

The Bulletin



**CONGREGATION
B'NAI ISRAEL**

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

June 2017



ANNUAL MEETING

**Please join Officers, Trustees, Clergy, and Staff of
Congregation B'nai Israel for our Annual Meeting**

Wednesday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m.

State of the Congregation

Election of Officers and Trustees

Presentation of 2017-18 Budget

Reports from CBI Staff, President and Treasurer

Proposed Slate of Officers and Trustees

2017-2019 (2 year terms)

Executive Committee

David Good – President

Mariela Dybner – 1st Vice President

Jamey Potechin – 2nd Vice President

Henry Bloom – 3rd Vice President

David Kanarek – Treasurer

Sara Sherman – Secretary

Board of Trustees

Corey Biller – 2nd term

Susan Gordon – 2nd term

Meryl Hubscher – 1st term

Michelle Neier – 1st term

Melissa Zarin – 2nd term

Greg Daniel – 1st term

Sydney Hilzenrath – 1st term

Debbie Marcus – 1st term

David Sotnick – 1st term

Wendy Kaplowitz

*(completing unexpired term of David Kanarek
through 2018)*

Nominating Committee

Stacy Merkel – Chair

Steve Brown

Dan Dovdavany

Lauren Berrol

David Ehrlich

Maureen Genderson

Bob Brauer

Jonathan Engel

Miriam Linver

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 (6/17)	10:45 am
Yaldeinu (6/3)	9:30 am

Candle Lighting

June 2	8:04 pm
June 9	8:08 pm
June 16	8:11 pm
June 23	8:13 pm
June 30	8:13 pm
July 7	8:11 pm
July 14	8:08 pm
July 21	8:03 pm
July 28	7:57 pm
August 4	7:49 pm
August 11	7:41 pm
August 18	7:31 pm
August 25	7:24 pm

Mincha/Havdallah

June 3	8:19 pm // 9:19 pm
June 10	8:23 pm // 9:23 pm
June 17	8:26 pm // 9:26 pm
June 24	8:28 pm // 9:28 pm
July 1	8:28 pm // 9:28 pm
July 8	8:26 pm // 9:26 pm
July 15	8:23 pm // 9:23 pm
July 22	8:18 pm // 9:18 pm
July 29	8:12 pm // 9:12 pm
August 5	8:04 pm // 9:04 pm
August 12	7:56 pm // 8:56 pm
August 19	7:46 pm // 8:46 pm
August 26	7:39 pm // 8:39 pm

Minyan Rotation

5/28-6/3	Kessler – Krauss
6/4-6/10	Lakin – Lindauer
6/11-6/17	Lipp – McCafferty
6/18-6/24	McGarr – Neger
6/25-7/1	Nesson – Plump
7/2-7/8	Podhoretz – Renner
7/9-7/15	Retik – Rubinstein
7/16-7/22	Sabin – Schneider
7/23-7/29	Schor – Shapiro
7/30-8/5	Shaykevich – Smith
8/6-8/12	Solomon – Taits
8/13-8/19	Talpins – Webman
8/20-8/26	Weiner – Williams
8/27-9/2	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.

FROM THE RABBI'S DEN

By Rabbi Steven Bayar



I have found that the summer months are a time for introspection. We have survived the year and have time to ponder the larger issues that will culminate in the High Holy Days this September. As a rabbi I get many questions about both my professional and personal life. One of the most interesting questions I am asked is “What type of children did I want to raise?” What type of children should a parent aspire to raise?

I want them to be compassionate enough to think that an unlikeable person is still a person, understanding enough to realize that everyone has internal issues they cannot/will not share and that these issues should not define who they are or what they do. Most of all I want them to recognize toxicity and avoid its influence.

Each of us is the main character in the story of our lives. We share ourselves with others by telling our stories. It is through stories that we often learn the greatest lessons. We live within the framework of these narratives about success and failure or good and evil. Our self perception is seen through these narratives.

People come to me seeking help. They are often sad, depressed and desperate. They want to stop hurting. They want to find fulfillment. Invariably I tell them that there are no short-term cures. But I can prescribe something for the short term, something that will take away the fear and frustration. It's called “helping others.” Find an organization that provides immediate care for the poor, the sick or homeless. Find someone who needs you and feed them, clothe them. It works.

How do we create caring children? We model for them.

You have an entire summer to start.

