

The Bulletin



CONGREGATION
B'NAI ISRAEL

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

March 2017



Purim Festivities

Saturday Evening

March 11

6:00 p.m.

Children's Purim Service (in costume!)

Family Oneg with Hamantashen & Treats Immediately Following Service

7:00 p.m.

Congregational Megillah Reading

Festive Purim Party

immediately following Megillah Reading (approx. 8:15 p.m.)

Dancing, Singing and Music with the CBI Yom Tov Band!



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For Details!

Family Purim Extravaganza

Sunday, March 12

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

\$5.00 per Child or \$10.00 per Family

Purim Shpiel

Costume Parade

Purim Carnival

Crazy Juggling Show

Games // Arts & Crafts // Prizes

Pizza // Ice Cream // Cotton Candy



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For Details!



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 (3/18)	10:45 am
Yaldeinu (3/4)	9:30 am

Candle Lighting

March 3	5:32 pm
March 10	5:39 pm
March 17	6:47 pm
March 24	6:54 pm

Mincha/Havdallah

March 4	5:47 pm // 6:47 pm
March 11	5:54 pm // 6:54 pm
March 18	7:02 pm // 8:02 pm
March 25	7:09 pm // 8:09 pm

Minyan Rotation

2/26-3/4	Wisnudel – Zucker
3/5-3/11	Abraham – Basarab
3/12-3/18	Benbasset – Blum
3/19-3/25	Bolton – Cantwell
3/26-4/1	Casell – Cohen

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

Morning Minyan

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

This month we celebrate the holiday of Purim. We will dress up, make noise and play games in addition to hearing the story of Purim. We will read how Mordechai and Esther defeated the evil Haman and thwarted his nefarious scheme to destroy the Jewish people. There is little thought that goes into the observance of Purim. It is after all a holiday for children to celebrate.

Our tradition has always held Purim at arm's length, so to speak. We don't really know what to do with it. Like so many other stories events we do well not to look too closely at the story – for the events described in the Megillah are troubling, to say the least. The closer we investigate the narrative the more questions we find.

For at its core Purim deals with the capriciousness of life; it reminds us how frail our political stability is and how quickly freedom and comfort can turn into persecution and fear. The Jewish community of Persia had its two greatest leaders named after Persian gods; Mordechai (Marduk) and Esther (Ishtar). How assimilated they must have become!

Mordechai is one of the king's closest advisors, Esther is the king's wife – yet they are powerless to prevent the king's chief advisor (Haman) from inserting a plot that will at once make the king wealthy and rid the kingdom of its Jews. How did they let that happen?

It is only when Mordechai and Esther finally assert their identity – as Jews, that they are able to thwart Haman. He and his plot are destroyed – but at what cost? Purim teaches us that constant vigilance is the least we must have. We must constantly be aware of the potential for destruction even in the countries most friendly to us.

Perhaps that is why the Rabbis decreed that cross dressing and alcohol were valid customs for Purim – Purim teaches us to be ever vigilant and necessity of finding joy whenever we can.

Ginny and I wish all of you a merry joyous and meaningful Purim.

Steven Bayar



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Follow the Rabbi on Twitter @RabbiBayar



☞ Welcome to ☞
Suzanne Schaefer and family



MUSICAL NOTES

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

This month (the Hebrew month of Adar) we celebrate Purim. And a very festive celebration it will be at CBI!! Following Megillah reading on erev Purim, Saturday night, **March 11**, our CBI volunteer band will play for a Purim party in the Social Hall with dancing, singing, refreshments and socializing!

Although the Passover Festival is not observed until April this year, we at CBI will have an early celebration of Passover at our biennial Sisterhood Women's Seder on **March 22**, which I will co-lead with Rabbi Helaine Ettinger.



Since we'll be celebrating both of these holidays within 2 weeks of each other this month, I have been thinking about the connection between them. Rashi, the classical commentator, explains that when Adar comes, our joy increases because it is the time of the miracles of Purim and of Passover (Talmud Taanit 29a). While both holidays have miracles, there are differences between the two miracles. I read an article by Menachem Levinsohn in The Jewish Magazine (Feb. 2007) which gave what I thought was a very insightful distinction.

