

The Bulletin



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

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WINTER SHABBAT DINNER

A CBI Shabbat Experience

Friday, December 2

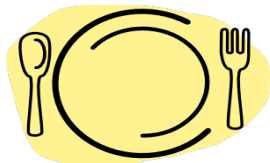
Celebrate Shabbat as a Congregation with Family and Friends!

Shir Shabbat Service at 6:00 p.m.

a short & sweet Shabbat Service - only service of the evening

Dinner at 6:45 p.m.

followed by dessert and singing



Traditional Chicken Shabbat Dinner

Challah // Soup // Veggies // Dessert // Beverages

***Kid-friendly, vegetarian and gluten-free
options...please let us know!***



\$16 per adult/ \$10 per child *(maximum of \$50 per family / children under two free)*

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PLEASE JOIN US!!!

RSVP Required by Monday, November 28

Family
Name _____

Number of Adults _____ Children _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please advise of any special dietary requirements:

Phone number _____

Email _____

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

_____ I Can Help with Clean-Up (after meal)

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

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 (12/10)	10:45 am
Yaldeinu (12/10)	11:00 am

Candle Lighting

December 2	4:12 pm
December 9	4:12 pm
December 16	4:13 pm
December 23	4:16 pm
December 30	4:21 pm

Mincha/Havdallah

December 3	4:27 pm / 5:27 pm
December 10	4:27 pm / 5:27 pm
December 17	4:28 pm / 5:28 pm
December 24	4:31 pm / 5:31 pm
December 31	4:36 pm / 5:36 pm

Minyan Rotation

11/27-12/3	Kessler - Krauss
12/4-12/10	Lakin - Lindauer
12/11-12/17	Lipp - McCafferty
12/18-12/24	McGarr - Neger
12/25-12/31	Nesson - Plump

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

Morning Minyan

7:10 am Mon. & Thurs.
7:15 am Tues., Wed. & Fri.
8:00 am Sun.

Evening Minyan

8:00 pm Sun.-Thur.

Let's Kvell Together!

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

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

FROM THE RABBI'S DEN

By Rabbi Steven Bayar



There is an old Rabbinic tale of Hillel and Shammai, the rabbinic leaders of their generation. A would-be convert comes to Shammai and offers to "convert to Judaism if you can teach me the entire Torah while standing on one foot." Shammai kicks him out of the room. The same person approaches Hillel with the same offer. Hillel's answer is, "What is hateful to you do not do to others. All else is commendatory. Go and learn."

This paradigmatic story is used to illustrate the greatness of Hillel. In his generation Roman persecution reached new heights. Hillel included anyone who wanted to be a part of the community to better sustain it. Shammai is seen as a curmudgeon; excluding and thereby limiting community.

The irony of our reaction is that Shammai was right and Hillel was wrong. What kind of "Chutzpah" does it take for a person to offer conversion under those circumstances? The only rabbis I know of today who would take that offer charge thousands of dollars for a penny-ante conversion which isn't worth the toner used in printing the certificate. Of what use would this person be?

In point of fact we want to be like Hillel – but we act like Shammai. We want to be inclusive but the majority of the Jewish community is more comfortable with Shammai. Change is challenging. New people coming into our community tend to come to services earlier and sit in our seats. They are not interested in the old feuds that sometimes dominate congregational interactions. They have new ideas and methods. Clergy and congregational leadership, used to their own intrinsic dynamic can be easily put off by this fresh air and mark their territory in uncomfortable ways.

The story is also a cautionary tale for those who practice inclusion as well. It's not by accident that the convert offers a deal that is at heart, disrespectful at best. He is mocking the tradition by suggesting that it can be encapsulated in just a few seconds. If that's all there is, why be Jewish. In similar circumstance would we be inclusive to someone equally mocking, equally obnoxious? Would we include a sincere Messianic Jew? Would we count a felon in a minyan? Would you allow a known wife beater to have an honor.

Shammai was Hillel's contemporary. He too faced Roman persecution. His response was to restrict entrance into the community so that its values and practices remained constant. Can we say he was wrong?

I believe that the key to the story is Hillel's message. "What is hateful to you, don't do." Inclusion and exclusion are byproducts of "ahavat Yisrael," love of Israel. If you truly act out of love and compassion, you will know when to include and what lines must be drawn to keep the constantly changing community safe. The highest purpose to which anyone can aspire is to be the guide in this endeavor.

Steven Bayar



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Follow the Rabbi on Twitter @RabbiBayar



MUSICAL NOTES

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

Once again, it's the season of lights! Light, whether in its physical or spiritual manifestation, is a significant symbol in Jewish tradition all through the year. The Torah states that G-d made light on the first day of Creation, thus preparing the potential for everything else that was to be created. At the end of Psalm 97 is the familiar verse, "Or Zarua Latzadik..." "Light is sown for the righteous..." We light candles to usher in Shabbat and Festivals, and we light a special candle for Havdalah at the conclusion of Shabbat. Also, on the observance of the anniversary of a family member's death a Yahrzeit candle is lit which is to burn for 24 hours.



During Chanukah, the most important holiday ritual is the lighting of the *Chanukiyah* (menorah) on each of the eight nights with the recitation of specified blessings. There are laws on how and when to light the candles and what their function should be. Unlike the Shabbat candles, which may be used for illumination, the Chanukah candles are kindled for the purpose of publicizing the miracle of the holiday and they should not be used for anything else. All year long we are looking at what we see using the light, but on Chanukah we are to focus on seeing the light itself. We are to fill our eyes with the light of Chanukah so that when Chanukah is over, we will continue to see our lives in this special light. What is special about the light of Chanukah?

