

# The Bulletin



**CONGREGATION  
B'NAI ISRAEL**

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

November 2016

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**January 27-29, 2017**

**Look For Your Invitation In The Mail!**

**Celebration of Shabbat through Stories  
& Lifelong Learning Fundraiser**

*with*

**Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie**

*Founding spiritual leader of Lab/Shul NYC and the founding director of StorahTelling, Inc.*

**An Iconoclastic Mystic**

*Time Out New York*

**A Rock Star**

*The New York Times*

One of the most interesting  
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*Jewish Week*

**A Maverick Spiritual Leader**

*The Times of Israel*

One of the Most Inspiring  
Rabbis in America 2016

*The Forward*



**Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie brings *Torah to Life*  
during our Shabbaton weekend!**

Be part of this exciting weekend experience – not to be missed!

Family Service – Kabbalat Shabbat – Shabbat Morning – Mincha – Havdalah

Children – Families – Teens – Adults

In our Schools! In our Sanctuary! In our Community!

**PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!**

**Saturday Evening, January 28**

**Celebrate with Our Teachers!**



**Ilana Tenenbaum**

**Teaching at CBI since 1986**

"Children are like sponges. They can absorb whatever comes their way. I love watching their bright faces as they accomplish new tasks. Our school offers a stimulating, warm, creative and loving environment where they can achieve all their goals."



**Paula Schulz**

**Teaching at CBI since 1987**

"The two hardest days in a teacher's life are the first day of school and the last day of school. The first day you hope and pray that you will make a difference, and the last day you hope and pray that you did."



## Shabbat Services

|  |          |
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| 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 (11/19)      | 10:45 am |
| Yaldeinu (11/12)                       | 9:30 am  |

## Candle Lighting

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| November 3  | 5:31 pm |
| November 11 | 4:24 pm |
| November 18 | 4:18 pm |
| November 25 | 4:14 pm |

## Mincha/Havdallah

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|-------------|-----------------|
| November 5  | 5:44 pm/6:47 pm |
| November 12 | 4:37 pm/5:40 pm |
| November 19 | 4:31 pm/5:35 pm |
| November 26 | 4:27 pm/5:32 pm |

## Minyan Rotation

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Gershon - Gottlieb   | Oct. 30 - Nov. 5  |
| Greenberg - Halpern  | Nov. 6 - Nov. 12  |
| Hausman - Jacobs     | Nov. 13 - Nov. 19 |
| Jasinover - Keselman | Nov. 20 - Nov. 26 |
| Kessler - Krauss     | Nov. 27 - Dec. 3  |

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.**

|                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Morning Minyan</b>      | <b>Evening Minyan</b> |
| 7:10 am Mon. & Thurs.      | 8:00 pm Sun.-Thurs.   |
| 7:15 am Tues., Wed. & Fri. |                       |
| 8:00 am Sun.               |                       |

## Let's Kvell Together!

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

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

## FROM THE RABBI'S DEN

By Rabbi Steven Bayar

The second Temple, Jerusalem and the independent Jewish state were all destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE. The remnants of rabbinic leadership gathered at a town called Yavneh. There, they restructured Jewish law and tradition forming the foundation of what we still celebrate as Judaism today.



As you would expect the survivors were strong-willed, independent and dedicated to saving what was left of the people and identity. They did not however agree on the methods by which Judaism could be preserved. They fought and argued. Their arguments form the basis of what we call the Talmud.

One of their disagreements was over the cause of the destruction. Was it God's punishment for Covenantal violations or was it human inflicted without God's intervention? They eventually agreed that the destruction was caused by "baseless hatred" of one person to another. Baseless hatred was defined as "hating a person for no rational reason" or "hating a person just because they disagreed with you."

They created a teaching that resounds to us to this very day:

"I am a creature of God and my neighbor is also a creature of God. I work in the city and he works in the country. I rise early to work and he rises early for his work. Just as he cannot excel in my work, I cannot excel in his work. Will you say that I do great things and he does small things? We have learned that it does not matter whether a person does much or little, as long as he directs his heart to heaven." (Berakhot 17a)

This text holds true for individuals, families, communities and countries as well. Baseless hatred destroys the fabric of the community. Its cure is loyalty acceptance and love of one person to another.

Steven Bayar



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## MUSICAL NOTES

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

Every Shabbat during the Torah Service, prior to returning the Torah to the Aron Kodesh (ark) we read together (in English) a Prayer for our Country. Given that this month we will elect the next President of the United States of America, I thought it would be appropriate to take a deeper look at this prayer that we say each week. The information I found is from Rabbi Hayim Halevy Donin's book, To Pray as a Jew.



At one time, this may have been a prayer for the king, but today it is a prayer for the country and its government. Originally the prayer included such requests as, "Put compassion into the king's heart and into the heart of his counselors and nobles, that they may deal kindly with us and with all Israel," serving as a reminder of the days when the fate of the Jew depended on the whim of the king and his counselors. In more modern times, the wording of the prayer has been changed to fit the situation. Though the custom of praying for the welfare of the government did not become part of the synagogue liturgy until about the fourteenth century, it is based on an ancient tradition. The prophet Jeremiah counseled the Jews who were taken into the Babylonian captivity saying, "Seek the welfare of the city to which the Lord exiled you, and pray to God for it; for in the peace thereof shall you also find peace." (Jer. 29:7) Also in the book of Ezra we read that the Jews "prayed for the life of the king and his sons." (6:10). Although we recite the prayer shortly before we return the Torah to the Ark, the Sephardic custom is to recite a prayer for the government on Yom Kippur evening-- right after Kol Nidrei.

