

# The Bulletin



CONGREGATION  
B'NAI ISRAEL

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

October 2018



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

**Special Presentation**

### **Immigration in America How it Impacts Us Nationally and Locally**



#### **Matt Katz**

Reporter for WNYC and winner of  
Peabody and Livingston Awards

**Sunday, October 14 at 9:30 a.m.**

***Bagel Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.***

Matt Katz currently reports on air at WNYC, the NY area public radio station, about immigration, refugees and national security. Formerly, he covered New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie through scandal and presidential candidacy, for *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and then for WNYC, for which he and his WNYC team won a Peabody Award. Matt has written about politics for *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *The New Republic* and *POLITICO* and has also authored a biography of Christie which was published by Simon & Schuster.

*Q&A session moderated by Allan Sloan, a ProPublica editor at large and a Washington Post columnist (and CBI member). Allan has won seven Loeb Awards, business journalism's highest honor.*

**Admission is Free // Open to the Community**

This program is co-sponsored with the CBI Men's Club.

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**Join us for a  
special  
Congregational  
meeting on  
Sunday,  
October 14  
at 11AM  
in the social hall  
to discuss and  
vote on  
amendments to  
the constitution  
regarding size  
and  
composition  
of the  
Board of  
Trustees.**

**For more  
information, see  
page 10.**



## October Shabbat Services

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

### Additional Shabbat Programs:

#### Saturday, October 6

10:30 am – Family Shabbat Services

#### Saturday, October 20

Auf Ruf of Benjamin Dashevsky  
Mincha Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Talpins

#### Saturday, October 27

Bat Mitzvah of Abby Dranikoff

Please check [www.cbi-nj.org](http://www.cbi-nj.org) for any changes to schedule.

## Candle Lighting

October 5	6:13 pm
October 12	6:02 pm
October 19	5:52 pm
October 26	5:42 pm

## Mincha/Havdallah

October 6	6:20 pm/7:20 pm
October 13	6:09 pm/7:09 pm
October 20	5:59 pm/6:59 pm
October 27	5:49 pm/6:49 pm

## Minyan Rotation

9/30 - 10/6	Cohn – Ehrlich
10/7 - 10/13	Eichler – Feins
10/14 - 10/20	Feldman – Freeman
10/21 - 10/27	Fried – Gershman

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



**Y**ears ago there was an incident at Meah Shearim, the ultra orthodox community in Jerusalem. There was an attaché case that when opened was found to be a bomb. A chasid found it and disarmed it.

Here is the rest of the story. One morning a lady noticed a guy throwing an attaché case in the garbage.

She thought this man stole the case from someone in the neighborhood and it probably had his tallis and tefilin in it. She saw her brother in law who was fixing his car. She called out to him, “go get the bag out of the garbage

He opens the bag and finds a cellphone and a bunch of wires. He realized it was a bomb and disconnected it. A minute later the phone rang – but no bomb exploded.

How did this chasid living in Meah Shearim know that this was a bomb? How did he know to disconnect it without blowing himself up?

15 years before, 10 chassidim got drafted into the army. The community protested– they were against being conscripted to the Israeli defense forces. The ten families used their connections to arrange this and it worked in 9 cases. One boy was left in the IDF. This was that man. He was only in the army for 6 months. Guess what he learned how to do there? Diffuse bombs.

I wonder what he thought 15 years before when he was required to go into the IDF? Did he think God had abandoned him? And how did he feel when his 14 fellows left but he could not? Did he give up on his beliefs or did he look at his new surroundings as an opportunity for growth which might someday infuse his life with new meaning?

Certainly that day, as he diffused the bomb, drove the lesson home. How often have we looked back and realized that what we thought of as a defeat of our most treasured goals opened a path, actually illuminated our lives, and helped us achieve what we never thought possible. With proper perspective no door is ever completely closed. But to do that we must face forward and move ahead or around the challenges facing us.

The difference between superficial existence and a meaningful life is a matter of perspective. If we demand that our lives stand for something, we are forced to live for the future – for we are continually being challenged to create meaning – and fix the world. If we are content to see only what is in front of us – we perceive only what is superficial. We react to the present and live in the past.

May this New Year bring us challenges we work through to make our lives meaningful as we face the future.

**Steven Bayar**



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## MUSICAL NOTES

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

### STAY TUNED FOR AN A CAPPELLA MUSICAL SHABBAT ON OCTOBER 26 - 27

**T**his past summer, as I have done for almost every summer since 1990, I enjoyed attending the North American Jewish Choral Festival, sponsored by the Zamir Choral Foundation. This festival is a 5 day gathering of over 500 people, all of whom share a passion for singing Jewish music (although not all of them are “professional” singers/musicians) and who share the objective of keeping alive the tradition of music in Jewish life and worship. A recent survey conducted on behalf of the Zamir Choral Foundation shows the impact that singing in a Jewish choir can have. There is strong anecdotal evidence that many people, who are not otherwise involved in Jewish life, find their way in through their love of singing. For me, singing in or conducting a Jewish choir is a way to integrate music, Judaism, community and spirituality. I have derived great joy and satisfaction from conducting our own CBI choir, whom you hear each year singing so beautifully on the High Holydays and enhancing our services!

For 10 years (1988 – 1998), I sang with the Zamir Chorale in New York. I didn’t even know that this Jewish choir existed until I was in Cantorial School. 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.

Over the last few years, I have invited several College Jewish A Cappella groups to spend a Shabbat at CBI to share their talent, enthusiasm and their sweet souls with our community! This year, I am excited to welcome **PIZMON** to CBI. Please join us on **Friday night October 26** at a 7:30 PM service, and **Shabbat morning, Oct. 27** to hear PIZMON, the student-run, co-ed Jewish a cappella group of Columbia University, Barnard College, and The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. As a Jewish pluralistic group, its members come from nearly every Jewish background. In describing who they are on their website, they say that through their identity as Jews and their love of music, the members of Pizmon strive to be role models for Jewish youth and enhance the religious experiences of Jewish communities of all denominations. Since its inception in 1987 as the first collegiate Jewish a cappella group, Pizmon has traveled to hundreds of communities within the United States and around the world to share their love of Jewish music and culture.