The light of Chanukah is different than the light of the sun; it's the light beyond nature. It's the light of miracles. And what does the world look like in the light of miracles? The world looks like a miracle. In the light of nature nothing is new, but in the light of miracles everything is new and novel. We fill our eyes with the light of Chanukah for eight days, so that when the holiday is over, we see that everything is a miracle, we see that even nature is actually a miracle.

Albert Einstein once said: "There are two ways of looking at the world - either you see nothing as a miracle or you see everything as a miracle."

The Jewish view is to see everything as a miracle. The Greeks, on the other hand, saw nothing as a miracle. To the Greeks, a miracle was an absurdity. To them, only what is reasonable, logical, and rational could be real. Miracles are illogical and therefore not possible. The Greeks assumed that the world was perfect already and everything was as it should be. But according to Jewish belief, G-d created the world, G-d cares about people, and G-d invites us to be partners in making history and perfecting the world.

This is why we light candles on Chanukah and bring the light of Chanukah - the light of miracles - into our lives every year. It is a celebration of hope and miracles.

As we kindle the lights of Chanukah this year, let us appreciate the miracles around us, and think about rededicating ourselves as G-d's partners in *Tikkun Olam* (perfecting the world). Then each one of us will help to make the world a brighter place..

Lorna Wallach



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

In The Community

Mazel Tov to:

Ellen and Larry Garber on the birth of their granddaughter Sylvie.

Nan and Howard Greenwald on the marriage of their daughter Elyse to Matthew Kaplan.

Dan Baer on being awarded the Meadowlands Chamber of Commerce Legacy Award.

Refuah Shleima to:

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

Condolences to:

Barbara Fulop on the passing of her beloved father, Louis Bronfman.

Aaron Tucker on the passing of his beloved mother, Charlotte.

Helene Moehlman and Gary Dubro on the passing of their beloved mother and wife, Judy Dubro.

December 2016 Yahrzeit Donors

Daniel Baer
Roberta Balsam
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Betsy Darivoff
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Elliot Schabbes
Gloria Smith
Rose & Michael
Solomon
Linda Sotnick
Marc & Louise
Sverdlove
Jane Warach
Florence Wolfe
Neil Yaris

President's Message

By Andrea Hirschfeld, CBI President

Chevre,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. I first and again want to thank Aleza and Joe Rosenberg for sponsoring the appearance of Bret Stephens at CBI in October. It was an amazing gift and program for our community.



You will be receiving your invitation to our spectacular weekend and fundraising event in January! I am the most excited to share Rabbi Amichai with our community. I had the pleasure of seeing him a year ago and could only think then that I would personally like to share him with my community! What better way than to bring him here to Millburn!

The decision to engage Rabbi Lau-lavie was quite deliberate. I view this truly as a gift to the community and money well spent. He will give us insights into a different way to engage, understand and teach Torah. We have provided many opportunities for all demographics of our shul to benefit from a weekend with this special and talented Rabbi. We hope you will participate in some or all of the weekend's programs and services.

Programs like this one, the Hartman Institute I-Engage, speakers like Bret Stephens, are not funded by our operating budget. Additionally, all our educational programs are not fully funded by tuition or dues and every year we need a fundraising event to cover our costs. We run a deficit yearly of about a third of the expenses versus the income from fees and tuition. This year, the money raised during this effort will be directly applied to our educational programs. We hope you will share our desire to support our schools and educational programs by sponsoring them at a level that fits with your abilities, but please be generous. Without further support some of our priorities will undoubtedly begin to change, be it class size, adding special programs or speakers, or employing all of our wonderful educators and professionals. This is the major fundraising event of the year! All sponsors will be listed publicly the night of the event unless you indicate otherwise.

We are sincerely excited to be hosting this wonderful weekend of events and services! We hope you have time to attend, bring your family, your friends and tell others about this opportunity! We look forward to welcoming everyone!

Andrea



To contact Andrea Hirschfeld, email her at cbiandrea@gmail.com or call her at 312-497-0936.

Hedwig Gruenewald Early Childhood Center

By Rochelle Baron, Director

We are finished with turkey and are ready for latkes--so many good things are on our December agenda!

Hanukkah is one of our favorite holidays and we love to experience all of the learning and activities that take place in relation to it. We'll start the month with a visit from the Olive Press program and learn how we can extract oil from olives and use it to light a menorah. On December 8 the entire staff will join other educators from the Metrowest community at an early childhood conference held this year at Temple B'nai Jeshurun (school is closed this day). We'll be offering speech/language/hearing screenings on December 12 to those families who are interested in getting their child evaluated. On December 17 the HGECC/PA will sponsor a Hanukkah-themed Oneg at Minyan Katan—we look forward to welcoming many of our CBI friends as well!



School wide Hanukkah parties take place on December 21 and 22, and then we break for winter vacation until January 2.

Our weekly tzedakah collections have been put to good use! The October funds went to Birthday Angels, a charity in Israel that sponsors birthday parties for children. November's bounty went to the Bobrow Kosher Food Pantry to help families enjoy Thanksgiving. This month we are participating in the South Orange/Maplewood Parenting Center's Toy Drive and will use our money to add gifts to the collection (there is a huge box outside of my office if anyone would still like to contribute—end date is December 7).

