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November 2017

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Shabbatones



*Jewish A Cappella Group
University of Pennsylvania*

November 10 & 11



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Thursday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m.

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Saturday Evening
February 3, 2018

at
Congregation B'nai Israel

More Details to Come!



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MEN'S CLUB



Annual
Chanukah Dinner Dance

Save the Date!!!

Sunday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat 8:15 pm
Shabbat Services 9:00 am

November 4

9:00 am – Bar Mitzvah of Eli Troll
10:30 am – Bim Bam Shabbat
11:15 am – Yaldeinu

November 11

9:00 am – Shabbat Services with *The Shabbatones*
10:30 am – Bim Bam Shabbat
4:30 pm – Minha Bat Mitzvah of Alyssa Rubin

November 18

9:00 am – Bar Mitzvah of Russell Moss
10:00 am – Bim Bam Shabbat with Bagels!
10:30 am – Family Shabbat Service
10:45 am – Journeyer's Minyan
12:45 pm – Cantor's Melody Workshop

November 25

9:00 am – Shabbat Services
10:30 am – Bim Bam Shabbat
4:15 pm – Minha Bat Mitzvah of Hilary Adelman

Candle Lighting

Nov 3 5:32 pm
Nov 10 4:24 pm
Nov 17 4:18 pm
Nov 26 4:14 pm

Mincha/Havdallah

Nov 6 5:47 pm/6:47 pm
Nov 12 5:39 pm/6:39 pm
Nov 19 5:33 pm/6:33 pm
Nov 26 5:29 pm/6:29 pm

Minyan Rotation

10/29-11/4 Gersho – Gottlieb
11/5-11/11 Greenberg – Halpern
11/12-11/18 Hausman – Jacobs
11/19-11/25 Jasinoover – Keselman
11/26-12/2 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.

FROM THE RABBI'S DEN

By Rabbi Steven Bayar



With this New Year we begin our transition to new Rabbinical leadership. As our president David Good outlined during last year's membership meeting we will be establishing new committees and working within the congregation to insure that this transition is as stress-free as possible.

This is a time of transition for the entire Jewish community. Our communities changing demographics and the proliferation of new opportunities for Jewish families to learn and be involved we find ourselves one of a sea of options available. How we meet this challenge will in great part determine our immediate future.

As I mentioned over the High Holy Days I am very optimistic for our future and the future of the Jewish community. We are faced with challenges – but that is always the case. We are a community that has always welcomed challenges and have been able to adapt and innovate without changing our core values.

Over the next several months I will be using this column to outline some of the issues that should be part of the dialogue involved in choosing new Rabbinical leadership. And, as always, it pays to be informed and prepared.

When Bnai Israel last chose a rabbi there was only one Conservative Seminary training rabbis. Rabbis entering the Rabbinical Assembly from other movements were few; yet each movement, each seminary has its own ideology – its own unique approach to the rabbinate. Rabbis applying for this position will reflect their training.

Today there are almost ten seminaries available to train rabbis accepted in the Conservative movement. The field is more varied and thus more complicated. This creates greater challenges for the congregation but it also creates greater opportunities, more options and allows CBI to better choose someone who is suited for the needs of the congregation.

It is a new year filled with challenges and opportunities.

Steven Bayar



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Follow the Rabbi on Twitter @RabbiBayar



MUSICAL NOTES

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

Stay Tuned for an A Cappella Musical Shabbat on November 10 – 11.

The **Shabbatones**, the Jewish *A Cappella* choir from the *University of Pennsylvania*, are coming to CBI on Friday evening, **November 10 (at 7:30pm)** and Saturday morning **November 11**. This talented group has a repertoire which includes Jewish, Israeli and popular American songs and they have performed nationally, internationally and even at the White House. These 15 students (including my niece!) will perform at our service on Friday night (Please note earlier start time!) and will also share their voices on Shabbat morning during our services and with community singing at Kiddush! These events are open to the entire community and children are encouraged to attend! You are welcome to bring your neighbors/friends who are not members of CBI and I also hope to see the many UPenn alumni who are at CBI and in our area to show your support and school spirit.

I always wished that I had had some type of outlet for singing Jewish music, especially with my peers, during my college years, but Jewish *A Cappella* groups had not yet become a presence on college campuses as they are at so many colleges today. Realizing the tremendous positive impact that singing Jewish music together can have in strengthening the Jewish identity of young adults in college, I feel it is critical for the future health and strength of the Jewish community to support the existence of such an extracurricular activity in colleges and to encourage students with an interest in music to get involved in these choirs.

I hope you will plan to join us at CBI on **Friday night November 10th** at a **7:30PM service** and /or on **Saturday Nov. 11th** to hear the **SHABBATONES**, and to enjoy a special musical Shabbat with your CBI community!



Lorna Wallach



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President's Message

By David Good, CBI President



Giving Thanks!

It is November and the craziness and memories of the High Holidays – from Selichot to Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur to Sukkot to Simchat Torah (whew!) – are receding. While hectic, I enjoyed the time to be together with my family and the personal time during services to be

reflective and grateful. The High Holiday season was very much an opportunity to renew ourselves and our communities.

This month is the perfect time to offer thanks to so many of the groups and individuals who make Congregation B'nai Israel our Jewish home. I have stated often: I do not believe synagogues can thrive without lots of appreciation and thanks. It is, in my mind, a most basic expression of connection and community.

- Thank you to our dedicated team who coordinated our High Holiday honors, allowing us to recognize so many of the dedicated volunteers and leaders of our congregation: **Ilisa Perlman, Amy Dantus, Sara Sherman, David Touger, Debbie Marcus, Karen Tucker, Dan Dovdavan, Debra Nevas and Lauren Berrol.**
- Kol Hakavod to our Men's Club Ushers – so ably organized by **Dan Kaman** – who helped ensure efficient flow in and out of services...and friendly smiles.
- Yasher Koach to our speakers on Kol Nidre: Millburn USY President **Jessica Daniel**, who spoke so passionately about the excitement found in CBI youth groups, and **Ariel Dybner**, who delivered an important appeal on behalf of Israel Bonds and supporting Israel.
- Thank you to our new Family Enrichment Committee, led by **Dan Halpern** and **Jonathan Blau**, who are initiating new program for young families.
- I am so appreciative of our Gala Chairs – **Elizabeth Cohen, Sydra Miller** and **Micole Richter** – who have recruited an amazing and creative team to plan an amazing evening of celebration on February 3, 2018!
- Kol Hakavod to **Leslie McCafferty** and **Michael Klausner**, who spend many hours behind the scenes maintaining and updating the CBI website (www.cbi-nj.org).
- Yasher Koach to **Aleza Rosenberg** and **Marion Mohl** for their teamwork with Rabbi Sharon to plan a fantastic year of inspiring adult educational programs and events.

