

The Bulletin



CONGREGATION
B'NAI ISRAEL

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

February 2017



SHABBAT February 10-11

FRIDAY

6:45 p.m. – Shabbat Dinner prepared by Men's Club Chefs

7:45 p.m. – Kabbalat Shabbat Service

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. – Shabbat Service

followed by festive Kiddush featuring homemade cholent

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For Details!



Winter Family Fun

Join us for some family fun at CBI!



Tu B'Shevat Shabbat

Saturday, February 4

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.



Family Fun Day

Sunday, February 12

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.



Songs & Snowflakes

Wednesday, February 15

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Join us for one – or all – of these super programs!

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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 (2/25)	10:45 am
Yaldeinu (2/4)	11:00 am

Candle Lighting

February 3	4:58 pm
February 11	5:07 pm
February 18	5:15 pm
February 24	5:23 pm

Mincha/Havdallah

February 4	5:13 pm / 6:13 pm
February 12	5:22 pm / 6:22 pm
February 19	5:30 pm / 6:30 pm
February 25	5:38 pm / 6:38 pm

Minyan Rotation

1/29-2/4	Shaykevich – Smith
2/5-2/11	Solomon – Taits
2/12-2/18	Talpins – Webman
2/19-2/25	Weiner – Williams
2/26-3/4	Wisnoidal – Zucker

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

Several years ago I went to visit one of my daughters in Israel. She was attending a summer program and had one Shabbat free in Jerusalem. Friday afternoon several families took their daughters to Ben Yehuda Street to prepare for Shabbat. Friday afternoon on Ben Yehuda Street is an experience not to be missed. In the summer you might meet friends from your hometown, your rabbi or see different groups of Hasidim congregating and preparing for Shabbat.



As a group we were beset by beggars asking for money. Some would give a few "shek" (or "shekel" worth about 25 cents at the time) or like me, they would turn away. One young American male, dressed in Chasidic garb, persisted. I finally asked him, "Why are you asking for money?" He answered, "I have nothing to eat for Shabbat."

Immediately that changed the entire dynamic. According to Jewish law when a person specifically asks for food, their needs must be met. I told him that I would not give him money but would buy him three meals for Shabbat. He left, to return ten minutes later with his roommate. To the consternation of the other families and the utter surprise of these two boys, I took them to the nearest "take out place" and bought them three meals for Shabbat.

When they were about to leave, laden with their food (and beer), one asked me why I spent so much money on them. I told him that since he has asked for food I was not allowed to refuse. He had never heard of that law, and asked me to educate him.

I replied, "I am a Conservative Rabbi, I know that you will not accept Jewish law from me."

He answered, "But you know the laws of Tzedakah."

I smiled and said, "Now I know the Mashiach is near, when a Bratslaver Hasid asks a Conservative Rabbi to teach him Jewish law, can the Mashiach be far away?"

Our tradition downplays the importance of intention in favor of action. You are judged by what you do, not what you intend to do. There are exceptions to this rule, one of them is Tzedakah. At first glance Tzedakah seems simple: someone gives money to someone else. However Tzedakah is not only what you give, but how you give it as well.

The Messianic age will not arrive until we understand this lesson.

Steven Bayar



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MUSICAL NOTES

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

Where does your mind take you when you hear music? Are some melodies more emotive than others? Each of us, no doubt, has songs strongly associated with our memories and feelings. For many of us, this is true of Jewish music, too! Does your heart swell with pride when you hear *Hatikvah*? Or when the *Hava Nagila* melody is amplified at a ball game? Can you close your eyes and actually see the golden glow of the Kotel when you hear the poetic words of Naomi Shemer's song, *Yerushalayim Shel Zahav*? Even if you never lived in "Anat-evka", do you feel as though you are in that town when you hear "Sunrise, Sunset"?



The music of our liturgy can also evoke memories and emotions. Singing *Shalom Rav* together on Friday night helps us to leave the stress of the week behind us and experience the serenity of Shabbat. Hearing just the first few notes of the Kol Nidrei melody is enough for some of us to feel transported and in the moment of such a solemn Jewish Holy Day. I believe that we have all experienced the power of music at some point in our lives. Particularly in Jewish prayer, where music has always played an important role, I've heard many people comment that it is often the melodies of the prayers or singing together as a community which uplifts them, inspires them, or strengthens their connection to G-d and to their Jewish heritage. In the words of Goethe, "Religious worship cannot do without music. It is one of the foremost means to work upon man with an effect of marvel." This is the power of music and of songs. It is universal. Rabbi Sampson Raphael Hirsch defines song as "an inspired or rapturous expression of what some external event has revealed to the inner self, that which the physical eye cannot see, but what has become clear to the mind's eye."

