in parsha Shmini to the page we were actually on to find the meaning of this amazing word. Re-reading the text in Vayikra 11:19, I saw that the word is actually pronounced "doochiphat" and is the name of a bird called the Hoopoe, a bird not to be eaten by a Jew, because of its detestability. Now "Hoopoe" is not a Hebrew name for the bird, even though "hoo poe" means "he is here." Hoopoe is just the Old English name based on the sound of the bird's call.

This discovery of the word "doochiphat" became even more of a transformative experience for me after shul. Later that day, definitely after Shabbat, I did a Google search on my new friend, the Hoopoe, and I found that this bird, noted for its detestability in the Torah, is actually the elected National Bird of the Jewish People! Apparently 155,000 people voted in an election in Israel in 2008. The vote wasn't even close. The Hoopoe brought in 35% of the vote, and the runner up bird 10%. At that moment, I was so

proud of the fact that there was actually an election in Israel that didn't create division and derision, but rather created unity throughout Am Yisrael.

So here's how the voting went down. A public committee with representatives from the academic world, government ministries, writers and schoolchildren's representatives determined 25 percent of the vote. The rest of the vote was determined through a combination of public voting through the internet, voting by 70,000 children in the nation's schools, and thousands of soldiers who voted at their bases and through text messages. Votes were also cast by 20 Knesset members and Israeli diplomats in 40 cities worldwide.

The hoopoe received 35 percent of the vote, trailed by the tiny warbler (pashosh) with 10.3 percent and the finch (chochit) with 9.8 percent. The honey-sucker (tzufit), spur-winged plover (siksak), bulbul (bulbul), griffon vulture (nesher) and red falcon (baz adom) each received about 7 percent of the vote, the night owl (tinshemet) got 4.8 percent and the kingfisher (shaldag) barely flew in, with just 3.5 percent.

For the next bird election, we will have to ask ourselves, are the birds better off now than they were 8 years ago? Here's the White Speckled Bulbul, after hearing of the election results back in 2008.



Surely the next bird election will be on Twitter, #DookeyPot to vote for the Hoopoe. I realized that since nature was able to bring the Jewish People closer together in Israel, nature should take a bigger role in our Men's Club activities here at CBI.

Nature Hikes Sunday May 15 and June 19 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

So, my fellow lovers of nature, Hoopoes, and White Speckled Bulbuls, today I announce that Men's Club will take bold steps into the woods. Following on the success of a great nature hike last October over Break Neck Ridge in New York, where nary a neck was broken and no Jewish behind was left behind (look for my coming book series on the subject called "The Right Behind", no connection

whatsoever to the book series "The Left Behind"), Men's Club is initiating 2 hikes within a 36 day period. The first will be May 15, and the second will be June 19, which in full disclosure, is actually Father's Day. Will this be a fun way to spend a Sunday early afternoon for fathers and families on a Father's Day afternoon? Does a bear sit on a doochiphat in the woods? Of course it does!

May 15 - High Point Duet - Meet in the CBI parking lot at 7:45 a.m. and return by 3:00 p.m. This is a moderately difficult 10 mile hike which will take us to the top of High Point State Park, the highest point in NJ. (Don't fret; it's not the Himalayas.) We'll be following the Appalachian Trail. Bring lunch, snacks, and water.

June 19 Father's Day Black River Trail (Far Hills) - Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the CBI parking lot, and return by 1:00 p.m. This is an easy 6-mile hike with little change in elevation, perfectly suited for kids and spouses/partners to join us. We'll meet at 8:00 in the CBI parking lot, and return by 1:00. Bring lunch and water.

To RSVP or for more info on the hikes, please reach out to Jonathan Engel at engeljw@gmail.com or 973-666-2011.

CBI Lag B'Omer Picnic Sunday May 22, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Besides walking through nature and appreciating its beauty, we will sit in nature and barbecue a small part of it also. Come join us for the annual Lag B'Omer Picnic on May 22, 1-4 p.m., after the last day of BBRS. And here is the long-awaited, surprising announcement that I mentioned in the last bulletin: lunch will be served from a pop-up barbecue truck run by the Chosen Cholent. Pre-order your picnic lunch for a discounted price. Adult meal for \$15 (\$23 at the truck) includes a choice of a main course served with corn bread, signature slaw, and a drink. Main courses include Pulled Smoked Brisket Sandwich, 2 Chilidogs, Smoked Burger, The Chosen Cholent (meat), or 4 honey-wine glazed smoked chicken drumsticks. Kids meals will be sold for \$8 and \$25 kids in family max (\$10 at truck and no kids in family max) include choice of 2 grilled hot dogs or a grilled hamburger, bag of chips, and a drink. In addition the following sides will be sold directly at the truck: Veggie Chosen Cholent for \$7, extra cornbread for \$3, chips for \$2, and drinks for \$2. In addition we will have plain pasta, green salad, juice, water, watermelon, and cookies for anyone and everyone. Join us for fun, sports, games, kite flying, and just schmoozing in the great outdoors! See form in office, or go to tinyurl.com/lagpicnic2016.