- Thank you to **Nan Greenwald** and **Steve Finkler** for spearheading the Cemetery Cleanup Day at the CBI cemetery in Woodbridge. We hope this becomes a tradition to clean and restore the sacred grounds.
- Thank you to **Steve Chizzik** for all his help coordinating the Annual CBI BBQ & Open House over the summer.
- Yasher Koach to our High Holiday Appeal Co-Chairs – **Dan Richter** and **Henry Bloom** – and their able team of **Roni Chasin, Ben Levy, Jamey Potechin** and **Andrea Hirschfeld**, for leading this important fundraiser for our *shul*.
- Thanks to **Heather Adelman** and **Mindy Haber** for leading our College Connection program so we can remain connected with congregants on college campuses across the country.
- I am grateful to our **17 Synagogue Sustainers** for their commitment to helping us maintain the vibrancy and strength of our Jewish congregational home, a vital part of the wider community and a center of Jewish life.
- And, finally, a heartfelt *toda raba* to the members of the **CBI Board of Trustees** for their engagement, dedication and time to their responsibilities as leaders of our congregation and to our Sulam for Current Leaders initiative with USCJ.

There are so many more to thank...and I will periodically do so in this space!

On behalf of the leadership of the congregation, thank you for the important and meaningful contributions each of you make to our community...through your participation, leadership, support and membership.

May we each be thankful for each other and our engaged and connected community...and may we go from strength to strength together.

David Good



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Beineynu

By Harvey Brenner, Executive Director

It's almost Sukkot as I sit to write my November column and that means that Thanksgiving cannot be far away. Having just spent the better part of a month in shul, many things come to mind, but most importantly, my desire to be a better person this coming year (both generally and Jewishly).



While sitting in my home synagogue's sanctuary for the *Yom Tovim*, I had the chance to read, think and plan just how accomplish this. One of the tools I found available to me was a handout compiled by my rabbi that offered lots of inspirational and contemplative excerpts for our personal use. One of the selections resonated within me, most probably because of what I do for a living.

Dr. Ron Wolfson, *Fingerhut Professor of Education, American Jewish University*, and founder of "Synagogue 3000", spends a great amount of his time teaching and writing about converting synagogues from 'transactional' organizations into 'relational' ones. The preferred latter, where people connect with one another and establish lasting friendships is far superior and much more rewarding to all.

So it was with great interest that I read an excerpt from his *Spirituality of Welcoming, "Jewish Values to Guide Communications"*. In it, he lists seven Jewish values that we should incorporate into our everyday synagogue language and behavior, and some hints to help us model them:

- 1) **Sh'tikah & Sh'miat Ha-Ozen: Silence & Active Listening**
 - a) Reflect in silence while others are speaking
 - b) Refrain from interrupting while others are speaking
- 2) **Dibbur: Speech**
 - a) Speak the truth as you see it, but.....
 - b) Don't hurt others by speaking harshly to or about them
 - c) Speak as if God was listening to everything you say
- 3) **Salvanut: Patience**
 - a) Be patient while others are speaking; wait your turn
 - b) Have empathy towards others and their opinions
- 4) **Elu v'elu: "These and these"**
 - a) Allow for multiple perspectives
 - b) Even if you don't agree with others, don't be condescending towards them

5) **B'yachad: Together**

- a) Let's think of each other as teammates
- b) Progress emerges from collaboration
- c) Even davenning requires a minyan!

6) **Derech Eretz: Common Decency towards others**

- a) Treat each other with mutual respect
- b) Remember, everyone present is on the same side

7) **L'Shem Shamayim: For the sake of Heaven, and Da Lifnei Mi atah Omed: Know before Whom You Stand**

I'm going to try and remember that our congregation is a *Sacred Community* and not just a building. We are a collection of individuals who share a common goal and a profound love of Judaism. It is "all about the relationships" we develop that keeps us together in good times and bad. We support each other spiritually, emotionally and socially. **For this and the many other blessings in our lives, I say "Thank You".**

Enjoy your Thanksgiving and the bountiful year to come.....

L'hitraot,
Harvey



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By Rochelle Baron, Director

We are settled into our school routine and are having lots of fun together! The vegetables we planted in our new outdoor garden are growing and we're looking forward to harvesting the produce very soon. We also put in allium bulbs (huge purple flowers) which will hopefully bloom in the late spring and be ready for us to give each graduating PreK student at the end-of-the-year graduation ceremonies. The children really enjoy raking the dirt, watering the plants and taking pride in their 'green thumbs.' Gaya, our rishonim friend from Israel, is helping us learn about her country through her monthly visits with us. The extended day activities of Art Exploration, Tae Kwon Do, Sports, Preschool Performers and Ooey Goey Science are keeping everyone busy and engaged.

This month we concentrate on Thanksgiving. We'll be baking, doing crafts, singing songs and hearing lots of



stories. We'll spend talking about what's 'Jewish' about Thanksgiving as we discuss the meaning of the holiday—giving thanks for the good things in our lives, welcoming guests into our homes, and showing kindness to others.

After the Thanksgiving break we'll jump right into Hanukkah with a visit from representatives of the Living Legacy group. They will guide us through hands-on experiences of taking oil from olives and using it to light a menorah as they present the Olive Press program—always a favorite with the kids!

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

Sincerely,

Rochelle



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Blanche Bayer Religious School (BBRS)

By Rabbi Sharon Litwin, Director of Congregational Learning

BBRS has gotten off to a wonderful start. Now that the holidays are over, we are in full swing with excellent learning and community building!

Parents and students in Gan, Kitah Aleph and Kitah Bet studied about the meaning of Yom Kippur and all of its symbols. They talked about forgiveness and apologies, studied the story of Jonah and had a great time creating "I'm Sorry For" posters. We had a special Bereisht (Creation) program for the students in Kitah Dalet and Kitah Hey and their peers from the Summit JCC and Congregation Beth Am Yisrael in Springfield at South Mountain Reservation. And our Tichon students are studying with guest teacher Yoni Glatt about the intersection of Judaism and Rock and Roll.

In November we look forward to Shir Shabbat and our first Shabbat Dinner of the year. And we will also have our annual Open House and Book Fair for parents to



join their children at BBRS on Sunday morning November 5. We have a new vendor with a greater variety and selection of Jewish and secular books for children of all ages and adults will be for sale from 9am-12pm in the multipurpose room. Please join us for the book fair and help to support the BBRS PA which sponsors special programs for our students all year round.

As a reminder, I am happy to welcome adults who would like to schedule a Hebrew lesson or series of lessons. I have had many students already come to work with me on their Hebrew for a Torah reading, to learn a prayer or to just learn the Alef Bet!