All of us wish all of you a happy and healthy Hanukkah!

Rochelle



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

Sisterhood's Message

By Karen Tucker, Sisterhood President

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful Thanksgiving.

With the lighting of the Chanukah candles let us remember the idea of re-dedication. Re-dedication to Judaism and our families, as well to those around us. The Chanukah lights stir up many memories of holidays gone by and, when sharing with others, making new memories to last a lifetime. People are drawn to places that provide comfort and warmth. I hope some of your fond memories revolve around CBI and Sisterhood. Your board tries to present programming that is of interest to you and can only do so with your input so please feel free to contact me or any of your board members with suggestions and comments.

Please join us on December 1 at 6:30 pm for a special Rosh Chodesh. Indulge in a catered Chanukah holiday meal and spend an evening enjoying music with Cantor Wallach. Contact Sharon Richman to RSVP, Srich39661@aol.com

As you may already know we have chosen to move Sisterhood Shabbat to Friday night May 5 and Saturday May 6. This affords us the opportunity to learn a new skill and to have MUCH better weather! Whether it is in Hebrew or English; long or short; speaking or non-speaker, or behind the scenes there is something



for everyone. Participation is something that gives us lifelong memories. Please contact Susan Gordon sgordon904@gmail.com and she will be able to assist you in choosing what is best for you.

Looking ahead this is the year for our Women's Seder. It will take place in March. As soon as we have a date locked in we will send out flyers with all the information you will need. This is not to be missed and only happens every other year so stay tuned.

Just a reminder. The gift shop has extended holiday shopping hours (see flyer). We carry a large selection of Chanukah items and hostess gifts as well as Bar and Bat Mitzvah gifts, beautiful tallisim, baby gifts or any other gift need.

As always I end by reaching out to you all. Please join us and join in – the reward is unmeasurable.

UPCOMING DATES:

Wed.	12/14	MahJongg	7:15 pm – 9 pm
Tue.	12/20	Knit & Knosh	7:30 pm – 9 pm

Karen Tucker



To contact Karen, email
KarenLTucker@comcast.net

Blanche Bayer Religious School (BBS)

By Rabbi Sharon Litwin, Director of Congregational Learning

I have been working with the BBS board for the past several months and we are excited to announce that we are in the process of changing the schedule and offerings for BBS for the school year 2017-2018, 5778.

We will be consolidating the days of the week in which our students come so that there no longer will be classes for Kitot Gimel, Dalet and Hey on Tuesdays. Instead they will come on Thursdays at the same time as Kitot Vav and Zayin. This should help parents with carpools and not having their children here on different days.

The part that is most exciting is that Tuesdays will now be a special enrichment day. We will have a variety of electives, which will be open to students in all grades to enhance their connection to Judaism through language, movement and culture.

The electives will include a children's choir, which will perform at our Shir Shabbat services once a month, Krav



Maga (Israeli Martial Arts), Modern Hebrew language, Culinary Arts, and a Torah reading club (for those in 5th-7th grade). We are also interested in learning from our BBS families and other CBI members if they have other interest for electives and we would be happy to try to make them happen as well. We will be hiring some of our teachers and other experts to facilitate the electives based on interest and registration commencing in the spring.

The electives will last 1 hour and, depending on the schedule, students might be able to be enrolled in two electives on Tuesdays. The details will be forthcoming as we gauge interest and excitement in the different elective topics. Please be in touch with me if you have suggestions for elective topics, or have questions, comments or concerns about the program. I am always open to hearing new ideas.

I look forward to engaging in this new project with BBS families and all of our members.

Rabbi Sharon Litwin



To contact Rabbi Sharon Litwin,
email her at slitwin@cbi-nj.org



OPPORTUNITIES FOR JEWISH LEARNING AND GROWTH

Fall 2016

Visit Lifelong Learning area of CBI website for all the details at 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 Loebes 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.

B'NAI MITZVAH



Ellie Retik December 3 (pm)

Ellie Retik is an 8th grader at Millburn Middle School. Ellie loves playing Field Hockey and cooking new dishes at home. When she isn't studying or on the field, Ellie enjoys hanging out with her besties and staying in touch with her Camp Taconic friends.

Ellie would like to thank Rabbi Bayar, Cantor Wallach and Paula Touger for helping her to prepare for her Bat Mitzvah. Most importantly, Ellie will be surrounded by family and friends from both near and far who are so happy to share in this special day.



Rebecca Dranikoff December 10

Rebecca Dranikoff is a 7th grader at Millburn Middle School. She loves soccer and art. She really loves her summers at Camp Kinderring in Hopewell Junction, New York. Rebecca attends BBRS and is also part of youth groups at CBI. For her Bat Mitzvah project, Rebecca volunteered and helped raise money for a 5k run/walk on Roosevelt Island for colon cancer prevention. With so much support from the community, her team was the largest fund raiser at the event. Rebecca would like to thank her family, friends and the entire community for all of the support they have provided her. She would also like to thank Paula Touger and Cantor Wallach for helping her prepare for this milestone.



Lily McGarr December 17

Lily McGarr is a 7th grader at Millburn Middle School and has been a part of the CBI family since her birth. Lily is passionate about playing the piano and has played travel soccer for 3 years. Lily amazes her friends and family all the time with her kindness, compassion, empathy and continually thinks of others before herself.