The inclusion of the prayer in the service is based on the Mishnah (Avot 3:2). Rabbi Hanina said, "pray for the welfare of the government for were it not for the fear of the government, men would swallow each other up alive." Though this is a rather frightening description of anarchy, the Talmud deals with its essential truth, not only for primitive society, but even for many places in the world today. Since government contributes to a stable and orderly society, a prayer for the welfare of the leaders of the government became an integral part of synagogue custom.

Let us hope and pray that whichever candidate is elected to serve as our nation's next President, along with all the newly elected and appointed leaders, they will govern justly and fairly, and that our country will continue to be an influence for good throughout the world, and that we will soon see peace between all nations.

Lorna Wallach



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## In The Community

### Mazel Tov to:

Nancy and Joe Tenenbaum on the marriage of their daughter Allison to Eтай Shisgal.

Eileen and Mordecai Podhoretz on the birth of their granddaughter.

### Refuah Shleima to:

Shirley Alper, Anitta Fox, Cathy Lasser, Gloria Segel, Joe Siff, Karen Tucker

## November 2016 Yahrzeit Donors

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Shirley Alper              | Owen Kirsch         |
| Henry Bloom                | Thelma Leff         |
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| Isobel Kahn                | Stacey Thornton     |
| Hank & Wendy<br>Kaplowitz  | Leonard Wieselmann  |
|                            | Harriet Zimmer      |



## President's Message

By Andrea Hirschfeld, CBI President

Now that the High Holy Days and Sukkot are behind us, again my wish for you and your family is for a happy and healthy year.

As I spoke about from the Bima, we have a very exciting year of events, classes and programs. They are too numerous to mention but I would like to thank Aleza Rosenberg for sponsoring Bret Stephens talk last month, and the B'nai Brith Lodge of Millburn for helping to bring us two great educational programs this year – one from the Hartman Institute and the other in cooperation with Kean College - all open to the wider community. In addition, you may have seen joint programming this year with other local religious schools and youth chapters. Crossing these borders enriches all our lives and gets us closer to others locally.

Please look over the listings in the life-long learning booklet that you should have received and attend – even if you can't attend regularly. You will enjoy your time and no doubt benefit in some way!

Be sure to hold the weekend in January 27-29 for an exciting



Shabbaton of Stories and a celebration of learning with our teachers! Look for information on how you can personal help and participate in that celebration in the coming month – with photos, tributes and sponsorships! Rabbi Lau-Lavie will be a teaching experience over Shabbat not to be missed! Something for everyone!

And this month – lets all congratulate our bike riders who are travelling to Israel in the Mazon Ride. They are not only raising money but dedicating a week of their lives to Israel and the organization. Yasher Koach to them and safe travels.

Andrea



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## Hedwig Gruenewald Early Childhood Center

By Rochelle Baron, Director

The Tishri holidays are behind us for another year and we certainly enjoyed learning about each one. This month we will learn about and celebrate one of our favorite holidays—Thanksgiving! The children enjoy all of the projects, baking and dramatic play opportunities this special day provides. It also presents opportunities to think “Jewish-ly” about the meaning of the day—giving thanks for the good things in our lives, welcoming guests to our homes, and showing kindness to others.

During November we look forward to partaking in IHN Week with the rest of the synagogue, making placemats for everyone who will be dining here for the week. We'll welcome Coral Sasson, our new Rishona from Israel who will visit with us each month and teach us all kinds of things about her homeland. At the end of month, the HGECC Parents Association has a Mom's Night out



planned at the Messy Artist in East Hanover. Sounds like a great event!

Best wishes from all of us for a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

Rochelle



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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Congregation B'nai Israel**  
**COMMUNITY-WIDE**  
**ANNUAL MLK MITZVAH DAY**  
**Monday, January 16, 2017**  
**“Make it a day on, not off”**  
**Co-chairs Lisa Biller and Lisa Goldberg**



## Sisterhood's Message

By Karen Tucker, Sisterhood President

### The Beauty of Imperfection

As you read this the High Holidays will have been over and Sisterhood will have just had its 2016 Kick Off dinner. Unfortunately I am writing this in advance as we go to print a month before we all receive our bulletin. I know from years past that each event we attend or milestone gone by holds a special place for all of us. Somehow for me this is the imperfection of life. That is definitely not to say it's a bad thing. I think that it may be the reason we look forward to events each year. With that being said- for those of you who could not attend our Kick Off dinner- you may not be aware that this year our much anticipated Sisterhood Shabbat will be held the weekend of May 5/6.

The winter weather of the past few years has put a damper on one of the most anticipated Sisterhood "events" and we have decided the spring weather will be much more forgiving. Susan Gordon will be coordinating again this year so you can



reach out to her at [sgordon904@gmail.com](mailto:sgordon904@gmail.com) or by phone at 973-564-8127 to participate. Please remember there are many ways to participate. There are English readings as well as Torah readings, carrying and dressing the Torah, and yes, even helping behind the scenes. Whatever you choose to do, remember how much fun you will have learning a new skill and schmoozing with fellow Sisterhood members.

### Mark Your Calendars:

|             |              |                   |
|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Wed. 11/16  | MahJongg     | 7:15 pm – 9 pm    |
| Tue. 11/29  | Knit & Knosh | 7:30 pm – 9 pm    |
| Thurs. 12/1 | Rosh Chodesh | 7:00 pm – 8:45 pm |

Karen Tucker

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## Blanche Bayer Religious School (BBS)

By Rabbi Sharon Litwin, Director of Congregational Learning

As I write this it is not even Rosh Hashana, yet I am looking ahead to November!

BBS has gotten off to a wonderful start. We welcomed students and parents back and then began our studies in earnest, uninterrupted by holidays until October!