Best wishes for a joyous and healthy Thanksgiving!

Warmly,

Rabbi Sharon Litwin



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Sisterhood's Message

By Laurie Kavowras and Ruth Novick



Laurie Kavowras



Ruth Novick

Now that it is fall, we can't help but realize that Chanukah is not that far away (yikes!). Can't you

almost smell the latkes and sufganiyot? Sisterhood is planning special Chanukah Rosh Chodesh program for December 18 focused on your recipes and memories about your favorite Chanukah foods. Do you have a family recipe? We'd love to include it in a chag-themed cookbook. Please send your recipes to Wendy Kaplowitz at wendy.kaplowitz@verizon.net.

Speaking of Chanukah ... need any Chanukah gifts? How about birthday, bar/bat mitzvah or wedding presents? Do you want to add to the Judaica that you already own? Well then, the Sisterhood Gift Shop is your one-stop shopping destination. We have a large stock of mezuzzas, jewelry, menorahs, Seder plates, candle sticks and more. We have non-religious items, as well. Looking to purchase a tallit? We have gorgeous tallitot for men and women. Ilisa Perlman stands at the helm of the gift shop and she or her team would be thrilled to help you with your purchases. The shop is open most Sunday mornings when BBRS is in session but if you need to arrange another time to make a purchase, please reach out to Ilisa at ilisaperlman@verizon.net.

We are also excited to announce that we are planning a fabulous Ladies Night Out on Wednesday, November 29. Please join us in the Multipurpose Room to create your own, one-of-a-kind glass mezuzah! The Glassworks Studio of Morristown will supply all the materials, we will supply the wine and you will supply the creativity. And to make sure you go home with a kosher mezuzah, the Sisterhood Gift Shop (see the theme here?) will be on hand to sell the parchments.

The calendar is jam packed with programs. There is something for everyone. So, come join the fun!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, November 2 - Bookends

Wednesday, November 8 - Mahjongg

Tuesday, November 28 - Knit and Knosh

Laurie Kavowras
and Ruth Novick



LATKAS, SUFGANIYOT AND OTHER FRIED FOODS

ROSH CHODESH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 2017

THE 7TH DAY OF HANUKAH

A home filled with the scents of cooking
evokes fond memories of bygone days

On this ROSH CHODESH we would like you to share your recipes and memories about your favorite HANUKAH FOODS.

At this event we will be creating a cookbook for all who attend.

Please send us your recipes by November 15th.

If your recipe is from a cookbook include the name of the cookbook and author.

Please send recipes to Wendy Kaplowitz at
wendy.kaplowitz@verizon.net or

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Sunday, November 5th
Sunday, November 19th

Please email Ilisa Perlman at IlisaPerlman@verizon.net
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Annual

Chanukah Dinner Dance

Sunday, December 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Dancing - Celebrating - Door Prizes

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For more information, please contact:

Michael Jurist at michael.jurist@verizon.net, or Dan Richter at daniel.richter@verizon.net or

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David Sotnick

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CBI Men's Club appreciates your support.



Congregation B'nai Israel L'Dor V'Dor Speaker Series

From the Founder of Birthright Israel **What Will the American Jewish Community Look Like in 2050 and Other Musings?**



Michael Steinhardt

Co-Founder of Birthright Israel

Thursday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Michael H. Steinhardt is a legendary money manager turned philanthropist who is dedicated to creating a renaissance in American Jewish life. Since 1995, Mr. Steinhardt has devoted his time and fortune to many Jewish causes, which he directs through The Steinhardt Foundation for Jewish Life. Mr. Steinhardt was the co-founder of Birthright Israel which, to date, has sent over 600,000 young Jews from all over the world on a free 10-day trip to Israel.



Q&A session moderated by
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Admission is Free // Open to the Community

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This program has been generously supported by Aleza and Joe Rosenberg.

B'NAI MITZVAH



Eli Troll November 4

Eli is an 8th grader at Millburn Middle School and is excited to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah with his CBI community.

For his Bar Mitzvah project, Eli combined his love for animals and art by creating and selling t-shirts to benefit the Woodstock Farm Sanctuary - a farm sanctuary in High Falls, NY that rescues farm animals. Through Eli's fundraiser, over \$600 was raised and donated for this special place.

Sharing in this simcha are Eli's parents, Nealy and David Troll, his brother Caleb, and sister Charlotte. Eli thanks everyone who helped him prepare for this special day, most especially Paula Touger, Cantor Lorna Wollack, Rabbi

Bayar, and Eli's Saba, Matityahu Marcus.



Alyssa Rubin November 11 (pm)

Alyssa is in the seventh grade at Newark Academy, where her favorite subjects are math and history. She enjoys playing tennis and volleyball.

For her mitzvah project, Alyssa is helping St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center to rescue animals impacted by the recent hurricanes.

She would like to thank her family, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar for making her bat mitzvah possible!



Russell Moss November 18

Russell is a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School. He enjoys running, especially tracking himself and against others with his fitbit, art projects, going to the beach, and spending time with family and friends.

Russell enjoys spending time with his peers and is unusually engaging with the young and elderly. For most of Russell's life, his Grandma Cecile lived in Spring Meadows Assisted Living and Russell would often visit her and also give lots of smiles and hugs to many of the other residents and aides. His Bar Mitzvah project is volunteering at Spring Meadows. He has run several bingo and art project programs, worked in the kitchen as well as serving food

and drinks to the residents during their afternoon social hour.

Russell is excited to be celebrating his bar mitzvah with his parents, Elayne and Barry Moss, his brother, Jonathan, and many other family and friends. Russell thanks everyone that helped him prepare for this special day, most especially Cantor Wallach, Paula Touger, Rabbi Bayar AND Rabbi Litwin.



Hilary Adelman November 25 (pm)

Hilary is a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School. She enjoys spending time with friends and family and playing tennis and basketball.

Hilary has tremendous enthusiasm for everything she does and loves connecting to people of all ages and abilities. Accordingly, for her mitzvah project, she attended training through the Friendship Circle in order to develop lasting friendships and meaningful relationships with children with disabilities, and was recently matched with a family with young children. She also translated her love of tennis into support for the Israel Tennis Centers. Hilary was

afforded the opportunity to befriend and play tennis with an Israeli girl her age who directly benefits from the high-performance program and the funds Hilary is raising for the centers. Hilary cannot wait to visit Israel and see the centers in person.

Hilary is grateful to share this Simcha with her parents, Heather and Marc, brothers Ryan and Tyler, her grandparents, Hannah and Richard Akawie and Anita and Richard Adelman, and her aunts, uncles and cousins, including congregation members, Lori, Adam, Hallie and Rayna Katzman. Heartfelt thanks to Rabbi Litwin, Paula Touger, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar for their continued support in preparing Hilary for her Bat Mitzvah.