The students of Pizmon (including the grandson of CBI members Aliza and Joe Rosenberg) will perform at our service on Friday night (Please note earlier start time!), Shabbat morning and with community singing at Kiddush! These events are open to the entire community (you are welcome to bring your neighbors/friends who are not members of CBI) and I also hope to see any Barnard/Columbia/JTS alumni who are at CBI and in our area to show their support!



Lorna Wallach



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email her at [cbicantor@cbi-nj.org](mailto:cbicantor@cbi-nj.org)

## In The Community

### Mazel Tov to:

Barry & Leslie Dashefsky on the marriage of their son, Jesse, to Adi Elbaz, daughter of Ayala & Albert Elbaz

Merna Most on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Minna Jo Most

Jane & Robert Brauer on the birth of their granddaughter

### Refuah Shleima to:

Meryl Hubscher, Frieda Ostrowsky,  
Emmanuel Magid, & Beth Giladi

## October 2018 Yahrzeit Donors

Henry Bloom  
Treasure Cohen  
Dr. Morton Farber  
Selma Friedman  
Linda Glasofer  
Alan & Gloria Gottlieb  
Renee Harrison  
Scott Horowitz  
Wendy Kaplowitz  
Howard Kessler  
Thelma Leff  
Helene Moehlman  
Marion & Murray Mohl  
Michele Sherrill  
Stacey Thornton  
Jane Vatsky  
Sydell Weiner  
Ellen Zall

## President's Message

By Mariela Dybner, CBI President



Lshana tova u'metuka! I hope and trust that you have had a chance to pause and reflect during the days of awe and have started our new year renewed and refreshed. During my Rosh Hashanah speech (which can be found on the CBI website), I spoke about the Hineni prayer, about how it differs from the rest of the liturgy in its focus on the self rather than the congregation as a whole and about the impact and value of the emphatic "Here I Am." I asked you to take the time to

reflect on yourself, on what's important to you and about how you can effect change for others and spoke of the momentous transition that this year represents for our community.

We are beginning to see and participate in the events that will shape the future for CBI. On October 14, we will be having a congregational meeting during which we will be taking a vote regarding changing the size and composition of our Board of Trustees. After surveying best practices from other congregations and conducting focus groups regarding maximizing efficacy, the Board has made a recommendation to reduce the number of trustees from 18 to 12 over the next three years and to reduce the role of past presidents by including only the immediate past president as an ex officio member and limit lifetime past president participation to only the Executive Committee of the Board. Please try to be in attendance at the Special Congregational Meeting and make an impact by voting in this important election.

By now you should have received a letter from me describing Rabbi

Bayar's time away from the congregation during this transitional year. Our rabbi has deferred this time allotted to him in his long-term contract and will be taking it during this year to explore the opportunities that await him after he has retired from CBI. Cantor Lorna Wallach will be filling much of the clergy role during the rabbi's time away, and will lead the way as we will also be experimenting with new and exciting programs during Shabbat morning services.

We have augmented our Rosh Hashanah celebration with the addition of social spaces both inside and outside the synagogue walls. Our first ever Rosh Roasters Coffee Spot provided congregants with a snack and place to chat when taking a break from services and coming together with friends. The tented outdoor space provided a way for our young families to participate in the Lev Shalem service and still let their children play nearby, if only the weather had been more cooperative!

With an invigorated focus on coming together as a community, as in past years we are hosting various Shabbat dinners throughout the year. Currently, generous donors have come forth to underwrite the cost for our opening Shabbat dinner on September 28, and we are hopeful that others may step forward as well, whether to celebrate a special event with the congregation or as a group just to support this initiative. Please call the front office to discuss dates, availability and costs.

As we look forward to Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah, I wish you and your families joy in the new year.

Mariela Markelis Dybner



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### Musical Shabbat

October 26-27

featuring



*The Jewish A Cappella Group of  
Columbia, Barnard and JTS*

Pizmon was founded in the 1990's as the co-ed pluralistic Jewish a cappella group of Columbia University, Barnard College, and the Jewish Theological Seminary, one of the largest and most vibrant Jewish campus communities in the nation. Their mission is to share their love of Jewish music with Jewish communities in the United States and abroad.

### Musical Kabbalat Service

Friday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m.

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

**Festive Oneg to Follow**

BRING  
FAMILY &  
FRIENDS!



### Shabbat Morning

Saturday, October 27

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

On Sunday, October 28, Pizmon will perform and workshop with BBRS students.





JULIE SCHWARZWALD  
WILL REGALE US ABOUT HER JOURNEY FROM BEING A  
“JEW IN THE PEWS”  
TO HER ENROLLING IN RABBINICAL SCHOOL.  
**“Becoming a Rabbi: A Personal Journey”**

ON OCTOBER 15TH, AT 6:30 PM

COST OF DINNER \$18

Vegetarian or Gluten Free options available upon request.

Please RSVP to Wendy Kaplowitz at 908 964 0127 or [wendy.kaplowitz@verizon.net](mailto:wendy.kaplowitz@verizon.net) by October 10th.

Please send checks made out to Sisterhood to the Synagogue prior to the event.

## Beineynu

By Harvey Brenner, Executive Director

One of my favorite Jewish commentators of today is Dr. Ron Wolfson, *Fingerhut Professor of Education, American Jewish University*, and founder of “*Synagogue 3000*”, who spends a great deal of time commenting upon the state of “Organized Jewry” and what we as “Jewish Institutions” can do better to engage with our members and the greater Jewish community.



Every so often, he tackles something “rabbinic” and I find that totally fascinating!

This Rosh HaShanah, while sitting in my home congregation in Aberdeen, I was thumbing through our supplemental handout and came upon this: “*The Seven Questions You’re Asked in Heaven: Reviewing and Renewing Your Life on Earth*,” by the very same Dr. Ron Wolfson.

1. Were you **honest**? *Na-sa-ta v’na-ta-ta b’emuna?*
2. Did you leave a **legacy**? *A-sakta b’friya u-r’vee-ya?*
3. Did you set aside **time to study**? *Ka-va-ta ee-teem la-Torah?*
4. Did you have **hope** in your heart? *Tzee-pee-ta li-y’shuah?*
5. Did you get your **priorities** straight? *Peel-pahl-ta b’choch-ma? Hey-van-ta da-var mee-toch da-var?*
6. Did you **enjoy** this world?
7. Were you the **best** you could be?