Parents and students in Kitah Gimel and Dalet studied about the meaning of apology and repentance and made Apple and Honey dishes to prepare for Rosh Hashana. All of our students heard the shofar blasts and woke up from their slumber to get ready for the New Year. We had a special Sukkot program for the students in Kitah Dalet and Kitah Gimel and their peers from the Summit JCC and Congregation Beth Am Yisrael in Springfield at South Mountain Reservation. And our Tichon students were guests at the Adult Learning Committee's first lecture of the year with journalist Phil Jacobs.


In November we look forward to welcoming the guest from IHN as they take over our classrooms and we spread out throughout the building. And we will also have our second

annual Open House and Book Fair for parents to join their children at BBS on Sunday morning November 20. Jewish books for children of all ages and adults will be for sale from 9:00 am-12:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Please join us for the book fair and help to support the BBS PA which sponsors special programs for our students all year round.

As a reminder, I am happy to welcome anyone who would like to join me for Delve into Davening: A Learner's Guide to Shabbat Services and the Siddur, the class that I am teaching on some Shabbat mornings. We meet next on November 5 and then on December 3, December 17, March 4, March 25, April 21, and May 6.

Best wishes for a joyous and healthy Thanksgiving!

Rabbi Sharon Litwin

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## **Sisterhood Gift Shop** (your Judaica Depot)



*Trays, Challah Boards, and wine stoppers, to name a few, for the Thanksgiving Hostess.*

*Yads, tzedukah boxes, jewelry, and so much more for B'nai Mitzvah gifts!*

*Browse through the Gift Shop - so many new items!*



We carry a large selection of Tallit, kippot, and woman's head coverings from Israeli artists Gabrieli and Eretz as well as local artist Precious Heirlooms.

We are open 10am till noon on

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

Please call Ilisa Perlman at 973 379-9275 to shop other times at your convenience.



## **CBI Chanting Circle**

Join us in the Chapel on

**Sunday, November 6, at 5:00 pm**

as we bring on the evening with chant, poetry, and song inspired by the Ma'ariv liturgy with musical accompaniment.

Although this is not a formal prayer service, you just may find yourself davening in a way you didn't know you could!

Be prepared to sing your heart open, soothe your mind, and let your spirit soar! No knowledge of Hebrew necessary, or singing ability . . . only a wish to join in spiritual community.



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## **Chanukah Dinner Dance**

**Save the Date!!!**

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

*Dancing - Celebrating - Door Prizes*

Honoring  
**Men's Club 2016 Man of the Year**  
**Evan Wasserman**

**DON'T MISS  
THE DEADLINE!**

Please note, the deadline for the December 2016 bulletin is November 1. Information contained in the bulletin each month is time sensitive. We appreciate your cooperation in order to ensure that the Bulletin reaches everyone by the beginning of each month. Space permitting, we will do our best to include your item(s), and we reserve the right to edit your submission. Please submit all material to [CBIbulletin@cbi-nj.org](mailto:CBIbulletin@cbi-nj.org).



## B'NAI MITZVAH



### **Gabriela Wurgaft** November 5

Gabriela Wurgaft is an eighth grader at Millburn Middle School and a Tichon student/madricha at BBRS. She has a wide variety of interests ranging from soccer to tap dancing to riding horses and knee-boarding at summer camp. She enjoys playing the flute and viola with the MMS Band and Strings Orchestra, Select Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Orchestra. Above everything else, Gabriela loves hanging out with her friends and spending time with her family. For her Mitzvah Project, Gabriela volunteered at the Friendship Circle. Sharing in her simcha are Gabriela's parents, Isabel and Hernan, sister Olivia, her grandparents, Sarah Goldfaden and Liliana and Jose Wurgaft, along with many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who have come from near and far. She thanks the CBI Community, Rabbi Bayar, Cantor Wallach, and Paula Touger for helping her prepare for this very special day.



### **Dara Yael Brownstein** November 12

Dara is in 7th grade at South Orange Middle School and previously attended Golda Och Academy since 1st grade. Dara plays tennis, guitar, lacrosse and loves hanging out with friends from school and camp. She looks forward to spending each summer at Cedar Lake Camp in Milford, Pennsylvania. Dara is donating toys and books for children to the Interfaith Hospitality Network for her mitzvah project. Dara would like to thank Sharon Litwinoff, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar for helping her prepare for her Bat Mitzvah. She would also like to thank her parents and sister, Hannah, who support her and are so happy to share in her simcha.



### **Hudson Alpert** November 19

Hudson is in 7th grade at Millburn Middle School. Hudson loves watching and playing sports, and likes Miami sports teams in particular. For his mitzvah project, Hudson and his family created "Kiddush Couriers" which was created to encourage people to donate leftover food from big events to organizations that feed the hungry (SHIP in Summit and Market Street Mission in Morristown are two options). Hudson would like to thank Cantor Wallach, Paula Touger and Rabbi Bayar for their support as he prepares for his Bar Mitzvah, to his sister for helping him prepare and to his parents for schlepping him to all of his lessons. Hudson is looking forward to celebrating his big day with friends and family from near and far.



### **Joshua Friedman** November 26

Josh Friedman is a 7th grader at South Orange Middle School. His favorite subjects in school are math and science and he would like to become a mechanical engineer when he grows up. Josh's mitzvah project has been raising money for the charity Alex's Lemonade Stand which hopes to eradicate childhood cancer. In his spare time, Josh likes to play Magic the Gathering and Minecraft. Josh has had a rich background of Jewish learning, attending Golda Och Academy through 5th grade, and attending BBRS from 6th grade on. Josh has also attended Camp Young Judaea Sprout Lake for the past five summers. A highlight of Josh's connection to his Jewish roots includes a month-long family trip to Israel in the summer of 2015.