MEN'S CLUB MINUTE

By Dan Dovdavy, Men's Club President

Men's Club was in full swing in October, beginning with our First Day Sukkot Kiddush – thank you to Akiba Lubow (arlubow@aol.com) for organizing. We then sampled some fine malt at our annual Scotch-in-the-Sukkah event – kudos to Dan Halpern (halperndan@hotmail.com) for leading a fantastic event. We wrapped up the month in style with our Sunday Bagel Breakfast featuring a presentation by Phil Halpern entitled “Bagels & Laughter: When Did Jews Become Funny? The origin of Jewish humor and how it dominated 20th century comedy”. Thank you to Hank Kaplowitz (hank.kaplowitz@gmail.com), Phil Halpern and our Men's Club Kitchen Crew for putting on this informative, engaging and delicious event!



We roll on with a full slate of activities in November, beginning with a Fall Hike led by our very own Jonathan Engel on Sunday, November 12th – stay tuned for details or contact Jonathan (engeljw@gmail.com) for more information.

Next, please join us for some inter-Shul Bowling on Thursday, November 30th, 7-9pm. This year we'll be at a new venue (Hanover Lanes in East Hanover), but the mission remains the same: to bring home the coveted “Kiddush Kup”! We don't roll on Shabbos, but this promises to be a fun evening – so come bowl a few games and nosh on some Jerusalem Pizza. Please see flyer in this bulletin, online sign-up at tinyurl.com/mcbowling2017 or email cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com to RSVP or with any questions.

Please Save-The-Date: Sunday, December 10 for our Man of the Year Chanukah Dinner Dance! On this special evening, we honor our Man of the Year, David Sotnick (dsotnick14@gmail.com)! This is truly one of Men's Club's signature events, an absolute must-attend. There will be a Festive Holiday Dinner prepared by Men's Club Chefs Extraordinaire as in prior years. Lively music to dance the night away performed by B'nai Jazz. But most importantly, we will salute (and roast!) David Sotnick for his many contributions to Men's Club (and CBI!) over the years!

- Cost is \$50 per person with RSVP by November 30th (\$60 thereafter). Please look out for an invitation or sign-up online at: <http://tinyurl.com/chanukahdinner2017>.
- For more information on the Men's Club Man of the Year Chanukah Dinner Dance, please reach out to Michael Jurist at michael.jurist@verizon.net, Dan

Richter at daniel.richter@verizon.net or Mike Slifer at mikeslifer@verizon.net.

Finally, Men's Club plays pick-up basketball on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. at Hartshorn Elementary School (Short Hills). Contact David Touger (dtouger@aol.com) for more information.

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

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By Abigael Good

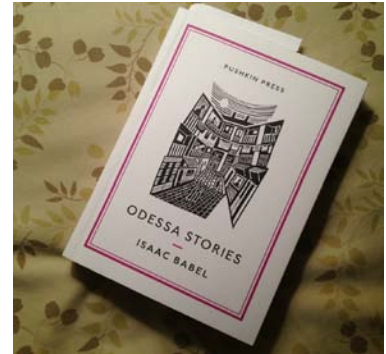
As the school year's stress starts kicking in, it's time for lighter reading material. (I realize adults don't have this problem specifically, but feel free to tap into your inner high schooler's freaking out over calculus.) So what could be a better fall read than a story about gangsters, death, and oppression under Soviet rule? Kidding, sort of.

An old joke: A Jew is kvetching to a stranger about never having had any children. "That's the way it is with my family," he groans. "My father was childless, and so was my grandfather before him..." Flummoxed, the stranger asks, "Then where did you come from?" The Jew replies, "From Odessa."

Isaac Babel's collection of short stories, *Odessa Stories*, is easily read a few at a time, which is what I mean by light reading. If you only have a few minutes here and there, feel free to leave the book gathering dust for days in between — the seventeen self-contained stories within it will wait patiently for you to wander back to its slick gangsters and self-deprecating narrators.

In the nineteenth century, Isaac Babel, a giant of Russian Jewish literature, created one of the greatest anti-heroes of

his country: Benya Krik, something of a Jewish Vito Corleone. He is also known for his distinctive, Yiddish-infused style, building Odessa's legend of crime and danger, and being executed by Stalin's reign of terror. A writer with this much chutzpa deserves a few minutes here and there.



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CONGREGATION
B'NAI ISRAEL

Musical Shabbat

featuring
Shabbatoness
Jewish A Cappella Group
from the University of Pennsylvania
November 10 & 11

We are thrilled to welcome the Shabbatoness, the student-run Jewish a cappella group at the University of Pennsylvania to celebrate Shabbat with us for our first Musical Shabbat of the year! The Shabbatoness are one of the premier Jewish a cappella groups in the country, known for their energetic arrangements and entertaining performances.

Specializing in popular American, Israeli and Jewish music, all of their arrangements are composed, directed and performed by students. Coming from a variety of Jewish backgrounds, the singers are unified by a love for Jewish music and a commitment to being the voice of one of the largest and most vibrant Hillels in the nation.

The Shabbatoness have performed all over the tri-state area, and have toured across the United States and internationally. The Shabbatoness have recorded seven CDs and have been featured on all volumes of the *Best of Jewish A Cappella* compilation series.

Welcome Shabbat!

Musical Kabbalat Service

Friday, November 10 at 7:30 p.m.

A special Shabbat appropriate performance of Jewish, Israeli and popular American songs!

Festive Oneg to Follow

BRING
FAMILY &
FRIENDS!



Music Everywhere!

Shabbat Morning

Saturday, November 11

The Shabbatoness will sing a bit in the sanctuary then join us for community singing at the Kiddush!

MEET GALA HONOREE ALEZA ROSENBERG

As CBI prepares for what will surely be a lively and exciting Gala on Saturday evening, February 3, 2018 – we'll profile one of our guests of honor each month in The Bulletin.

Please mark your calendar now so that you can join us to celebrate.

Stay tuned to learn more about Heidi & Brett Cohen and our Rising Stars Michelle Neier and Jonathan Schor in the coming months.

And now, please meet Honoree Aleza Rosenberg.



Aleza grew up in a traditional, religiously conservative home, imbued with Zionism and the love of Hebrew and the Bible. Her knowledge of Hebrew is extensive because almost her entire school career was spent at two schools. She graduated from Herzliah Hebrew Teachers' Institute with a Teacher's Diploma at age 19, the year before she received her BA in Mathematics from Brooklyn College.