Levinsohn writes that the miracle of Passover was a conglomeration of several miracles from the ten plagues through to the Exodus from Egypt via the splitting of the Red Sea. The revelations of G-d were absolutely apparent to all, from the simplest person to the greatest. It was a time of many miracles that were beyond the realm of nature and in fact shattered the laws of nature. In contrast, the miracle of Purim did not manifest itself in a manner that was apparent to many, unless they considered and analyzed the events that transpired at that time.

Most people view the miracles of Passover as being greater, but why do we experience greater happiness and joy on Purim? Levinsohn's explanation is that the awesomeness of the open miracles of Passover were too lofty for us to enjoy. They not only terrified the Egyptians, but they put us into an extreme state of awe and trepidation. Also, these miracles were solely G-d's doing so we were not in charge of our fate. We were pawns in a drama that G-d was playing with the Egyptians.

Purim's miracles, on the other hand, were not overbearing to us. Like the Exodus from Egypt, we knew that we were in a state of danger, but unlike the Exodus, it was the Jews who took the initiative and participated in their own redemption. All of the Jews in Persia fasted to change the evil decree and it worked! Our senses were working and we perceived our own success, we were alive and delighted!

We see that each type of miracle has a certain advantage. We need the miracles that remind of us G-d's presence and power, but we also need to be proactive about our own fate and in searching for the Divine in our lives. The Passover miracle brings unbelievable changes in nature, obvious revelation of G-dliness and puts everyone under tremendous fear, whereas the Purim miracle is one that is almost imperceptible unless we employ active contemplation, yet it is the type of miracle that we can enjoy.

This also teaches that as human beings, we are capable of accomplishing so much more when we are in a state of joy than when we feel overwhelmed, afraid or depressed. As we celebrate Purim and then Passover, it is my hope that we as individuals and as a community will be proactive about finding ways to bring holiness into our lives and recognize G-d's miracles that occur daily. And may our joy increase so that we may be capable of accomplishing even more and spreading our light and joy to those who need it.



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

Lorna Wallach

In The Community

Mazel Tov to:

Megan and Micah Gottlieb on the birth of their daughter Greta Elayne

Refuah Shleima to:

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

Condolences to:

Wendy Missan on the loss of your beloved father, Richard Missan

March 2017 Yahrzeit Donors

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President's Message

By Andrea Hirschfeld, CBI President

What a great weekend we had with our scholar-in-residence, Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie. We had tremendous engagement with our membership at all the events, we learned about another way to approach Torah, we had exceptionally grateful teachers with whom we have had a legacy of learning for our students, our teens led us in a packed chapel for Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdallah, and we just about met our budgeted fundraising goal! I could not have done this without your generous support and a very supportive committee and staff that worked with me to make this all a reality! I thank you – and confirm yet again that we are a community that is truly blessed – as I said in my High Holy Day speech.



February brought us a terrific weekend with our Men's Club. Again, a huge weekend of engagement for our members with learning, sharing and great food! And in March, our Purim Carnival and Purim Party the night before are a great fun way to be part of the CBI community; bring your friends and join in the fun! Our Sisterhood continues to have many events every month for everyone. Check out all the upcoming events – Adult Learning, Sisterhood, Men's Club, Journeymen's Minyan, Cantors' Melody Workshop – all on our website! Continue to join us no matter what the event or service!

Looking forward to the start of spring!

Andrea

Religious Affairs

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

MITZVAH IN A MINUTE

The Religious Affairs Committee is hard at work making ritual and religious practices meaningful and enjoyable to congregants and guests alike. Keep your eyes open for the new, large sign that is posted near our collection of Tallitot (ritual prayer shawls). The sign displays the blessing that is said while putting on a Tallis in Hebrew, transliterated Hebrew and English. We hope that this sign will assist Jewish adults in performing the mitzvah before entering our sanctuary for services. We have men and women's Tallitot available for use

during services (it's required for Jewish men over 13, and it's encouraged for women, especially when they are called to the bima), and we also have beautiful selections of both male and female Tallitot for purchase in our Sisterhood Gift Shop (just not during Shabbat!)