Josh would like to dedicate his Bar Mitzvah to the memory of his Poppop Stuart Handwerker who passed away on the same weekend of his Bar Mitzvah only one year ago. He would like to thank his parents Rachel and Aaron and his brother Jake for their support in helping him prepare for his big day. He would also like to thank his bar mitzvah tutor Nikki Pusin, Cantor Wallach, and Rabbi Beyer for helping him feel confident and ready for his Bar Mitzvah.





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## Children's & Family Shabbat Services

Join us for meaningful experiences and memories that blend Jewish learning and living. CBI offers services for children that teach the songs and rhythm of Shabbat services in a developmentally appropriate way.

Please refer to the synagogue weekly email, the synagogue Bulletin or the calendar on the CBI website for exact dates for these services.

*Children are always welcome in the sanctuary!*

### SATURDAY MORNING

#### **MINYAN KATAN (Birth through Age 4) // 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.**

##### **Every Shabbat**

Sing songs and prayers, hear a story and play games! Come get to know other young families and feel the sense of community at CBI. Minyan Katan will meet in Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) and will be led by Morah Vivian Gibilisco. Bring moms, dads, grandparents...all are welcome! A snack is provided at end of service.

#### **MINYAN SHALOM (PreK through 1<sup>st</sup> Grade) // 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.**

##### **September through May (except when school vacation)**

This interactive service will include prayers, songs, games, and stories. Minyan Shalom is designed for those children who feel they have outgrown Minyan Katan and are not quite ready for Minyan Gesher. The service will take place in the Youth Lounge and will be led by Morah Karen Lilienfeld. A snack is provided at end of service.

#### **MINYAN GESHER (Grades 2 through 6) // 10:30 - 12:00 p.m.**

##### **September through May (except when school vacation)**

Children will meet in the Chapel to pray, study, laugh, and learn together each week. Children are invited to lead prayers, act out a skit based on the weekly Torah portion, and read from the Torah. All CBI children from BBRS, GOA, and any other school are welcome! Minyan Gesher will be led on alternate weeks by Rabbi Sharon Litwin and Morah Laura Slifer. The *Sim Shalom Siddur*, which is the prayer book used by the congregation in the Sanctuary, is used for this service. Children should come dressed for Shabbat and plan to stay for Kiddush with entire congregation. While this service is for children only, parents are encouraged to "drop in" and enjoy this service from time to time.

*Following these services, we welcome families to stay for Kiddush with the entire congregation.*

### FRIDAY EVENING

#### **SHIR SHABBAT (Families with Children through Grade 6) // 6:45 p.m.**

This service is a traditional Friday night service in the Sanctuary with upbeat singing, led with our clergy and children together. Children are invited to participate in leading prayers, joining together for a story and conversation and everyone is invited to join us at the end of services for a festive Oneg Shabbat with tasty treats.

September 16  
January 20

October 21 (6:00 p.m.)  
March 17

November 18  
April 21

December 9  
May 12 or 19 (TBD)

#### **EARLY FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE (Families with Children Birth through Kindergarten) // 6:00 p.m.**

This short, family-friendly service is filled with upbeat songs, prayers and a story geared to younger participants but meaningful to all...an opportunity to let kids feel good about being Jewish while still being free to act...like kids. Parents and grandparents, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles are all welcome! Challah and juice at end of service!

September 9

December 2

January 13

April 7

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**Join CBI in Community Social Action!**  
**INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN)**  
***Our Fourth Year Hosting Families in our Synagogue***  
**November 6 – November 13, 2016**

Our previous hosting experiences were hugely successful and demonstrate our congregation's commitment to the core principles of *tzedakah*, *chesed* and *tikkun olam*. There is something for everyone. Be a part of this meaningful tradition!

**What You Need to Know!**

**"WHAT IS IHN?"** – IHN coordinates immediate temporary housing for displaced families while they are transitioning to permanent homes. IHN also provides comprehensive support like job skills training, after school care for children and other services aimed at keeping families together and putting them on the road to self sufficiency and a home of their own.

**"WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A HOST CONGREGATION?"** – As one of 25 host congregations in Essex County CBI will provide shelter for up to 5 families or 14 people. The families will be housed in the BBRS wing from **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**. CBI will furnish sleeping quarters, a dining room and lounge area where CBI volunteers will provide meals and offer hospitality. The families will be with us from 5:30 p.m.–7:00 a.m. on weekdays and all day Saturday and Sunday.

**"HOW CAN MY FAMILY AND I HELP?"**

***SIGN UP TODAY TO BE AN IHN@CBI VOLUNTEER!***

Go to [www.cbi-nj.org](http://www.cbi-nj.org) or directly to our "Lotsa Helping Hands" community page:

<https://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/707178/>

Click on the "Join this Community" link and fill out the request form. Once your request is received and approved you will receive instructions on how to sign in and sign up. Pick the day, time and type of volunteer work that best suits you and your family. Choose from a variety of volunteer opportunities: Set up guest rooms; spend time with the families; help prepare meals in the CBI kitchen; AND MUCH MORE.

***SUPPORTING DONATIONS!***

We are accepting donations towards food and supplies. Sponsorship forms can be found on the CBI website ([www.cbi-nj.org](http://www.cbi-nj.org)). Donations of Bed Bath and Beyond, Target and Shop Rite gift cards are especially helpful and appreciated and may be directed to the CBI office.

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## Engaging Israel: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

A Hartman Institute Lecture & Study Series  
Presented by CBI Lifelong Learning Committee

Through video lectures, text study, and lively group discussion, we are pleased to bring the world-renowned faculty of the Shalom Hartman Institute to Congregation B'nai Israel and the Greater MetroWest community.