Lily has partnered with The Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House (PRMH) for her bat mitzvah project because of her love for helping children and her camp, Camp Timber Tops. The PRMH brings children and their families who are undergoing treatment to Camp Timber Tops to experience sleep away camp after the 7 week campers go home. Many of the same counselors and staff remain to volunteer to give the children and their families a true sleep-away camp experience. Since PRMH is run by donations, Lily has been collecting money and items they need and will be donating them after her Bat Mitzvah.

Lily is thrilled to be following in the footsteps of her family with her simcha at CBI; her dad became a Bar Mitzvah in 1983 and her sister, Hannah, in 2014. Lily will be surrounded with the love (and snowflakes) of her parents Stacey and Sean, sister Hannah, grandparents Marsha and Steve Zimmerman and Bonnie and Ron Kutik. Lily would like to thank Rabbi Bayar, Cantor Lorna Wallach, Paula Touger and Rabbi Sharon Litwin for helping her prepare for her bat mitzvah.



Eliana Marcus December 24

Eliana Marcus is a 7th grader at William Annin Middle School in Basking Ridge. She loves dancing, basketball and volleyball. For her Bat Mitzvah project she is a Peer Mentor, where she helps special needs classmates participate in gym class. In the summer she thrives at Camp Ramah in the Poconos and cheering for the Yankees. Her Bat Mitzvah preparations were enhanced by a trip to Israel last spring. She thanks her BBRS teachers, Cantor Lorna Wallach, Cantor Shana Onigman (a family friend), and Rabbi Bayar for focusing her liturgical and textual knowledge, and hopes they won't pull out the speech her dad gave at his own Bar Mitzvah at CBI years ago. Her family invites everyone to services on Shabbat, Parshat Vayeishav, the start of the Chanukah weekend.



Happy Hanukkah



Sisterhood Gift Shop
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It's Chanukah!

Open Sundays 10am – Noon
December 4th
December 11th
December 18th
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Back by popular demand
“Chanukah Boutique” for BBRs students
during school hours on
Sunday 12/11 and Monday 12/12
Many gifts from \$1 to \$20 for siblings, parents
and grandparents.

The first night of Chanukah is Saturday, December 24th



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

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ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

From 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Great time to do your Chanukah Shopping

All Religious School Children Welcome

Babysitter Pricing: \$20 per child/\$50 maximum per family

All proceeds go to Millburn USY's Tikkun Olam Fund

Included: Lunch, Snacks, Fun & Games and Homework Help



Questions/Sign-up:

Text/Call Aly Greenstein at 973-495-6967

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***Space is limited, reserve your spot today**



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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

Contact: **Rabbi Sharon Litwin, Director of Congregational Learning**
973-379-1134 or slitwin@cbi-nj.org



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Jewish Values and the
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Cost: **Includes sourcebook from Hartman Institute**
CBI Members -- \$36.00 each Non-Members -- \$72.00 each

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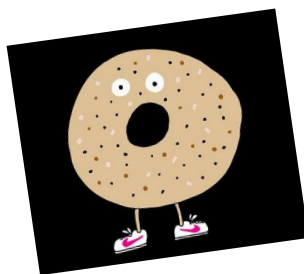
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Millburn, NJ 07041

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



Bagel Sunday

Speaker Series

Sunday, December 4 at 9:30 a.m.

Multi-Purpose Room

presented by CBI Men's Club and Lifelong Learning Committee

Come nosh on bagels and *schmears*!

Why Solomon Was Foolish and Other Bizarre Biblical Business Stories

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presented by Allan Sloan

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\$5.00 per person *suggested donation*

PLEASE RSVP by November 28th to Dan Dovdavyan at

cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com or (917) 862-1941

...then just show up!



CELEBRATION OF LEARNING WEEKEND

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING
With Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie
Rosh Hodesh//Torah Portion Va'Era

Friday, January 27

6:00 pm Friday Early Family Service

The Secret of the Trees - a story for the new moon of Shvat

6:45 pm Congregational Shabbat Dinner (RSVP required)

8:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service -D'var Torah

Behind the Sacred Curtain: Rabbi Amichai's personal story of how and why he embarked on the project of reclaiming and reviving Judaism's oldest tool for sacred storytelling.

Saturday, January 28

9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service

10:00 am Maven Method Torah Service

Rabbi Amichai brings the Torah to life through Storahelling's Maven Method - a fresh fusion of Hebrew chanting, dramatized English translation and interactive commentary reviving the ancient art of Targum. Suitable for community members, ages 6 and up.

12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush

1:00 pm Post Kiddush Learning

Unpacking of Maven Method

Rabbi Amichai invites you to "Meet the Maven" with an interactive one-hour study session on the ancient art of Torah translation and its contemporary relevance using Judaic and literary theory and commentary. This workshop is suitable for adults, educators and older students.

5:00 pm Mincha/Maariv/Havdallah

Completing Shabbat please join with our teens as they lead us in an inspirational, joyous afternoon service and stay for the start of our celebration!

6:00 pm Party – (RSVP required)

Sunday, January 29

9:30 am Backstage with Storahelling.

An on-your-feet interactive workshop for 6th and 7th graders and their families designed to inspire participants to experiment with Torah translation and to increase comprehension and relevancy of Judaism's ancient texts using theatre exercises and translation techniques, particularly for upcoming B'nai Mitzvah.

CBI CELEBRATION OF LEARNING PARTY!

Saturday January 28

B'nai Israel 160 Millburn Ave. Millburn NJ

6:00 pm

Extended hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, signature cocktail.