He says, **look back** on your life so far and answer them honestly.

Now **look forward** and ask yourself, “How can I work towards a **yes** for all of these other seven questions?”

- How can I be more **honest** in my business, relationships and with myself?
- How can I leave a **legacy** for future generations? How can I become an ancestor and make a difference?
- How can I find **time to study**?
- How can I cultivate an attitude of hopefulness? How can I replace fear with **hope** and believe that better days are ahead?

- How can I better **prioritize** my time, my efforts and my goals?
- How can I **enjoy** the beauty and blessings of God’s creations?
- How can I **be me** and **fulfill my unique potential**—in my job, with my family, with my friends and in society at large?

As I do each year, I try to find one or two things to work on to make me a better person. Dr. Wolfson’s questions are absolutely “food for thought” for me and a foundation upon which I’ll build. With HaShem’s blessings, each of us will have the year to learn, grow, improve,<sup>2</sup> and connect more meaningfully with God and with each other.

May 5779 be a good year for us all!

Harvey M. Brenner, FSA, FTA



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### CBI WINS MAJOR HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

In early September, CBI was informed that we were awarded a \$150,000 competitive Homeland Security Grant for FY 2019.

The funds will be used to add new levels of security equipment to our grounds and building, rendering our facility a stronger and less attractive potential target.

More information will follow as the program details unfold.

### LET’S HAVE DINNER TOGETHER!

This year we are planning monthly Shabbat dinners to bring the CBI Community together and we’re looking for additional sponsors.

*To become a sponsor:*

Contact Harvey Brenner ([hbrenner@cbi-nj.org](mailto:hbrenner@cbi-nj.org)) in the CBI office for more information.



## CEMETERY PLOTS

By Steve Finkler and Nan Greenwald

Dear Congregants:

The loss of a loved one is always an emotional time. Sometimes those moments are even more challenging when, in addition to bearing the loss, the family is put in the position of scrambling to make decisions about end-of-life issues. Pre-purchasing cemetery plots is one of the most thoughtful and considerate gifts you can give to your loved ones, because it relieves them of making one of those difficult decisions within a few short hours of their loved one's death. It also relieves family members of one of the financial burdens associated with one's final arrangements and ensures that family members may be buried next to each other.

In an effort to serve our congregational family, Congregation B'nai Israel offers to our congregants cemetery plots for purchase. These plots are located in a peaceful and beautiful section of Beth Israel Cemetery, a Jewish cemetery located in Woodbridge New Jersey, and are reserved for our community and their extended family members.

In recent years, Congregation B'nai Israel has been able to offer plots where only flat grave markers may be placed. We are pleased to now be able to offer plots where either flat grave markers or headstones may be erected. (Please note that we do not sell the grave markers or headstones themselves). From now until December 31, 2018, we are offering these plots at discounted prices, \$950 for grave marker plots and \$1100 for headstone plots, well below market prices charged directly by the cemetery and at a substantial discount to the price the synagogue has charged for many years. After that date, plots will be sold for \$1250 and \$1400, respectively.

For more information and to purchase cemetery plots, please contact Harvey Brenner in the CBI office at 973-379-3811 or [hbrenner@cbi-nj.org](mailto:hbrenner@cbi-nj.org).

Best Regards,

Steve Finkler and Nan Greenwald

### 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!

RSVP: Helene Moehlman, [shmoehlman@yahoo.com](mailto:shmoehlman@yahoo.com) or Call 201-341-2059  
Let me know if you would like to play at the Learners Table  
Free for Sisterhood members, \$5.00 for non-members

Plan Ahead, All Wednesday's at 7:30pm:

October 17  
November 14  
December 19  
January 16  
February 13  
March 13  
April 10  
May 15



## CBI Chanting Circle

Join us in the Chapel on **Sunday, October 14th, at 5 PM** for  
our inspirational Hebrew chant and song circle with  
musical accompaniment.

**Sukkot will have just passed but the themes of protection,  
healing, and peace that the holiday emblemizes are with  
us the year round. Our chants and songs this month will  
accentuate these themes as we create a 'sukkat shalom.'**

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

For additional info contact: [lenhausman@msn.com](mailto:lenhausman@msn.com)

## Hedwig Gruenewald Early Childhood Center (HGECC)

By Rochelle Baron, Director

We had a successful beginning of school in September and are now looking forward to full, consecutive weeks of many fun activities together. This month we'll be welcoming all of our families to our Super Shabbat celebration on October 12 when everyone will have the opportunity to learn about and experience this special weekly event. We are also looking forward to meeting Shay, our new rishonim from Israel, who will interact with our classes twice a month and help us learn more about her homeland. We've enjoyed these visits from different "Israeli ambassadors" over the past few years and look forward to welcoming Shay to our school.



There are many 'treasures' that exist at HGECC, most of which are our students, teachers, and families. One very special room is the HGECC school library, located near the exit to the back playground. Filled with over twelve hundred children's books (last counted in 2005 so there must be more at this point!) it

includes stories about Jewish holidays, secular topics, teaching manuals, PJ Library selections, and many, many stories by a variety of wonderful authors. The classes visit every few weeks and each child selects a book to take home to share and read with their family. Once returned by the 'due date' the child then chooses another. Our 'lending library' is a favorite room for the different groups to congregate in and they look forward to the visits.

In this day and age of everything being available to us online, the importance of sitting with your child and reading an actual book, complete with turning pages and snuggling together while doing so, is time well spent. If you would like to take advantage of this special place please let me know!

Sincerely,

Rochelle



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email her at [HGECC@cbi-nj.org](mailto:HGECC@cbi-nj.org)

## Blanche Bayer Religious School (BBS)

By Rabbi Sharon Litwin, Director of Congregational Learning

I know that many of us struggle with all the demands and obligations in our lives, and we often forget to take a breath and find time to exhale. Shabbat gives us the opportunity to take stock weekly and to find a moment to recoup from the business in our lives. Shabbat is also a time to spend time together as a family and to reconnect with our friends and community.



I am very excited to highlight some of the wonderful family Shabbat programming we have at CBI and to invite and encourage you to join us!

We have revamped our weekly Bim Bam Shabbat programming for our youngest children to include different options each week.

