

# The Bulletin



**CONGREGATION  
B'NAI ISRAEL**

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

May 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Jamey Potechin – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Henry Bloom – 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President  
David Kanarek – Treasurer  
Sara Sherman – Secretary

#### **Board of Trustees**

Corey Biller – 2 <sup>nd</sup> term	Greg Daniel – 1 <sup>st</sup> term
Susan Gordon – 2 <sup>nd</sup> term	Sydney Hilzenrath – 1 <sup>st</sup> term
Meryl Hubscher – 1 <sup>st</sup> term	Debbie Marcus – 1 <sup>st</sup> term
Michelle Neier – 1 <sup>st</sup> term	David Sotnick – 1 <sup>st</sup> term
Melissa Zarin – 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 Gesher (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 (5/13)	10:45 am
Yaldeinu (5/6)	9:30 am

## Candle Lighting

May 5	7:38 pm
May 12	7:45 pm
May 19	7:52 pm
May 26	7:58 pm

## Mincha/Havdallah

May 6	7:53 pm / 8:53 pm
May 13	8:00 pm / 9:00 pm
May 20	8:07 pm / 9:07 pm
May 27	8:13 pm / 9:13 pm

## Minyan Rotation

4/30-5/6	Gersho – Gottlieb
5/7-5/13	Greenberg – Halpren
5/14-5/20	Hausman – Jacobs
5/21-5/27	Jasinover – Keselman
5/28-6/3	Kessler – Krauss

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

In 1953, David Ben Gurion wrote that "In two thousand years of Diaspora our creativity did not completely disappear, but the light of the Torah was dimmed in the Diaspora, since the light of the people Israel was dimmed. Only with the renewal of Hebrew independence can we understand the true and full light of the Torah." Moshe Halbertal, a scholar who addressed our congregation last year commented on this, "Zionism, a movement of return to the Land, exemplifies the return of the Jews to the body. Only once back in the Land can Jews rediscover the true nature of the Bible and its deepest meanings."

In this interpretation the land of Israel provides the body to the people of Israel which provides the soul. Body cannot exist without soul. Soul cannot exist without body. This explains both the importance of each component and their interrelationship.

This coming month we will celebrate and commemorate various aspects of both the body and soul of Judaism: Lag B'omer, Israel Independence Day, Yom Yerushalayim, Holocaust Remembrance Day and Shavuot all fall within this month. Each of these days reminds us of a historical or spiritual moment which contributed to our communal identity and aids us in creating continuity from generation to generation.

Ironically we tend to take both the State of Israel and the Torah for granted. We assume that they will both always be there for us, available whenever we need them. We don't realize that the unique quality that has kept and sustained us over the centuries is our ability to interact with aspects of our tradition.

The State of Israel and the Torah are interactive entities; if we don't involve ourselves in them they will cease to exist for us.

I look forward to seeing you during these observances this month.



To contact Rabbi Bayar, email him at [cbirabbi@cbi-nj.org](mailto:cbirabbi@cbi-nj.org)  
Follow the Rabbi on Twitter @RabbiBayar

**Steven Bayar**

### Dear CBI Families

*There are no words to express our incredible weekend as we were honored for our many years as Early Childhood Educators. From a special dinner on Friday night to Saturday morning services, special luncheon and, of course, the icing on the cake – Saturday night, dinner, music and Honors Ceremony, it was all well beyond our expectations. The outpouring of love and accolades from so many of our former parents has truly humbled us. We will never forget this once in a lifetime experience.*

*Paula Schultz  
Ilana Tenenbaum*



## Sisterhood Gift Shop (your Judaica Depot)



*Spring has finally arrived and so have many new items in our Gift Shop. Come see our many new selections!*

**Visit the Gift Shop for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduations, Weddings, and all of your gifting needs.**

Treat Mom, Dad and the Graduate to a spa every day with these wonderful organic soaps and bath salts from Chagrin Valley Soap & Salve.

Fine & fun jewelry for Men & Women both young and old alike.

"Jewish Women" by Joan Roth – a beautiful photography book of Jewish Women from around the world. A great Mother's Day & Graduation gift!

*All gifts come packaged in a beautiful gold and blue Sisterhood Gift Shop Box, wrapped and ready to give!*

**OPEN 10am till Noon  
Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>**

*\*\*\*\* our last days before summer closing \*\*\*\**

Please call Ilisa Perlman at 973 379-9275 to meet at your convenience when the Gift Shop is closed.