In 1955, she won a scholarship to study in Israel. It was the dream of a lifetime for her! She travelled to Israel by ship with a group of thirty students from various Hebrew Teachers' institutes. Formal classes as well as field trips deepened her understanding of the land of Israel and its historical, political, cultural and religious landscape. Among the highlights of this trip was a private audience and conversation with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

Aleza became very active in SZO (Student Zionist Organization). She continued to attend meetings and retreats even after completing school and actively employed at a consulting actuarial firm. It was at one of those gatherings that she met Joe. Joe was just beginning his college education since he had spent several years in Israel and in the US army.

Their three children, Ruth, Judy and Ari all attended Solomon Schechter Day School, now known as GOA. In those early years of the school, Aleza worked as a sub for the Hebrew teachers, and in various fund raising activities; later she did a stint on the Education Committee and on the Board of Trustees. Long before it was fashionable, her children celebrated becoming a Bat/Bar Mitzvah with a meaningful ceremony developed by Aleza and Joe, with each of the children chanting a haftarah related to their respective Biblical names.

The experience of auditing a class at NYU with the renowned scholar of Bible and ancient Near Eastern languages, the late Professor Cyrus Gordon, opened her eyes to a different approach to Bible study. It fascinated her and she enrolled in the

graduate school and in 1988, earned her MA in Bible and the Ancient Near East. She also completed all of her coursework towards a doctorate. Years later, Aleza joined Golda Och and a handful of women to form an ongoing Hebrew Book Club which meets weekly to read contemporary Israeli literature in Hebrew and for ten years was an active participant.

Over the years, Aleza has been involved at GOA, Daughters of Israel, Congregation Beth-El and more recently at CBI. She is a life member of Hadassah. Soon after becoming a member of CBI, she approached Rabbi Bayar with the idea of helping CBI host contemporary speakers speaking on significant and timely topics. Subsequently, Andrea Hirschfeld asked Aleza to chair the Committee on Lifelong Learning in collaboration with Rabbi Sharon Litwin. With input from David Good and from representatives of the various arms of CBI, Rabbi Sharon, Aleza and Marion Mohl organized a variety of programs and highlighted them in an attractive brochure. Last year was the first time that this was done. Also, the major speaker last year, Bret Stephens, received rave reviews and brought in a record crowd, many from the public at large. Aleza hopes for similar learning successes in the years ahead.



CBI Chanting Circle

Sunday, November 19, at 5:00 pm

Join us the Chapel on Sunday, November 19th at 5 pm for a special chant and song program with musical accompaniment. We will be marking Rosh Chodesh Kislev with a focus on the Hallel which is recited that day. Hallel is arguably the most song-filled series of prayers in our tradition. We will be exploring it with new melodies designed to further bring out its beauty and resonance.

d let your spirit soar! No knowledge of Hebrew necessary, or singing ability . . . only a wish to join in spiritual community.



Men's Club Bowling

Thursday, November 30th 7-9pm

Hanover Lanes, East Hanover, NJ (new venue)

119 Route 10, East Hanover, NJ 07936

For Men's Club Members and Friends!

SPACE IS LIMITED!

**And...we'll compete for the coveted
"Kiddush Kup" vs. other local Men's Clubs!**



RSVP by Nov 16th: \$20 per person

Thereafter: \$25 per person

You must bring payment to the event to bowl (or use online payment – see link below).

Jerusalem Pizza will be provided!

Need a ride or can give a ride? Please mention when you RSVP!

RSVP Options: Click tinyurl.com/mcbowling2017 or Email cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com or Call Jonathan Schor at (516) 978-1705



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

NOVEMBER EVENTS

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

Thursday, November 9 at CBI Hirschhorn speaker Mark Grebenau will present *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Lab*. Genius has been called 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration, but there are those times when something happens quite by accident and leads to a major discovery. Dr. Grebenau will give several examples of scientific breakthroughs that happened by mistake. This promises to be a fascinating program, so please join us.

Thursday, November 30 at CBI Join us to screen the an outstanding film, *The Women's Balcony*. As an Orthodox Jewish Community in Jerusalem is celebrating the bar mitzvah of one of its members, the women's balcony collapses. When an ultraconservative new rabbi takes charge of the repairs, he incites a gender war in the process. In Hebrew with English subtitles. Don't miss this thought provoking film.

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. *Please note the cost is now \$12 for Adult Forum members & partners, \$15 for non-members. *You are welcome to come join us only for dessert and beverage at a cost of \$5.** *Please call to let me know that you will be attending.

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

The next "On the Road" adventure with the JCC of Central New Jersey will take place in the spring of 2018. Stay tuned.

HOST A TABLE AT MLK MITZVAH DAY



Monday
Jan. 15, 2018
2pm



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

This **COMMUNITY-WIDE** event is open to **ALL**!

There will be hands-on mitzvah for everyone!

YOU are invited to host a table at this year's Mitzvah Day!
Host a table by yourself, as a family, or with some friends!

Here is how you can help your organization:

1. Choose your own philanthropy or charitable organization.
2. Contact the organization to find out their wants/needs.
3. Invite a representative from the organization to come to CBI to host the table (2-4pm) or be the representative for the organization yourself.
4. Provide information (pamphlets, posters, etc.) regarding the organization.
5. Provide a hands-on and interactive service activity and/or collection to engage attendees.*
6. Be responsible for staffing your table from 2-4pm.
7. Be responsible for delivering items to your organization (if applicable).
8. Please be aware that there is **NO** entrance fee; please let us know if you will be soliciting in-kind or nominal donations.

* Please note: our most successful tables have included an interactive project.

The **MLK Mitzvah Day Committee** must approve all organizations and ideas. Final deadline is Friday, December 1st. Contact lisakbiller@gmail.com with any questions.



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

CBI Kadima 2017 Events

Thursday, September 14th 6:00-7:15
A Sweet New Year with Chocolate - Dinner and Event in Youth Lounge
Thursday, September 28th 6:00-7:15
GaGa and Games - Dinner and Event in Youth Lounge
Saturday, October 7th time TBD
Havdallah and a Movie – Sukkah and MPR
Thursday, October 19th 6:00-7:15
Cupcake Wars – Dinner and Event in Youth Lounge
Thursday, November 2nd 6:00-7:15
Give Back Mitzvah Program – Dinner and Event in Youth Lounge
Thursday, November 16th 5:10-6:00 with BBRs*
Rosh Chodesh – Event in MPR
Thursday, December 7th 6:00-7:15
Iron Chef Latke Edition - Dinner and Event in Youth Lounge
Thursday, December 14th 5:10-6:00 with BBRs*
A Creative Spin Dreidel Competition – Event in MPR

Don't forget to send in the youth group membership form, which must be handed in to attend an event.