Steven Bayar



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Follow the Rabbi on Twitter @RabbiBayar



MUSICAL NOTES

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

One of the stops I insisted on making on my recent trip to Israel was to Kinneret Cemetery to visit the grave of someone who has truly been an inspiration in my life – the legendary Israeli songwriter/lyricist Naomi Shemer. June 26 (7 Tammuz) marks her 13th Yahrzeit. Naomi Shemer was one of the most prolific and important Hebrew songwriters/lyricists since the founding of the State of Israel. Many of the hundreds of songs she wrote formed the very bedrock of Israeli culture. Born on July 13, 1930 at Kibbutz Kinneret, where her Lithuanian immigrant parents were founding members, Shemer studied in Jerusalem, returned to the Kibbutz and eventually lived most of her life in Tel Aviv. Her songs reflect her love and appreciation of the beautiful landscapes and cityscapes of Israel. The impact of Shemer's lifelong musical commentary on Israeli popular culture was immense. Mordechai Beck described her significance and creative potency in his obituary of Shemer: "There was something almost oracular about Shemer's work, as though she represented the feminine side of Zionism, an earth mother come to reclaim her rightful heritage, not with arms and violence, but with poetry and song; not with the fist, but with the heart."



This June also marks the 50th anniversary of the historic and transformative event -- the 1967 Six Day War, which resulted in the reunification of Jerusalem after 19 years of imposed division with no access to Jewish holy sites. When I think about this ancient holy city, the beautiful stirring song, "*Yerushalayim Shel Zahav*", composed by Naomi Shemer in 1967 (pre-war), always comes to mind! Shemer was asked to write a song for a 1967 Israeli Independence Day song festival and she composed *Yerushalayim Shel Zahav* (Jerusalem of Gold) in a time of tension in Israel in anticipation of a war. It was performed at the festival by Shuli Natan and the audience was so entranced that she ended up singing it three times. The story goes that a minute after the third rendition, IDF Chief of Staff at the time, Yitzhak Rabin, received a note informing him about the closure of the Strait of Tiran. Two weeks later the Six-Day War began. Throughout this period, *Yerushalayim Shel Zahav* was played constantly on the radio and it's been said that paratroopers at the Western Wall sang this song instead of saying prayers. Two weeks after the conquest of East Jerusalem, Shemer tacked on a verse that refers to Israelis returning to the Old City. The song's popularity continued to increase and in 1968 a bill was even proposed before the Knesset to change the national anthem from *Hatikvah* to *Yerushalayim Shel Zahav*!

Naomi Shemer left us an immortal legacy of Hebrew songs which have truly enhanced my life and touched my soul, and which, I'm sure, will similarly impact many generations to come. As we commemorate her Yahrzeit, let us pay tribute to this great musical artist and her invaluable contributions to the State of Israel and to our Jewish musical heritage. And furthermore, as we commemorate the anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, let us keep in our hearts the words of Psalm 122, "Sha'alu Sh'lom Yerushalayim..." "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; may peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces."

Wishing all of you a healthful and restful summer!

Lorna Wallach



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In The Community

Mazel Tov to:

Andrea and Martin Levine, on the birth of their first grandson.

Elaine and Steve Katzman on the birth of their granddaughter.

Lisa and Erik Lindauer for being honored at "An Evening of Laughter" Annual Benefit for Jewish Family Service of MetroWest on June 6.

Refuah Shleima to:

Shirley Alper, Anitta Fox, Howard Greenwald, Cathy Lasser, Gloria Segel

Condolences to:

Helen Hader on the passing of her brother, Allen Friedman.

Mona Jacobs the passing of her brother, Howard Friedman.

Deborah Less the passing of her mother, Miriam Less, former longtime member.

June 2017 Yahrzeit Donors

Deena Bernhaut	Susan & Michael
Barry Dashefsky	Jurist
Inex Ehrenkranz	Geraldine Kandall
Rosalie Farber	Sanford Kingsly
June Fastow	Deborah Less
Lisa & Adam	Edward Maleh
Goldberg	Barbara Meisler
Ellen Gorin	Laurie Ostroff
Mindy Haber	Landau
Cynthia Headman	Mordecai Podhoretz
Sheryl Horowitz	Daniel Richter
Mark Ingber	Sally Shotkin
Lisa Jacobs	Charlotte Wernick
	Neil & Jane Yaris

President's Message

By Andrea Hirschfeld, CBI President

I am certain it is always bittersweet when a president writes their final article. I have had a terrific three years leading this congregation – time went along quite quickly and I have enjoyed working alongside our amazing staff and volunteer leadership. I am fortunate to be leaving the congregation in very devoted hands with the incoming Executive Committee and new Board Trustees and hope you will all welcome them and hear more about the coming two years at our Annual Meeting on June 7 at 7:30 pm.