Israel Day Parade Sunday June 5, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Come see the unspoiled natural vistas of 5th Avenue,

New York City! Join your CBI friends as we show our natural pride for Israel, beginning with a Bagel breakfast. This experience will be truly fun for the whole family! Bagel Breakfast and Poster Making starts at 9:00 a.m. Bus will Leave CBI at 10:45 AM bound for 5th Avenue, New York City. We will return around 4:00 p.m., for sure by 5:00 p.m. To enroll, sign up at this website: <http://tinyurl.com/israelparade2016>

It's Softball Season!

With parades, picnics, and hikes all on Sundays, we wouldn't be the most programmed Jewish Men's Club synagogue on the northern bank of the East Branch Rahway River, if we didn't have our weekly Softball games every Sunday morning also! The Men's Club of Congregation B'nai Israel for many years has participated in a local softball league, competing against other Men's Clubs in the area. Now is your chance to join in the fun! We are looking for new teammates to power our lineup and anchor our defense! Games are casual, with just enough competitiveness to make it fun and worthwhile! Games are Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. from April 12 through mid-July (plus playoffs). Cost for the season is \$60. Meet at 8:30 to warm up and take batting practice. It is not necessary to come to every game...but the more the better! Please contact Craig Rothman at Craig.Rothman@cardinalhealth.com to let us know you can join the team!

Men's Book Club

The next Men's Club Book Club meeting will cover the book, *The Best Place on Earth: Stories*, by Ayelet Tsabari. For information location and time, please reach out to Ed Nadel at enadel@lowenstein.com.

Men's Club Raffle tickets due June 13!

Men's Club Raffle tickets have been sent out and should be arriving in the mail shortly. For \$2 per ticket or \$18 for the whole book, you can send a check and your filled out ticket stubs to the office and enter the raffle for a chance to win and \$1,800 Visa Gift Card, a \$750 Visa Gift Card, or one of 3 \$100 Visa Gift Cards. Half the money collected from this raffle helps support the many programs that we sponsor each year in the Men's Club at CBI, and the other half of the money goes to the regional Men's Club benefiting Conservative synagogues in our area in the same manner.

Extra ticket books are in the office! Make checks payable to "CBI Men's Club" and note "raffle" on memo line. Send to Congregation B'nai Israel, Attn: Men's Club, 160 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, NJ 07041. Save the tickets for

your records. We will notify you, if you win. All tickets and money must be received in the CBI Office by Monday June 13. Drawing will be held at the regional President's Dinner on Wednesday June 15th 2016 (program begins at 6PM) at Congregation Agudath Israel of West Essex, 20 Academy Road, Caldwell, NJ 07006. Men's Club members may attend the dinner for a \$36 cost. If interested in attending this dinner, please reach out to me at contact below.

West Side Story at the Paper Mill & Dinner at the Shul - Sunday, June 26th, 1:30 p.m.

We still have some tickets left in the back rows of the Orchestra (row Z and Y) for the matinee performance of West Side Story on Sunday June 26, at 1:30 p.m. The music conductor will be CBI member Steve Orich! So please join us for a great show, and we'll congratulate one of our own

at the end of the show. Our group rate will be \$80 ticket. Following the show, for a \$5 per person up-charge, we will go to CBI where Kosher Chinese will be served in the Social Hall. For those who want to just join us for dinner the cost is \$7 for kids and \$10 for adults. If you are interested please email or call me ASAP to reserve your ticket.

For any questions on above or any other questions about Men's Club, please reach out!

Best Regards,

Daniel Richter

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ESTATE PLANNING FORUM

Thursday, June 2 @ 7:30pm @ CBI



Join us at this informative session with financial experts from the CBI community.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

TOPICS:

- Financial Impact of Long-Term Care Planning
- The Value of a Holistic Approach to Finances: Wealth Accumulation, Protection & Transfer of Wealth
- The Importance of Estate Planning in Your Overall Financial Plan
- How to Avoid Confusion, Stress, Anxiety, Unnecessary Paperwork and Costs
- Why *Everyone* Must Have a Will
- No Need to Avoid Probate in New Jersey

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Questions? Please contact Adam Katzman @ a_katzman@yahoo.com

CHAVERIM

By Michael Greenstein,
CBI Chaverim Advisor

The 2015–2016 year at Chaverim has been absolutely amazing! Our final event of 2015/16 brought us our annual Chaverim “Field and Fun Day” where our Chaverim kids played outdoor games and finished the year with ice cream sundaes!

The week prior also had our annual 3rd grade “Intro to Chaverim event” where we had almost 15 third grader students enjoying an awesome chocolate project and having fun with some of our 4th and 5th grade volunteers. We can’t wait until the third graders are in Chaverim full time beginning in September!

Chaverim is an exclusive program for 4th and 5th grade students at CBI Millburn. Chaverim students enjoy once-a-month programs which are conducted primarily on Tuesdays immediately, following religious school.

Do you have a child entering 4th or 5th grade? To sign up for the 2016/17 now, please contact Michael Greenstein at CBIChaverim@gmail.com.

Michael Greenstein
CBI Chaverim Advisor

USY

Often in these Bulletin articles, we try to discuss Millburn USY events, or tzedakah initiatives, or programming. But this column will talk about Millburn USY’s board. The board, made up of 8 individual high school students from 3 different grades and 4 different high schools came together this year to create a welcoming, thoughtful and cohesive community for our teens at CBI. Through their hard work and dedication we have not only increased membership and Tikun Olam donations but we have also increased attendance at our two events each month. The board has truly inspired other high schoolers to become engaged in our chapter and join leadership opportunities on their committees.