There are few songs mentioned in the Torah. Even the word *shir* is found quite infrequently. This month we celebrate *Shabbat Shirah* (and it's Men's Club Shabbat this year -- for the first time!) because we read *Shirat HaYam* in the Torah (in Parashat Beshallah) and the Song of Deborah (Judges 5) in the Haftarah. *Shirat HaYam*, The Song of the Sea, is the first example recorded in the Torah of communal spontaneous prayers by the Jewish people. The Israelites have safely escaped the Egyptian army, and are free on the other side of the now chariot full Red Sea. And they look at Moses, and up to God, and declare their belief in God's power, and in Moses's ability to advocate on their behalf. And they were all so ecstatic that they began to sing. First Moses and the men, and then Miriam and the women.

Music has the power to move us, even without words. Sometimes we are most comfortable with the emotional rush of familiar music, and sometimes it is just as thrilling to learn a new tune, open ourselves up to the possibility of a new memory. As our community celebrates this *Shabbat Shirah*, led by our very capable and enthusiastic CBI Men's Club, let us lift our voices in prayer with the exultant spirit of song.

Lorna Wallach



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email her at cbicantor@cbi-nj.org

In The Community

Refuah Shleima to:

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

Condolences to:

Harvey Brooks, in memory of your
beloved brother, Bernard Brooks.

February 2017 Yahrzeit Donors

Shirley Alper	Robert Kandall
Ronnie Armuth	Frances Licht
Roz Buck	Shirley Malamut-
Ellen Eichler	Judd
Ann Eisenstadt	Susan Margulies
Helaine Ettinger	Flo Ellen & Richard
Robert Fanburg	Maslow
Rosalie & Mort	Lenore May
Farber	Sandra Nash
Myron Feldman	Beverly Orel
Robert Fulop	Frieda Ostrowsky
Jacqueline	Gloria Segel
Gershman	Nancy & Allan
Linda & Bill	Sloan
Glaser	Linda Sotnick
Rachel Helman	Shirley Weiner
Terry Hofflich	

RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

By Michelle Daniel, Religious Affairs Committee
Mark Goldenthal and Alex Marcus, co-chairs

DID YOU KNOW that CBI has a committee whose focus is ensuring that religious practices are meaningful and in keeping with our mission statement? Religious Affairs (RA) is a group of members who meet monthly to make sure our religious services are meeting the needs of our community and to set policy statements in accordance with those needs. We will be contributing a “Mitzvah in a Minute” column regularly through this bulletin, so you can gain a greater understanding of what we do and why we do it! Questions about religious practice/custom are most welcome (please send to goldenthal.mark@gmail.com) and we will do our best to answer them. Who knows? Maybe we will even print the response!

The RA has recently acquired 100 brand-new copies of **prayer books** published and distributed for free (we will be sending a small donation) by Temple Sinai of LA, to be used at **shiva homes**. They are paperback, lightweight and contain inspiring English readings in addition to the traditional Hebrew prayers for Mincha and Ma'ariv services.

You may have noticed a “**minyan bell**” that was recently installed by Art Fredman and Nik Minocha. It rings in the chapel only, and will allow minyan-goers to gain access to the building when the front door has been locked. We know that there have been times when congregants have attempted to join minyan only to be locked out. We hope this solves the problem!

And speaking of **minyan**, at **winter time**, we lose many snowbirds who regularly support our morning and evening minyanim. Please consider increasing your attendance at our morning (Sun 8am; M. /Th. 7:10am; T/W/Fri 7:15am) and evening (8pm) minyanim. We especially need assistance on **Sunday and Wednesday evenings**.

Michelle Daniel
Religious Affairs Committee
Mark Goldenthal and Alex Marcus
co-chairs

Hedwig Gruenewald Early Childhood Center

By Rochelle Baron, Director

It is cold outside but our school is a cozy place to be. We have wonderful memories of a great weekend spent with Rabbi Amichai Lau Lavie and honoring Ilana Tenenbaum and Paula Schultz, two of our longtime teachers. How wonderful it was to be together and celebrate these terrific women!



Several fun events are planned for this month. Tu B'Shevat Shabbat takes place on Saturday morning, February 4 and is for young children and their families. A festive Oneg will be sponsored by the HGECC PA. On Wednesday morning, February 8, we will welcome prospective families to an Open House to learn about our school. “Family Fun Day” takes place on Sunday morning, February 12 from 10:00am to 11:00am. Come and bring your preschool friends and

neighbors for a session of Tu B'Shevat themed projects, bagel breakfast, and holiday stories. February 15 is “Songs and Snowflakes” afternoon from 4:00pm to 4:45pm. Planned events include a winter themed project, sing a long with Ms. Jill and a tasty snack. All events are open to the community.

Registration for Summer Camp 2017 and next year's programs are underway. If you would like information about any of our offerings please let me know.

Stay warm!

Rochelle



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Sisterhood's Message

By Karen Tucker, Sisterhood President

If you are like me when the weather begins to get cold I check the furnace, the fireplace, the windows and doors for drafts and where the extra blankets are. But what about our internal energy check? It is this time of year we tend to hibernate in the warmth our homes. The warmth of companionship, however, is also very important.