## In The Community

### Mazel Tov to:

CBI 2nd graders Jonah Dovdavyan and Eliana Glatt, students at the Golda Och Academy, on receiving their first Chumashim this week in a special school celebration!

Wendy and Myron Rosenberg on the birth of their granddaughter, Hannah Frances Brown. Hannah's parents are Jessica and Gregg Brown.

Ilene and Steven Kandler on the birth of their grandson; the proud parents are Yocheved Landesman and Robert Kandler.

### Refuah Shleima to:

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

### Condolences to:

Luxemburg Family on the loss of longtime and beloved member, Bernice Luxemburg.  
Mark Ingber on the passing of his beloved father, Leon Ingber.

## May 2017 Yahrzeit Donors

Shirley Alper	Nellie Goldman-Katz
Roberta Balsam	Susan Gordon
Marvin & Arlene	Naomi Greenwald
Bartfeld	Sam & Marsha
Diana Bensoul	Halpern
Rita Berman	Liz Koman
Judith & Irwin	Wendy Kaplowitz
Buncher	Hanna Keselman
Barbara Colin	Lois Kleiner
Yuda Drattler	Thelma Leff
Shirley Ehrich	Linda Mass Henkle
David Ehrlich	Lenore May
Abbe Esocoff	Rosemary Merrill
Zimmerman &	Richard Meth
children	Gloria Raul
Lainey & Andy Fallek	Bunny Rice
Morton & Rosalie	Betty Rose
Farber	Robert & Meg
William Fern	Schneider
Marvin Fish	Sally Shotkin
Neya Friedland	Florence Wolfe
Maureen Genderson	Edith Yaffe
Jeffrey Goldman	Bernard Zenn

## President's Message

By Andrea Hirschfeld, CBI President

"Here I am"...For some strange reason these words, found in the Book of Genesis, came to my mind after my time at AIPAC this year. I had been to AIPAC before but not while President of our synagogue. For those of you who know me, I don't love American politics, I shy away from those discussions, and, I did not lobby on the Hill. Nonetheless, I love Israel and often yearn to visit. This year, I came away with a sense that I must continue to support AIPAC for many other reasons. I was educated on the issues facing Israel and Jews (because issues Israel deals with, by default, Jews around the world deal with); I was enlightened with knowledge about the amazing technological advances being made in Israel and the people that are helped by them around the world; and I became aware that more than 4000 students were impacted similarly by their experience and association with AIPAC. And that, I believe, is the biggest reason to support the policy conference.

We spend countless classes and time trying to get the attention and commitment of our upcoming leaders. Here is a place where they are embraced into a community, in a matter of days, and given great meaning in their Jewish lives. For modern American Jews, bred in an atmosphere of religious pluralism and consumerist freedom of choice, the question of what it is to be Jewish seems to be growing more complicated with every generation. This year we learned that interfaith



marriages continue to rise, the challenges associated with synagogue membership continue as synagogue boards address including non-jewish partners as full members with voting rights, and the next generations appear to be joining shuls less. So when a Jewish organization hosts a conference where almost 25% of its attendees are students, they have done something right in my mind. They have considered the next generation - the future. I applaud and support them for that!

I have spent over 3 years as B'nai Israel's President, and hope I have imparted a sense that we must look to our future and future leaders. I hope I have brought programs that encourage your passionate acceptance of leadership to our community and have set us up to create a vision together for a future B'nai Israel that will continue to say, "Here I Am" ready to engage in the challenges, opportunity and change that has always been part of our Jewish legacy.

Please join us at this year's Annual Meeting on Wednesday June 7. We have an amazing slate of dedicated officers and trustees to present to you; we have a timeline for our next two years of work leading up to the selection of a new spiritual leader; we, of course, will present the next budget; and you will hear about our challenges and opportunities.

I thank everyone who has supported my efforts these past years. Yasher Koach to you all for helping to continue to build and grow on what our Millburn founders started in 1924.

Andrea

## Hedwig Gruenewald Early Childhood Center

By Rochelle Baron, Director

The arrival of the month of May brings with it many wonderful events at HGECC.