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

Hedwig Gruenewald Early Childhood Center

By Rochelle Baron, Director

March is packed full of events for HGECC!

The children are fully engaged in all things Purim, from bringing the Shushan Palace to life in the classrooms as well as baking, creating crafts, singing and getting ready to welcome their families to the parties planned for March 7 and 8. Everyone is asked to bring their best smiley-face on March 14 when school photos will take place. March 15 is the day the staff will be undergoing re-certification training in Infant/Child CPR and First Aid. On March 20, the PreK's will go to see "Dinosaur Zoo Live!" put on by the Kean Stage



Theater Company at Kean University in Union. Our friends from Living Legacy will be here on March 21 with their "Matzah Bakery" program, turning all of us into matzah makers as we learn about Passover.

Spring arrives this month, too, which we hope will allow us to be outside enjoying our playgrounds every day. Great events and happy kids—it's all good!

Happy Purim!

Rochelle



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

Sisterhood's Message

By Karen Tucker, Sisterhood President

There are many things that are rewarding about being Sisterhood President. Two events happen to be upcoming this spring that are particularly rewarding.



First, the **Women's Seder**, which will be held on **Wednesday, March 22, at 6:30 pm**. This only happens every other year and is always a wonderful evening. It will be led by Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Helaine Ettinger using a special Haggadah as we recall our redemption from slavery to freedom. The Women's Seder is a Passover seder that represents the role of women in the Exodus from Egypt. We will also enjoy a dinner catered by A Bite of Heaven. Please RSVP to Susan Stern either by phone or email (973-379-1284 or Hazelstorm1016@aol.com) by Sunday, March 19. The cost is \$25.00. Your check should be made out to CBI Sisterhood and either mailed or delivered to the CBI office (attention Sisterhood) in advance of the dinner. If you require a vegetarian option please let Susan know when you RSVP. Don't forget your tambourine and we will supply the ruach. If you require a ride, please let us know and we will hook you up.

Second, **Sisterhood Shabbat** which will be held Friday evening, May 5, and Saturday, May 6. This year's Parsha is Acharei Mot-Kedoshim; one of the richest and most exalted in the Torah. The Parsha gives us many of our treasured mitzvot. It talks of the

basic blueprint for appropriate ethical behavior as Jews and discusses the treatment of women and all beings. There are still English and Hebrew parts available. Please contact Susan Gordon (sgordon904@gmail.com or 973-564-8127) before you miss out. Cantor Wallach is more than happy and available with MP3's and personal tutoring where needed. We also could use behind the scenes help. Let either Susan or I know what you'd like to help with.

Upcoming programs and save the dates:

Wednesday, March 15	Mah Jongg	7:15 pm – 9 pm
Tuesday, March 28	Knit and Knosh	7:30 pm – 9 pm

Tuesday, May 16, **Spring Bookends – Selection: Wherever there is Light a Novel by Peter Golden** (see flyer for details)

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

Karen Tucker



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KarenLTucker@comcast.net

Blanche Bayer Religious School (BBS)

By Rabbi Sharon Litwin, Director of Congregational Learning

March has many wonderful opportunities to learn and come together as community whether you are in a young family or a lifelong learner.

On March 5, the Adult Learning Committee and Men's Club are co-sponsoring a CBI field trip to the Pru to watch our own NJ Devils play against the Columbus Blue Jackets. No learning here, but lots of fun, community connection, and an opportunity for families join together for an early (5:00 pm) hockey game that everyone can enjoy.