**iEngage: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict** explores one of the most divisive issues affecting the Jewish people today: the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Through the study of Jewish narratives about Israel and the unpacking of the complex meanings of peace in Jewish tradition, participants are invited to explore the ideas and values that animate different attitudes toward the conflict and how these values shape their own political understandings. Though a shared political platform may not be attainable, this course strives to achieve a shared respect for our differences.

Together we will engage in a new values-based discourse about Israel, including topics such as: Living with Difference, the Israel We Imagine, Jewish Narratives of Peace, Attitudes Towards the Land, Justice, Self-Preservation, Compromise, and the Idea of Jewish Exceptionalism.

**Each session includes** text study and discussion led by Rabbi Steven Bayar and video lecture and interviews with leading Hartman scholars.

**Dates:** Twelve Monday Evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.  
November 14, 21 and 28                      December 5, 12 and 19  
February 6, 13 and 27                      March 6, 13 and 20

**Location:** Congregation B'nai Israel  
160 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, NJ 07041

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## REGISTRATION

Presented by CBI Lifelong Learning Committee

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**Location:** Congregation B'nai Israel  
160 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, NJ 07041

**Cost:** Includes sourcebook from Hartman Institute  
CBI Members – \$36.00 each                      Non-Members – \$72.00 each

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please Return by October 31

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is also available on the CBI website at  
<http://cbi-nj.org/learning/lifelong-learning/>



## MEN'S CLUB MINUTE

By Dan Dovdavyan, Men's Club President

Shana Tovah! On behalf of Men's Club, we hope your 5777 is off to a great start.

October was a busy month for Men's Club, beginning with our traditional Ushering and shUshering for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Thank you to Dan Kamen (dankamen99@gmail.com) for organizing. This was followed by two Sukkot events: the first day morning kiddush, with thanks to Steve Chizzik (chizz1@comcast.net) and, of course, Scotch-in-the-Sukkah, with thanks to Jeff Freedman (Jfreednj@aol.com), Dan Richter (daniel.richter@verizon.net) and Josh Greenfield (joshgnj@gmail.com). We closed out the High Holiday season with a fantastic hike of the Harriman Highlands trail, led by our resident guide, Jonathan Engel (Engeljw@gmail.com).



On the athletics front, pick-up basketball continues on Wednesday evenings (8:30pm @ Hartshorn Elementary School in Short Hills) and Sunday mornings (9:15 a.m. @ YM-YWHA in Union). For more information, contact David Touger at dtouger@aol.com. Also, please help support our very own CBI "Desert Dawgs" team as they participate in the Israel Bike Ride, an almost 200-mile ride from Jerusalem to Eilat in support of the Arava Institute (<http://arava.org>) from November 8-15. To donate online to the individual riders of the Desert Dawgs team go to [www.israelride.org/sponsor-a-rider/](http://www.israelride.org/sponsor-a-rider/) and then select any of the CBI riders: Andy Cohen, Brett Cohen, Oliver Cohen, Ariel Dybner, David Ehrlich, Marvin Gersho, Eric Kanter, Debbie Liner, Steve Moehلمان, David Sotnick, Linda Sotnick and David Touger.

Or, to donate online to the whole team... a little more typing, but here is the website: [http://jewish.convio.net/site/TR/BikeRides/IsraelRide?team\\_id=2320&pg=team&fr\\_id=2480](http://jewish.convio.net/site/TR/BikeRides/IsraelRide?team_id=2320&pg=team&fr_id=2480).

Or, to donate by check to the whole team, please make check payable to "Arava Institute Hazon Israel Ride" (memo = "CBI Desert Dawgs Team") and mail to: Friends of the Arava Institute, 896 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02215.

Here are our other upcoming programs and dates:

- Men's Club Bowling Night: Thursday, November 3 @ Eagle Rock Lanes, West Orange.
- Men's Club Hike: Sunday, November 20, 8:00am to 4:30pm. Black Rock Forest Peaks Trail (about 11 miles / 5-6 hours of hiking). Please contact Jonathan Engel (Engeljw@gmail.com).
- Men's Club Book Club: Sunday, November 20, at 7:30

p.m., at the home of Josh Schor, 76 Undercliff Road, Millburn. Discussion of Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean, by Edward Kritzer (go to Amazon and search for Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean). Please contact Ed Nadel (enadel@lowenstein.com).

- Men's Club "Bagel Sunday": Sunday, December 4 @ 9:30am. In connection with CBI Lifelong Learning, we are pleased to present our very own Allan Sloan for "Why Solomon Was Foolish and Other Bizarre Biblical Business Stories." Allan has won seven Loeb Awards, business journalism's highest honor, which is more Loebes than anyone else has ever won. Seriously. In case you're counting, that's:
- Man of the Year Chanukah Dinner Dance: Sunday, December 18. Please save-the-date for a special evening where we honor our Man of the Year, Evan Wasserman! This is truly one of Men's Club's signature events, an absolute must-attend. There will be a Festive Holiday Dinner prepared by Men's Club Chefs Extraordinaire as in prior years. Lively music to dance the night away performed by B'nai Jazz. But most importantly, we will salute (and roast!) Evan Wasserman for his many contributions to Men's Club (and CBI!) over the years, including serving as Men's Club President and helping to obtain many of the raffle prizes for this very Chanukah Dinner Dance event in past years!
- Cost is \$50 per person with RSVP by December 8th. \$60 thereafter with final reservations by December 12th. Please stay tuned for an invitation in the mail and on-line sign-ups!
- For more info on the Men's Club Man of the Year Chanukah Dinner Dance, please reach out to Michael Jurist at [michael.jurist@verizon.net](mailto:michael.jurist@verizon.net) or Daniel Richter at [daniel.richter@verizon.net](mailto:daniel.richter@verizon.net).