Any questions – Contact Aly Greenstein, Kadima Advisor at:
973-495-6967 or alygreenstein18@gmail.com

As a new initiative we will be holding Kadima events once every other month with BBRs as part of Religious School

CBI Chaverim 2017-2018 Calendar

Chaverim is CBI's Youth Group for 4th and 5th Graders

Tuesday, September 19th 6:00-7:15
Ultimate Game Show - Dinner & Event in Youth Lounge
Tuesday, October 3rd 6:00-7:15
Sweet Sukkah Building - Dinner & Event in Youth Lounge
Saturday, October 7th 7:20-9:30
Havdallah and a Movie - Event in Sukkah and MPR
Tuesday, November 7th 6:00-7:15
Movie Night, Cookie Decorating, Pajama Party - Dinner & Event in Youth Lounge
Tuesday, December 12th 6:00-7:15
Rocking Chanukah Hang Out & Dance Party - Dinner & Event in Youth Lounge
Tuesday, January 2nd 6:00-7:15
Chaverim Shark Tank - Dinner & Event in Youth Lounge
Tuesday, February 6th 6:00-7:15
Top Chef Party - Dinner & Event in Youth Lounge
Tuesday, March 13th 6:00-7:15
Games and Give Back - Dinner & Event in Youth Lounge
Tuesday, April 10th 6:00-7:15
Cupcake Wars - Dinner & Event in Youth Lounge
Tuesday, April 24th 6:00-7:15
Ultimate Outdoor Challenge - Dinner & Event in Youth Lounge

Don't forget to send in the youth group membership form, which must be handed in to attend an event.

Any questions – Contact Michael Greenstein, Chaverim Advisor at:
CBICHaverim@gmail.com

Millburn USY 2017 Events

Mark your calendars for all our great events, details will be on our Facebook group and sent via email prior to the event:

Tuesday, September 12th 7:30-9:00 – MillBreakfast Club
Sunday, September 24th – Apple Picking Time & Location TBD
Tuesday, October 10th 7:30-9:00 – Sukkot with a Sweet Twist
Thursday, October 19th 7:30-9:00 – Café Night
Thursday, November 2nd 7:30-9:00 – Humongous Human Game Night
Tuesday, November 14th 7:30-9:00 – Challah for Hunger
Tuesday, December 5th 7:30-9:00 – Israel Night
Sunday, December 17th 6:00-8:00 – Chanukah Casino Night

Don't forget to send in the youth group membership form, which must be handed in to attend an event.

Any questions – Contact Aly Greenstein, USY Advisor at:
973-495-6967 or alygreenstein18@gmail.com

Keep up to date with everything Millburn USY has to offer, join our Facebook group by searching for Millburn USY!

Millburn USY

Millburn USY is starting the year off on a great note! Our first event, MillBreakfast Club, was an awesome way to introduce new members to our chapter and USY while returning members had the opportunity to make new friends and hang out with old ones. There was lots of food, energy, and new bonds being made.

Our second event was Apple Picking at Alstede Farms, which went amazing!! We had a great turnout with more than 20 members and the weather was perfect. The USY board has already been working hard and it shows.

The year is starting off successfully! Without our dedicated and passionate members, MillbUSY would not be the same. Not only do we have MillbUSY members from Congregation B'nai Israel, but we also have teenagers from nearby neighborhoods, especially Springfield, joining our youth group. This shows just how inclusive MillbUSY is and how devoted our members are. I am so lucky to be a part of such a great chapter and can't wait for the rest of the year!!

Orli Forster
Millburn USY
Communications Vice President



Save the Date!!

November 10 - 11, 2017

Shabbat with the Shabbatones at CBI

Join us to hear the beautiful sounds of

**The University of Pennsylvania
Jewish A Capella group,
The Shabbatones,**

performing at services

Friday night November 10th, at 7:30pm

(note earlier start time) and

Saturday morning November 11th

in services and at Kiddush.

The entire community is invited!

Host families are needed for Friday night only
(no meals). Please contact Cantor Wallach.

CBI Sisterhood Presents

Mah Jongg Nights



Play your game or join a new one!
Refresh your skills or perfect them!
Learners table available!
Most of All - Have Fun!

We meet on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at CBI

November 8
December 13
January 10
February 7
March 14
April 18
May 16

Please RSVP to Helene Moehlman
shmoehlman@yahoo.com or call 201-341-2059

Let us know if you would like to play at the
Learners Table.
Free for Sisterhood members // \$5.00 for
non-members



Calling All Knitters, Crocheters or Wannabees

Please join us for the
Sisterhood Knit & Knosh Group
2017-18 schedule

Tues. Nov. 28th; Tues. Dec. 19th;
Tues. Jan. 23rd; Mon. Feb. 26th; Tues. Mar. 20th; Tues. Apr. 24th;
Tues. May 29th, and Tues. June 26th.

The group meets from 7:30 to 9pm in the Youth Lounge

Bring your own supplies
Want to learn - we'll have yarn. You bring needles.
Work on your project or stitch for a cause.
An opportunity to share patterns and provide support

RSVP: Marion Mohl marionmohl@aol.com 908-273-8157
Ann Spector annspector@msn.com 973-868-0329

Want to learn, are experienced, or just want to schmooze, come to our
monthly informal gathering. Light refreshments.



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ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



Does anyone in your family like lacrosse?

In July 2018 Israel will be hosting the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) Men's World Lacrosse Championship. This is a great accomplishment for Israel Lacrosse and will be a great event for interested international visitors to attend. Israel Lacrosse also sponsors special Lacrosse related birthright trips, and other internship possibilities for young adults from the US. For more information, visit Israel Lacrosse on Facebook, or contact me for e-mail contact information.

2018 AIPAC Policy Conference March 4-6, 2018

Several donors from CBI has 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 through CBI, and we will sign you up with AIPAC. We have confirmed that Metrowest will continue its scholarship program for teenagers who attend the AIPAC Policy Conference with a parent.

What's coming in 5778?

CBI lifelong learning has announced its educational program for 5778 and there are several events focusing on Israel.

- CBI is presenting Israel's Milestones and Their Meanings on consecutive Monday nights between October 23 and December 11. While the program has already begun, if you are interested in learning about three key events in Israel's history – The Balfour Declaration (1917), the UN Partition Resolution (1947) and the Six Day War (1967) and how they impact modern Israel and Jewish identity consider joining the class. The classes are led by Rabbi Bayar and Rabbi Litwin using videos and sourcebooks developed by the Hartmann Institute.
- On Thursday, November 16, Michael Steinhardt will speak on the future of the American Jewish Community. While the topic is not directly related to Israel, Mr. Steinhardt is arguably one of the most impactful philanthropic supporters of Israel as he is a co-founder of Birthright Israel which has sent over 600,000 young people to Israel for a free 10-day trip.
- On Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10, Gavy Friedson, a volunteer for United Hatzalah will speak at

Shabbat Services and at a Sunday morning brunch about the organizations fleet of specially equipped motorcycle ambulances which provides emergency medical treatment across Israel with an average response time of 3 minutes. The Sunday morning brunch is generously supported by Jane and Neil Yaris.