7:00 pm

Teen Karaoke room open!

Keynote address by

Rabbi Amichai

Presentation to our

Honorees

8:00 pm

Desserts, coffee

Dance to your selection

of tunes on our Virtual

Jukebox

Rabbi Amichai's Keynote Address:

Interrupting the Bible: Five Tools to Reinvent the Jewish Story

Can monotheism's oldest storytelling ritual bridge the growing gap between modern generations and our ancient legacies?

Join master teacher and performer Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie, founder and spiritual leader of Lab/Shul NYC, as he presents a story of self-discovery and a manifesto for reclaiming tradition to make our lives richer. This interactive performance tells of a personal journey from Jerusalem to New York, through Bagdad and Berlin, spanning two millennia, three religions, and four continents, and presenting five principles for bridging the gap between modern society and its sacred legacies.

Celebrate with our teachers!



**Ilana
Tenenbaum**



**Paula
Schulz**

Add your donations to our Giving Tree presented that night!

SALUTING OUR SUPER SENIOR MORNING MINYAN MAKERS

By Sheldon Greenholtz



Howard
Greenwald



Kopel Burk



Margot Cohane



Bernie Zenn

Howard Greenwald, Kopel Burk, Margot Cohane and Bernie Zenn represent over two hundred years of collective CBI membership. That's pretty astonishing, realizing that we've been a congregation for (only) ninety years.

They are among the core members of our morning minyan. They make it possible, with others, for members and nonmembers to say kaddish, observe yahrzeit or simply daven. They number one octogenarian and three nonagenarians.

Kopel, the "baby" of the group, recently chanted his Haftarah at Shabbat services, marking the 75th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah. Kopel says he'll continue doing it until he gets it right.

Margot winters in Florida, followed by her annual visit to family in Israel, but otherwise is a constant morning presence.

Howard, a familiar face for many years, continues to make sure there is ample juice, coffee, bagels, cereal, eggs, etc. assuring that no one leaves the post minyan breakfast on an empty stomach.

Bernie and his late wife Bea were members for approximately four decades. His three sons were b'nei mitzvahed at CBI. Although no longer a member, he attends regularly. Kopel and Bernie also participate in leading services.

Our minyans, originally established by Rabbi Max Gruenewald in 1948, have remained part of the fabric of our congregation. They reinforce who we are, what we represent,

and offer a continuing opportunity for ALL members of our community to gather in prayer, remembering the loss of a loved one.

It is our fervent wish that these four individuals, by their presence, inspire others to join them, thereby preserving the sanctity of the memorial flame, kindled at CBI almost seven decades ago.

To Howard, Kopel, Margot and Bernie, we say "**Yasher Koach**"!! May you continue to remain devoted, spiritual, and committed, attending morning minyan services for many years to come.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

By Abigael Good

This month the library reviews "A Treasury of Jewish Folklore," edited by Nathan Ausubel, which can be found on our Five Minutes Shelf, and issues our usual warning regarding the dangers of leaving books unread for too long. They get antsy around this time of year.

"Jews have always felt the need of fortifying their spirits with the armor of laughter against the barbs of the world."

Or so claims this collector of Jewish folklore in describing the variety of tales within his book. While not all of the stories collected in this volume are meant to be funny, all are clever and important in their own way. On their own, they are fragments of the Jewish mind, of day-to-day problems, worries, and laughter. Together, they form a portrait of Jewish art: the art of survival, the art of laughter through tears. So flip open the pages to any story: there are enough clever fools and wise guys and rabbis facing ridiculous problems to mirror our own lives-- or step beyond it for a few moments.

Abigael Good



To contact Abigael, email
library@cbi-nj.org



Annual
Chanukah Dinner Dance

Sunday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Dancing - Celebrating - Door Prizes

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

Festive Holiday Dining

Prepared by CBI Chefs Extraordinaire

Featuring Fantastic Musical Encore

Soulfege

Millburn High School's
Student-led A Cappella
Group



B'nai Jazz

Merging Jewish Roots
and Classic Jazz

Reservation Deadline December 4th

Please RSVP to Invitation in the Mail

Admission \$50 per person (\$60 after December 4th)

For more information, please contact:

Michael Jurist at michael.jurist@verizon.net, or Dan Richter at micole.richter@verizon.net or
Mike Slifer at mikeslifer@verizon.net



MEN'S CLUB MINUTE

By Dan Dovdavany, Men's Club President

The holidays are behind us, and Men's Club is in full swing. November featured a busy slate of events, from a great hike of Black Rock Forest Peaks Trail (Engeljw@gmail.com), to Book Club (enadel@lowenstein.com), and of course Bowling Night – where no pins were “spared”. Literally.



Mazel Tov to our very own CBI “Desert Dawgs” as they participated in the Israel Ride – a bike ride from Jerusalem to Eilat in support of the Arava Institute (www.israelride.org): Andy Cohen, Brett Cohen, Oliver Cohen, Ariel Dybner, David Ehrlich, Marvin Gersho, Eric Kanter, Debbie Liner, Steve Moehlman, David Sotnick, Linda Sotnick and David Touger. Yasher Koach!

The excitement continues in December beginning with the next installment of Men's Club Bagel Sunday on December 4, where our own Allan Sloan will present “Bizarre Financial Stories in the Bible” in conjunction with CBI Lifelong Learning. Allan has won seven Loeb Awards, business journalism's highest honor, which is more Loeb than anyone else has ever won.