On May 2 the entire school will journey to Israel (on a 'jet plane' located in the multi-purpose room) to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut. We'll dine in Tel Aviv, dance in Jaffa, visit an archaeological dig in Caesaria, create some artwork in Tzfat and do some planting at a kibbutz. We'll be sure to take pictures for everyone to see. The Twos will welcome their mothers at the annual Mother's Day party on May 9. The Threes have a field trip planned to Trader Joe's for a behind-the-scenes tour of that operation. The Parent Association's end-of-the-year party is scheduled for late afternoon on May 21.



As we begin winding down the school year we are also gearing up for Summer Camp. This year we are offering a six or eight week program for two through four year olds from June 19 through August 11.

There is also a toddler class for children 15 to 23 months old which will meet on Monday mornings. If you'd like more information please contact the HGECC office.

Enjoy the glorious spring weather!

Rochelle



To contact Rochelle Baron,  
email her at [HGECC@cbi-nj.org](mailto:HGECC@cbi-nj.org)



## Sisterhood's Message

By Karen Tucker, Sisterhood President

### Sisterhood Shabbat is just around the corner!

It's almost here! I feel like a little kid looking at a wrapped present that can't be opened for another week. I'm speaking of Sisterhood Shabbat. This year we gather on May 5 and May 6. It's been a long wait but it is that wonderful Shabbat when our inspiring and incredible women of CBI, led by our own Cantor Wallach and coordinated by Susan Gordon, do it all. We really have come a long way. Bring friends and family alike and show your support for those women who have worked so hard. This year our Kiddush will be catered by A Bite of Heaven. I look forward to seeing and spending time with all of you. If you need a ride to and from services on Friday evening or Saturday morning let me know.



### Mah Jongg Marathon is back!

On Sunday, June 11, Sisterhood will host our 2nd annual round robin Mah Jongg marathon. We will have Mah Jong

Maven Karen Goen as our special guest. For information and to register, please see the flyer in the bulletin, on your email or in the CBI office. Registration must reach Amy Dantus no later than Monday, June 6, as tables need to be arranged and the caterer needs to have a final number of guests. Tell your friends as this program is open to the public.

### Dates to Remember:

**Wednesday, May 10, Mah Jongg, 7:15-9:00pm**

**Tuesday, May 16, Spring Bookends, 7:30pm**

**Tuesday, May 23, Knit & Knosh, 7:30-9:00pm**

**Monday, June 5, SISTERHOOD INSTALLATION, 6:30pm**

Karen Tucker



To contact Karen, email  
KarenLTucker@comcast.net

## Blanche Bayer Religious School (BBRS)

By Rabbi Sharon Litwin, Director of Congregational Learning

It has been a wonderful year of learning at BBRS. Some highlights include our fourth and fifth graders celebrating Succot with students from two other area synagogues. Our third-graders creating fantastic Megillot for Purim. Our kindergarten, first and second graders celebrating Passover with a festive model Seder. Our Tichon students engaging in deep and intense dialogue about their connection to Israel and their devotion to their own Jewish identity. Our six graders have learned to chant from the Torah, and our seventh graders have studied theology through film with Rabbi Bayar.



We have three special programs to end the year: our annual Lag B'Omer field day and our end-of-the-year moving up ceremony and celebrations. On Sunday May 14, we will head out to the front lawn, and spend time running races and enjoying each other's company while

we celebrate the short lived victory of The Jews over the Romans on Lag B'Omer. On May 18, Kitah Zayin will have its Celebration of Learning, where they will present their end of year projects and reflect on their years at BBRS. They will complete their Hebrew studies and hopefully move up to Tichon and become Madrichim. On May 21, we will have our Kabbalat Yaldeinu ceremony for the Gan (Kindergarten) students, the Kitah Bet (2nd grade) moving up ceremony, and the Kitah Gimel Siddur presentation. The entire community is invited to both the May 18 and 21 celebrations.

Thank you all for the support you show to the religious school all through the year!