Your new Executive Committee starts at the top with David Good as President, who has served the congregation for many years in so many different capacities. He is a true planner, and we couldn't be more fortunate as he will skillfully manage our transition process during the next two years.

Mariela Dybner, 1st VP, has a plethora of leadership experience in both our synagogue and with her roles at Federation. In addition to the five children she raises, she manages her legal business with her equally dedicated husband Ari. We are fortunate to have the entire Dybner family engaged in leadership at CBI.

Jamey Potechin has spent years in our congregation in many roles on committees and as chairs. He has now taken on the Executive Committee ladder with great anticipation to one day being President I am sure :-). He has raised his family at CBI and continues to calmly express his opinions about our future as he attends more and more meetings!

Henry Bloom has been on our Board of Trustees, on Men's Club Board, Men's Club Man of the Year and has taken on so many more roles, not the least of which has been managing our Shabbat dinners! It would be nice now in his role as 3rd VP if he could manage to have dinner available also for all Executive Committee and Board of Trustee meetings! We welcome Henry's experience and value all that he has done for CBI and will continue to do in his new role this year.

David Kanarek, a "rising star" with his wife Stacy

Thompson, has been a thoughtful Board member in these last few years. Now in his new role as Treasurer we look forward to hearing from him about the financial where-with-all of the congregation. I know he will bring a fresh pair of eyes and perspective to our meetings and concerns.

Sara Sherman has been a long time member, sat on numerous committees, sings in our choir, has been a Board member and now takes the reigns as Secretary for the Board. We look forward to her great ability to keep track of details, attendance and minutes from one meeting to the next.

Finally, Steve Katzman will continue on for one last year as our Financial Secretary, a role he has been in for the last three years. Steve is quite facile with the numbers and we thank him for taking this position for the last three years already.

So all in all, you will notice that the nominating committee this year chose members who come to us with incredible experience and background in leadership roles, knowledge of synagogue life and previous Board experience. I look forward to taking the seat as the Immediate Past President in little more than an advisory role unless asked!

I am disheartened to report that, for us, there will be one more changing of the guard at the printing of this bulletin – Steve Kandler, our Synagogue Administrator, will be leaving us for a part-time position. We have really felt secure with his leadership of our front office during his time with us and are very sorry to see him go. We have just hired Harvey Brenner, another very experienced director who will be with us starting June 19th. We all look forward to working with Harvey and introducing him to our special synagogue community.

I want again to finally thank all the staff, members of my Executive Committee and Boards over the last three years who have worked alongside me and have supported all my efforts. I have had a great experience and time in my leadership role.

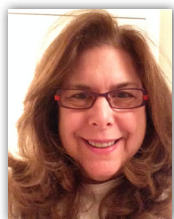
I thank you all for the honor.

Andrea

Sisterhood's Message

By Karen Tucker, Sisterhood President

SISTERHOOD INSTALLATION – MONDAY, JUNE 5 at 6:30 pm



I can honestly say I don't know where the past four years have gone! It seems like my first installation as your president was just yesterday.

Sisterhood continues to thrive due to the teamwork of our board and membership. We are always looking for new ideas and ways to include anyone wishing to participate. For me that is what is paramount to our survival. We will be installing our board on Monday, June 5th. I hope you will join me to welcome our new Co-Presidents, Laurie Kavowras and Ruth Novick, and the entire board. We will be serving a catered dairy dinner prepared by A Bite of Heaven Caterers. An opportunity still exists to join our board and if interested please contact Paula Touger or myself.

I cannot begin to tell you what an honor it has been to work with the women who make up our Sisterhood board. I thank those who will be continuing next year and welcome those who are new and celebrate those retiring from the board. I know you will continue to support Sisterhood in any way you can and I look forward to seeing you and all our members at events throughout the coming years.

I would also like to give special recognition to those who make our smachot with onegs,

kiddushim and flowers something to be very proud of. Coordinating this is Jane Brauer, Lilli Finkler, and Paula Touger with the support of the ladies behind the scenes; they all have my heartfelt thanks. We have done some amazing things this year and I look forward and count on you all in the year to come. Now a shameless plug—we would love to see more of you pitching in- we have a lot of fun- wouldn't you consider giving a bit of time to our great group? Let us know.