Finally, for CBI Member high school babysitters, please make inquiries to Men's Club at least two weeks in advance of events: [cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com](mailto:cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com). We will email back 2-3 parents with high school kids who babysit for you to contact.

Please contact me at any time if you have questions about any of our programs.

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Men's Club President  
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## Adult Forum "Lunch & Learn"

Congregation B'nai Israel

160 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, NJ 07041



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

**Lunch begins at 12:30 p.m. The program begins at 1:00 p.m at CBI**

**Wednesday, November 9th At OHEB SHALOM-**, 170 Scotland Road, South Orange, NJ Hirschhorn presenter Judith Ebricht will discuss Lives and Works of Well Known Jewish Artists: Marc Chagall, Ben Shahn, Amedeo Modigliani, and Camille Pissarro. **CALL ELLEN NESSON (973-285-9772) WITH YOUR LUNCH ORDER.**

**Thursday, November 17 TRIP To the BICKFORD THEATER in Morristown to see *Old Jews Telling Jokes*.** Learn why it is better to kvell than to kvetch in this hilarious long running off-Broadway hit. Reservations needed by Wednesday, November 2. **Call Barbara to register 908-889-8800x207.** Member price \$36, Community participant \$40. Transportation on your own.

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

**YOU MAY PAY AT THE DOOR. CONTACT LOIS at 973-533-1809 for events at B'nai Israel. Lunch from Rye Deli. Sandwich choices are: Turkey, roast beef, corned beef, pastrami, egg salad or tuna fish.**

**Adult Forum Fall 2016 "On the Road" Spring Trips with JCC of Central New Jersey are being planned**

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

## Interfaith Hospitality Network Social Action Shabbat

**Friday, November 4**

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



**with Angie Benedict, IHN Director of Volunteer Services**

**Kick off CBI's fourth year hosting families in the synagogue as part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network! This annual community social action program demonstrates our congregation's commitment to the core principles of *tzedakah*, *chesed* and *tikkun olam*. Learn from Angie Benedict from IHN who will talk about the issues of homelessness and unemployment in Essex County. Learn what we can do to help our fellow county residents who struggle with these issues.**

*For more information about how to get involved with the IHN social action program from November 6 through 13, please contact our IHN team leaders:*

**Tracy Ferdinand at [teferd@aol.com](mailto:teferd@aol.com) or Barbara Brown at [bsmithbrown@yahoo.com](mailto:bsmithbrown@yahoo.com).**





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Contact Elizabeth Cohen or Daniel Ramer at [LegacyCircle@cbi-nj.org](mailto:LegacyCircle@cbi-nj.org).



**Annual  
Chanukah Dinner Dance**

**Save the Date!!!**

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

**Dancing - Celebrating - Door Prizes**

**Honoring  
Men's Club 2016 Man of the Year  
Evan Wasserman**



## 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](mailto:lisar@cbi-nj.org).

### Synagogue Fund

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- ❖ Jane and Neil Yaris
- ❖ Michelle and Gregory Daniel

Nancy and Joe Tenenbaum on the marriage of their daughter Allison to Etaily Shisgal.

- ❖ Ann Spector and Len Hausman
- ❖ Helene and Steve Moehlan

In loving memory of Alvin Panzer

- ❖ Sandra Panzer

David Good and family, in memory of your beloved father and grandfather Howard Good.

- ❖ Debra Pianin and Ruben Sinins
- ❖ Harriet and Sheldon Greenholtz
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Arlene Rogachefsky and David Black, mazel tov on Mitchell becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

- ❖ Lori and Jonathan Nash

Eileen and Mordecai Podhoretz in honor of the birth of your granddaughter.

- ❖ Deena Bernhaut

### Rabbi's Fund

Rabbi Bayar, thank you so much for all your assistance in making Rachel and Guy's wedding such a wonderful occasion. We were both touched and happy you were there to celebrate this simcha with our family.

- ❖ Kim and Robert Krauss

### Cantor's Music Fund

Cantor Wallach, thank you so much for all your support and guidance during this difficult time for my family.

- ❖ The Glassman Family

### Burk-Mendlovitz Youth Fund

Teddy Leff in honor of the marriage of your granddaughter Danielle.

- ❖ Renee and Kopel Burk

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Dina Friedler in memory of your beloved husband, Andrew Friedler.

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### Hedwig Gruenewald Early Childhood Center Fund

Naomi Gruer and family in memory of your beloved mother.

- ❖ Staff of HGECC

### Blanche Bayar Religious School Fund

In memory of Howard Good, may his name be for a blessing

- ❖ Deborah and Alexander Marcus

## LIBRARY NEWS

By Abigael Good

The library staff (really just me and the books) wishes to encourage the congregation to borrow books from the library. Yes, you can take them home. Yes, you can keep them for four weeks at a time. No, you cannot take them just to look impressive when smart friends come to visit your house. It's a much better plan to actually read them and then have something smart to talk about.

To claim your borrowed book all you need to do is pick it out, email [library@cbi-nj.org](mailto:library@cbi-nj.org) with your name and the title and author of the book you are taking, and take said book home with you. Read it within four weeks and then return it to the box for returned books in the library, or face my wrath. Um, that is, face the gentle reminder email. But make no mistake, the wrath will be present.

Furthermore, the library is pleased to announce the addition of two new books to our collection: *The Exodus* by Leon Uris, and *The Marrying of Chani Kaufman* by Eve Harris.

This article also marks the beginning of our series of book reviews, giving you a peek into our large and varied collection. This month's selection is *A Life of Menasseh Ben Israel* by Cecil Roth.