Their efforts have not only been recognized on a chapter level but on a regional level as well. This past month at our region’s spring convention Millburn USY we awarded the “2015-2016 Hagalil USY Chapter of High Excellence.” In addition we also received six other awards for our different programs throughout the year. We hope to have them framed and hung in the youth lounge soon.

Congratulations to the 2015-2016 Millburn USY Board:

Shira Kalet	<i>President</i>
Sydney Fox	<i>Executive/Israel Awareness Vice President</i>
Miriam Engel	<i>Religious Education Vice President</i>
Rebecca Daniel ...	<i>Social Action/Tikun Olam Vice President</i>
Jessica Daniel	<i>Communications Vice President</i>
Lucy Dybner	<i>11th Grade Representative</i>
Shai Bloom	<i>10th Grade Representative</i>
Leah Miller	<i>9th Grade Representative</i>



Learning through Play!

The Path to a Happy Childhood and Lifelong Success!

PRESCHOOL OPEN FORUM FOR PARENTS

with Rochelle Baron
Director, Hedwig Gruenewald Early Childhood Center

Wednesday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Congregation B'nai Israel
160 Millburn Avenue, Millburn

What is play-based learning?

What are the benefits of play-based vs. academic preschools?

What does a play-based preschool look and sound like?

What life-long skills are developed in play-based environments and how can they translate into future life successes?

Open to the Community! /// Please RSVP to rochelle@cbi-nj.org



Yom Ha'atzmaut



Israel's Independence Day

Celebrate Israel Shabbat

and Shabbat Dinner

Hosted by CBI's Legacy Circle

Friday, May 13

Israeli-Style Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.

Featuring Your Favorite Israeli Songs and Foods!

Kid friendly choices will be available

Kabbalat Shabbat Service @ 7:45 p.m.

guest speaker Karen Secular: "Jewish Legacies at Home and in Israel"

Celebration Oneg

The entire congregation is invited to the Oneg,

*sponsored by CBI's Legacy Circle in celebration of our first two successful years.**

RSVP by Monday, May 9

Family Name _____	Phone number _____
Number of Adults _____ Children _____	Email _____
Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (Please advise if any special dietary requirements.)	_____ I Will Help with Set-Up (at 6:00 p.m.) _____ I Will Help with Clean-Up (after meal)

\$15 per adult/ \$9 per child (maximum of \$45 per family / children under two free)
Please return this form with a check made out to:
Congregation B'nai Israel
160 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, NJ 07041
BBRS students can earn Shabbat credit for attending the service.

Legacy Circle Families attend dinner as guests of the Jewish Community Foundation in appreciation of their dedication to preserving and strengthening the future of CBI.*

Questions about dinner? Please contact Henry Bloom at henry.bloom@novartis.com.

*To create a Legacy Circle gift, contact Elizabeth Cohen at elizabethcohen49@gmail.com.



**DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!**

Please note, the deadline for the June 2016 bulletin is May 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.



CBI Chanting Circle

Join us in the Chapel on
Sunday, May 22nd at 5PM
for our inspirational Hebrew chant and song circle
with musical accompaniment.

In Kabbalah there is a practice of using the seven weeks between Passover and Shavu'ot as a time of personal and spiritual renewal. By chanting words from our liturgy and the Zohar favored by the Kabbalists of Safed we hope to share in this practice.

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.

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Please join Officers, Trustees, Clergy, and Staff of
Congregation B'nai Israel for our Annual Meeting
Installation of 2016-2017 Trustees
Presentation of 2016-17 Budget
Reports from Staff

**Proposed Slate of Officers and Trustees
2016-2018 - all 2 year terms**

Executive Committee:

Steve Katzman – Financial Secretary – 2nd term

Board of Trustees:

Roni Chasin – 1st term

Jeffrey Cohn – 1st term

David Gelband – 1st term

Dan Halpern – 1st term

David Kanarek – 1st term

Sydra Miller – 1st term

Jackie Printz – 2nd term

Daniel Richter – 1st term

Paula Touger – 2nd term

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David Touger – Chair

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Angela Cohen

Greg Daniel

Dan Dovdavany

Mariela Dybner

Nan Greenwald

Debra Nevas

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Rita berman
Sam Bernstein
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Thelma Leff
Linda Mass Henkle
Bernard Natelson
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Gloria Raul
Bunny Rice
Betty Rose
Lisa & Andy Satlin
Richard Sherman
Mindy Tucker
Sue Turk
Charlotte Wernick
Clemence Wieselmann
Edie Yaffe

SAVE YOUR STUFF!

The CBI Rummage Sale is coming back...July 2016!



**Recycle, Re-Use, Re-Purpose
your GENTLY USED (or new) unwanted items!**

Your donations will benefit your home, our environment, our community, and CBI.