On Monday, June 12, we will have our planning/calendar meeting. If you have any suggestions or would like to help with a program please let Laurie and Ruth know. Your input is most appreciated.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, June 11 – Mahj-a-thon!!!!
10:00am- 3:00pm (see flyer for more info)

Wednesday, June 14 - Regular Monthly Mah Jongg

Tuesday, June 20- Knit & Knosh

TBA - A Summer Ladies Dinner Out –
Watch for an email with date and location...then...spread the word!

As I have concluded every bulletin article for the past four years -- please join us and join in- the reward is unmeasurable!

Karen Tucker



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Hedwig Gruenewald Early Childhood Center

By Rochelle Baron, Director

Another school year has come and gone at HGECC! We enjoyed celebrating holidays together, working with Coral (our Rishona from Israel), and partaking in the various enrichment classes with the gifted instructors who teach them. Our after school programs were lots of fun for so many kids—Art Explorers, Ooey-Gooey Science, Happy Feet Soccer and Preschool Performers were not only educational but brought out our creativity as well. We enjoyed story time with Rabbi Bayar on Thursdays and our time with Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Sharon on Friday mornings. Our tzedakah collections went to many charities and we hope helped families along the way.

Seventeen friends in the PreKs are moving on to new adventures with the close of this school year. We say a fond good-bye to Daniel Egger, Lucas Bai, Sadie Heath, Liana Levy,



Danielle Kanevsky, Nikita Raj, Brayden Silver, Eva Thomas, Dalia Beckerman, Oliver Gordon, Asher Kublanovsky, Emily Lidofsky, Alice Lynch, Vivienne Marcovici, Liam O'Flanagan, Jake Silver, Sebastian Soffin—and their families! We have enjoyed having you as part of the HGECC program and wish you well in all of your future adventures. Many thanks to our dedicated staff, to the HGECC Preschool Board for their guidance and support, and to our Parents Association for creating such wonderful programs for the kids.

As the school year ends we begin to gear up for Summer Camp which begins on June 19. All of us wish all of you a fun summer experience whatever you choose to do. See you in September!

Rochelle



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Blanche Bayer Religious School (BBS)

By Rabbi Sharon Litwin, Director of Congregational Learning

As summer begins, we wind down major programming at CBI. Hebrew school is on break and our adult learning programs will resume in the fall.

If you are missing a regular contact with Jewish learning as you walk on the beach, take your road trips, are out in the City, or walking your dogs, I encourage you to load up your phone or computer with podcasts. There are so many wonderful Jewish podcasts available, some will make you laugh, some are serious politics, some are about creative new ideas in Jewish life, and others tell great stories.

A few of my favorites include:

UnOrthodox, a weekly podcast from Tablet, the online Jewish magazine, which features 3 irreverent hosts, some Jewish news of the week, a Jewish guest and a Gentile guest and always closes with some funny Mazel Tov's of the week.

The Promised Podcast, from TLV1, an Israeli podcast featuring 3 American Jews who made Aliya to Israel at least 20 years ago. One is a journalist, one a professor and one works in non-profit. They discuss three issues each week pertaining to culture, politics, military, food, high-tech, or other Israeli current events.



Israel Story, an English podcast based on NPR's longstanding show *This American Life*. It features a theme and a few stories about real life Israelis on that theme. Sometimes it's a longer show with multiple stories and other times it's just one story.

RIK Podcast, Really Interesting Jews – Interviews with Jewish leaders and thinkers who are working to innovate and create dynamic Jewish communities, programming, classes, and events that are relevant to today's Jews and their families.

Fault Lines, a dialogue between Peter Beinart and Rabbi Daniel Gordis, one from the left and one from the right, discussing major issues regarding Israel-Arab relations, secular-religious divides and working to find common ground to have open and respectful dialogue without it turning into a screaming match.

Let me know if you listen to any of these and if you are interested in following up with a conversation with me or with others who are also listening.

Rabbi Sharon Litwin



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LIBRARY NEWS

By Abigael Good

As summer comes up so do a few important developments!

1. For those of us in school, suddenly more reading time! This is very important, so it gets to top the list.
2. For me, heading off to the Great Jewish Books Program at the Yiddish Book Center in Massachusetts! It was very exciting to be accepted to this five-day program and I hope to come back with even more ideas to continue to revitalize our library!
3. More organization! Last summer I culled books from our biography section and during the year did more alphabetizing, pulling of irrelevant books from the collection and purchasing new books to replace them. This summer I will go through books of other genres in our collection to make sure our selection remains high quality, and go through the

donations so more new books can make their way to the shelves!