Our December Men's Club Board of Trustees meeting is on Monday December 12. Come join us!

And...Get ready for a truly special evening honoring our Man of the Year, Evan Wasserman, at our Chanukah Dinner Dance on Sunday, December 18. Enjoy a festive Holiday Dinner prepared by Men's Club Chefs Extraordinaire, along with lively music to dance the night away performed by B'nai Jazz. Evan's contributions to Men's Club (and CBI) over the years are numerous – from serving as Men's Club President, to being a long time player for Men's Club's softball (helping lead us to the finals as our first baseman and cleanup hitter, while having the pleasure of playing alongside his son Ross) and basketball teams (with a patented jump shot that never seems to go higher than the rim but still usually goes in). But Evan's involvement just starts there: he also chaired the ad-hoc CBI Constitution and By-Laws committee tasked with rewriting the synagogue by-laws. Finally, Evan was also a long standing member of the Building Facilities Committee where he assisted in a number of projects to improve the physical facilities and grounds.

Cost is \$50 per person with RSVP by December 8th. \$60 thereafter with final reservations by December 12th. Please see (<http://tinyurl.com/cbibowling>) for 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 or Daniel Richter at daniel.richter@verizon.net.

Here are our other upcoming programs and dates:

- *Mitzvahthon*: Monday January 16, 2017 - A Day Not Off But On!
- Men's Club Shabbat: February 10-11, 2017 - Parshat B'Shalach/Tu B'Shvat.
- *Juan, Joe and Howard Paid Up-Breakfast*: Sunday March 19, 2017.
- 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.

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. We will email back 2-3 parents with high school kids who can babysit for you to contact.

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

Dan Dovdavany
Men's Club President
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CBI Chanting Circle

Join us in the Chapel on

Sunday, December 11, at 5:00 pm

as we mark the approach of the winter solstice.

Our chants and songs on the theme of Light will chase the darkness away and bring in joy and warmth!

There will be light musical accompaniment to our singing and chanting.

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



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

A December pair of musical programs!

Thursday, December 1, At CBI Hirschhorn Entertainment Group, the Radiance Chamber Ensemble will present a program of music from Purcell's *The Fairy Queen*, the Quartetto in G Major by Telemann, Mozart's *Piano Quartet #2*, *Marshmallow World* by Peter de Rose and *Winter World* arranged by Oliver Shapiro. Hoping to see you at this musical event.

Thursday, December 15, At CBI The dynamic Cantorial Duo of our own Lorna Wallach and Cantor Erica Lippitz of Oheb Shalom will have you humming along with their presentation of melodies both new and familiar along with the entertaining informative narrative that they weave. Come join us for a wonderful afternoon of music!

Lunch is from the Rye Deli. Sandwich choices are: Turkey, Corned Beef, Roast Beef, Pastrami, Tuna Fish, or Egg Salad. **YOU MAY PAY AT THE DOOR. CONTACT LOIS at 973-533-1809 to place your lunch order by the Wednesday afternoon preceding the program. The cost is \$10 for Adult Forum members & partners// \$12 for non-members**

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, Please call the temple 973-376-3811

Stay tuned for news about Adult Forum Spring 2016 "On the Road" Trips with JCC of Central New Jersey

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

Is CBI already in YOUR estate plan?

Please tell us so that we can honor you as part of our Legacy Circle.

Would you like to know more...
about how you can leave a Legacy gift*?



A legacy is a gift, **of any size**, designated to CBI's endowment after your lifetime, thus having no impact on resources you may need in the future. Together, these gifts will strengthen the CBI community through subsequent generations.

Contact Elizabeth Cohen or Daniel Ramer at LegacyCircle@cbi-nj.org.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR JEWISH LEARNING AND GROWTH

Visit Lifelong Learning area of CBI website for all the details at 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.

December 3 and 17, March 4 and 25, April 21, May 6

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.

December 10, January 21, February 4, March 18, April 1

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).

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.

Chaverim Update

The Chaverim year has been amazing so far, as we have already had three incredible events! After a great “Sukkah and Movie Night”, the Chaverim kids enjoyed a terrific evening of chocolate and candy making! What has become an annual tradition, the Chaverim Chocolate making night has become one of the highlights of the year. Chaverim kids didn’t just eat amazing creations, but, as always, they learned about team building skills, friendships and having fun together!

If you have any questions, or to join Chaverim, (the youth group for 4th and 5th grade students), please contact Michael Greenstein at CBICHaverim@gmail.com.

Michael Greenstein

USY Update

Millburn USY has had a great first half of the year! Within our chapter, we have had many fun events, such as Mill Breakfast Club, Challah for Hunger, Murder Mystery, and IDF Training Night! We have been raising money for our Tikkun Olam fund with a coin wars, in which BBRS is involved as well, and we have been learning

about various places in Israel and staying updated on Israeli current events! Regionally, MillbUSY board members had a great time at LTI (Leadership Training Institute) at the end of October, where we learned how to strengthen our chapter even more. MillbUSYers also had a blast at Hagalil Fall Kinnus in November, where we got to celebrate a fun Shabbat with our regional friends and stay in a hotel! In addition to our own MillbUSY and Hagalil kehillot, Millburn USYers have also been getting involved in CBI’s community. For example, we have been attending minyan, and we helped out when IHN came in November. .