Please SAVE the following items:

Clothing – Adult, Children, and Baby (clean and in good condition)
Shoes (please rubber band together), Purses, Luggage
Baby Items, Strollers, Pack 'n Plays, Bicycles, Ride-On Toys, Wagons
Toys, Games, Sporting Goods (No Weights or Large Equipment)
Electronics, Small Appliances, Flat Screen TV's
House Wares, Dishes, Glassware, Pots and Pans, Flatware, Decorative Items, Collectables
Jewelry, Linens, Tablecloths, Curtains, Area Rugs, Pictures and Paintings
Tools, Books, DVD's, Video Games, Stereos, Cameras...

***** Items should be clean, complete and in working condition *****

***** Place small multiple piece items in Ziploc bags *****

***** We cannot accept upholstered furniture, cribs, car seats or "old style" TVs *****

Everything not purchased will be donated to charitable organizations.

DROP OFF dates and SALE dates to be announced soon!

Have questions if something is suitable to donate?
Please contact Rich and Robin Jacobs or Lois Cantwell at
cbirummage@gmail.com



Mah Jongg Marathon at B'nai Israel

Sunday, May 22, 2016

11:00am – 3:00 pm

Doors open at 10:15 am

160 Millburn Ave., Millburn

RAFFLES PRIZES

KOSHER DAIRY
LUNCH

All levels of play invited

Seating is limited

Pre-registration required

Special Guest: author and
expert Karen Gooen



REGISTRATION FORM: Please detach and mail, with check for **\$36** made out to **CBI Sisterhood**, 160 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, NJ 07041. **RSVP deadline is May 16**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Novice ____ Adept ____ Maven ____ I can bring a Mah Jongg set Y/N

Play will be according to NMJL Rules

DONATIONS

If you wish to send a tribute please call the main office at 973-379-3811 ext.111 or email: lisar@cbi-nj.org.

Synagogue Fund

Stuart Fried and Family - In memory of your beloved wife and mother Jackie Fried.

- ❖ Risa and Evan Wasserman
- ❖ Alyse Binder and family

Nan and Howard Greenwald – in honor of the engagement of their daughter Elyse to Matthew Kaplan.

- ❖ Harriet and Sheldon Greenholtz
- ❖ Carol and Bob Marcus
- ❖ Deena Bernhaut

Andrea and David Hirschfeld in honor of the birth of their grandson, Yakov Simcha Kondrashov Hirschfeld.

- ❖ Harriet and Sheldon Greenholtz
- ❖ Carol and Bob Marcus
- ❖ Deena Bernhaut
- ❖ Gloria and Al Gottlieb
- ❖ Shirley Alper

Steve Kandler, thank you for all your assistance in planning for both Jacob's mitzvah project and his Bar Mitzvah.

- ❖ The Daniel Family

Lisa Roth, thank you for all your assistance in planning for both Jacob's Bar Mitzvah. We couldn't have done it without you!

- ❖ The Daniel Family

Teddy Leff in honor of the engagement of your granddaughter Danielle to Mordechai.

- ❖ Sally Shotkin

Linda and Donald Lakin on the engagement of their son Zachary to Susan Gibilisco.

- ❖ Deena Bernhaut

Charlotte Wernick, best wishes for a speedy recovery.

- ❖ Roberta Balsam

Susan Webman in memory of your beloved father, Leonard Ginsburg.

- ❖ Elaine and Steve Katzman
- ❖ Harriet and Sheldon Greenholtz

Rabbi's Fund

Thank you Rabbi for everything that you did to help Jacob and us prepare for his Bar Mitzvah. Your guidance and sense of humor were much appreciated. We are extremely grateful for your hospitality to our Shomar Shabbat relatives as well.

- ❖ The Daniel Family

Rabbi Bayar and Ginny Bayar on your marriage and the birth of your grandson, Adin Yonatan!

- ❖ Shirley Alper

Cantor's Music Fund

The family of Adina Steele.

- ❖ Shirley Alper

Thank you Paula Touger for teaching and preparing Jacob for his Bar Mitzvah. We also appreciate you reading torah for us!

- ❖ The Daniel Family

Thank you Cantor for everything you do! Your guidance and support during the Bar Mitzvah process was invaluable. We are so grateful to have you in our lives.

- ❖ The Daniel Family

In loving memory of our wife and mother, Joanna Dranikoff.

- ❖ Lee Dranikoff and family

Rena Panush - In memory of your beloved mother Miriam.

- ❖ Shirley Alper

Kim Krauss - In memory of your beloved mother Angelina Rubinstein.

- ❖ Lori and Larry Pitkowski

Susan Webman in memory of your beloved father, Leonard Ginsburg.

- ❖ Amy and Marc Rosenberg

- ❖ Kim and Robert Krauss & family

Michelle and Greg Daniel, in honor of Jacob becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

- ❖ Lori and Larry Pitkowski

Cantor Wallach, for everything you do and everything you are.

- ❖ Elaine and Steve Katzman

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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

Thursday, May 12 at Congregation B'nai Israel—Meet Golda Meir when **historic impersonator** Peter Small brings her to life. Please join us to see this Hirschhorn entertainer portray the most famous Israeli Prime Minister.

Thursday, May 26 at Congregation B'nai Israel screen multiple Academy Award nominated film, *Spotlight*. The true story of how the Boston Globe uncovered the massive scandal of child molestation and cover-up within the local Catholic Archdiocese, shaking the entire Catholic Church to its core.