On March 12, we will have our annual Purim carnival. Before the carnival, we will explore the Megillah using the Maven Method that we learned from Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie in January. Join BBS students in the Sanctuary at 10:30 am for the Megillah retelling and costume parade followed by the carnival at 11:00 am. Pizza and ice cream will be abundant, as well as games and prizes for children of all ages. Costumes are welcome!

On March 19, our Kitah Hey and Kitah Vav students will take a field trip into Manhattan to visit the Tenement Museum on the



Lower East Side. We will learn about the immigrant experience of many of our ancestors and understand the life of young people at the turn of the 20th Century.

Of course, our Hartman iEngage class continues every Monday evening with Rabbi Bayar and myself through March 20 and culminates in the AIPAC Policy conference on March 26-28.

I will be teaching Delve into Davening, my drop in class exploring the meanings and relevance of the prayers in our Shabbat siddur, on Shabbat mornings March 4 and March 25 at 9:30-10:15 in the Chapel.

Rabbi Bayar continues to teach on Monday and Thursday mornings, and always welcomes new adult learners to his classes.

I hope you will take the opportunity to join us for one of the wonderful programs and learning opportunities this month.

Warmly,

Rabbi Sharon Litwin



To contact Rabbi Sharon Litwin,
email her at slitwin@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.

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.

Visit the Lifelong Learning area of the CBI website at www.cbi-nj.org for details on all of our adult learning programs.

LIBRARY NEWS

By Abigael Good

This month the library is pleased to announce a few additions to our collection.

- Tough Jews: Fathers, Sons, and Gangster Dreams by Rich Cohen, a true crime book about Jewish gangsters.
- Holocaust Poetry compiled by Hilda Schiff.
- Bad for the Jews: Jews in the News Who Embarrass the Tribe by Scott Sherman, a hilarious tribute to the Jewish celebrities we know and possibly love.

And now we also present a review of one of our recent donations, *Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean* by Edward Kritzer.

It is the end of the fifteenth century, and Spain is not safe. Neither are the high seas of the New World, but for Jews, one

is safer than the other. In this historical novel of the great Jewish pirates who fought for safety, plunder, revenge, and for each other, Kritzer presents a daring rebuttal to the historical viewpoint that Jews have been meek, silent victims of their tragedies. This is a story grand and grim, legendary and gritty. It is also a story I did not read before writing this review, but give me a break, I'm sure it's perfectly accurate and midterms have been rough. Next month we return to our regularly scheduled reviews of books I have actually read.

Abigael Good
library@cbi-nj.org

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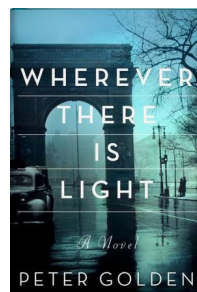
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have made donations on our Giving
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through the ages at Congregation B'nai
Israel by calling the synagogue office at
973-379-3811 and Steve Kandler, our
Synagogue Director, will be pleased to
help you.*

**SAVE THE DATE!!!
CBI SISTERHOOD'S SPRING
BOOKENDS MEETING
FACILITATED BY JENNIFER GLICK
TUESDAY, MAY 16 (NOTE DATE CHANGE)**

**WHEREVER THERE IS LIGHT
BY PETER GOLDEN**



MEN'S CLUB MINUTE

By Dan Dovdavyan, Men's Club President

February flew by with a flurry of fun activities from Men's Club. Our version of Wrapper's Delight was a hit with the 2017 World Wide Wrap – "We came, we saw, we wrapped (tefillin)!" Thank you to Mike Slifer for coordinating. The following weekend, we experienced another wonderful Men's Club Shabbat. Thanks to Dan Richter and Henry Bloom for leading the charge, to our own Chef David Touger and of course to the many members of our community who participated. Yasher Koach guys!

The fun continues in March with 3 consecutive Sunday fundays, starting with CBI Hockey Night on Sunday, March 5. Come cheer on the New Jersey Devils as they take on the Columbus Blue Jackets at Jewish Heritage Night. This event is a joint program of Men's Club and CBI Lifelong Learning.