What stands out most about Millburn USY is the strong sense of community that has developed in our chapter, and this is one of the many reasons I love USY. I love USY because of it’s a supporting and accepting community. USY has strengthened my connection to Judaism, taught me how to be a leader, and given me some of my closest friends. For those of you who haven’t been to USY before, I strongly encourage you to give it a try and come to one of our upcoming events! For those of you who have, I hope to see you at the rest of our events! Get excited for a great second half of the year!

Rebecca Daniel,
President



FRIDAY,

DECEMBER 16,

8:15 PM

CBI’S YOUTH GROUP SHABBAT

Help us celebrate this annual tradition...

Join us as we come together as a community to celebrate our youth as they play an active role in facilitating the entire Friday evening service. Counts for Shabbat attendance!

Are you a CBI youth but not a member? Join us and find out why over 100 kids call CBI youth groups one of the biggest parts of their lives!

CBI Youth Groups

**USY - High School
aged youth group**

**Kadima – 6th – 8th
grade youth
programing**

**Chaverim – 4th and
5th grade events**

**“Make-your-own-
Sundae Oneg”
following services
sponsored by CBI
Youth Groups**

ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



US Israel Relations in the New Year

Many of us who are political junkies believe every four years that **this** election is going to be the turning point, and that **this** election will change everything. As you read this article, you know something which I do not know. You know what happened in the US election in early November.

You probably know who will be the new President in January, and which party will control each of the Houses of Congress. You probably have ideas about what this will mean for the future of the United States and its role in the world.

What I do know is that the US Israel relationship will be essential to the future of both countries, and even to the world. So, I call on each of you to do what you can to support a strong US Israel relationship in a bi-partisan way which will encourage members of both parties, and members of the administration to protect that relationship and to assure its continuance.

Kol ha Kavod to CBI's intrepid bikers!!

Just as we know what happened on election day, I am sure that we also have heard more about the heroic efforts of our Desert Dawgs Bike Riders in Israel. I hope that by next month, we might have a report for the Bulletin on the efforts and results of our team.

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/>

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.

The Conference is held in Washington, DC from Sunday, March 28 to Tuesday, March 30. For more information, visit the AIPAC web site: <https://aipac.secure.force.com/event/EV151581>

Chanukah is Approaching

Please consider giving Israel based gifts for Chanukah. Many can be purchased in the CBI Sisterhood gift shop, but others are available through many websites and gift shops. The best gift of all?

Plan a family trip to Israel, if not for this Chanukah, for this year!

Helping Israel

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

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

Join us for a day of learning and giving at



CONGREGATION
B'NAI ISRAEL

MLK MITZVAH DAY

MONDAY

JANUARY 16, 2017

2:00pm-4:00pm

Mitzvah Day is a wonderful opportunity to learn about and support various charitable groups and organizations in our community and Israel.

This community-wide event is open to ALL!
There will be hands-on mitzvah for everyone!



Please look out for a list of all participating organizations next month! Questions?

Contact our new co-chairs,

Lisa Biller (lisakbilleregmail.com) and Lisa Goldberg (lisakarch77@yahoo.com).

Organized by Hearts and Hands Committee and our
Director of Congregational Learning, Rabbi Sharon Litwin

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

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

- ❖ Elaine and Steve Katzman
- ❖ Dan Wright

Helene Moehlman and family, in memory of your beloved mother and grandmother, Judy Dubro.

- ❖ Harriet and Sheldon Greenholtz
- ❖ Rosalie and Mort Farber
- ❖ Carol and Bob Marcus
- ❖ Fran Melton and Marc Levine

Aaron Tucker and family, in memory of your beloved mother and grandmother, Charlotte.

- ❖ Meryl and Michael Skinder

Dan Baer, mazel tov on receiving the Meadowlands Chamber of Commerce Legacy Award!

- ❖ Susan and Michael Jurist

Rabbi's Fund

Helene Moehlman and family, in memory of your beloved mother and grandmother, Judy Dubro.

- ❖ Naomi and Gerry Eisenberger

Aaron Tucker and family, in memory of your beloved mother and grandmother, Charlotte.

- ❖ Lainie and Andrew Fallek
- ❖ Julia and David Raff

Rabbi Bayar, we value the relationship you have with our family, especially with Evan. Thank you for your encouraging him to blow shofar on Rosh Hashanah and making a difference.

- ❖ The Berney Family

Cantor's Music Fund

Barbara Fulop and family, in memory of your beloved father and grandfather, Louis Bronfman.

- ❖ Amy and Marc Rosenberg

Helene Moehlman and family, in memory of your beloved mother and grandmother, Judy Dubro.

- ❖ Lisa and David Ehrlich
- ❖ Susan and Michael Jurist
- ❖ The Klausner Family
- ❖ Joan and David Merdinger
- ❖ Nancy and Alan Sloan
- ❖ Miriam Linver and Matthew Askin
- ❖ Jane and Neil Yaris
- ❖ Lori and Larry Pitkowsky
- ❖ Judy and Art Fredman

Gary Dubro, in memory of your beloved wife, Judy Dubro.

- ❖ Miriam Linver and Matthew Askin

Aaron Tucker and family, in memory of your beloved mother and grandmother, Charlotte.

- ❖ Amy and Marc Rosenberg

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

- ❖ The Moehlman Family

Maureen and Howard Genderson, mazel tov on the b'nai mitzvah of

Devin and Frank. It was a great pleasure for us to share your pride in their accomplishment.