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

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

Adult Forum Spring 2016 "On the Road" Trips with JCC of Central New

To reserve a space for all trip, please call

BARBARA WEISBART at the JCC at (908) 889-8800 x207

Thursday, June 9 8:00 a.m.-5:00p.m. Around Manhattan Architectural Tour

Hosted by the American Institute of Architects, this cruise, which is just under 3 hours, will take us on a full circumnavigation on Manhattan. Enjoy the sights in comfort and style from the climate-controlled enclosed back deck observatory or from the open bow on this small yacht. Light hors d'oeuvres and a complimentary beer, wine or champagne are included. You may bring your own lunch on board.

Price: \$135, Member Price \$125 **RESERVATIONS NEEDED BY THURSDAY, MAY 26.**

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

B'NAI MITZVAH



Spencer William Lipp

May 7

Spencer Lipp is a 7th grader at Millburn Middle School. He is involved in Senior League baseball, Sports U Street Hockey and is an avid guitarist. Spencer enjoys playing golf and has completed many 5K runs. He loves rock music and traveling with his family. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Spencer raised money by skating laps for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. This is a charity that means a lot to him and his family. Spencer would like to thank his family, Rabbi Bayar, Cantor Wallach and his tutor Paula Touger for all of their help in preparing for his

Bar Mitzvah.



Kayla Cohen

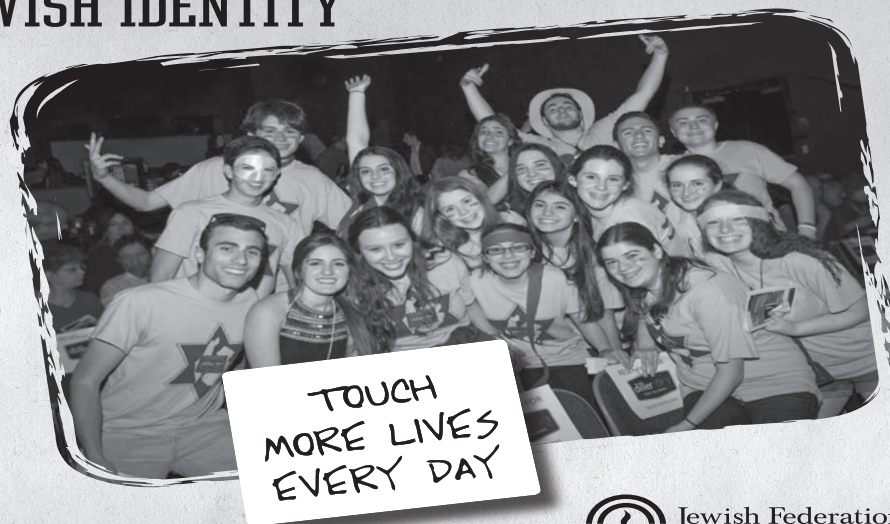
May 28

Kayla is a 7th grader at Millburn Middle School where she particularly enjoys math and Spanish. She is passionate about gymnastics and has competed for the past five years, currently as a member of Summit Summies team. She also enjoys playing lacrosse and bicycling. Kayla has been involved at CBI since beginning in the 2's program and continuing through BBRS. For her mitzvah project, she biked nearly 80 miles and raised over \$4,000 in the Hazon Environmental Bike Ride and Retreat. Hazon is a New York-based non-profit organization that is doing some of the most cutting-edge work in the Jewish community. Hazon uses outdoor and environmental programs to connect people across ages and denominations. Hazon's programs include the Jewish Environmental Bike Rides, Hazon's CSA - Community-Supported Agriculture Program which enables the Jewish community to support local, sustainable agriculture, and an annual conference on Food and Contemporary Issues.

Sharing in her simcha are her parents, Heidi and Brett, her brother, Koby, her grandparents, Marilyn and Herb Cohen and Lynn and Jerry Rosen, and many family and friends. She would like to thank Paula Touger, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayer for their support in helping her reach this milestone.

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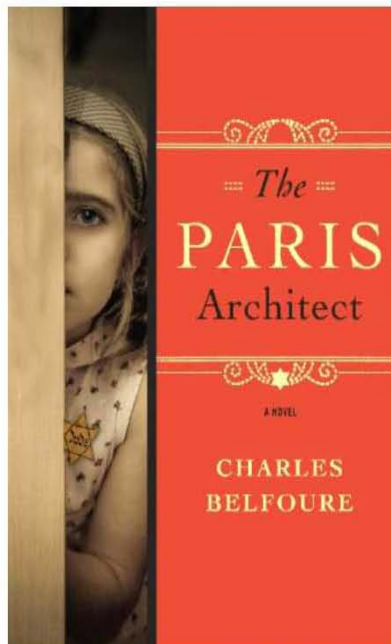


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**PLEASE JOIN US ON MONDAY MAY 9
FOR A COMBINED ROSH CHODESH/BOOKENDS DISCUSSION
CONTINUING OUR YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION
LED BY CBI MEMBER JENNIFER GLICK**

**THE PARIS ARCHITECT
BY CHARLES BELFOURE**



IN OCCUPIED PARIS, A GENTILE ARCHITECT RELUCTANTLY BEGINS A SECRET LIFE DESIGNING HIDING PLACES FOR JEWS ESCAPING THE GERMANS. THE PARIS ARCHITECT ASKS US TO CONSIDER WHAT WE OWE EACH OTHER AND JUST HOW FAR WE'LL GO TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT.