Then, don't miss the CBI Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 12 – please contact me if you are able to us help staff the Bounce House or other activities.

And of course – one of our signature events of the year – the *Juan Keselman, Joe Katz and Howard Greenwald Paid Up-*



Breakfast takes place on Sunday, March 19. We are thrilled to present Millburn Police Officer Michael Evan Goldfarb, who grew-up in Livingston, served the U.S. as a Marine in Anbar Province, Iraq and recently traveled to Israel as part of the Police Unity Tour. Officer Goldfarb will share his experiences in the Middle East and discuss being a Jewish member of the local law enforcement community. This promises to be a unique and awe-inspiring presentation – in addition, a sumptuous Men's Club Breakfast will be enjoyed by all. Free to all Paid-Up members of Men's Club; \$5 pp. otherwise. Please see enclosed flyer for details and for easy on-line sign-up, Click Here: <http://tinyurl.com/paidupbreakfast2017>!

Finally, pick-up basketball continues on Wednesday evenings (8:30 pm @ Hartshorn Elementary School in Short Hills) and Sunday mornings (9:15 am @ 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 Dovdavyan
Men's Club President
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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



Joe Keselman, Juan Katz & Howard Greenwald **ANNUAL PAID-UP BREAKFAST**

Sunday, March 19 / 9:15 - 11:00 a.m.



GUEST SPEAKER

Michael Evan Goldfarb

*Millburn Police Officer
United States Marine*

Officer Goldfarb will discuss his experiences in the Middle East and his role in the recent *Police Unity Tour* in Israel with 50 police from around the nation.

Don't miss this unique, awe-inspiring story of Michael's personal odyssey from the Livingston High School gridiron to the blistering hot, dangerous Iraqi dessert to the rigors of police work.

(left to right) Chief Inspector, Israeli Police, Mickey Rosenfeld; former Ambassador to the US and current Knesset member, Michael Oren; Millburn Police Officer Michael Goldfarb; Police Unity Tour Organizer, Michael Safris; tour guest and CBI member, Art Fredman, in front of the 9/11 Living Memorial Plaza in Jerusalem.



ENJOY A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST PREPARED BY OUR OWN MEN'S CLUB CHEFS!

Please RSVP by March 15th! It's Easy!

Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/paidupbreakfast2017>, or return the form below.

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☐ Others @ \$5 per person

Total Amount Enclosed = \$_____ (Checks should be made payable to: Men's Club, CBI)

Mail this form with payment to: **CBI – Men's Club, 160 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, NJ 07041**

USY Update

Attention CBI Congregants

This letter is to notify you to bring tzedakah money to save Purim!

During the Megillah reading something or someone very important will go missing. We will need to raise money for Millburn USY'S tzedakah fund -Tikun Olam to continue the reading.

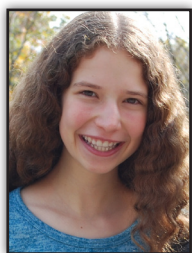
Please participate in one of the mitzvot of Purim and help save the Megillah reading!!!

Good luck,
MillbUSY

MillbUSY has done a great job so far this year with SA/TO. We have raised over seven hundred dollars and have completed tons of mitzvot. We had a Mitzvah Madness event where we completed over one hundred and fifty mitzvot! We've raised money through coin wars, coin collecting in town, Chanukkah Casino Night, Challah for Hunger, and our bake sale on MLK Day. In the second half of the year we look forward to t-shirt sales, Challah for Hunger Part Two, and engaging in social action with some of the organizations that were at the Mitzvah Fair. Thank you for your support, and I can't wait to see what we will continue to accomplish this year with SA/TO!