*"In short, he was a man without passion, without triviality, but, alas, without wealth."*

So described is Rabbi Menasseh Ben Israel, the man who represented Jewish learning and scholarship in the 1600s. Though it appears to be a biography of this simple, good-hearted man, this book actually represents a much larger story: the exodus of Spanish Jews fleeing the Inquisition into Amsterdam, the growth of their religious and intellectual culture there, the troubles they and their brethren faced abroad, and ultimately Menasseh's mission to win them acceptance in England. With a focus on the interaction between Jewish and Christian scholarship of the time, and Menasseh's huge role in defining that interaction, this book explores Menasseh's rippling impact throughout Europe and his unlikely success at the mission of his life— after he had already died of a broken heart.

You can find CBI's copy of this book in the biography section.

Abigael Good



To contact Abigael, email  
[library@cbi-nj.org](mailto:library@cbi-nj.org)



## ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



**Bret Stephens**  
**Sunday Morning, October 30**  
**at 9:45 am**

Bret Stephens will be speaking at CBI Sunday morning, October 30, at 9:45 am. He will be speaking as part of CBI's L'Dor V'Dor speaker series. The topic for his speech will be "The Nine Commandments for Mideast Policy."

While the speech will focus on Mideast policy, Mr. Stephens may also have something to say about the upcoming election. The program will be moderated by Dov Ben-Shimon, the CEO/Executive Vice President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest. The program has been generously supported by Aleza and Joe Rosenberg.

**Seth Siegel appearing at**  
**Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel in South Orange**  
**November 7, 2016 at 7 pm**

The Israel Involvement Committee at Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel (TSTI) in South Orange and the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest NJ will co-host a talk by Seth M. Siegel, a writer, activist and entrepreneur, on Monday, November 7, at 7:00 pm.

Siegel will discuss the transformative agricultural and irrigation techniques developed and deployed by Israel, as described in his New York Times best-selling book, "Let There Be Water: Israel's Solution for a Water-Starved World"

The event is free--the public is invited to hear "How Israel's Innovative Policies and Technology Can Help Prevent the Fast-Approaching Global Water Crisis and Transform Agriculture and Industry".

Mr. Siegel's book will be available for purchase, or he will sign previously purchased books. The book is available online from Amazon.

**Make your plans to attend the 2017 AIPAC Policy**  
**Conference in Washington, DC**

The AIPAC Policy Conference is an important bi-partisan event focused on educating and inspiring pro-Israel activists. The Conference welcomes adults as well as high school and college students. We encourage congregants and their families to be a part of our CBI delegation. We have a limited supply of pre-purchased registrations for the Conference which will be available for a discounted price of \$399.

Rabbi Litwin has arranged to have Jackie Kelly come speak to CBI teenagers on December 5 along with other CBI students who attended the conference last year.



To contact Joe Tenenbaum,  
email him at [TenenbaumJ@AOL.com](mailto:TenenbaumJ@AOL.com)

**Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**  
**Monday evenings beginning November 12**

CBI will be hosting a Hartman Institute Video Lecture Series exploring how Jewish values can be applied to the complex Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This course is a values-based discourse about Israel with video lectures, text study, and group discussion led by Rabbi Bayar utilizing curriculum developed by the world-renowned faculty of the Shalom Hartman Institute. The course is open to CBI members and the Greater Metrowest Community. Twelve sessions will be held on Monday evenings during November, December, February and March. Registration is available online at by going to the Lifelong Learning tab on our website and selecting Online Registration. Registration fee is \$36 for CBI members, \$72 for non-members.

### Helping Israel

If you wish to be part of our support for Israel Committee, please contact me at [TenenbaumJ@AOL.com](mailto:TenenbaumJ@AOL.com) or through the CBI office.

### Kol ha Kavod to CBI's intrepid bikers !!

One final note - I need to salute a group of CBI congregants who form the backbone of the Desert Dawgs Team participating in the amazing Israel Ride from Jerusalem to Eilat during the second week of November. Twelve of the fifteen team members are CBI congregants. The ride covers almost 350 miles, over 5 days, and raises money for the Arava Institute, a major Israeli institution devoted to improving the world through environmental science and through cross cultural cooperation. As described on its website,

**The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies** is the premier environmental teaching and research program in the Middle East, preparing future Arab and Jewish leaders to cooperatively solve the region's environmental challenges. Through its activities, the Arava Institute encourages, fosters, and supports the advancement of environmental cooperation between Israel and its neighbors.

For more information about the Institute, or to donate to support CBI members or their team, please visit their website: <https://israelride.org/the-israel-ride-experience/>

### Missing Soldiers

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

**Guy Hever Zachary Baumel Avi Feldman**

Joe Tenenbaum



# NOVEMBER COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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

## Tuesday, November 1

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 6:00 pm Chaverim - Chocolate & Candy Making @ MPR
- 7:30 pm Executive Committee
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, November 2

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 12:30 pm Adult Forum Lunch and Learn at Oheb Shalom
- 6:30 pm Sisterhood Kick-Off Dinner @ Social Hall and Motherwell Lobby
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Thursday, November 3

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Parshat Hashavua with Rabbi Bayar
- 6:00 pm Kadima - Mystery Party @ Youth Lounge
- 7:00 pm Men's Club Bowling Night @ Eagle Rock Lanes @ Offsite
- 7:30 pm USY - IDF Night @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Friday, November 4

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 8:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat with IHN Guest

## Saturday, November 5

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services - Bat Mitzvah of Gabriela Wurgaft
- 9:30 am Delve Into Davening @ Chapel
- 10:30 am Minyan Katan (Birth through age 4)
- 10:30 am Minyan Gesher (Grades 2-6)
- 10:30 am Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade)

## Sunday, November 6 - CBI Hosts IHN

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 6:00 pm Kadima Gaga and Games @ Youth Lounge
- 5:00 pm Chanting Circle @ Chapel
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Monday, November 7 - CBI Hosts IHN