Date: Monday, May 9, 2016

Time: 7:30 Dessert will be served

RSVP & Questions: Susan Stern at Hazelstorm1016@aol.com or 973-379-1284

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ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



2017 AIPAC Policy Conference March 28-30, 2017

While over 40 people joined the CBI delegation to the 2016 AIPAC Policy Conference held last month in Washington, DC, you will not see everyone in the picture included here.

This demonstrates one of the many strengths of the Policy Conference. There are so many interesting and compelling options, including breakout sessions and special presentations, that it is nearly impossible to get everyone to stop what they are doing to take a group picture. Maybe next year we can encourage our delegates to take more of their own pictures.

While you may have read about this year's Conference in the national press, if you did, your impression of the conference was probably a little out of focus. Because while the excitement centered on the four Presidential candidates who spoke in person, there were other presentations more focused on the wonder which is Israel. There were presentations explaining some of the extraordinary work performed by Israelis to make this a better world. Among the programs described are:

Tikkun Olam Makers (TOM) a program which allows people of talent to solve the problems of individuals with disabilities, like creating special musical instruments that can be played by a person whose condition makes playing regular instruments impossible, or creating a mechanism to fold a woman's wheelchair and place it in the trunk of a taxi.

Softwheel A company reinvented the wheel to make the ride in a wheelchair more comfortable. They created "in-wheel suspension" to improve the ride. As a side benefit, the wheelchair user can even ride over rough terrain. Ultimately, they have developed wheels for bicycles, and are looking at automobiles as well.

IsraAID Arab and Jewish medical professionals working in Israel, Jordan, Northern Iraq, Croatia and Germany to help Syrian refugees.

Sulamot This is an initiative of the Israel Philharmonic and Tel Aviv University to bring orchestral music to the most disadvantaged children living within Israel. The program serves 1200 children playing in 18 orchestras spread throughout Israel. As one of the sociologists involved in the program said, "As they play more, the rate of aggression is

reduced, and the rate of happiness increases." The program serves all children: "Arabs, Jews, Christians, Jehovah's Witnesses, new immigrants, veteran immigrants, students who speak Hebrew, and students who do not know a word of Hebrew."

Each of these programs, and many others are highlighted on the video section on the AIPAC website. I encourage you to visit AIPAC.org and click on Policy Conference and then Videos and Transcripts. If you have difficulty, give me a call, and I will help you see these wonderful videos.

Among the CBI contingent at the Policy Conference were Brett Cohen and his son Koby. After the conference, they collaborated on this description of Koby's reaction to the conference:

1) What made you interested in attending the annual AIPAC Policy Conference this month in Washington DC?

I was most interested in going this year once I found out that the presidential candidates would be speaking. I also know that it is a challenging time for Israel, and I was interested in learning what I could do to help Israel and its people.

2) What aspect(s) of the conference did you find most interesting?

For me, having a chance to listen to the political candidates live was probably the highlight. I also found the various smaller breakout sessions that I attended to be extremely interesting. I got to listen to political consultants discuss how they see the election playing out. I also got to understand the current state of affairs in terms of Israeli-Palestinian relations from leading experts and attended a session where I learned about various environmental challenges faced by Israel and what they are doing about it.

3) What surprised you the most about the Conference?

I was extremely surprised when I saw the number of people who attended Policy Conference (over 18,000!) and who all deeply cared about Israel. The Conference was so big this year that the main events had to be held in the Verizon Center, where the Washington Wizards play.

4) Many Israeli technology innovations were showcased during the conference as well as incredible humanitarian programs that Israelis are engaged in. What was your favorite and why?

There were several very cool Israeli technologies showcased. The one that I was most impressed with was a company called "SoftWheel" that has literally reinvented

the wheel. Their patented wheel includes shock absorbers built into the wheel itself instead of spokes. The SoftWheel allows a wheelchair user to navigate painlessly down stairs, off curbs and on almost any terrain. They also now make bicycles that use the SoftWheel and unveiled a very cool concept car with the new wheel during the Conference.

5) AIPAC does a significant amount of outreach to leaders on various college campuses throughout the country, as well as to many other non-Jews such as its outreach programs to Latino and African American community leaders. Did it surprise you how many non-Jews were actively engaged in pro-Israel advocacy?

It was very special to see that as a Pro-Israel kid, I was not alone. The number of Christians and other religions who also cared about Israel made me feel great. The reason is because it showed that we Jews are not alone in valuing and preserving the State of Israel. I was also surprised to learn that approximately 4,000 college and high school students from schools all over the country were in attendance and that many of them were non-Jews.

6) Would you recommend others your age attend Policy Conference next year?

AIPAC's Policy Conference has many extraordinary values and different aspects which make it extremely appealing. Although next year there will not be an election, defending the State of Israel always requires understanding the issues and latest challenges it faces. It also requires making our voices heard to the leaders of our Country.

Upcoming Israeli Film

CBI's Israel movie program has lost its chairperson, so please let me know if you are interested in helping manage this program for next year. There is only one film left for this year and I hope you will attend.