Warmly,

Rabbi Sharon Litwin



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

## LIBRARY NEWS

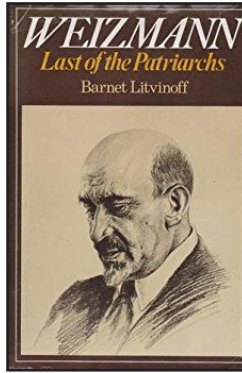
By Abigael Good

The beginning of May (May 2 to be exact) is Yom Ha'atzmaut, or Israel's Independence Day. Want to learn more about the Jewish homeland, its founders, and its history? There are many books to choose from in the library's collection, including:

*Weizmann, Last of the Patriarchs* by Barnet Litvinoff

*Follow Me...the story of Moshe Dayan* by Yehuda Harel

*Ben Gurion Looks Back* by Moshe Perlman



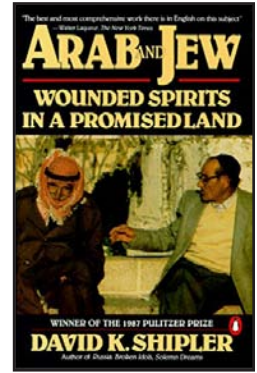
*Gideon's Spies: The Secret History of the Mossad* by Gordon Thomas

*The Case for Israel* by Alan Dershowitz

*Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land* by David K. Shipler

*Portrait of Israel* by Moshe Brilliant

Abigael Good  
library@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.**

**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](http://www.cbi-nj.org) for details on all of our adult learning programs.

# Shavuot Services 2017

Celebrate God's Gift of Torah

## Tuesday, May 30

8:00 p.m. -- Ma'ariv

8:30 p.m. -- Tikkun Leil Shavuot

## Wednesday, May 31

9:00 a.m. -- Shavuot Services

8:00 p.m. -- Ma'ariv

## Thursday, June 1

9:00 a.m. -- Shavuot Services

10:30 a.m. -- Yizkor

8:00 p.m. -- Ma'ariv



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## Tikkun Leil Shavuot / Study Session

Tuesday, May 30 at 8:30 p.m.

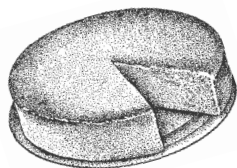
## This Year's Theme...**ISRAEL!**

Shavuot is considered to be the anniversary of the Giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. *Tikkun Leil Shavuot* is the custom of staying up the entire night (*leil*) of Shavuot studying with the community in order to relive the experience of standing at Sinai.

Join Rabbi Bayar, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Litwin and fellow congregants for an evening of enlightenment, engagement and enjoyment as we learn together! We won't stay up the entire night, but there will be a wide range of engaging topics, at all learning and interest levels.

If you would like to lead a short discussion, please contact Rabbi Bayar with your topic of choice at 973-379-3811 or [cbirabbi@cbi-nj.org](mailto:cbirabbi@cbi-nj.org) before May 19.

**No Cost / No RSVP / Just Show Up!**



**Dairy Refreshments  
will be Served!**

**Did  
You  
Know?**

### Why is Dairy Important?

- ❖ To remind us of the Torah, which is like "honey and milk under your tongue." (Song of Solomon 4:11)
- ❖ The Hebrew word milk, *chalav*, has the numerical value 40, which is also the number of days Moses spent on Mount Sinai receiving the Torah.



## MEN'S CLUB MINUTE

By Dan Dovdavyan, Men's Club President

From all of us at Men's Club, we hope you had a Chag Pesach Sameach!

Thanks to Michael Jurist and Jonathan Schor for running another successful Men's Club Passover Kosher Wine Sale – and of course to our Schleppers-extraordinaire, Craig Rothman and Mike Slifer for the yeoman's work on the delivering!

We would also like to acknowledge all those who contributed to the Men's Club Yellow Candle Program in support of the Blue Card Fund ([www.bluecardfund.org](http://www.bluecardfund.org)) and our Religious School's Holocaust-related programming. Your generous donations are the only source to help cover the cost of making Yellow Candles available to the CBI community. Thank you for your support -- NEVER FORGET!!!

Softball is now 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, contact Craig Rothman at [crothman54@verizon.net](mailto:crothman54@verizon.net) or David Touger at [dtouger@aol.com](mailto:dtouger@aol.com).

Our Book Club will be meeting on Sunday May 7 at 8:00pm at the home of Steve Moehlman to discuss *The Secret Chord: A*



*Novel*, by Geraldine Brooks (available on Amazon.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.

Finally, CBI will once again be heading to the theatre in June: 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](mailto: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!