Each week we will have one of the following Shabbat programs:

1. Bim Bam Fridays Shir Shabbat Service followed by Shabbat Dinner  
This is a shorter version of the traditional Friday night service with upbeat singing, led by our clergy and children together. (RSVP is required for dinner., or just join us for the service!)
2. Bim Bam Shabbat Services Sing songs and prayers, hear a story and play games! Celebrate your birthday in your birthday month! 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.
3. Bim Bam Story Time Hear stories, play games, sing and have snack with Rochelle Baron, our HGECC Director. A relaxing way to enjoy Shabbat!
4. Bim Bam Minyan Circle Join us for prayers, songs, stories and

social time for parents and kids at this parent-led Shabbat service for young children.

Please check the CBI announcements and calendar for a schedule of these weekly Shabbat programs.

For our older children and families, we have 2 monthly service options:

5. FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE For 2nd -6 th Grade Children and Families 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Light Breakfast at 10:15 a.m.)  
This is a vibrant Shabbat service on Saturday morning filled with singing and storytelling, including a special upclose look at the Torah as we read part of the weekly parasha. Children take an active part in leading prayers and reading from the Torah. Parents and children will learn and pray together, participate in discussion and act out a play. A light breakfast is available before the service. Following services, we welcome families to stay for Kiddush with the entire congregation.
6. SHIR SHABBAT with Shabbat Dinner Families with Children of All Ages 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. This is a shorter version of the traditional Friday night service in the Sanctuary with upbeat singing, led by our clergy and children together. Each service is followed by a catered Congregational Shabbat Dinner. (Or, just come for the service.)

I look forward to celebrating Shabbat with you as we all find time to unwind from the busy and structured lives we live!

Rabbi Sharon Litwin



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## Sisterhood's Message

By Laurie Kavowras and Ruth Novick



Laurie Kavowras



Ruth Novick

It's October!!! Which means that Sisterhood's programs are about to get underway. We have so many things planned for this month (and for the year) and we are excited to get started.

Do you watch Jeopardy or Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Do you play Trivial Pursuit? Do you regale your friends with little known facts about history, art, or popular culture? Then you are in luck because trivia games will take center stage at Sisterhood Kickoff. So brush up on presidents, word origins, and literature because this is an interactive event! Kickoff, one of Sisterhood's signature events, will be on Thursday, October 25. This is a free (you read that correctly - it's free!!!) event for all paid up Sisterhood members (and only \$10 for non-members) and it includes a catered dinner. Kickoff is our way of thanking our membership for supporting Sisterhood and Congregation B'nai Israel. Please respond to [ruthkirshner@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthkirshner@yahoo.com) or 973-564-5871, or [lscaregiver48@gmail.com](mailto:lscaregiver48@gmail.com) or 862-763-7705.

Our Fall Bookends, led by Sara Sherman, will meet on October 4 at 7:30. We will be discussing The Immortalists, by Chloe Benjamin. Set in the Lower East Side of New York in 1969, word has spread of the arrival of a traveling psychic who claims to be able to tell anyone the day they will die. The Gold children—four adolescents on the cusp of self-awareness—sneak out to hear their fortunes. This highly acclaimed novel follows the lives of each of these children and we learn how their prophecies affect their lives. A parve dessert will be served. Respond to Susan Stern at [Hazelstorm1016@aol.com](mailto:Hazelstorm1016@aol.com) or 973-415-9547

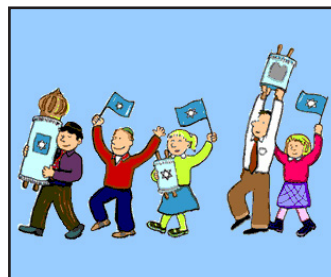
Our first Rosh Chodesh program of the year will be Monday, October 15. Julie Schwarzwald will regale us about her journey to becoming a rabbi. The cost of the program is \$18 and includes dinner. To rsvp or for more information, please contact Wendy Kaplowitz at 908-964-0127 or [wendy.kaplowitz@verizon.net](mailto:wendy.kaplowitz@verizon.net).

Looking forward to seeing you!

### Upcoming Events:

<i>Fall Bookends:</i>	Thursday, October 4
<i>Rosh Chodesh:</i>	Monday, October 15
<i>Mah Jongg:</i>	Wednesday, October 17
<i>Kickoff:</i>	Thursday, October 25
<i>Knit and Knosh:</i>	Tuesday, October 30

Laurie Kavowras and Ruth Novick



### Sisterhood's Kickoff Dinner and Trivia Night



Thursday, October 25, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Free for all Sisterhood members  
(\$10 for guests)



Please RSVP by October 21<sup>st</sup> to Ruth Novick at [ruthkirshner@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthkirshner@yahoo.com) or 973-564-5871, or Laurie Kavowras at [lscaregiver48@gmail.com](mailto:lscaregiver48@gmail.com) or 862-763-7705.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: SUNDAY, OCT. 14, 11 AM

*(continued from cover)*

In a survey of like-size Congregations both local and around the country, it has come to light that the size of operating boards has been shrinking over the last two decades. Our Board of Trustees has been becoming larger; we have seven officers, five representatives of the various arms of the synagogue, eighteen trustees, and as many past presidents as choose to attend. This often results in Board meetings of as many as forty people. As a result of the Board's own analysis regarding size, as well as productivity, and discussions conducted over the past year, during its September 4th meeting, a Board motion was passed to call a special meeting of the Congregation for the purpose of voting on the Board's recommendation to amend the Constitution to:

- 1) reduce the number of Trustees from 18-12. This would be accomplished by not filling the expiring terms of two Trustees in each of the next three years; and
- 2) removing the entitlement of past CBI presidents to sit on the Board of Trustees indefinitely after their term as president. Instead, the immediate past president would act ex-officio as a member of the Board of Trustees during the term immediately following his/her term as President. Additionally, all past presidents would sit as members of the Past President's Advisory Council for so long as they are members in good standing of CBI, and such Past President's Advisory Council shall be part of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

The motion to take effect January 1, 2019.

The date for the aforementioned meeting is **October 14th at 11:00 AM in the Social Hall.** There will be a short period prior to the vote for any questions. This recommendation will only pass and take effect if two-thirds of those CBI members in good standing at the meeting on the 14th of October vote to do so. Please plan to attend.