May 15: *Ajami* – Ajami is the name of a neighborhood of Tel Aviv with Muslim and Christian Arabs. This movie tells five different stories of residents of this community

The movie will begin at 7 p.m., and have a short intermission for minyan at about 8 p.m. Light snacks will be served.

The Israel Day Parade

The Salute to Israel Parade up Fifth Avenue will be held on June 5 this year. We are hoping to fill a bus with CBI congregants. This year, our delegation will be led by Dan Dovdavyan. Look for the registration form in this Bulletin.

Possible Sar-El Trip

Last month, Art Fredman described the Sar El program which offers those of us beyond the age of IDF service, the chance to help the IDF. If you are interested in hearing more about Sar El (<http://www.sar-el.org/>), call Art at 973-714-7694 or email: judyart18@aol.com .

Local JNF Event, May 4, 2016

Bret Stephens, Foreign Affairs Columnist and Deputy Editorial Page Editor at the Wall Street Journal, will be the keynote speaker at the annual Jewish National Fund Breakfast on Wednesday May 4th at Temple B'nai Jeshurun in Short Hills 8 a.m.-9 a.m. In addition to the keynote speaker, there will be an update on JNF's incredible work in Israel from JNF CEO, Russell Robinson. While there is no charge for the breakfast, a solicitation will be made to support JNF. For more information on the breakfast, reach out to Dan Richter at daniel.richter@verizon.net.

Missing Soldiers

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

Guy Hever Zachary Baumel Avi Feldman

Joe Tenenbaum



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



SALUTING OUR SUPER SENIORS: MARION & MURRAY MOHL

By Sheldon Greenholtz



the CBI Adult Learning Committee.

They met at camp just after Marion graduated from Forest Hills High School and was about to enter NYU. Murray, a Midwood High School (Brooklyn) alum, was entering his junior year at Columbia College. They later realized that their meeting was “beshert” when they discovered that the same clerk signed both of their birth certificates at Brooklyn Jewish Hospital!

They were married after Marion graduated from NYU and became an elementary school teacher in the NY City school system. She received a Masters Degree in elementary education from Queens College a month before their daughter Anna was born. Murray had an assistantship and continued his graduate studies at Columbia where he completed all but his dissertation in Operations Research.

When Anna was three years old, Murray received a full time appointment teaching at Rutgers University Graduate School of Business in Newark, so the family moved to Summit. A year later their son Alan was born. They joined the Summit Jewish Community Center. Murray served as religious chair for 15 years as well as an officer and then president for 3 years. Marion joined sisterhood, chaired various committees and became an officer and then Sisterhood president.

In 1981 Murray started his own consulting firm. He had been working on price dumping cases for many years and has continued specializing in that field. Marion continued her sisterhood activities and at the same time served on the SJCC synagogue board and executive committee. She joined the board of Northern New Jersey Branch of Women’s League for Conservative Judaism where she chaired many committees and served as Branch president. Marion was ap-

Marion & Murray Mohl live in Summit and have been members of CBI for 4 years. They are happy to be part of such a welcoming and caring synagogue. Marion is on the sisterhood board, co-chairs Knit and Knosh and is on

pointed to and still serves on the Torah Fund Cabinet at the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Women’s League International Board. She was on the WLCJ executive committee for many years serving as a vice president, consultant, trainer, parliamentarian, and chair of numerous committees. For 30 years Marion attended the Women’s League Institute at the Jewish Theological Seminary taking about 130 courses – no exams or papers, just high level study. She was honored with the Binah Award from JTS.

Their children both graduated from the Solomon Schechter Day School (now Golda Och Academy). In 1990 the Mohls joined Congregation Beth El in South Orange where Marion served on the Sisterhood Board and Murray on the congregation board as a vice president.

Their daughter Anna married Mitchell Revsine and they have two children – Dylan and Simmy both of whom became b’nai mitzvah at CBI. Their son Alan married Tamar Stone. They have two children – Shail and Benjamin. The Mohls feel very blessed to have such a wonderful family.

CBI feels equally blessed to have Marion and Murray as members. They are regular Shabbat attendees and are part of numerous synagogue events and activities. To them, we heartily say, “Yasher Koach!”

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





Lag B'Omer Picnic!

Sunday, May 22nd // 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Echo Lake Park, Mountainside, NJ

Take Springfield Avenue to Park Drive. Park on Park Drive.

Come up the hill to the Rolling Meadows Picnic Area.

Adults and Children of all Ages Welcome!

Bring Your Lawn Chairs, Blankets, Kites, Balls & Frisbees!

**Relax with your CBI
Friends and Family!**

**Barbecue lunch cooked by
the famous Chosen
Cholent of West Orange!**

Field Games!

Arts & Crafts!

Soccer!

Softball!

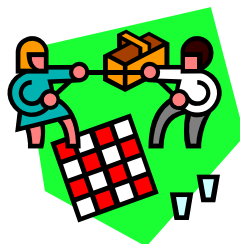
Kite Flying!

Contests!

Fun Fun Fun!