4. While Bulletins are less frequent during the summer, the library will try to make up the loss by adding our two-cents to your Facebook feed. Stay tuned for weekly reading recommendations!

Don't forget the library is happy to lend out books for summer reading. Pop in one day to grab a book (perhaps one we've done a review of over the past year), then email library@cbi-nj.org with the title and author of the book you're checking out so we can keep track. You can keep it for four weeks, though I personally recommend pulling an all-nighter to read it in one sitting and coming back the next day for more. It's the *only* way to read.

Abigael Good
library@cbi-nj.org



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MEN'S CLUB MINUTE

By Dan Dovdavyan, Men's Club President

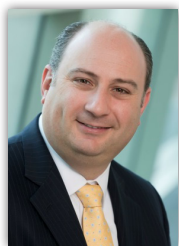
From all of us at Men's Club, we hope you have a great Summer!!

Please join the CBI contingent as we march in the Celebrate Israel Parade on Sunday, June 4. The fun begins at CBI with a Bagel Breakfast and Poster Making, followed by our annual march up 5th Avenue in NYC. Join us for the bagels, the parade, or both! Register online at: <http://tinyurl.com/israelparade2017>. Please note that space on the bus is limited.

The following Sunday, June 11, Men's Club is taking a Hike! Stay tuned for details or contact Jonathan Engel at engeljw@gmail.com.

Please support us and the Northern NJ Region Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs by purchasing raffle tickets for an opportunity to win Visa Gift Cards from \$100 - \$1,800 (\$2/raffle; \$18 for a book of 20). Drawing to be held at the NNJRFJMC dinner on June 14 at East Brunswick Jewish Center. Men's Club members may attend the dinner for an \$18 cost – if you are interested in attending, please email cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com.

CBI will once again be heading to the theatre! We've secured a limited number of tickets in rows P & Q (the 16th and 17th rows) for the 1:30pm June 25 performance of Mary Poppins at the PaperMill PlayHouse. Price is \$87/ticket. First come, first served by email to daniel.richter@verizon.net. Make checks payable to "CBI Men's Club" with "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" in the



memo to fully reserve seats. Stay tuned for a special after-theatre dinner event back at CBI!

Finally, Men's Club Softball continues to be in full-swing. Games are on various Livingston fields each Sunday morning – come out to play or to root the team on! For more information, please contact Craig Rothman at crothman54@verizon.net or David Touger at dtouger@aol.com.

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

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CHAVERIM

By Mike Greenstein, Chaverim Advisor

Chaverim has had a truly amazing year in 2016/17! Chaverim had over 35 members from grades 4 and 5 who enjoyed 10 incredible events. Some of the highlights included chocolate making and Shark Tank as well as other crowd pleasing events. I hope everyone has an amazing summer and we look forward to an even better 2017/18 school year!

Mike Greenstein
Chaverim Advisor

B'NAI MITZVAH



Oren Ramer June 3

Oren Ramer is a seventh grader at Golda Och Academy. His interests include the game of basketball, the players of basketball, and the clothing and footwear of the players of basketball. He also counts down the days until the start of summer camp, and enjoys anything related to The Ohio State University. He began his Jewish education here at CBI at Tot Shabbat and in HGNS/HGECC and continues it at GOA, where he plays basketball and baseball. For his mitzvah project, Oren has been volunteering with his dad at the Community Food Bank of NJ in Hillside.

Sharing in this simcha are Oren's parents, Alia and Daniel, his siblings Talia and Avi, and his grandparents, Robin and Robert Moel, Karen and Norman Ramer, JoAnn Ramer and Oded Cohen, and his great-grandmother Verna Moel. Oren would like to thank Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar for their help in preparing him this year, and all his teachers at GOA for preparing him leading up to this year.



Ethan Richter June 10 (AM)

Ethan is a 7th grade student at Millburn Middle School. He enjoys competitive gaming, especially Clash Royale, which is the subject of his YouTube channel. He plays flute in the school band and likes to listen to and create EDM (Electronic Dance Music). He enjoys romantic, candlelit dinners followed by long strolls on the beach.

Jesse and his twin brother Ethan decided to do a joint mitzvah project. They have raised money for FACES (Finding a Cure for Epilepsy and Seizure) and ACQUIRE Therapy, which provides a unique physical therapy program for pediatric stroke survivors.