Our regular programs continue through the winter months but please check your e-mails for updated weather info which may change the dates that are listed on the CBI web site. One other thing to keep in mind – if you know of a Sisterhood member who may not want to drive during the winter months but would like to attend programs please let me know. After depending on so many of you last year, I know how hard it is to ask for assistance – but we are always able to help out. It may go even further than a program. If you yourself need help, please make us aware. I do not want to hear later that there were problems that we could have helped with but that “you didn’t want to bother anyone”. It is never a bother!

Women's Seder Alert!

This is the year for the Women's Seder. It will be held on Wednesday evening, March 22, at 6:30 pm. It will be led by

Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Ettinger. The cost is \$25 for all CBI women and will include a catered dinner. You can RSVP to Susan Stern (hazelstorm1016@aol.com or at 973-379-1284). Please see the flyer – email reminders will follow.

Having a special birthday, anniversary, family event? There are several opportunities to sponsor an Oneg and or a Kiddush. Please let me know and we will help you make the arrangements.

Last but certainly not least we are actively putting together our executive board for the 2017-2018 year. If you are interested in joining the Sisterhood Board or helping with one of our events please contact me to discuss the many possibilities.

Take advantage of what Sisterhood has to offer and what you can bring as well. I am always available by phone, e-mail or to sit and chat. I can be reached at 908-313-5677 karenltucker@comcast.net.

Dates to Remember

Wed. Feb. 15	Mah Jongg	7:15 pm – 9 pm
Thur. Feb. 28	Knit and Knosh	7:30 pm – 9 pm



To contact Karen, email
KarenLTucker@comcast.net

Karen Tucker

Blanche Bayer Religious School (BBS)

By Rabbi Sharon Litwin, Director of Congregational Learning

In an effort to think out of the box, the BBS Board and I have spent some time brainstorming ways to consolidate our days to have students come on Thursdays and Sundays and to offer Jewish Cultural Enrichment options on Tuesdays. We considered offering Children's A Cappella, Krav Maga (Israeli Martial Arts), Jewish cooking, Torah Reading Club, Video Making and Modern Hebrew. I was very excited about the options. I presented the ideas at our Parent Open House in November and we then surveyed the BBS families to see what they thought.



Thank you to the families who filled out our survey and spent time offering feedback about our suggested schedule and enrichment offerings. Based on your feedback, it seems that the majority of families are satisfied with the current schedule and did not want us to make any changes. Therefore, we will not be making any changes to the schedule, days, hours or program for next year.

The current schedule will remain in place. We will continue to meet on Sundays 8:45 am – 12:00 pm for Gan-Kitah Vav, on Mondays from 5:50 pm – 8:00 pm for Kitah Zayin and Tichon, on Tuesdays from 3:45 pm – 6:00 pm for Kitot Gimel, Dalet and Hey and on Thursdays from 3:45 pm – 6:00 pm for Kitot Vav and Zayin.

Given the positive response to adding a children's music group, I would like to try to start a children's a cappella group for 1st-7th graders which will perform at Shir Shabbat. Rehearsals for the a cappella group will be on Mondays from 4:15-5:00pm starting this coming September.

Please feel free to be in touch should you have any questions.

Warmly,

Rabbi Sharon Litwin



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

Preschool Open House

Wednesday, February 8

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

Learning through Play!

Together Time

Transitional Two's

Two-Year Old Classes

Three-Year Old Classes

Pre-K Program

Enrichment / After School Activities

PLUS!

Camp HGECC...Where Summers are Cool and Fun Rules!

Contact Rochelle Baron for more info
or to schedule a personal tour!

973-379-4040 or hgecc@cbi-nj.org

Spread the Word! Bring a Friend!



LIBRARY NEWS

By Abigael Good

This month the Library reviews *My Name is Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok, which you all better appreciate because I read this book at great personal sacrifice, namely by almost crying in the parking lot while I tried to read and walk home at the same time.

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"It's not a pretty world, Papa." "I've noticed," my father said softly."

Our story begins when Asher is a child, already with his precocious gift for drawing and the belief that somehow he can use it to make the world better. It takes us with a slow, thorough buildup through his Jewish upbringing, his shy childhood and the tension in his family, through his teenage years apprenticed to another Jewish artist and his time becoming an adult and artist in his own right. It's not about plot, it's about character development, family development. By the end of the book you can't believe how well you know this boy, now this man, and the fragile, fractured world he inhabits.

There's Rivkeh, Asher's soft, strong mother, caught between him and his father.

Aryeh, his father, whose drive to help Jews all over the world helps drive his family apart.

Jacob Khan, a grouchy, eccentric Holocaust survivor who loves Asher as a son.