Sydney Fox
for MillbUSY

B'NAI MITZVAH



Eve Askin March 4

Eve Askin is a 7th grader at Golda Och Academy, where she plays on the soccer and basketball teams, and her favorite subject is Language Arts. For Eve's Bat Mitzvah tzedakah project, she focused on understanding the injustice of hunger. She volunteered at various food pantries and shelters, sorting, packing, and serving food. She is also supporting a local food pantry with donations. Eve is happy to celebrate with her parents (Matt Askin & Miriam Linver), brother (Joey), grandparents (Mina Jo & Michael Linver and Sara Askin) and great-grandmother (Betty Linver) as well as friends and relatives who traveled from near and far. Eve thanks the Rabbi and Cantor for helping her prepare for her Bat Mitzvah.



Madeline and Eva Hilzenrath March 25

Madeline and Eva are the best of friends and sisters! They are excited to celebrate their B'not Mitzvah with family and friends. Madeline loves to play lacrosse and study astronomy. Eva loves tennis and wants to become a trauma surgeon one day. Both girls have spent all their lives at B'nai Israel starting in HGECC, just like their father Ed did!



CONGREGATION
B'NAI ISRAEL

Purim Festivities

Saturday, March 11th

6:00 p.m.

Children's Purim Service (in costume!)

Singing and Stories!

Bring your groggers and make some noise!



Family Oneg with Hamantashen & Treats
Immediately Following Service



7:00 p.m.

Congregation Megillah Reading



Festive Purim Party

immediately following Megillah Reading (approx. 8:15 p.m.)



***Dancing, Singing and Music
with the CBI Yom Tov Band!***



Food and Drink...and Hamantashen, of course!

Sponsored by Sisterhood



CONGREGATION
B'NAI ISRAEL

**Come in
Costume!**

Family Purim Extravaganza

Sunday, March 12th

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

\$5.00 per Child or \$10.00 per Family

10:30 a.m.

Purim Shpiel and Costume Parade



11:00 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m.

Purim Carnival!

Activities for all Ages!

Games! Arts & Crafts! Prizes!



EXTRA SPECIAL PERFORMANCE!!!

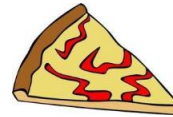
Crazy Juggling Show

11:15 a.m.

Generously Sponsored by BBRS Parents Association

Food available for sale starting at 11:45 a.m.

Pizza, ice cream and more!



All children must be accompanied by a parent.

Children in BBRS will have regular classes from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m.

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

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



**\$25 PER PERSON / FULL CATERED DINNER
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By Sunday March 19th**

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



Adult Forum "Lunch & Learn"
 Congregation B'nai Israel
 160 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, NJ 07041
 Our programs are open all- bring friends!

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

Wednesday, March 1, at Oheb Shalom Sing along with Hirschhorn entertainer, Alice Leon. RSVP to Johanna 973-762-7067

Thursday, March 9, at CBI Screen *Denial* Acclaimed writer and historian Deborah Lipstadt played by Rachel Weisz, must battle for historical truth to prove the Holocaust actually occurred when David Irving, a renowned denier, sues her for libel.

Thursday, March 16, at CBI Gain a novel perspective with Hirschhorn speaker, artist, curator and art lecturer, Sheryl Intrator Urman as she presents discusses *Egyptian Art: Insights for the Seders*. See how our Haggadah may refer to some Egyptian beliefs. Ms. Urman will also point out some special correlations to Passover from the *Book of the Dead*.

Monday, March 20, at Oheb Shalom screen *The Danish Girl*. Artist Einar Wegener (Eddie Redmayne) prepares to undergo one of the first sex-change operations. RSVP to Johanna 973-762-7067

Lunch at CBI is from Rye Deli. Sandwich choices are: Turkey, roast beef, corned beef, pastrami, tuna fish, 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

Backstage tour of Radio City Music Hall on Thursday, March 30. The cost is \$50 for members and \$55 for community participants, with an optional \$12 for a box lunch or you may bring your own lunch. Tour of Temple Emanu-El and 92nd Street "Y" will take place on May 11, details to be determined.

To register for the trips or for further information, Call Barbara Weisbart's assistant Allison at 908-889-8800x260



Cantor's Melody Workshop

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

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).