The following are the details of the changes to the constitution:

Whereas, pursuant to Article X of the Constitution of Congregation B'nai Israel of Millburn, New Jersey (the "Constitution"), the Constitution may be altered, amended, or repealed at any annual or special meeting of the membership upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members in good standing present at such meeting; and

Whereas, Article X subsection 3 requires any alteration, amendment or repeal must be initiated by the Board or Trustees as a result of its own action duly taken.

Now therefore, it is resolved that the Board of Trustees moves to call a special meeting of the membership, and take any other necessary action in anticipation of, and to effectuate, such meeting, for the purpose of amending:

- 1) Article III, Section 1. of the Constitution to:
  - a. Strike subsection a.(4) in its entirety and replace it with the following:  
Twelve elected Trustees; and
  - b. Strike subsection a.(1) in its entirety
- 2) Article IV, Section 2.a. of the Constitution to:
  - a. Add a new subsection (6) stating:  
To act ex-officio as a member of the Board of Trustees during the term immediately following his/her term as President; and
  - b. Add a new subsection (7) stating:  
To sit as a life-time member of the Past President's Advisory Council
- 3) Article III, Section 4. of the Constitution to:
  - a. Delete the first sentence in its entirety and replace it with the following: There shall be an Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, which shall consist of the Past Presidents' Advisory Council and the elected Officers of the Congregation.

It is further resolved that if the members in good standing vote to approve 1(a) above, such change shall be implemented over a three year period by not replacing the expiring terms of two members of the Board of Trustees in each of three successive years.





Proudly welcomes our newest members  
As of September 12, 2018 (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  
**Jacqueline Printz & Robert Finkel**  
Lilli & Steve Finkler  
Marvin Fish  
Andrea & David Good  
Susan & Larry Gordon  
Naomi & Howard Greenwald  
Andrea & David Hirschfeld  
Meryl Griff Hubscher & Dan Hubscher

Eli & Mona Jacobs  
Stacy Thompson & David Kanarek  
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Alia Ramer & Daniel Ramer  
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Nancy & Joseph Tenenbaum  
Paula & David Touger  
**Harold Wiener**  
Anonymous

**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 Harvey Brenner  
LegacyCircle@cbi-nj-org.

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





# BIM BAM SHABBAT

For Children through 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and Families

Join us as we celebrate Shabbat a special way week!



## Bim Bam Fridays

### Shir Shabbat Service followed by Shabbat Dinner

A shorter version of the traditional Friday night service with upbeat singing, led by our clergy and children together. (RSVP required for dinner.)



## Bim Bam Shabbat

Sing songs and prayers, hear a story and play games! Celebrate your birthday in your birthday month! 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.



## Bim Bam Story Time

Hear stories, play games, sing and have snack with Rochelle Baron, our HGECC Director. A relaxing way to enjoy Shabbat!



## Bim Bam Minyan Circle

Join us for prayers, songs, stories and social time for parents and kids at this parent-led Shabbat service for young children.

## September

9/8 at 11:00 a.m.	Bim Bam Minyan Circle
9/15 at 11:00 a.m.	Bim Bam Story Time
9/22 at 10:30 a.m.	Bim Bam Shabbat
9/28 at 6:00 p.m.	Bim Bam Fridays

## October

10/5 at 11:00 a.m.	Bim Bam Minyan Circle
10/13 at 10:30 a.m.	Bim Bam Shabbat
10/19 at 6:00 p.m.	Bim Bam Fridays
10/27 at 11:00 a.m.	Bim Bam Story Time

## November

11/3 at 10:30 a.m.	Bim Bam Shabbat
11/10 at 11:00 a.m.	Bim Bam Minyan Circle
11/16 at 6:00 p.m.	Bim Bam Fridays

## December

12/1 at 10:30 a.m.	Bim Bam Shabbat
12/7 at 6:00 p.m.	Bim Bam Fridays
12/15 at 11:00 a.m.	Bim Bam Story Time
12/22 at 11:00 a.m.	Bim Bam Minyan Circle

**On Saturday mornings, join friends and congregation for Kiddush in the Social Hall!**



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## 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 or the calendar on the CBI website updates or additions.

*Children are always welcome in the sanctuary!*

### **BIM BAM SHABBAT**

**For Children through 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and Families**

**Please see page 12 for September-December schedule.**

Every Shabbat is unique, as we celebrate Shabbat in a different way...sometimes early Friday evening, other times on Saturday mornings. We always have fun, sing, socialize, eat and feel the joy of the day.

### **FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE**

**For 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Children and Families**

**10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** (Light Breakfast at 10:15 a.m.)

**October 6      November 3      December 15**

**January 12      February 9      March 9      April 6      May 4**

A vibrant Shabbat service on Saturday morning filled with singing and storytelling, including a special up-close look at the Torah as we read part of the weekly *parasha*. Children take an active part in leading prayers. Parents and children will learn and pray together, participate in discussion and act out a play.

*A light breakfast is available before the service. Following services, we welcome families to stay for Kiddush with the entire congregation.*

### **SHIR SHABBAT with Shabbat Dinner**

**Families with Children of All Ages**

**6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.**

**September 28      October 19      November 16      January 7      March 15      May 10**

A shorter version of the traditional Friday night service in the Sanctuary with upbeat singing, led by our clergy and children together.

Each service is followed by a catered Congregational Shabbat Dinner. (Or, just come for the service.)

*For more information, please contact Rabbi Sharon at [slitwin@cbi-nj.org](mailto:slitwin@cbi-nj.org) or 973-379-1134.*

## B'NAI MITZVAH



### **Ari Forster**      October 13, 2018

Ari Forster is a 7th grader at Millburn Middle school.

He loves playing baseball and video games and watching sports. His favorite sports teams are the Baltimore Orioles, the Washington Capitals, the Washington Wizards and the Washington Redskins.

Every summer he travels with his dad to Baltimore, MD to see the Orioles play. For the rest of the summer, he enjoys having fun with friends at URJ Camp Harlam in Kunkletown, PA.

Ari is excited to share this wonderful simcha with his parents, Miri and Adam Forster, and big sisters, Orli & Elie, as well as with the rest of his family and friends.

Special thanks to Paula Touger, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar for helping him prepare for this special day.