And Asher himself, who wants desperately to support his mother, honor his father, and hold tight to his Jewishness, but cannot resist the pull of his own gift... even when it seems it will destroy the people he loves most.

Richly emotional and insightful, this is a book worth every moment of reading.

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Also, please note the new additions to our library, *Klezmer*, *The Rabbi's Cat*, *Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean*, and *Jews in Old China*.

Abigael Good

library@cbi-nj.org





Winter Family Fun



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Join us for some family fun at CBI!

Perfect for preschool age children and their families, these events are suitable for all CBI families with children from birth through 1st grade.

Bring a friend ... these programs are open to the community!

You're Invited!



Tu B'Shevat Shabbat

Saturday, February 4

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Join our Shabbat leaders Vivian and Karen as we celebrate Tu B'Shevat and Shabbat with a brief, child-friendly service followed by a festive Oneg!



Family Fun Day

Sunday, February 12

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Celebrate Tu B'Shevat at CBI! A fun morning making a craft project, enjoy a yummy bagel breakfast and hear holiday stories as we celebrate the New Year for trees.



Songs & Snowflakes

Wednesday, February 15

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

An afternoon of winter fun at CBI! Come in from the cold as we create a simple winter-themed project, sing along with Ms. Jill and share a tasty snack together.

In case of inclement weather, please call 973-379-4040 for a pre-recorded message if in doubt about an event taking place.

Let Us Know You're Coming!

Join us for one – or all – of these super programs!

Return this form to Rochelle Baron at CBI

OR email hgecc@cbi-nj.org // call 973-379-4040

Family Name: _____

Tu B'Shevat Shabbat – Saturday Morning, 2/4

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

Family Fun Day – Sunday Morning, 2/12

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

Songs & Snowflakes – Wednesday Afternoon, 2/15

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

USY Update

As a high school senior, I have just submitted the last of my college applications, and I am preparing for my semester abroad in Israel through the “Neshama” program at the Golda Och Academy. Therefore, I cannot help but reflect on my high school career, and the tremendous role that USY has played.

Being able to serve on the MillbUSY board throughout high school as the Chairman of the Board, the President, the Israel Awareness VP, and a Freshman Representative has taught me many valuable lessons and leadership skills.

I have a deeper love for Israel and a better understanding of its culture through MillbUSY’s Israel awareness outreach and MillbUSY’s Israel based events such as, Israeli Birthday Party and IDF Night. I cannot wait to learn more about Israel as I experience its culture first hand on “Neshama,” and I’m excited to share my experiences with the MillbUSY community when I return in May!

USY has allowed me to enhance my Jewish identity by

instilling Jewish values at chapter, regional and international events, and by teaching me how to live Jewishly anywhere through my participation in USY summer programs: USY on wheels East and Pacific North West.

I have had the privilege of participating in meaningful social action projects with MillbUSY, such as volunteering with the Interfaith Hospitality Network, and encouraging Tikkun Olam through coin wars.

Lastly, I have made lasting friendships in USY. Not only was I able to strengthen the bonds I had within the Millburn community, but I have also been able to form friendships with teens from all over the world through USY summer programs and international events. Thank you to Aly Greenstein, the CBI community, and Youth Committee for the support and encouragement of our USY chapter. I absolutely encourage all teens to explore how the passionate and welcoming USYers can influence their lives.

Shira Kalet

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO JOIN US
FOR WOMEN’S SEDER 2017
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, AT 6:30 PM***



***\$25 PER PERSON / FULL CATERED DINNER
FOR ALL ADULT CBI MEMBERS***

***LED BY CANTOR WALLACH
AND RABBI ETTINGER***

***SPECIALLY DESIGNED HAGGADAH RECALLING THE
WOMEN OF THE EXODUS***

FULL SIGN-UP INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

***For questions and/or to volunteer to help with the
preparations:
Susan Stern at Hazelstorm1016@aol.com or 973-379-1284***

SALUTING OUR SUPER SENIORS: JOAN HELLER

By Sheldon Greenholtz



Joan Heller

Joan has been a CBI member since her family moved to Millburn in 1956. Born in Highland Park, she attended school there until moving to Metuchen and Junior High, then to South Orange, graduating from Columbia High School.

Joan eschewed the dictates that tended to steer young ladies toward sewing and secretarial studies, instead opting for woodshop as an elective. She made a bookcase, magazine rack and jewelry box on a wood lathe. They remain among her prized possessions.

Joan has three children, two sons and a daughter, Scott, Cary, and Gwenn, all b'nai mitzvahed here, and seven beautiful grandchildren, the loves of her life. Cary is the owner of The Courtyard, a retail/office complex at the corner of Millburn Avenue and Main Street. Next June, five grandchildren will have graduated college (Harvard, Cornell, Hamilton (2), Lehigh), one is a sophomore at Lehigh and one a junior in high school.

She spent seventeen years in a second relationship, providing her with stepchildren, step grandchildren, and a step greatgrandchild, with whom she remains close.