Sisterhood Gift Shop

(your Judaica Depot)



The first Seder is Monday, April 10th

Your children (and adults!) will enjoy the traditions of a Seder set in a concise and fun narrative in ***The Promise Haggadah***, which can be **personalized**. They make a great hostess gift too! We will receive a 20% credit for all purchases online at www.PersonalizedHaggadahs.com. At check-out it will ask for the organization to be credited in the billing section – don't forget to click on Congregation B'nai Israel, Millburn. Your merchandise will be shipped directly to you.



We carry a variety of haggadahs including the non-personalized version of *The Promise Haggadah*.

Open Sunday 10AM - NOON

**March 5th, March 12th, March 26th
April 2nd**

****this is the only Sunday in April we will be open
due to BBRS spring break closings.**

Passover begins here - Seder & matzah plates, matzah covers, candle sticks, shabbat & havdallah candles, hostess gifts, tallit, and so much more from Israeli and local artists.

As always, you can contact Ilisa Perlman at 973 379-9275 or at IlisaPerlman@verizon.net to meet with you during off hours.

ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



I am happy to be able to share with you some events coming soon to our community

JNF Breakfast in North Brunswick March 5, 2017

The JNF is sponsoring its Annual Garden State Breakfast on Sunday, March 5, at 10:00 am.

This year's event features Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, speaking on the topic **Israel, Power and Persuasion**. The event is at Congregation B'nai Tikvah in North Brunswick, NJ. The event is no cost, but an RSVP is required. To RSVP, visit www.jnf.org/njbreakfast or call Michael Zimmerman at 973 593 0095 x822.

Israel Documentary Film Festival

The Israel Support Committee of Union County has been sponsoring an Israel Documentary Film Festival which will be concluding on Sunday, March 5, at Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains with the following film.

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.

NORPAC Mission to Washington Wednesday, May 17, 2017

NORPAC is a nonpartisan political action committee (PAC) which lobbies Congress on issues related to the US Israel relationship. NORPAC will be sponsoring its annual one day trip to Washington to lobby Congress on important issues for the pro-Israel community. Registration includes two-way bus transportation from our area as well as programming in Washington before the lobbying sessions with members of Congress. If you are interested in participating, please contact Andy Cohen at Andy@rock.properties or by phone at 973 624-0001. You can also get additional information from the NORPAC website, www.NORPAC.net

2017 AIPAC Policy Conference March 26 – March 28, 2017

Almost 50 CBI congregants are preparing to attend the AIPAC Policy Conference at the end of March. We are looking forward to 3 days of intensive learning about Israel, and hearing from leaders of both Israel and the United States. On Tuesday, we will be visiting our congressional representatives to encourage them to support a strong US Israel relationship.

If you are not attending the conference, I encourage you to keep track of what happens during the event by visiting the AIPAC website, and viewing the videos of many of the major speeches and

presentations. And then maybe next year, you will decide to attend.

Next month I will have the dates for Policy Conference 2018.

Share Israel with US

If you have an Israel experience (like attending AIPAC, raising funds for Israel, or visiting Israel), please consider sharing your experience with the community. Let me know if you would like to have us publish an article (usually 200-300 words) describing your experience. We would love to know about it!

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

Bar / Bat Mitzvah Parent Meeting

For Parents of 4th Grade (Dalet)

Students

Sunday, April 2, 9:00-9:45am

Are you the parent of a current 4th grade/Dalet student at BBRS, GOA, or Kushner? If so, please know that the B'nai Mitzvah Scheduling Committee will be holding a brief (45 minute) meeting on Sunday, April 2, at 9:00am and your attendance is requested! We will be discussing B'nai Mitzvah scheduling and giving you the opportunity to share your preferences for dates. An email will also be sent to Dalet families with RSVP information.

PLEASE NOTE: Only one parent is needed (more are welcome though!)

QUESTIONS? Please contact Michelle Daniel at michelledaniel@gmail.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.

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Gerry Eisenberger in memory of your beloved brother, Ralph Eisenberger.