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

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Men's Club President  
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(917) 862-1941





## B'NAI MITZVAH



### **Eliza Merkel** May 20

Eliza is a 7th grader at Millburn Middle School. She is excited to be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with our community here at CBI where she began her learning first in Tot Shabbat, then as a student of both HGECC and BBRS. In her free time, Eliza loves to dance, sing, draw and play with her dog and guinea pigs. For her Mitzvah project, Eliza has been volunteering at the Friendship Circle, including being a volunteer at Allie's Camp – a camp experience for children with special needs.

Eliza is happy to share her special day with her parents (Scott & Stacy), her sister (Rebekkah), grandparents (Greta & Ira Cohen, Ron & Linda Merkel, Angela Bulmer, Robert & Aie Bulmer) and great-grandmother (Gina Merkel), as well as her many friends and family who traveled from near and far. Eliza would like to thank Paula Touger, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar for helping her prepare for this day.



### **Alexandra Sinins** May 27

Alexandra Sinins is a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School. Her interests include sports, summer camp and spending time with friends and family. Alexandra plays for the Millburn travel basketball and soccer teams. She also was a member of the MetroWest Jr. Maccabi basketball team. For her Mitzvah Project, "Kuddles for Kids", Alexandra will be hosting day camp fundraisers for young children. Her goal is to provide comfort packages for inpatient pediatric cancer patients and raise funds to support pediatric cancer research.

Alexandra recently visited Israel for the first time. At Yad Vashem, Alexandra participated in a bat mitzvah "twinning" program where she adopted the memory of Eva Kozower, from Berlin, Germany, who perished in the Holocaust.

Sharing in this simcha are Alexandra's parents, Debra Pianin and Rubin Sinins, her sister Sophia, and brother Benjamin, as well as grandmother Betty Pianin. Alexandra gives special thanks to her tutor, Paula Touger, and to Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar, together with Rabbi Litwin and her religious school teachers, for not only preparing her well for her bat mitzvah, but also for their patience, kindness and enthusiasm.



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

**Friday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m.**

***CBI Yom Tov Band & Cantor Lorna Wallach!***

**FESTIVE ONEG**

***Ice Cream, Lemonade  
& Iced Tea, too!***

*Sponsored by Sisterhood*

**SAVE THE DATE**

*for the next*

***Musical Shabbat***

***June 23 at 7:00 p.m.***

## USY Update

Often in these bulletin articles, we try to discuss Millburn USY events, or tzedakah initiatives, or programming. But in this column we will talk about Millburn USY's board. The board, made up of 12 individual high school students from 4 different grades and 5 different high schools came together this year to create a welcoming, thoughtful and cohesive community for our teens at CBI. Through their hard work and dedication we have not only increased membership and Tikun Olam donations but we have also increased attendance at our two events each month. The board has truly inspired other high schoolers to become engaged in our chapter and continue their journey at CBI. Their efforts have not only been recognized on a chapter level but on a regional level as well. This past month at our region's spring convention Millburn USY received numerous awards, which we will be excited to announce at the Congregational Shabbat Dinner on May 12th.

Congratulations to the 2016-2017 Millburn USY Board:

Rebecca Daniel .....	President
Lucy Dybner.....	Executive Vice President
Jessica Daniel.....	Israel Awareness Vice President
Miriam Engel .....	Religious Education Vice President
Sydney Fox .....	Social Action/Tikun Olam Vice President
Leah Miller .....	Membership Vice President
Phoebe Dybner .....	Communications Vice President
Shai Bloom .....	11th Grade Representative
Judah Engel .....	10th Grade Representative
Chloe Zarin .....	9th Grade Representative
Lexie Brooks.....	Springfield Representative
Shira Kalet .....	Past President

### **2017-18 Registration** **A Warm, Nurturing** **Neighborhood Preschool** **Open to the Community**

#### **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!**

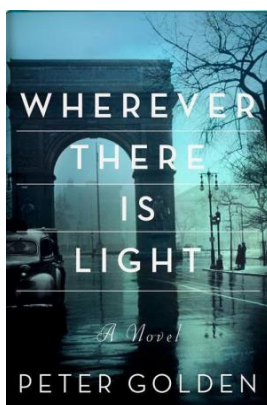
**973-379-4040 or [hgecc@cbi-nj.org](mailto:hgecc@cbi-nj.org)**



**SAVE THE DATE!!!  
FOR CBI SISTERHOOD'S SPRING BOOKENDS MEETING  
TO BE FACILITATED BY JENNIFER GLICK  
ON TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 16 (NOTE CHANGED  
DATE)  
AT 7:30PM  
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.**