**If rain, program will
be held at CBI!**



Pre-order/On-site prices for
Chosen Cholent are below:

Adult \$15/\$23 - Choice of entrée
(Pulled Smoked Brisket, 2
Chilidogs, Smoked Burger, Meat
Cholent, 4 Honey-Wine Glazed
Smoked Chicken Drumsticks)
With cornbread, slaw, & drink

Kids \$8/\$12 - Choice of 2 Hot Dogs
or 1 Hamburger
Served with bag of chips & drink

Veggie Cholent sold on-site \$7

Water, juice, salad, watermelon,
plain pasta, and cookies will be on
site and free to all!

Questions? Contact Dan Richter at cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com or call 732-261-5138
RSVP online or w/form below by May 16 for Pre-Order Prices

**Lag B'Omer 5/22/16 Picnic 1-4pm at Echo Lake Park - RSVP and PAY online at
tinyurl.com/lagpicnic2016**

Last Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Total Party #-> _____ # age 0-2-> _____ # age 3-6-> _____ # age 7-12-> _____ # age 13-17-> _____ # age 18 and up-> _____

Number \$15 Adult Meals _____ \$8 Kid Meals (max \$25) _____ Total amount due \$ _____

Let us know if you can help run a game or arts n crafts _____

Write check to CBI Men's Club, with memo Picnic

Mail to Congregation B'nai Israel, Attn Men's Club, 160 Millburn Ave., Millburn, NJ 07041

COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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

Sunday, May 1 - BBRS Resumes

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 9:00 am-11:00 am BBRS Art Project @ MPR
- 11:00 am-12:00 pm Blanche Bayar Religious School (BBRS) Open House
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm BBRS Tichon Plus
- 6:00 pm Post Pesach Pasta Feast!!! @ Social Hall
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Monday, May 2

- 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, May 3

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 6:00 pm-7:15 pm Chaverim - for 3rd Graders Only @ Youth Lounge
- 7:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Wednesday, May 4

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am HGECC - Two's Mother's Day Party @ MPR
- 7:30 pm-8:30 pm "PlayBased Learning" Preschool Open Forum
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:00 pm Men's Club Fencing

Thursday, May 5 - Yom Hashoah

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 7:30 pm Yom Hashoah Remembrance
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Friday, May 6

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

Saturday, May 7

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services - **Bar Mitzvah of Spencer Lipp**
- 10:15 am Shabbat 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) @ MPR
- 10:30 am -11:15 am Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade) @ Youth Lounge

Sunday, May 8 - Mother's Day

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 10:30 am-12:00 pm BBRS Field Day
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Monday, May 9

- 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 Bookend/Rosh Chodesh @ MPR
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:20 pm Men's Club Meeting

Tuesday, May 10

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 6:00 pm-7:15 pm Chaverim - Field Day and Ice Cream CLOSING EVENT
- 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting @ MPR
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Wednesday, May 11 - Yom Hazikaron

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

Thursday, May 12 - Yom Ha'Atzmaut

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Adult Learning - Introduction to Islam
- 12:30 pm Lunch & Learn "Meet Golda Meir" @ MPR
- 6:00 pm-7:15 pm Kadima Field Day
- 7:30 pm-9:00 pm USY Bonfire
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Friday, May 13

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 6:30 pm Congregational "Celebrate Israel" Shabbat Dinner with Legacy Circle
- 7:45 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Israel Theme

Saturday, May 14

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services
- 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
- 10:30 am-11:15 am Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade) @ Youth Lounge
- 11:15 am-12:00 pm Yaldeinu @ Chapel
- 8:30 pm-11:59 pm USY Hagalil Region Closing Dance hosted by Millburn USY

Sunday, May 15

- 7:45 am-3:00 pm Men's Club Hike
- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 10:00 am-12:00 pm HGECC End of Year Picnic @ Social Hall
- 7:00 pm Israel Film Series Ajami @ MPR
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Monday, May 16

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 7:00 pm BBRS Zayin Celebration of Learning
- 8:00 pm BBRS Board Meeting @ BBRS School Wing
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Tuesday, May 17

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

Wednesday, May 18

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

Thursday, May 19

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 7:30 pm Gary Rosenblatt - L'Dor V'Dor Speaker Series
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:00 pm Religious Affairs Committee Meeting

Friday, May 20

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 7:00 pm Musical Kabbalat Shabbat with CBI Band

Saturday, May 21

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services **Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Rubinstein**
- 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
- 10:30 am-11:15 am Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade) @ Youth Lounge
- 10:45 am Shabbat Journeymen's Minyan

Sunday, May 22

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 10:15 am-3:00 pm Spring Fling Open Mah Jongg Tournament @ Social Hall, MPR and Kitchen
- 10:30 am-12:00 pm BBRS End of School Celebration!
- 1:00 pm 4:00 pm Lag B'Omer CBI Picnic @ Offsite - Echo Lake
- 5:30 pm Chanting Circle @ Chapel
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Monday, May 23

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

Tuesday, May 24

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

Wednesday, May 25

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

Thursday, May 26 - Lag B'Omer

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 12:30 pm Lunch & Learn @ the movies: "Spotlight" 12:30 pm @ MPR
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Friday, May 27

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

Saturday, May 28

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services - **Bat Mitzvah of Kayla Cohen**

Sunday, May 29

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

Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day

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

Tuesday, May 31

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 7:30 pm Down the Block Meeting @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

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