Joan's extended family also includes an older sister, younger brother and close cousins. Both of her parents had large families.

While in her twenties, Joan was vice-president and then president of a New Jersey ORT Chapter.

When her children were young, she worked in the fashion industry part time and did some mod-

eling. She then worked for thirty plus years in industrial and commercial real estate, still a largely male dominated industry, becoming a vice-president at Knauer Realty Corp.

Joan was one of six women who established an organization for women in industrial and commercial real estate called ICREW NJ (industrial and commercial real estate women of New Jersey). She subsequently became president.

Now retired, Joan remembers always being active and athletic, climbing trees as a youngster, horseback riding, and ice skating. She became an avid skier and tennis player, and is still at it. Joan volunteered at the VA Hospital in East Orange for many years, loves walking, does Pilates twice a week, plays Mah Jongg, and teaches at the Springfield Library, residing in that town. Joan enjoys her book club, theatre, symphony, and dining out with close friends, many of whom are CBI members. She is also an experienced traveler, having visited Israel, Africa, China, Iceland, Croatia, South America, Europe, as well as travelling throughout the United States.

Joan is fortunate to enjoy life to the fullest. CBI is fortunate to have Joan as a member for more than half century. May it continue.



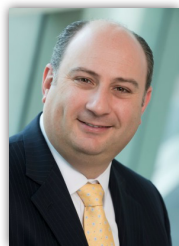
MEN'S CLUB MINUTE

By Dan Dovdavy, Men's Club President

2017 got off to a fast start with a busy January. Highlights included the Men's Club Book Club's robust discussion of The Aleppo Codex, by Matti Friedman – thank you to Ed Nadel for organizing and to Paul Klein for hosting. Next, Men's Club was represented at the MLK Mitzvah Day (Not Off But On!) – kudos to Adam Katzman and to all those who participated. And of course, we hope everyone enjoyed the Kiddush co-sponsored by Men's Club & Sisterhood in honor of CBI's Celebration of Learning Weekend.

February promises to be action-packed as well. First, never mind the Football game being played later that evening, on Sunday February 5 don't miss the World-Wide-Wrap, as we join Men's Clubs and congregations around the world in teaching the mitzvah of wrapping tefillin. The World-Wide-Wrap unites us all in prayer – because, after all, "We're in it for the Tie!" Please contact Mike Slifer at mikeslifer@verizon.net and to buy Tefillin in advance, go to: <https://www.fjmc.org/catalog/9>.

Next, one of our signature events of the year – Men's Club Shabbat, February 10-11. Start by joining us for a delicious Shabbat Dinner prepared by the Men's Club Chefs (see flier



in this Bulletin or go to <http://tinyurl.com/MCShabbat2017>). Then, experience a true spiritual journey as Shabbat davening is led by our very own Men's Club members. Parshat B'Shalach brings us Shabbat Shira and with it the Song of the Sea in the Torah reading and the Song of Deborah chanted from an actual Sefer Haftarah scroll! We will also celebrate Tu B'Shevat – the New Year for the Trees! After our souls are full, make sure to sample the offerings at our annual Cholent-Off. This promises to be a fantastic event! Please contact Dan Richter at daniel.richter@verizon.net or Henry Bloom at henry.bloom@novartis.com if you would like to participate.

Looking ahead, the *Juan, Joe and Howard Paid Up-Breakfast* will be on Sunday March 19. Stay tuned for details.

Finally, 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.

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

Dan Dovdavy
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Contemporary Issues

Lecture Series

with Kean University
Jewish Studies Program

Professor Dennis B. Klein

Kean University Professor of History and Director of the Jewish Studies Program and the Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies



Can American Jews Flourish Without a Crisis?

Monday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m.

The Refugee Crisis and the Jewish Response

Monday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m.

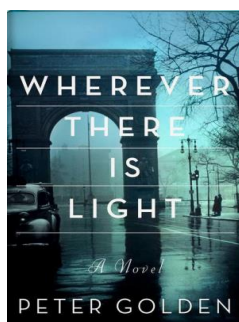
The Lifelong Learning Committee, through the generosity of the education fund of the Greater Millburn-Shorts Hills B'nai B'rith Lodge, is proud to bring university level lectures on topics of Jewish interest directly to CBI!

All lectures held at Congregation B'nai Israel // 160 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, NJ 07041

**SAVE THE DATE!!!
FOR CBI SISTERHOOD'S SPRING BOOKENDS MEETING
TO BE FACILITATED BY JENNIFER GLICK
ON THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 18, AS WE DISCUSS**

WHEREVER THERE IS LIGHT

BY PETER GOLDEN



An engaging novel, chronicling the decades-long love affair between the son of a German Jewish professor and the granddaughter of a slave and daughter of the founder of a Black college. The story spans the Twentieth Century in such divergent locales as Germany, Florida, New York, Paris and South Orange, New Jersey.

**BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FROM AMAZON AND BARNES & NOBLE.
THE BOOK IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR KINDLE AND NOOK.
THE BCCLS LIBRARY SYSTEM HAS COPIES AVAILABLE.**



Cantor's Melody Workshop

**Shabbat Mornings after Kiddush from 12:45-1:45 p.m.
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).

B'NAI MITZVAH



Mia Kaplow February 4

Mia Kaplow is a 7th grader at Millburn Middle School. In her free time she likes to draw, bake and take care of her cats, Sonny and Cher. For her mitzvah project, Mia worked with Comfort Project 360 at Saint Barnabas Medical Center to help create the most supportive and healing environment for cancer patients and their loved ones. Mia is proud to share her special day with her parents, Lauren and Brian Kaplow, her brother Ethan, and all of her family and friends. She would like to thank Paula Touger, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar for helping her to prepare for her Bat Mitzvah.



Maia Hubscher February 25

Maia Hubscher is a seventh grader at South Orange Middle School, where she is involved in performing arts and reads tons of books. In addition to baking colorful cupcakes and cookies, Maia enjoys acting, singing, dancing and all things Broadway. Starting in elementary school, Maia has volunteered for animal welfare causes. She has a passion for all living creatures from kittens to snow leopards and sea lions. For her Bat Mitzvah Project, Maia adopted a seal through the Marine Mammal Rescue Center and is also supporting the World Wildlife Fund. Maia would especially like to thank Cantor Wallach for her gracious support in helping her get ready for her Bat Mitzvah.



Thomas and William Waldman February 26

With love and pride we celebrate the B'nai Mitzvah of Thomas and William Waldman. Thank you to Ms. Paula Tougher, Cantor Lorna Wallach, Rabbi Steven Bayer, and to our Jewish community as we raise our children in both tradition and modernity. .



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

Thursday, February 2, at CBI, Rabbi Bayar will discuss *Ethics and Values of the Jewish People*. The Rabbi’s talks are always fascinating and informative. Don’t miss this program!

Thursday, February 16, at CBI, Screening of *Florence Foster Jenkins*, starring Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant. In the 1940s, New York socialite Florence Foster Jenkins (Meryl Streep) dreams of becoming a great opera singer. Unfortunately, her ambition *far* exceeds her talent. The voice Florence hears in her head is beautiful, but to everyone else it is ear splittingly awful.

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. You are welcome to come without joining us for lunch, but please let me know that you are attending.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, Please call the temple 973-379-3811

Adult Forum Spring 2016 “On the Road” Trips with JCC of Central New Jersey –Dates to be announced

Backstage tour of Radio City Music Hall

Tour of Temple Emanu-El and 92nd Street “Y”

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



CBI Chanting Circle

Sunday, February 5, at 5:00 pm

Join us in the chapel for our inspirational Hebrew chant and song circle with musical accompaniment.

Tu B'Shevat, which occurs this week, was originally an annual taxation day for trees! It became one of four New Years in our tradition. The Kabbalists created a 'seder' for this minor holiday, sacralizing nature's bounty. In the past few decades it has evolved into a kind of Jewish Earth Day celebration. Accordingly, this Sunday's theme centers on the wonders of the natural world as reflected in our liturgy and in the Hebrew Bible.

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



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

CBI MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT



DINNER & SERVICE

Friday, February 10, 2017

Dinner at 6:45 p.m. / Service at 7:45 p.m.

Join your CBI friends for a communal Shabbat dinner
prepared by the renowned Men's Club chefs!
Adults and children of all ages are welcome!
Shabbat Singing and Good Times!



Early Bird Special! RSVP by Feb 2nd -- \$5 per person / \$25 per family max
(RSVPs Feb 3rd - Feb 8th -- \$10 per person / \$40 per family max.) No RSVPs after Feb 8th.

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**WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US! Last date to RSVP: Wednesday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Sign up online at** <http://tinyurl.com/MCShabbat2017>

**Or, follow instructions below:**

**RSVP to Dan Richter by email at** [cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com](mailto:cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com) **or by phone at** (732) 261-5138.  
Then send your check with below form to: CBI, 160 Millburn Ave, Millburn, NJ 07041, Attn: Men's Club Shabbat. Please make check payable to "CBI Men's Club" with memo "Shabbat Dinner."

### **CBI Men's Club Shabbat Dinner Signup Form**

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

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

Total # of People \_\_\_\_\_ Total Owed \_\_\_\_\_

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

# ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



## A Comment on Current Events, With a Look Back to History

In December 2016, the United Nations Security Council passed a resolution which had the stated objective of “achieving without delay a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East.” However, the focus of the resolution is generally on the relationship between Israel and its settlements. The resolution “reaffirms that the establishment by Israel of settlements in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, has no legal validity. Furthermore, it condemns “all measures aimed at altering the demographic composition, character and status of the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem.