# Mah Jongg Marathon 2017 at B'nai Israel

Sunday, June 11, 2017

11:00am – 3:00 pm

Doors open at 10:15 am

160 Millburn Ave., Millburn

RAFFLES PRIZES

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

KOSHER DAIRY LUNCH

All levels of play invited

Seating is limited

Pre-registration required

Round Robin Play

Questions to Amy Dantus:  
Abdant@gmail.com



REGISTRATION FORM: Please detach and mail, with check for **\$36** made out to **CBI Sisterhood**, 160 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, NJ 07041. **RSVP deadline is June 6**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Novice \_\_\_\_ Adept \_\_\_\_ Maven \_\_\_\_ I can bring a Mah Jongg set Y/N

Play will be according to NMJL Rules





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

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

**Monday, May 3 Oheb Shalom** Leslie Dannin Rosenthal and Max Kleinman present *My Path and Passion to Community Work*, RSVP with lunch order to Johanna 973-762-7067.

**Monday, May 22 at Oheb Shalom** Coffee and cake followed by the film *Borrowed Identity*. RSVP to Johanna 973-762-7076

**Thursday, May 25 at CBI** Screen *Hidden Figures*. Please join us to watch one of the best films of 2016. It is the true story of three brilliant African-American women at NASA, who serve as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race and galvanized the world. This film is not to be missed.

**Sandwich choices are: turkey, roast beef, corned beef, pastrami, tuna, 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.**

**Adult Forum Spring 2017 "On the Road" Trip with JCC of Central New Jersey**

Tour of Temple Emanu-El and 92<sup>nd</sup> Street "Y" on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m.-5p.m. Take a 45 minute docent led tour of one of the most beautiful and architecturally interesting synagogues. Learn its history from 1845 to the present. After lunch at the Y, we will tour the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street "Y" famous for its performing arts and outstanding programs. Reserve by May 1. Details TBA.

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# ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



## 2017 AIPAC Policy Conference March 26 – March 28, 2017

More than 50 CBI congregants attended the 2017 AIPAC Policy Conference. We spent three days in Washington D.C., attended general sessions in both the Washington Convention Center and the Verizon Center,

as well as several personally selected breakout sessions on topics of our own choice. And we lobbied our Senators and Congressmen on issues of importance to the pro-Israel Community.

Here is a picture of many of the CBI delegates. While many were present for the picture there are some faces missing. This is due to the nature of the Policy Conference – There are so many sessions to attend that it is impossible to find a time which is open on everyone's schedule. As I write this, I have just returned from the Conference, I want to share with you the highlights of my personal experience at the Conference. The top five events (to me) were:

### • The appearance of Ambassador Nikki Haley.

Author and foreign policy analyst Dan Senor interviewed Ambassador Haley, and she provided a firm denunciation of the anti-Israel atmosphere which pervades the United Nations. More than any other speaker, she received an enthusiastic response from most of the delegates in the Verizon Center.

<http://video.policyconference.org/watch/toWdJqgHqFigsvr2m1PAE3>

### • The speech delivered by Senator Bob Menendez.

Senator Menendez gave the final address to the delegates in the Tuesday morning session at the DC Convention Center. His AIPAC speeches are always very factual, and very emotional as he cares very deeply about the US Israel relationship, and is concerned about the dangers of a nuclear Iran.

<http://video.policyconference.org/watch/678DPBatJYAgKqGk7AU2VE>

### • The joint presentation by House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, and Minority Leader Steny Hoyer.

The House leaders for their respective parties explained how despite the partisan times we are living in, support for the US Israel relationship is truly bipartisan. They even described how trips to Israel for the congressmen of each party, now include several days of overlap so that the Congressmen can experience Israel on a bi partisan or non-partisan basis.

<http://video.policyconference.org/watch/BRhnnusEbgzYBy5gEHoTg>

### • Lobbying our local Congressmen including Leonard

Lance, Rodney Frelinghuysen and Donald Payne, Jr. with congregants and other local delegates. The lobbying topics included:

- Countering Iran's Regional Aggression by supporting bills which respond to Iran's bad behavior in the region, and by testing ballistic missiles.