### **Andrew Talpins**      October 20, 2018 (PM)

Andrew Talpins is a seventh grader at Golda Och Academy. He enjoys any and all things related to computers or mathematics or puzzles to solve. To this end, he's taken a wide variety of computer programming classes and is a member of the high school coding and Math Olympiad teams. He has played the saxophone in the school band for four years and piano/keys recreationally for over eight years. Any chess aficionados at CBI? Andrew has been taking competitive chess classes for three years, and he will happily strike up a game

with you!

Andrew would like to thank his parents, Larry and Lenette, his younger sisters, Hannah and Emily, and the rest of his family and friends for their loving support. He would also like to thank Rabbi Bayar and Cantor Wallach for their excellent guidance and tutelage preparing him this year, and his dedicated teachers at GOA for instilling a strong foundation in Hebrew and Judaic Studies leading up to his bar mitzvah.



### **Abby Dranikoff**      October 27, 2018

Abby Dranikoff is a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School. She is thrilled to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah with her CBI community.

Abby loves playing soccer and doing gymnastics and is frequently found upside down doing handstands. She loves Camp Kinder Ring which she has attended for five years (so far!).

Abby will be working with Friendship Circle for her Bat Mitzvah project.

She is excited to be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with her entire family Lee, Jeremy, Rebecca Dranikoff, Lois and David Dranikoff, Adrienne and David Clayman and Gary, Audra, Lexi, Nicole, Shiri and Natalie Berger.

Abby would like to give a big thank you to Paula Touger, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Bayar for all of their help preparing for her big day.



## CBI Kadima 2018 Fall/Winter Events

Thursday, September 13th 6:00-7:15  
A Sweet New Year with Chocolate - Dinner and Event in Youth Lounge

Thursday, September 27th 5:10-6:00 with BBRs\*  
Sweet Sukkah Showdown - Event in MPR

Saturday, September 29th 7:30-9:30  
Havdallah and a Movie - Sukkah and MPR

Thursday, October 11th 6:00-7:15  
GaGa and Games - Dinner and Event in Youth Lounge

Thursday, October 25th 6:00-7:15  
Cupcake Wars - Dinner and Event in Youth Lounge

Thursday, November 1st 6:00-7:15  
Give Back Mitzvah Program - Dinner and Event in Youth Lounge

Wednesday, November 21st Time TBD  
Ice Skating - Mennan Arena Morristown

Thursday, November 29th 6:00-7:15  
Mystery Party - Dinner and Event in Youth Lounge

Thursday, December 6th 5:10-6:00 with BBRs\*  
Chanukah Hoopla - Event in MPR

Thursday, December 13th 6:00-7:15  
Giant Game Night - Dinner and Event in Youth Lounge

Friday, December 14th  
Youth Group Shabbat

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

\*We will be holding Kadima events once every other month with BBRs as part of Religious School\*

## 2018/19 Chaverim Schedule

**9/29: Sukkah Event**

**10/9: Ultimate Double Dare Challenge**

**11/6: Election Day Cookie Decorating and PJ Party**

**12/4: Chanukah Party!!**

**1/8: Tu'Bshvat Shark Tank**

**2/12: Top Chef Chaverim**

**3/5: Super Whacky Purim Game Night**

**4/2: Cupcake Wars**

**4/30: End of the Year Field Day and Ice Cream Party**

Most events take place immediately after Religious School (6:00 - 7:15) Pick up promptly at 7:15. Please note, 9/29 Event 7:30 - 9:30PM.

Dinner will be served at all other events which includes pizza, iced tea, lemonade and light snacks.

Please Email [CBIChaverim@gmail.com](mailto:CBIChaverim@gmail.com) for more information or to RSVP to any event.

## Millburn USY 2018 Events

Mark your calendars for all our great events!  
Event details will be on our Instagram (millbusy160), Facebook group and sent via email prior to the event:

**Thursday, September 13th 7:30-9:00 - MillBreakfast Club in CBI's Youth Lounge**

Enjoy an evening with friends and ice cream sundaes + learn what MillbUSY will be up to this year!!!!

**Thursday, September 27th 7:30-9:00**

**Thursday, October 11th 7:30-9:00**

**Wednesday, October 24th 7:30-9:00**

**Wednesday, November 14th 7:30-9:00**

**Wednesday, November 21st time TBD**

**Thursday, November 29th 7:30-9:00**

**Thursday, December 6th 7:30-9:00**

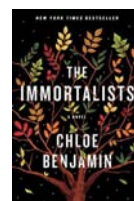
**Friday, December 14th time TBD - Youth Group Shabbat**

**Wednesday, December 19th 7:30-9:00**

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!

**PLAN TO JOIN US  
FOR CBI SISTERHOOD'S FALL BOOKENDS MEETING  
TO BE FACILITATED BY SARA SHERMAN  
ON THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 4TH  
AS WE DISCUSS  
THE IMMORTALISTS  
BY CHLOE BENJAMIN**



If you knew the date of your death, how would you live your life? In 1969, the four Gold children visit a Lower East Side Psychic who gives them this very information. This captivating novel follows each of the siblings through the next fifty years of their lives probing the line between destiny and choice, reality and illusion, this world and the next.

Date: Thursday, October 4, 2018

Time: 7:30

A Parve Dessert will be served

RSVP & Questions: Susan Stern at [Hazelstorm1016@aol.com](mailto:Hazelstorm1016@aol.com) or 973-415-9547

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*"It gave me insight to a very complex situation"*

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- How a woman copes?

This workshop will allow INDIVIDUALS to experience what a victim of domestic violence has to do once she decides to reach out for help.



**Participants will explore:**

- The challenges and frustrations experienced by women suffering from domestic violence
- The community response to domestic violence
- Ways individuals can help

*"I didn't realize that the choices a victim makes are so difficult"*

To schedule the IN HER SHOES program, please contact Sylvia Heller at Rachel Coalition, 973-765-9050 ext. 1708 or [sheller@jfsmetrowest.org](mailto:sheller@jfsmetrowest.org)

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973-530-3519

## MEN'S CLUB MINUTE

By Jonathan Schor & Alex Marcus,  
Men's Club Co-Presidents

Shalom. By way of introduction, we are your new CBI Men's Club Co-Presidents.

First, we want to give a hearty thank you to Dan Dovdavyan for his two years of service as men's club president.

We promise to try to make the Bulletin articles interesting and informative, but spoiler alert, we probably can't match Dan's humor. Whings planned. We hope you can join us at at least some of them.