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Modern Jewish Thinkers with Rabbi Bayar
- 7:30 pm Sisterhood Board @ MPR
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Tuesday, November 8 - ELECTION DAY CBI Hosts IHN

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

## Wednesday, November 9 - CBI Hosts IHN

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

## Thursday, November 10 - CBI Hosts IHN BBRs No School / HGECC No School

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan

- 9:30 AM Lifelong Learning: Parshat Hashavua with Rabbi Bayar
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

## Friday, November 11 - CBI Hosts IHN BBRs No School / HGECC No School

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

## Saturday, November 12 - CBI Hosts IHN

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services
- 10:30 am Minyan Katan (Birth through age 4)
- 11:00 am Yaldeinu
- 5:00 pm Mincha - Bat Mitzvah of Dara Brownstein

## Sunday, November 13 - CBI Hosts IHN BBRs No School

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

## Monday, November 14

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Modern Jewish Thinkers with Rabbi Bayar
- 7:30 pm iEngage: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
- 7:30 pm BBRs Board Meeting @ Room 201
- 8:00 pm HGECC Board @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:20 pm Men's Club Board

## Tuesday, November 15

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 7:30 pm USY- Mitzvah Madness @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, November 16

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 6:30 pm Men's Club Regional Man of the Year Dinner @ Offsite
- 7:15 pm Mah Jongg @ MPR
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Thursday, November 17

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Parshat Hashavua with Rabbi Bayar
- 12:30 pm Adult Forum Lunch and Learn Trip @ MPR
- 6:00 pm Kadima - Mission Mitzvah @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Friday, November 18

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

## Saturday, November 19

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services
- 10:30 am Minyan Katan (Birth through age 4)
- 10:30 am Minyan Gesher (Grades 2-6)
- 10:30 am Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade)

- 10:45 am Shabbat Journeys' Minyan
- 12:45 pm Cantor's Melody Workshop
- 5:00 pm Mincha - Bar Mitzvah of Hudson Alpert

## Sunday, November 20

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 8:00 am Men's Club Hike
- 8:45 am BBRs Open House/Book Fair @ MPR
- 12:00 am Tichon Plus
- 8:00 am Evening Minyan

## Monday, November 21

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Modern Jewish Thinkers with Rabbi Bayar
- 7:30 pm iEngage: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Tuesday, November 22

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

## Wednesday, November 23

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

## Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving BBRs No School / HGECC No School

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

## Friday, November 25

- HGECC No School
- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 8:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

## Saturday, November 26

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services - Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Friedman

## Sunday, November 27

- BBRs No School
- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Monday, November 28

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Modern Jewish Thinkers with Rabbi Bayar
- 7:30 pm iEngage: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

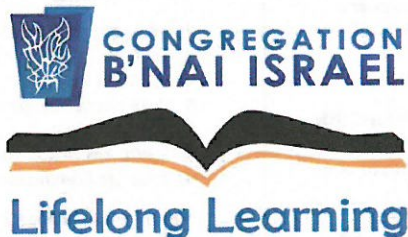
## Tuesday, November 29

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 7:30 pm Down the Block Meeting @ Social Hall (Alcove)
- 7:30 pm Sisterhood Knit and Knosh @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, November 30

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 6:30 pm HGECC Mom's Night Out
- 7:15 pm Legacy Committee @ Library
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan





## OPPORTUNITIES FOR JEWISH LEARNING AND GROWTH

**Fall 2016**

Visit Lifelong Learning area of CBI website for all the details at [www.cbi-nj.org](http://www.cbi-nj.org).

### **Delve into Davening**

#### **A Learner's Guide to Shabbat Services and the Siddur**

**Shabbat Mornings from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Oct 22, Nov 5, Dec 3 and Dec 17**

Join Rabbi Sharon Litwin in the Chapel for a drop-in introduction to understanding the structure of the Shabbat service, what the prayers mean, their history, their theology, their philosophy and their spiritual significance. This learning session is perfect for any adult who wants to understand a little more about the service.

### **Cantor's Melody Workshop**

**Shabbat Mornings after Kiddush from 12:45-1:45 p.m. on Nov 19 and Dec 10**

For singers and non-singers, no Hebrew literacy necessary! If you love music or want to become better acquainted with some new or new-to-you Jewish melodies, this is a great opportunity. **Cantor Lorna Wallach** will teach one new melody each session that will be incorporated into either Friday night or Shabbat morning services. And we will sing some favorite traditional Shabbat afternoon *Z'mirot* (songs).

### **Why Solomon Was Foolish and Other Bizarre Biblical Business Stories**

#### **A Journalist Applies Today's Rules to Ancient Texts**

**Sunday, Dec 4 at 9:30 a.m.**

Join Allan Sloan, CBI member and a columnist at *The Washington Post*, for a funny, insightful presentation on ancient business practices and their applications today. A former columnist for *Fortune*, Allan has won seven Loeb Awards, business journalism's highest honor, which is more Loeb than anyone else has ever won.

### **Mornings with the Rabbi**

#### **Year-long Learning with Rabbi Steven Bayar**

##### **Modern Jewish Thinkers – Monday Mornings**

This class will explore the mystics, theologians and philosophers who made the 20th century one of the most fertile times in Jewish life. Through their eyes we will examine modern issues in Jewish law, culture and ethics.

##### **Parshat Hashavua (Weekly Torah Portion) – Thursday Mornings**

This class will examine specific verses and issues in the Torah portion of that week and discuss how our traditional (and sometimes non-traditional) interpretations of these verses continue to affect our world view and practice to this very day.





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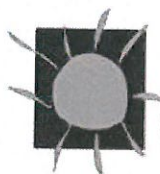
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