- On Monday, February 12, Jonathan Schanzer from Foundation for Defense of Democracies will provide a security update on Israel's position in the Middle East. Schanzer will speak at 7:30 pm, in an event sponsored by Friends of AIPAC.

The Israel Support Committee of Central Jersey is sponsoring a showing of the film *Starting Over Again* on Sunday, November 5 at 2 pm at Temple Beth El / Mekor Chayim in Cranford NJ. This documentary tells the story of Egyptian Jewish families who became refugees and were forced to start over in new countries. Viviane Acker Levy, an Egyptian Jewish refugee will share her experiences after the movie. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$10 at the door, \$8 in advance.

Also on November 5, The Honorable Daniel Shapiro, former ambassador of the United States to Israel will be speaking at Temple B'nai Jeshurun in Short Hills at 5pm. The event is co-sponsored by AIPAC and B'nai Jeshurun. Please RSVP to Jackie Kelly at 646 360 1513 or jkelly@aipac.org.

5778 Israel Bond Appeal

Please consider responding positively to the 5778 Israel Bond Appeal. We have mailed out a card with the options available for purchase (investment). A positive response of as little as \$100 will help send a message that you wish to stand with the long term financial viability of the State of Israel.

Thank you to Ariel Dybner for his address on Kol Nidre encouraging all of us to support Israel, either financially through purchasing Israel Bonds, or through charitable or political organizations like he has done through his participation in the Arava Institute bike ride and the AIPAC Policy Conference.

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



Children's & Family Shabbat Services

Join us for meaningful experiences and memories that blend Jewish learning and living. CBI offers services for families that teach the songs and rhythm of Shabbat services for children of all ages.

Please refer to the synagogue weekly email, the Synagogue Bulletin or the Calendar on the CBI website for exact dates for these services.

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary!

SATURDAY MORNING

BIM BAM SHABBAT (for children through 1st grade and their families)

Every Shabbat at 10:30 a.m. // Room 105

Sing songs and prayers, hear a story and play games! Come get to know other young families and feel the sense of community at CBI. Bim Bam Shabbat will be led by Morah Vivian Gibilisco. Bring moms, dads, grandparents...all are welcome! A snack is provided at end of the service.

Once a month the young family enrichment committee will sponsor **Bim Bam Bagels** at 10:00 a.m. to socialize with young families for breakfast before the service.

NEW! FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE (for 2nd-6th graders and their families)

Oct 28, Nov 18, Dec 2, Jan 27, Feb 10, March 10, May 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. // Multi-Purpose Room

A vibrant Shabbat service filled with singing and storytelling, including a special up-close look at the Torah as we read part of the weekly *parasha*. Each month our students will be assigned parts and prayers to lead in the service. Parents and children will learn and pray together, participate in discussion and act out a play.

A light breakfast will be served before the service at 10:15 a.m.

Following these services, we welcome families to stay for Kiddush with the entire congregation.

FRIDAY EVENING

SHIR SHABBAT (Families with Children of all ages)

This service is a traditional Friday night service in the Sanctuary with upbeat singing, led with our clergy and children together. Children are invited to participate in leading prayers, joining together for a story and conversation and everyone is invited to join us at the end of services for a festive Oneg Shabbat with tasty treats or Shabbat Dinner as noted.

December 15 (6:00 p.m.)
followed by Shabbat Dinner

March 23 (6:00 p.m.)
followed by Shabbat Dinner

January 5 (6:45 p.m.)

April 20 (6:00 p.m.)
followed by Shabbat Dinner

November 3 (6:00 p.m.)
followed by Shabbat Dinner

February 2 (6:45 p.m.)

May 11 (6:00 p.m.)
followed by Shabbat Dinner

For more information, please contact Rabbi Sharon at slitwin@cbi-nj.org or 973-379-1134.

CBI SISTERHOOD PRESENTS
GLASS & GRAPES
A LADIES NIGHT "IN"

A GLASS FUSION WORKSHOP AT CBI

BY
GLASSWORKS
STUDIO
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**EVERYONE WILL CREATE A ONE OF A KIND GLASS MEZZUZH
KOSHER WINE, NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & PARVE SNACKS
WILL BE SERVED**



Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Time: 7:30 – 9:00

Price: \$36

RSVP: to Susan Stern at Hazelstorm1016@aol.com or 973-379-1284

RSVP deadline is November 27th



OPPORTUNITIES FOR JEWISH LEARNING AND GROWTH Fall 2017

Visit Lifelong Learning area of CBI website for all the details at www.cbi-nj.org.

Cantor's Melody Workshop

Shabbat Morning of November 18 after Kiddush from 12:45-1:45 p.m.

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 a new melody that will be incorporated into either Friday night or Shabbat morning services. And we will sing some favorite traditional Shabbat afternoon *Z'mirot* (songs). All are welcome! No RSVP necessary.

United Hatzalah Ambucycles Weekend

Saturday, December 9 – Shabbat Morning Service

Sunday, December 10 at 9:30 a.m. – Brunch and Discussion

Using specially equipped motorcycle ambulances, United Hatzalah's diverse network of more than 3,400 volunteer medics help save thousands of lives each year across Israel by providing emergency medical treatment in an average response time of three minutes or less. These humanitarian services are free, universal and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to every sector of Israeli society. **Gavy Friedson**, a dedicated volunteer, will speak at Shabbat services and at a Sunday bagel brunch.

Join us to see these life-saving ambucycles!

Sunday Brunch is generously supported by Neil and Jane Yaris.



Mornings with the Rabbi

Year-long Learning with Rabbi Steven Bayar

Contemporary Jewish Philosophers – Weekly on Monday Mornings

This class will examine Jewish philosophy and theology in the post Holocaust era with special emphasis on current dynamics in the Jewish community.

***Pirkei Avot* (The Ethics of Our Ancestors) – Weekly on Thursday Mornings**

Jewish Ethics for the Contemporary World -- In this course, we will use texts from *Pirkei Avot* as triggers for discussion concerning politics, life-lessons and morality.

Classes run through May. It is not necessary to attend every week.

CBI's Legacy Circle

As of September 30, 2017

Proudly welcomes our newest members during 5777 (in bold).

Heidi & Barry Allen
Miriam Linver & Matt Askin
**Helaine Ettinger &
Henry Bloom**
Jane & Robert Brauer
Barbara & Steve Brown
Andrew Cohen
Elizabeth & Gerald Cohen
Heidi & Brett Cohen
Betsy & Phil Darivoff
Mariela & Ariel Dybner
Roz & Jonathan Engel
Lilli & Steve Finkler
Marvin Fish
Andrea & David Good
Susan & Larry Gordon
Naomi & Howard Greenwald

Andrea & David Hirschfeld
**Meryl Griff Hubscher &
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Harold Weiner
Jane & Neil Yaris

You are never too young – or too old – to make a planned gift.