Jesse Richter June 10 (AM)

Jesse is a 7th grade student at Millburn Middle School, an avid reader of fantasy and sci-fi novels, astronomy books and an expert in conspiracy theories. He has taught himself several computer programming languages and plays the euphonium in the school band. Jesse most definitely does not like romantic, candlelit dinners followed by long strolls on the beach.

Jesse and Ethan are thankful to CBI leaders who have guided them on their journey, from Together Time to preschool and religious school: tutor Paula Touger, Cantor Lorna Wallach, Rabbi Steven Bayar, Rabbi Sharon Litwin and the teachers at BBRS and HGECC.



Olivia Ferdinand June 10 (PM)

Olivia Ferdinand is a 7th grader at Millburn Middle School. She enjoys hanging out with friends and spending time with family including her dog Bella. She plays piano and has been a competitive swimmer since she was six. Olivia would like to thank the Rabbi, Cantor Wallach and especially Paula Touger for helping her prepare for this day.

USY Update

This has been an incredible year for Millburn USY! We've had some amazing programming, and our chapter membership has grown! Our chapter community has grown stronger and we were recognized on a regional level at Hagalil Spring Convention as Chapter of the Year! We also won both regional Israel awards: Ahavat Tzion and Best Israel Programming as well as Best Newsletter! Additionally, our chapter President, Rebecca Daniel, was elected to serve as the SATO Vice President on the Regional Executive Board!

Although the calendar year is over for our chapter, there still are more regional USY events!

Mark your calendars for June 4th as it is the Israel Day Parade in New York City! Hagalil marches and so does CBI! It's an

amazing experience and a great way to show your support for Israel!

Also, sign up for Encampment!!! Encampment is an incredible week long USY camp at Bnai Brith Perlman in Pennsylvania! It's a great way to meet new friends and reconnect with old ones!

Reach out to me or Aly for more information! The dates this year are August 20 through August 27!

Have an amazing summer and get excited for USY next year!

Jessica Daniel

CBI SISTERHOOD INSTALLATION

Monday, June 5, at 6:30pm

The evening will include a delicious catered dairy dinner followed by the installation.

Please join us as we welcome our incoming officers and salute all that have contributed to Sisterhood's success this year!

This evening is free to Sisterhood members.

Your guests are invited at a cost of \$10. Each

RSVP to Karen Tucker by Thursday, June 1.

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"Mitzvah in a Minute"

from the Religious Affairs Committee

This month's column will be devoted to an event that occurs every day, twice a day, at CBI. Regardless of the weather, the calendar, or the state of affairs, we hold two daily *minyanim*. We've mentioned before in this column the need for increased attendance at our *minyanim*, but perhaps we haven't explained WHY. I hope this information will help explain the importance of *minyanim* and perhaps will encourage all of us to attend them with more regularity.

A *minyan*, which translates to "count" or "number," is the gathering of 10 Jewish adults in order to engage in communal worship. There are several prayers that cannot be said unless they are chanted in the presence of a *minyan*. These include the *Barchu*, or the leader's call to worship, and, perhaps what is most widely-known, the recitation of the Mourner's Kaddish.

There are many ways to understand why these prayers require a gathering of 10 Jewish adults. It is said that G-d never ignores the prayers offered at a *minyan*, even when sinners are present (Chabad.org) A psychological interpretation of this requirement, specific to the Mourner's Kaddish, is that

mourners benefit from being surrounded by their community as they grieve. However, this interpretation can be expanded to all of us, whether or not we are in mourning. *Attending services together as a community strengthens the community and each individual member of the community!*

The daily *minyans* at CBI are held in our chapel. Morning services are typically at 7:15 am, except on Sunday (8:00 am) and Monday and Thursday (both at 7:10 am). Evening *minyans* are held at 8:00 pm. The services are brief and the morning services sometimes conclude with breakfast! Regular *minyan*-goers typically serve as leaders so participants need not do anything except be present! In my research for this article, I learned that Judaic scholars have debated whether sleeping Jewish men can be counted in a *minyan*—and they can! While I don't encourage you to catch up on your zzzzz's at *minyan*, the point is that you can be as vocal or quiet as you'd like. Your presence will speak powerfully enough.

Michelle Daniel



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

Friday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m.

CBI Yom Tov Band & Cantor Lorna Wallach!