- Supporting full funding for both US Military Aid to Israel and the overall foreign aid package.
- Fighting the Boycott of Israel by supporting legislative initiatives allowing States to better combat boycotts, and by applying additional sanctions against boycotting International organizations.

<http://video.policyconference.org/watch/syrg2MhHgBnS5MsY5NqCkh>

- **Violins of Hope**, is a video which highlights the work of Amnon Weinstein, who has devoted his life to restoring the violins left by musicians of the Holocaust, either because they did not survive, or because they could not bring themselves to play the instruments after the war. More than sixty violins have been restored, and now the music played on these violins is much more beautiful than before. These instruments replace death with hope. Please watch the video:

<http://video.policyconference.org/watch/8mMjdVS4AMAwMR4Fe6r3ns>

My five selections only scratch the surface of the amazing presentations at the Conference. I did not highlight what Israel has done with water, how Israel provides medical services for Syrian refugees or the use of dance to bring Israeli Jewish and Arab children together. There were also many more speeches by leaders of diverse groups within both the United States and Israel. Please visit AIPAC.org and click on Policy Conference to see these and many other amazing moments. If you do not have access to a computer, let me know and I will visit with you to share many of these moments with you.

### **2018 AIPAC Policy Conference March 4-6, 2018**

Purchasing registrations for next year early provides you maximum savings, and flexibility. Watch for more information about the 2018 Policy Conference in the coming months. We hope to be able to provide access to discounted registrations as we did last year. We are also hopeful that Metrowest will continue its scholarship program for teenagers who attend the AIPAC Policy Conference with a parent.

### **Yom Hazikaron Commemoration April 30, 2017**

Please join the Greater Metrowest community as we remember Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terror attacks with a ceremony and Hebrew language sing-along at the JCC Metrowest Maurice Levin Theater in West Orange, NJ

### **Yom Ha'atzmaut Concert Monday, May 1**

Neshama Carlebach will appear at a Yom Ha'atzmaut concert at the JCC in West Orange on May 1 at 6:30 pm. Register online to attend this event at [WWW.JFEDGMW.ORG/CELEBRATEISRAEL](http://WWW.JFEDGMW.ORG/CELEBRATEISRAEL)

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### **Anat Hoffman appearing at Temple Emanuel in Westfield May 4, 2017**

Anat Hoffman, the executive director of the Israel Religious Action Center, an arm of the Reform movement in Israel, will be appearing at Temple Emanuel in Westfield, NJ on May 4,

2017 at 7:30 pm. The Temple is located at 756 East Broad Street. For more information, you may contact Carol Jassin at [Cjassin@tewnj.org](mailto:Cjassin@tewnj.org) or call 908 232-6770 x120.

### **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 round trip 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](mailto:Andy@rock.properties) or by phone at 973 624-0001. You can also get additional information from the NORPAC website, [www.NORPAC.net](http://www.NORPAC.net)

### **Salute to Israel Parade June 4, 2017**

CBI will be marching in the Salute to Israel Parade again this year. This year's parade will 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."

### **Share Israel with CBI**

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**

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## **Contemporary Issues Lecture Series**

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### **The Refugee Crisis and the Jewish Response**

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

Compassion for the stranger is an evocative theme in Jewish tradition. The current refugee crisis is demanding a response, not unlike the Kristallnacht tragedy did 70 years ago. This talk will compare the two circumstances, then and now, and will place both in historical perspective in order to grasp the problems and impediments we are facing today and, perhaps, to help chart a more promising course of action.

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!

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Steve Blum, Kol HaKevod, my very best regards.

- ❖ Eric Kanter

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- ❖ Jennifer and David Glick Family
- ❖ Gloria Segel

Sidney and Ed Hilzenrath, mazel tov on the wonderful occasion of Eva and Madeline's B'not Mitzvah.

- ❖ Roz and Jed Buck

Marian and Jeff Freedman, congratulations and best wishes on the bat mitzvah of your granddaughter, Talia.

- ❖ Lee Selinger

Linda and Bob Fanburg, in honor of the b'not mitzvah of your granddaughters, Eva and Madeline.

- ❖ Deena Bernhaut

Ilene and Steven Kandler on the birth of their grandson.

- ❖ Irina and Vladimir Polonsky

### Rabbi's Fund

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### Cantor's Music Fund

Steven Rod, mazel tov on your 4 times Chai milestone birthday.