Is CBI already in YOUR estate plan?

We need to know so we can honor you as part of our Legacy Circle.
Contact Elizabeth Cohen or Andrea Hirschfeld at Legacycircle@cbi-nj.org.

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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

Wednesday, November 1

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 9:30 AM HGECC @MPR
- 1:30 PM HGECC @MPR
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Thursday, November 2

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 1:30 PM HGECC @MPR
- 6:00 PM Kadima @Youth Lounge
- 7:30 PM Fall Bookends @ MPR
- 7:30 PM USY @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Friday, November 3

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 6:00 PM Shir Shabbat Service
- 6:45 PM Fall Congregational Shabbat Dinner
- 8:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 4

- 9:00 AM Shabbat Services bar mitzvah of Eli Troll
- 10:30 AM Bim Bam Shabbat - Young Family Service @ Room 105 of Education Wing
- 11:15 AM Yaldeinu Service

Sunday, November 5

- 8:00 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:45 AM Open House/Book Fair @ Social Hall and MPR
- 12:00 PM Tichon Plus @ BBRS School Wing & Kitchen
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Monday, November 6

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 9:30 AM HGECC @MPR
- 9:30 AM Contemporary Jewish Philosophers with Rabbi Bayar @Social Hall
- 5:30 PM BBRS DINNER @ Room 201
- 7:30 PM Hartman iEngage @Social Hall
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Tuesday, November 7

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 9:00 AM Wise Aging @ Youth Lounge
- 1:30 PM HGECC @ MPR
- 6:00 PM Chaverim @ Youth Lounge
- 7:30 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting @ MPR
- 7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Wednesday, November 8

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 1:30 PM HGECC @ MPR
- 7:30 PM Mah Jongg @ MPR
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Thursday, November 9

- 12:00 AM BBRS Closed - NJEA Convention
- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 9:30 AM Pirkei Avot with Rabbi Bayar @ Social Hall
- 12:30 PM Adult Forum - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Lab @ MPR
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan
- 8:15 PM Religious Affairs Committee @ Youth Lounge

Friday, November 10

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 7:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service with the Shabbatones

Saturday, November 11

- 9:00 AM Shabbat Services with The Shabbatones
- 10:30 AM Bim Bam Shabbat - Young Family Service @ Room 105 of Education Wing
- 4:30 PM Minha/Ma'ariv - bat mitzvah of Alyssa Rubin

Sunday, November 12

BBRS Closed - NJEA Convention

- 8:00 AM Morning Minyan
- 9:00 AM Fall Hike with Men's Club
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Monday, November 13

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 9:30 AM Contemporary Jewish Philosophers with Rabbi Bayar @ Social Hall
- 5:30 PM BBRS DINNER @ Room 201
- 7:30 PM Hartman iEngage @ Social Hall
- 7:30 PM BBRS Board Meeting @ Room 201
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan
- 8:00 PM HGECC Board Meeting @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 PM Men's Club Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 14

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 9:00 AM Wise Aging @ Youth Lounge
- 9:30 AM HGECC @ MPR
- 1:30 PM HGECC @ MPR
- 7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting
- 7:30 PM USY @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Wednesday, November 15

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 9:30 AM HGECC @ MPR
- 1:30 PM HGECC @ MPR
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Thursday, November 16

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 9:30 AM HGECC @ MPR
- 9:30 AM Pirkei Avot with Rabbi Bayar @ Social Hall
- 1:30 PM HGECC @ MPR
- 5:00 PM Kadima @ MPR
- 7:30 PM Michael Steinhardt - L'Dor V'Dor Speaker Series @ Sanctuary
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Friday, November 17

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

Saturday, November 18

- 9:00 AM Shabbat Services bar mitzvah of Russell Moss
- 10:00 AM Bim Bam Shabbat with Bagels! - Young Family Service @ Room 105 of Education Wing
- 10:30 AM Family Shabbat Service @ MPR
- 10:45 AM Journeyer's Minyan @ Room 205
- 12:45 PM Cantor's Melody Workshop @ Social Hall

Sunday, November 19

- 8:00 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:45 AM Kitah Vav to Mitzvot of Metrowest @ Offsite
- 5:00 PM Chanting Circle: Rosh Chodesh & Hallel Program @ Chapel
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Monday, November 20

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 9:30 AM HGECC @ MPR
- 9:30 AM Contemporary Jewish Philosophers with Rabbi Bayar @ Social Hall
- 5:30 PM BBRS DINNER @ Room 201
- 7:30 PM Hartman iEngage @ Social Hall
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Tuesday, November 21

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 1:30 PM HGECC @ MPR
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Wednesday, November 22

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 1:30 PM HGECC @ MPR
- 2:00 PM OFFICE CLOSING AT 2:00 PM
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Thursday, November 23 OFFICE AND SCHOOL CLOSED - THANKSGIVING

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

Friday, November 24

OFFICE CLOSED - THANKSGIVING

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

Saturday, November 25

- 9:00 AM Shabbat Services
- 10:30 AM Bim Bam Shabbat - Young Family Service
- 4:15 PM Minha bat mitzvah of Hilary Adelman

Sunday, November 26

BBRS Closed - Thanksgiving Weekend

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

Monday, November 27

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 9:30 AM Contemporary Jewish Philosophers with Rabbi Bayar @ Social Hall
- 5:30 PM BBRS DINNER @ Room 201
- 7:30 PM Hartman iEngage @ Social Hall
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Tuesday, November 28

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 8:15 AM JBN Meeting
- 9:30 AM HGECC @ MPR
- 1:30 PM HGECC @ MPR
- 7:30 PM Down the Block Mtg. @ Alcove
- 7:30 PM Knit and Nosh @ Youth Lounge
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Wednesday, November 29

- 7:15 AM Morning Minyan
- 9:00 AM HGECC Olive Press Program @ MPR
- 1:30 PM HGECC @ MPR
- 7:30 PM Sisterhood Ladies Night Out @ MPR
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan

Thursday, November 30

- 7:10 AM Morning Minyan
- 9:30 AM HGECC @ MPR
- 9:30 AM Pirkei Avot with Rabbi Bayar @ Social Hall
- 12:30 PM Adult Forum Film @ MPR
- 1:30 PM HGECC @ MPR
- 7:00 PM Men's Club Bowling @ Offsite
- 8:00 PM Evening Minyan
- 8:15 PM Finance Committee Meeting @ Youth Lounge

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