FESTIVE SUMMER ONEG

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Ice Cream, Lemonade & Iced Tea, too!



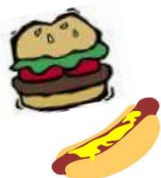
CONGREGATION
B'NAI ISRAEL

ANNUAL BBQ

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ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



2017 AIPAC Policy Conference March 26 – March 28, 2017

Last month I reported on my impressions of the recent AIPAC Policy Conference. This month, we are privileged to have a report from another viewpoint. Several CBI teenagers attended the conference through the generosity of the Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest, and a grant from The Herb and Milly Iris Youth and Family Endowment. Each of the students receiving grants wrote essays highlighting their experiences. This month we are presenting Jacob Daniel's essay. Jacob is an 8th grade student at Millburn Middle School and is the son of Greg and Michelle Daniel.

Sometimes the best way to learn is by listening to others. At AIPAC Policy Conference 2017, I took five breakout sessions that helped to further my knowledge on the history of Israel and its neighbors. The general sessions taught me about the status of the American-Israeli relationship and I learned of inspiring stories. The Israeli innovations displayed downstairs at the AIPAC Village, displayed the power of the mind. From my time at AIPAC, I gained a vast amount of new knowledge.

The breakout sessions each had very interesting speakers with expert knowledge and opinions on the topic. Most of the sessions involved more than one expert in the subject. In my first session, a panel of four, specializing in their respective fields, discussed the situation in the Middle East. They talked about the complicated situation of the involvement of different countries in the conflicts of the Middle East. Another breakout session was focused on the story of a major general, involved in the wars in 1967 and 1973. He gave a new perspective as he was the commander of the only brigade stationed at the Suez Canal. The major general described the relationship between him and his superiors. He wanted to reposition his tanks, but his superiors did not approve of it, so he could not do what he wished. The soldier explained to us why he wanted to do that move and what he thought would have happened if had been allowed. A session on the past, present, and future of the Islamic State gave insight into how various world governments view this issue. A man from the FBI talked about ISIS recruiting techniques and he shared stories of those who tried to join. Each breakout session housed experts sharing their views and the facts.

Many respected individuals spoke at the general sessions about the position of America in the relationship with Israel and amazing stories were shared. The Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, spoke about the American-Israeli relationship. He stated, "...Israel has no greater friend than America and America has no greater friend than Israel" (Netanyahu). Even in the new presidency, Israel has confirmed its strong and important relations with the United States. During a different general session Speaker of the House Paul Ryan also confirmed the relationship. Also, the story of a man who repairs violins from the Holocaust was shared. The speaker's father collected violins that people did not want, since they belonged to their family members lost during the Holocaust. The violins were restored to almost perfect or perfect condition. This tradition was passed down from father to son. After the story was told, Hatikvah was played on the violin by a world-famous violinist and it was accompanied by thousands of singing voices from AIPAC attendees all singing the same words. The experience was very unifying. The general sessions helped to verify the relationship with the two countries.

An expo showcasing life changing inventions was present in the AIPAC Village. One invention pulled water out of thin air. The machine collected the necessary atoms to create water and then the newly created water was filtered. Israel, like California, does not have an unlimited supply of water. This machine is designed to be used in the desert or in other arid areas. I had the opportunity to taste this water and the water tasted like regular water. Another interesting invention aided paralyzed individuals in using smartphones. By incorporating a facial sensor and other types of sensors, a paralyzed man could unlock his phone and navigate in and out of the apps. Both of these inventions were created by Israelis trying to make important contributions to the world. The Israeli inventions were extremely impressive.

The overall experience of AIPAC made me feel an even closer connection to the State of Israel. I learned about Israel and its relations with the countries surrounding it. The development of the Islamic State was also discussed. The incredible and life changing inventions were displayed for all to see. I cannot wait for next year's conference!

The Bulletin will include other student's essays in future months.

2018 AIPAC Policy Conference March 4-6, 2018

Several donors from CBI have pre-purchased a limited number of \$399 registrations to encourage our fellow congregants to attend the Policy Conference next year. As the AIPAC direct price is now higher than that, registering through CBI will save each purchaser at least \$100. Let me know if you are interested in registering this way, and we will sign you up with AIPAC. We are also hopeful that Metrowest will continue its scholarship program for teenagers who attend the AIPAC Policy Conference with a parent.