- ❖ Wendy and Hank Kaplowitz

Isabel Goldfaden and Hernan Wurgaft, mazel tov on the bat mitzvah of Gabriela. It was a great pleasure to share your pride in her accomplishment.

- ❖ Wendy and Hank Kaplowitz

Hannah Blum Cogan USY-Kadima Fund

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

- ❖ Isabel Goldfaden and Hernan Wurgaft

Phyllis S. Magid Adult Forum Fund

Helene Moehlman and family, in memory of your beloved mother and grandmother, Judy Dubro.

- ❖ Manny Magid

Nan and Howard Greenwald, mazel tov on your daughter Elyse's upcoming marriage to Matthew Kaplan.

- ❖ Manny Magid

Hedwig Gruenewald Early Childhood Center Fund

Helene Moehlman and family, in memory of your beloved mother and grandmother, Judy Dubro.

- ❖ Rochelle Baron

Sam Gruer and family, in memory of your sister.

- ❖ Staff of HGECC



***Sisterhood Members
FREE!
Open Mah Jongg Night***



***Wednesday,
December 14, 7:15 pm***

***Presenting an opportunity to play your
game, or join a new one; refresh your
skills, or perfect them! Learner's table
available.***

***RSVP to Amy Dantus, Abdant@gmail.com.
Members FREE!!!
Non-Members \$5.00***

DECEMBER COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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

Thursday, December 1

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Parshat Hashavua with Rabbi Bayar
- 12:30 pm Adult Forum Lunch and Learn
- 6:00 pm Kadima - Hangout
- 7:00 pm Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh
- 7:30 pm USY - B'nai Mitzvah Night
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Friday, December 2

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 6:00 pm Shir Shabbat Service
- 6:45 pm Congregational Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, December 3

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services
- 9:30 am Delve into Davening
- 10:15 am Shabbat Birthday Morning
- 10:30 am Minyan Gesher (Grades 2-6)
- 10:30 am Minyan Katan (Birth through age 4)
- 10:30 am Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade)
- 4:15 pm Mincha - Bat Mitzvah of Eliza Retik

Sunday, December 4

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Bagel Sunday Speaker Series with Men's Club and Lifelong Learning
- 10:30 am BBRS Kitah Vav Family Workshop
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Monday, December 5

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Modern Jewish Thinkers with Rabbi Bayar
- 7:15 pm "Teens at AIPAC" Info Session
- 7:30 pm iEngage: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Tuesday, December 6

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 6:00 pm Chaverim - Top Chef
- 7:30 pm Executive Committee
- 7:30 pm Sisterhood Board
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Wednesday, December 7

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 9:45 am HGECC Olive Press
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Thursday, December 8

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Parshat Hashavua with Rabbi Bayar
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Friday, December 9

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

Saturday, December 10

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services - Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Dranikoff
- 10:30 am Minyan Gesher (Grades 2-6)
- 10:30 am Minyan Katan (Birth through age 4)
- 10:30 am Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade)
- 10:45 am Shabbat Journeyers' Minyan
- 11:00 am Yaldeinu
- 12:45 pm Cantor's Melody Workshop

Sunday, December 11

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 12:00 pm BBRS Tichon Plus
- 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm USY Babysitting - Tentative
- 5:00 pm Chanting Circle
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Monday, December 12

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Modern Jewish Thinkers with Rabbi Bayar
- 7:30 pm BBRS Board Meeting
- 7:30 pm iEngage: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:20 pm Men's Club Board

Tuesday, December 13

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

Wednesday, December 14

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

Thursday, December 15

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Parshat Hashavua with Rabbi Bayar
- 5:10 pm Kadima/BBRS - Challah Making
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Friday, December 16

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

Saturday, December 17

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services - Bat Mitzvah of Lily McGarr
- 9:30 am Delve Into Davening
- 10:30 am Minyan Gesher (Grades 2-6) Hanukkah Theme
- 10:30 am Minyan Katan (Birth through age 4) Sponsored by the HGECC/PA
- 10:30 am Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade)

Sunday, December 18

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 10:30 am BBRS Hanukkah Celebration
- 6:30 pm Men's Club Chanukah Dinner Dance and Man of the Year
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Monday, December 19

- 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 HGECC Board
- 8:00 pm Tichon
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Tuesday, December 20

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 7:30 pm Sisterhood Knit and Knosh
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Wednesday, December 21

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Two's Hanukkah Party
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Thursday, December 22 - BBRS Winter Break

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am - 10:30 am Three's/PK Hanukkah Party
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Friday, December 23 - BBRS Winter Break

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

Saturday, December 24 - BBRS Winter Break

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services - Bat Mitzvah of Eliana Marcus
- 10:30 am Minyan Katan (Birth through age 4)

Sunday, December 25 - Chanukkah Begins, Christmas Day, BBRS Winter Break

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

Monday, December 26 - Chanukkah, BBRS Winter Break, HGECC Winter Break

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

Tuesday, December 27 - Chanukkah, BBRS Winter Break, HGECC Winter Break

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

Wednesday, December 28 - Chanukkah, BBRS Winter Break, HGECC Winter Break

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

Thursday, December 29 - Chanukkah, BBRS Winter Break, HGECC Winter Break

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

Friday, December 30 - Chanukkah, BBRS Winter Break, HGECC Winter Break

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

Saturday, December 31 - Chanukkah, New Year's Eve, BBRS Winter Break, HGECC Winter Break

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services
- 10:30 am Minyan Katan (Birth through age 4)



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