But before we get to that, a big shout out and thank you to Dan Kamen for spearheading the High Holiday ushering. Also, a round of snaps for Rabbi Akiba Lubow for organizing the *Kiddush* first day of Sukkot, Brent Cohen for running *Scotch in the Sukkah* as well as to Hernan Wurgaft for chairing (and Joe Tenenbaum for MC'ing) our men's club installation.

Looking forward, October 14th is our bagel breakfast and speaker (together with adult education) WITH **Matt Katz**, featured reporter on WNYC (NPR) radio.

And **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for the Men's Club **Chanukah Party** December 9th - always the social and culinary event of the season. Men's Club Shabbat will be Shabbat Yisro (January 25-26th).

The spring will also include the Passover Wine Sale, distributing Yellow Candles for Yom HaShoah and marching to Celebrate Israel.

Along the way, we will bowl, read, hike, make cholent, serve (including as part of our AAA program), wrap (Tefillin helping to reach our 6th graders), usher, distribute challah, go to the theater, play basketball and softball and otherwise hangout and enjoy each other's company.

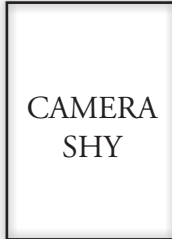
So please join us for an event or to become more involved.

Shana Tovah,

**Jonathan Schor & Alex Marcus**



Jonathan Schor



Alex Marcus

## USY

Lexie Brooks,  
Millburn USY Executive Vice President

B'nai B'rith Perlman Camp of Lake Como, Pennsylvania: A name that Mid Atlantic District USYers associate with one of the best weeks of the summer.

I just got back from a week with Hagalil and Mizrach USY at our annual Mid Atlantic District USY encampment. Being a senior, this was my last encampment, but it was only my second one. The memories I have made from my two USY encampments are unimaginable. When I say that last week was the best week I have ever experienced in USY, I am not exaggerating. From the first moment, walking off the bus at camp, running at full speed to hug my friends after not seeing each other for months, I immediately knew I was back home.

We started off the incredible week with a meal and some praying, just as most USY conventions begin. Some of the many other things we did over the course of the week included grade bonding, a talent show, a lip sync, maccabiah (color war), star gazing, an unbelievable Shabbat, and much more. Though, one of my favorite bonding activities was when I was paired with a freshman girl and she was my little sister for the week. Each senior was assigned a little brother or sister to spend some time with throughout the week. It is important for the seniors to pass on their knowledge to the freshman because they are the future of USY.

Shabbat is extremely special and made even more so when surrounded by best friends. Friday night, Kabbalat Shabbat, watching the sunset with the lake in front of us. Waking up, Saturday morning, to services and spending this day with each other. We are not allowed to use our phones which makes the experience even more memorable because we have time to just talk, smile, and laugh. We participate in various Ruach (fast song) sessions throughout the day. To close out our amazing day, we do Sloach (slow songs) on the basketball court, in a large circle under the stars. Right after that, we do Havdalah which in my opinion, is the best part of any USY convention. Shabbat is amazing, and I wish I could spend every one with USY.

For those who would like to enjoy a similar experience, it is definitely not too late. Hagalil USY will be holding Fall Kinnus (convention) from November 16-18 at a location that will be announced on a later date. Fall Kinnus is a similar experience as encampment but it takes place over the course of three days rather than one week. Trust me, regional conventions are memories and experiences that no USYer should miss.

On a chapter level, Millburn USY kicked off the year with our famous MillBreakfast Club event. As the year continues, we will be having many incredible events including pottery painting, Zumba, and ice skating.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Although I am sad that this is my last year of USY, I am planning on enjoying every moment of it to the best of my ability and really stopping to take it all in. In the last three years, I have met my best friends, made the best memories, and have had the best times. I would not trade it for anything.

**Lexie Brooks**  
Millburn USY,  
Executive Vice President



To contact Dan Dovdavyan,  
email him at [dandov@yahoo.com](mailto:dandov@yahoo.com)



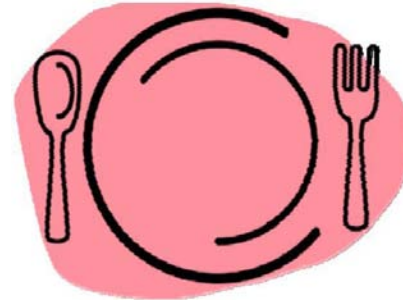


# CBI MEN'S CLUB

## Trustee & Officer Installation Dinner

**Monday, October 8th 2018, 6:30PM**

Join the Men's Club for a deli sandwich dinner to honor the  
new Trustees rising to the Men's Club Board  
Adults and children of all ages are welcome!



Early Bird Cost: \$8 per person / \$30 per family max RSVP by Oct. 5th  
(\$10 per person / \$35 per family max, final RSVPs Oct 7th)

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**Please RSVP to Hernan Wurgaft by email at  
hmwurgaft@gmail.com or by phone at (908) 451-5949...send below  
form to office**

Please send your check and form to Attn: Men's Club, Congregation B'nai Israel, 160  
Millburn Ave, Millburn, NJ 07041. Check payable to "CBI Men's Club", Memo "Deli Dinner"

Adult Names \_\_\_\_\_  
Kids Under 18 Names and Ages \_\_\_\_\_  
Total # of people \_\_\_\_\_ Total owed \_\_\_\_\_  
Notes \_\_\_\_\_



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

### OCTOBER EVENTS

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

**Thursday, October 4 CBI Thursday**, Screen *RBG*, the wonderful film about Ruth Bader Ginsburg. This riveting, surprisingly touching documentary reveals how the quiet, intense Ginsburg became one of the most iconic Supreme Court justices in American history. Rather than focus on personality, however, the bulk of "RBG" has to do with its subject's lifelong fight against gender discrimination. Join us to view this fascinating portrait of the Justice who has become a rock star.

**Thursday, October 18 at CBI RABBI BAYAR** will discuss *Jews and an Afterlife*. The question is not only does Judaism affirm an afterlife - but what kind of afterlife does Judaism espouse? In this talk we will explore the concept of afterlife, why Jewish theology requires belief in an afterlife and what function the afterlife fulfills in our lives. The Rabbi's talk promises to be informative and thought provoking. I look forward to seeing you at this stimulating program.