Salute to Israel Parade June 4, 2017

Don't forget the Salute to Israel Parade to be held on Sunday, June 4, 2017 on Fifth Avenue in New York City. Thousands of people will attend the parade and celebrate this year's theme of "Kulanu B'yachad - Celebrate Israel All Together. Look elsewhere in this Bulletin to register for the Parade, or contact the CBI office directly.

What's coming in 2018?

Besides the events which happen every year, like the AIPAC Policy Conference, and the Salute to Israel Parade, next year will feature something which does not happen every year. CBI will be sponsoring another family trip to Israel. The trip will be led by Rabbi Bayar and will take place in February.

CBI and Israel

When I first started writing this column, I would try to find out which congregants were traveling to Israel so I could call them out publicly for supporting Israel. It was a manageable process then. I am so pleased, that even with the additional communication capabilities we now have with Facebook and other tools, we cannot keep track of how many of our CBI families are travelling to Israel. Nothing is more important to strengthening the ties between the American Jewish Community (or the US Community at large) than traveling to Israel. Please share your highlights with me, and I will share them with the community. – I look forward to hearing more stories.

Missing Soldiers

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

Guy Hever Zachary Baumel Avi Feldman

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Parade fee includes parade t-shirt, bottled water and bus ride into NYC

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For further information, contact David Kanarek at dkanarek@gmail.com or Dan Dovdavyan at dandov@yahoo.com.

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- ❖ Jane and Bob Brauer

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JUNE COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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

Thursday, June 1

- 9:00 AM Shacharit for Shavuot
- 10:30 AM Yizkor
- 8:00 PM Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, June 2

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 5:00 PM Shabbat Music Party
- 8:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, June 3

- 9:00 AM Shabbat Services - Bar Mitzvah Oren Ramer
- 10:15 AM Shabbat Birthday Morning
- 10:30 AM Minyan Katan (Birth through age 4)
- 10:30 AM Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade)
- 11:00 AM Yaldeinu

Sunday, June 4

- 12:00 AM Celebrate Israel Parade in NYC
- 8:00 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Monday, June 5

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 6:30 PM Sisterhood Installation
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Tuesday, June 6

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Wednesday, June 7

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 7:30 PM Annual Meeting
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Thursday, June 8

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 10:00 AM HGECC PreK Graduation
- 12:30 PM Adult Forum Lunch and Learn
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Friday, June 9

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 9:00 AM HGECC Last Day of School
- 5:00 PM Shabbat Music Party
- 7:00 PM Musical Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, June 10

- 9:00 AM Shabbat Services B'nai Mitzvah of Ethan and Jesse Richter
- 10:30 AM Minyan Katan (Birth through age 4)
- 10:30 AM Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade)
- 5:45 PM Minha - Bat Mitzvah of Olivia Ferdinand

Sunday, June 11

- 8:00 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 AM Men's Club Hike
- 10:15 AM Mah Jongg Marathon 2017
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Monday, June 12

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 7:30 PM Sisterhood Board/Planning Meeting
- 7:30 PM BBRS Board Meeting
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan
- 8:20 PM Men's Club Board

Tuesday, June 13

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 7:30 PM Board of Trustees
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Wednesday, June 14

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 7:15 PM Mah Jongg
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Thursday, June 15

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 12:30 PM Adult Forum Lunch and Learn Movie
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan
- 8:15 PM Religious Affairs Committee

Friday, June 16

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 5:00 PM Shabbat Music Party
- 8:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, June 17

- 9:00 AM Shabbat Services
- 10:30 AM Minyan Katan (Birth through age 4)
- 10:30 AM Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade)
- 10:45 AM Shabbat Journeyers' Minyan
- 5:00 PM Mincha - Lakin aufruf

Sunday, June 18

- 8:00 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Monday, June 19

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Tuesday, June 20

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 AM Wise Aging Group
- 7:30 PM Sisterhood Knit and Knosh
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Wednesday, June 21

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Thursday, June 22

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Friday, June 23

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 7:00 PM Musical Kabbalat Shabbat with CBI Band

Saturday, June 24

- 9:00 AM Shabbat Services
- 10:30 AM Minyan Katan (Birth through age 4)
- 10:30 AM Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade)

Sunday, June 25

- 8:00 AM Morning Minyan
- 1:30 PM CBI Papermill Outing with Dinner at CBI
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Monday, June 26

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Tuesday, June 27

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 AM Women's Jewish Business Network
- 7:30 PM Down the Block Mtg.
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Wednesday, June 28

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Thursday, June 29

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Friday, June 30

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat



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