- ❖ Janet and Michael Slifer

Meryl Griff and Dan Hubscher, mazel tov on Maia's bat mitzvah. She was wonderful.

- ❖ Wendy and Hank Kaplowitz

Miriam Linver and Matthew Askin, mazel tov on Eve's bat mitzvah. It was wonderful to participate in your lovely simcha.

- ❖ Wendy and Hank Kaplowitz

Bob Brauer, congratulations on reaching your milestone.

- ❖ Leslie McCafferty

### Hedwig Gruenewald Early Childhood Center Fund

Ilana Tenenbaum and Paula Schwartz, in honor of your many years of dedication to the children of our community. May you always shine and continue to brighten all you touch.

- ❖ Elizabeth and Allan Rauch

Thank you to all who remembered me on Purim. I'm very appreciative of your thoughtfulness.

- ❖ Ronnie Armuth

### Burk-Mendlovitz Youth Fund

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- ❖ Renee and Kopel Burk

Luxemburg Family, in memory of your beloved mother, Bernice Luxemburg.

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Bob Brauer, congratulations on your beautiful haftorah on the anniversary of your bar mitzvah.

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## Monday, May 1

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Modern Jewish Thinkers with Rabbi Bayar
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:00 pm Tichon @ Youth Lounge and Kitchen

## Tuesday, May 2

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 6:00 pm Chaverim - Special 3rd Grade Only!
- 7:30 pm Executive Committee
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, May 3

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 12:30 pm Adult Forum Lunch and Learn at Oheb Shalom
- 7:00 pm Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation Meeting
- 7:30 pm Sisterhood Board
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Thursday, May 4

- 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, May 5

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 8:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat led by Sisterhood

## Saturday, May 6

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services - Sisterhood Shabbat
- 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 Geshet (Grades 2-6) Israel Theme
- 10:30 am Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade)
- 11:00 am Yaldeinu

## Sunday, May 7

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 10:30 am Trip to National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Monday, May 8

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Modern Jewish Thinkers with Rabbi Bayar
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:20 pm Men's Club Board

## Tuesday, May 9

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 6:00 pm Chaverim - Field Day & Ice Cream Sundaes
- 7:30 pm Board of Trustees
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, May 10

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

## Thursday, May 11

- 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, May 12

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

## Saturday, May 13

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services
- 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)
- 10:45 am Shabbat Journeyers' Minyan

## Sunday, May 14

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 11:00 am BBRS Field Day
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Monday, May 15

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

## Tuesday, May 16

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 7:45 pm Sisterhood Bookends
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, May 17

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

## Thursday, May 18

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Parshat Hashavua with Rabbi Bayar
- 7:00 pm Kitah Zayin Celebration of Learning
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan
- 8:15 pm Religious Affairs Committee

## Friday, May 19

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 7:00 pm Musical Kabbalat Shabbat with CBI Band

## Saturday, May 20

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services bat mitzvah Eliza Merkel
- 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)
- 9:00 pm USY Lock in

## Sunday, May 21

- 8:00 am Morning Minyan
- 10:30 am BBRS Closing Ceremony
- 5:00 pm HGECC End of Year Party
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Monday, May 22

- 7:10 am Morning Minyan
- 9:30 am Lifelong Learning: Modern Jewish Thinkers with Rabbi Bayar
- 7:30 pm Lifelong Learning with Dennis Klein -- The Refugee Crisis and the Jewish Response
- 7:30 pm BBRS Board Meeting
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Tuesday, May 23

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 8:00 am Women's Jewish Business Network
- 7:30 pm Sisterhood Knit and Knosh
- 7:30 pm Down the Block Meeting
- 8:00 pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, May 24

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

## Thursday, May 25

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

## Friday, May 26

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

## Saturday, May 27

- 9:00 am Shabbat Services bat mitzvah of Alexandra Sinins
- 10:30 am Minyan Katan (Birth through age 4)
- 10:30 am Minyan Shalom (PreK through 1st Grade)

## Sunday, May 28

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

## Monday, May 29

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

## Tuesday, May 30

- 7:15 am Morning Minyan
- 8:00 pm Ma'ariv for Erev Shavuot
- 8:30 pm Tikkun Leil Shavuot

## Wednesday, May 31 - HGECC No School

- 9:00 am Shacharit for Shavuot
- 8:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv for Shavuot



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