While many Israelis, and many American Jews differ on the appropriate status of Israelis living in areas beyond the 1967 lines (the 1948 cease fire lines), the resolution’s treatment of Jerusalem is startling. Following the 1948 war, when Jordan ended up in control of the Eastern portion of Jerusalem, she systematically evicted all Jews. Thus, the demographic composition of eastern Jerusalem was free of Jews. How can the United Nations endorse such a treatment? “East Jerusalem” includes the Jewish Quarter of the Old City as well as the Kotel, and the Temple Mount, the site of both temples in Jerusalem.

It was ironic (or symbolic) that this resolution was approved Erev Chanukah. One possible response to this resolution can be found in the Book of the Maccabees (not part of the Tanach) when Shimon Maccabee says:

“It is not foreign land we have taken nor have we seized the property of others, but only our ancestral heritage which for a time had been unjustly held by our enemies. Now that we have the opportunity, we are holding on to the heritage of our ancestors.”

Finally, Security Council resolution 242 foresaw “land for peace” in which Israel withdrew from negotiated territories in exchange for their “right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries free from threats or acts of force.” This new resolution puts a heavy hand on the scale by its statement that any Israeli activity in disputed areas (including East Jerusalem) is illegal and must be stopped. If Israel has no rights to these lands, how can they be the basis for negotiation.

I encourage you to read the relevant documents and to stay current on news which affects the status of Israel in the world.

### 2017 Trips to Israel

May, 2017 is the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, and many organizations are sponsoring trips for people who would like to participate in celebrations of this milestone. I saw

on-line that JNF has several trips, and Federation of Greater Metrowest also is sponsoring a trip. The trips take place the last week in May, just before Shavuot.

### Israel Documentary Film Festival

The Israel Support Committee of Union County is sponsoring an Israel Documentary Film Festival showing the following films.

***It Is No Dream***: Sunday, January 29, 2:00 PM, Congregation Israel, 339 Springfield Ave, Springfield. The Life of Theodor Herzl and his 8-year task that resulted in the establishment of the State of Israel, 50 years later.

***A Woman Called Golda***: Sunday, February 12, 2:00 PM Part 1 Temple Beth O’r Beth Torah, 111 Valley Road, Clark **and** Sunday, February 19, 2:00 PM Part 2 Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim, 338 Walnut Street, Cranford. Ingrid Bergman in her farewell performance as Golda Meir. The movie traces Golda’s life which parallels the kibbutz years in Palestine to the Yom Kippur War.

***The Six Day War***: Sunday, March 5, 2:00 PM Congregation Beth Israel, 1920 Shalom Way, Scotch Plains. The 50th anniversary of the war that redefined the Middle East. An examination of how the war came about, how it was fought and how it reshaped the area.

### Arava Institute Bike Ride, 2017

I described last month the Arava Institute bike ride through Israel. This is just a reminder that if you wish to participate in the 2017 ride, it is not too early to register. The dates from the 2017 ride are October 31 – November 7.

For more information about the Institute, and about next year’s ride, please visit their website:

<https://israelride.org/the-israel-ride-experience/>

### Make your plans to attend the 2017 AIPAC Policy Conference March 26 – March 28, 2017

I hope that you have already made plans to attend the AIPAC Policy Conference at the end of March in Washington, D.C. This conference focuses on encouraging bi-partisan support for the Israel US relationship. If you would like to be up to date on status of that relationship, and hear personally (in the same room) with leaders from both countries, and both US parties, plan to attend this conference.

For teenagers who meet the requirements of the Metrowest program, there will be an opportunity to have Greater Metrowest Federation pay the entire registration fee. To receive this assistance, the student must attend the conference and a pre-conference meeting with a parent, and prepare a written report for potential publication after the conference.



## Missing Soldiers

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

**Guy Hever Zachary Baumel Avi Feldman**

Joe Tenenbaum



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email him at TenenbaumJ@AOL.com



## 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

Eric Kanter in memory of your beloved mother, Myrna Kanter.

- ❖ Susan & Michael Jurist
- ❖ Betsy & Phil Darivoff

Kopel Burk, warmest wishes for a full and complete recovery.

- ❖ Nan & Howard Greenwald

Deena Bernhaut, in memory of your beloved sister, Barbara Hyman.

- ❖ Leslie & Leonard Zucker
- ❖ Barbara Lederer
- ❖ Ann, Mitch, Fred & Haley Brown

Debbie and Alex Marcus, mazel tov on your daughter Eliana's Bat Mitzvah. May she continue to be a source of great pride for her family and the congregation.

- ❖ Wendy & Hank Kaplowitz

### Rabbi's Fund

Rabbi Bayar, in great appreciation for the guidance and support given to Henry for preparation of his becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

- ❖ Sydra & Grant Miller

Rabbi Bayar, thank you for all your help preparing Josh for his Bar Mitzvah.