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

❖ Beverly Orel

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❖ Beverly Orel

Cantor's Music Fund

Wendy Missan and family on the loss of your beloved father and grandfather Richard Missan.

❖ Wurgaft/Goldfaden Family

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❖ Renee and Kopel Burk

Blanche Bayar Religious School Fund

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❖ Hedda and Edward Maleh



CBI Chanting Circle

Sunday, March 19, at 5:00 pm

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

In preparation for Passover when it is read in the synagogue we will be exploring selected passages from the Song of Songs set to beautiful, compelling, yet easy to sing melodies. There are more musical settings for the Shir than any other Biblical text. Come find out why!

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.



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



***Wednesday,
March 15, 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***

MARCH COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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

Wednesday, March 1

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

Thursday, March 2

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Parshat Hashavua with Rabbi Bayar
- 6:00 pm Kadima
- 7:30 pm USY
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Friday, March 3

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

Saturday, March 4

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services - **Bat Mitzvah of Eve Askin**
- 9:30 am Delve into Davening
- 10:15 am Shabbat Birthday Morning
- 10:30 am Minyan Katan (Birth through age 4)
- 10:30 am Minyan Gesher (Grades 2-6) Purim Theme
- 10:30 am Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade)
- 11:00 am Yaldeinu

Sunday, March 5

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 8:00 am Purim Packing
- 9:00 am BBRS Open House
- 5:00 pm Hockey Night with NJ Devils
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Monday, March 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

Tuesday, March 7

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am HGECC Two's Purim Party
- 6:00 pm Chaverim - Purim Shark Tank
- 7:30 pm Executive Committee
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Wednesday, March 8

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am HGECC Three's/PK Purim Party
- 7:30 pm Sisterhood Board
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Thursday, March 9

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

Friday, March 10

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

Saturday, March 11

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

- 10:30 am Minyan Gesher (Grades 2-6)
- 10:30 am Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade)
- 6:00 pm Purim Children's Service
- 7:00 pm Congregational Megillah Reading
- 8:15 pm PURIM PARTY!

Sunday, March 12

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 10:30 am Purim Carnival
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Monday, March 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
- 7:30 pm BBRS Board Meeting
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:20 pm Men's Club Board

Tuesday, March 14

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

Wednesday, March 15

HGECC In Service - No School

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

Thursday, March 16

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Parshat Hashavua with Rabbi Bayar
- 12:30 pm Adult Forum Lunch and Learn
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:15 pm Religious Affairs Committee

Friday, March 17

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

Saturday, March 18

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services
- 10:30 am Minyan Katan (Birth through age 4)
- 10:30 am Minyan Gesher (Grades 2-6)
- 10:30 am Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade)
- 10:45 am Shabbat Journeymen's Minyan
- 12:45 pm Cantor's Melody Workshop

Sunday, March 19

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 9:15 am Kesselman, Katz, and Greenwald Men's Club Paid-Up Breakfast
- 10:00 pm Chanting Circle
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Monday, March 20

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

Tuesday, March 21

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 9:45 am HGECC Matzoh Bakery
- 7:30 pm USY
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:00 pm 8th Grade Only Event

Wednesday, March 22

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 6:30 pm Women's Seder
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Thursday, March 23

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Parshat Hashavua with Rabbi Bayar
- 6:00 pm Kadima
- 7:30 pm Membership Committee
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

Friday, March 24

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

Saturday, March 25

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services - **B'not Mitzvah of Eva and Madeline Hilzenrath**
- 9:30 am Delve Into Davening
- 10:30 am Minyan Katan (Birth through age 4)
- 10:30 am Minyan Gesher (Grades 2-6)
- 10:30 am Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade)

Sunday, March 26

AIPAC Policy Conference

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

Monday, March 27

AIPAC Policy Conference

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

Tuesday, March 28

AIPAC Policy Conference

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

Wednesday, March 29

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

Thursday, March 30

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

Friday, March 31

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



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