- ❖ Rachel & Aaron Friedman

### Cantor's Music Fund

The Marcus Family, in honor of Eliana becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

- ❖ Ann Spector & Len Hausman
- ❖ Janet & Michael Slifer

Nan & Howard Greenwald, mazel tov on the marriage of your daughter Elyse to Matthew Kaplan.

- ❖ Janet & Michael Slifer

Cantor Wallach, in great appreciation for the guidance and support given to Henry for preparation of his becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

- ❖ Sydra & Grant Miller

Evan Wasserman, mazel tov on being selected Men's Club Man of the Year. Best wishes for health and happiness to you and yours!

- ❖ Judy & Art Fredman

Cantor Wallach, thank you for all your help preparing Josh for his Bar Mitzvah.

- ❖ Rachel & Aaron Friedman

### Burk-Mendlovitz Youth Fund

Eric Kanter, in memory of your beloved mother, Myrna Kanter.

- ❖ Renee & Kopel Burk

Sean McGarr, mazel tov on your daughter Lily becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

- ❖ Deena Bernhaut

Kopel Burk, wishing you a complete recovery and good health in 2017 to you and your loved ones.

- ❖ Judy & Art Fredman

Harvey Brooks, in memory of your beloved brother, Bernard Brooks.

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### Phyllis S. Magid Adult Forum Fund

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- ❖ Rabbi Helaine Ettinger & Henry Bloom

# FEBRUARY COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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

## Wednesday, February 1

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

## Thursday, February 2

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Parshat Hashavua with Rabbi Bayar
- 12:30 pm Adult Forum Lunch and Learn
- 7:00 pm Sisterhood Painting and Pinot
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Friday, February 3

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

## Saturday, February 4

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services - **Bat Mitzvah of Mia Kaplow**
- 10:15 am Shabbat Birthday Morning
- 10:30 am Minyan Katan and Minyan Shalom Super Duper Combined Tu B'Shevat Shabbat
- 10:30 am Minyan Geshet (Grades 2-6)
- 11:00 am Yaldeinu
- 12:45 pm Cantor's Melody Workshop

## Sunday, February 5

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 11:00 am World Wide Wrap
- 5:00 pm Chanting Circle
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Monday, February 6

- 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 Evening Minyan
- 8:00 pm Tichon @ Youth Lounge and Kitchen

## Tuesday, February 7

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 6:00 pm Chaverim - Girls Only! Movie Night
- 7:30 pm USY
- 7:30 pm Sisterhood Board
- 7:30 pm Executive Committee
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, February 8

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am HGECC Open House
- 7:30 pm Membership
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Thursday, February 9

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Parshat Hashavua with Rabbi Bayar
- 5:10 pm Kadima with BBRS
- 7:00 pm Adult Jewish Learning Committee

- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Friday, February 10

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 7:00 pm Shabbat Dinner prepared by Men's Club
- 8:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat led by Men's Club

## Saturday, February 11

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services led by Men's Club
- 10:30 am Minyan Katan (Birth through age 4)
- 10:30 am Minyan Geshet (Grades 2-6)
- 10:30 am Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade)

## Sunday, February 12

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 10:00 am Family Fun Day
- 10:30 am BBRS Kitah Hey Purim Family Workshop
- 12:00 pm Tichon Plus
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Monday, February 13

- 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
- 8:20 pm Men's Club Board

## Tuesday, February 14

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 6:00 pm Chaverim - Boys Only! Video Games & Sports
- 7:30 pm Board of Trustees
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, February 15

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 4:00 pm Songs & Snowflakes
- 7:15 pm Mah Jongg
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Thursday, February 16

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Parshat Hashavua with Rabbi Bayar
- 12:30 pm Adult Forum Lunch and Learn Movie
- 6:00 pm Kadima
- 6:45 pm Rosh Chodesh
- 7:30 pm USY
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Friday, February 17

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

## Saturday, February 18

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

## Sunday, February 19 - BBRS Winter Break

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

## Monday, February 20 - BBRS Winter Break; HGECC Winter Recess

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

## Tuesday, February 21 - BBRS Winter Break; HGECC Winter Recess

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

## Wednesday, February 22 - BBRS Winter Break; HGECC Winter Recess

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

## Thursday, February 23 - BBRS Winter Break; HGECC Winter Recess

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

## Friday, February 24 - BBRS Winter Break; HGECC Winter Recess

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

## Saturday, February 25 - BBRS Winter Break

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services - **Bat Mitzvah of Maia Hubscher**
- 10:30 am Minyan Katan (Birth through age 4)
- 10:45 am Shabbat Journeymen's Minyan

## Sunday, February 26 - BBRS Winter Break

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 9:00 am **B'nai Mitzvah of Thomas and William Waldman**
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Monday, February 27

- 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, February 28

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 7:30 pm Sisterhood Knit and Knosh
- 7:30 pm Down the Block Mtg.
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan



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