Sandwich choices are: Turkey, Corned Beef, Roast Beef, Pastrami, Tuna Fish, or Egg Salad. **YOU MAY PAY AT THE DOOR. CONTACT LOIS at 973-533-1809 to place your lunch order by the Wednesday afternoon preceding the program.** The cost is \$10 for Adult Forum members & partners and \$12 for non-members. If you are coming for the program only, there is no charge, but please call to let me know that you will be attending. **We would like to begin to email the Bulletin announcements to you as well as putting out robocalls. Please SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO ME at [Penzoe1@comcast.net](mailto:Penzoe1@comcast.net)**

**SAVE THE DATE--Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>-TRIP** with the JCC of Central New Jersey to Newark, including the Newark Public Library, the renovated Hahne's Building, the Weequahic section and Congregation Ahavas Shalom.. Lunch at Hobby's. **Contact Alison to register 908-889-8800 by Oct. 4.** Cost \$75 members, \$85 community participants.

# ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



## **Save the Date for a Special CBI/Israel Bonds event Sunday morning, November 4, 2018**

For many years, CBI has focused its Israel Bond drive on a Kol Nidre speech, asking congregants to take time out of the holiest day of the year to consider one way to support Israel financially. While it makes sense to talk to the community when it is present, the worldly topic of helping Israel support its infrastructure was on a different plane than most of our Yom Kippur thoughts.

This year, together with the support of the Israel Bond Office, we are trying something new. We will be hosting an event on November 4 to help spread the word about Israel Bonds and to honor members of our community who have supported Israel, Israel Bonds and our community. I am asking you to SAVE the DATE, Sunday morning November 4, as CBI and Israel Bonds will honor Wendy and Hank Kaplowitz. Please be prepared to respond positively when you receive your invitation to the event.

## **Jewish Film Festival of Central NJ**

The Jewish Film Festival of Central New Jersey will feature five films in October and November. Each film is shown at the Rialto NewVision Theatre at 250 Broad Street in Westfield. Each film begins at 7:30 pm:

|                           |                                                     |                |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <i>Itzhak</i>             | Documentary about Itzhak Perlman.                   | Wed., Oct. 10  |
| <i>The Body Collector</i> | Unmasking a Nazi war criminal.                      | Wed., Oct. 24  |
| <i>The Samuel Project</i> | A grandfather connects with his grandson.           | Mon., Oct. 29  |
| <i>Shelter</i>            | Two women, a Mossad agent, and a Lebanese informer. | Mon., Nov. 5   |
| <i>Bag of Marbles</i>     | Two boys in Nazi occupied France avoiding capture   | Tues., Nov. 13 |

For advance tickets, call (908) 889-8800 x208

(The Jewish Film Festival in West Orange is scheduled for the spring).

## **Religious Pluralism in Israel**

On Sunday morning December 2, Amit Stern will be at CBI to discuss religious pluralism in Israel.

Amit is an Israeli who is spending two years in the United

States as part of the Shlichim (Emissary) program sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest. The purpose of their work here is to build relationships with Americans and help strengthen the relationship between people in Israel and people in our MetroWest Community. The December 2 event is sponsored by CBI Adult Learning.

## **About the upcoming election:**

I encourage you to be informed voters for the Congressional elections on November 6, 2018. There are two competitive congressional races in districts local to CBI. In early August, the CRC (Community Relations Committee) of Greater MetroWest is hosting two events where the congressional candidates will appear:

|                                                                                                                    |                |                              |                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Mon.,<br/>Oct. 8</b>                                                                                            | <b>7:30 pm</b> | <b>JCC of<br/>Central NJ</b> | 1391 Martine Ave.<br>Scotch Plains |
| Congressman Leonard Lance and Tom Malinowski candidates in the 7th Congressional district of NJ will be appearing. |                |                              |                                    |
| <b>Tues.,<br/>Oct. 9</b>                                                                                           | <b>7:00 pm</b> | <b>Aidekman<br/>JCC</b>      | 907 Route 10,<br>Whippany          |
| Mikie Sherrill and Assemblyman Jay Webber, candidates in the 11th Congressional district of NJ will be appearing.  |                |                              |                                    |

RSVP is encouraged to [CRC@jfedgmw.org](mailto:CRC@jfedgmw.org)

The event is cosponsored by many synagogues, including CBI!

## **CBI Israel Affairs Committee**

If you would like to work on a committee which will actively plan and assist all arms of the Congregation to support Israel, please contact me at [TenenbaumJ@AOL.com](mailto:TenenbaumJ@AOL.com). For those of you who prefer telephones, please call me at 973 768 7440. I am planning to really use this committee to plan CBI programs to help all of us improve our knowledge and our relationships with Israel. Please volunteer.

## **CBI and Israel – What is your story?**

If you have participated in a program supporting Israel or if you have travelled to Israel, please share your Israel experiences with us by contacting me at [TenenbaumJ@AOL.com](mailto:TenenbaumJ@AOL.com)



## 2019 AIPAC Policy Conference

March 24-26, 2019

You should plan **early** on attending the 2019 Policy Conference. The experience is priceless, so putting this on your calendar now for you (and the students in your family) to attend will be a life altering experience. Next year we will again have a supply of discounted registrations, so if you wish to save on your experience, please let me know. However, I guarantee you that going even at full price is worth the expense.

## Missing Soldiers and non-combatants

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

**Guy Hever Zachary Baumel Avi Feldman**

There are also two non-combatant Israelis being held by Hamas in Gaza: (When I added these last month, there was talk that they might be released soon – unfortunately that has not yet happened).

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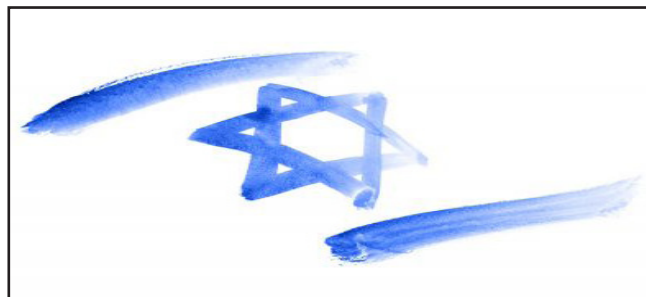
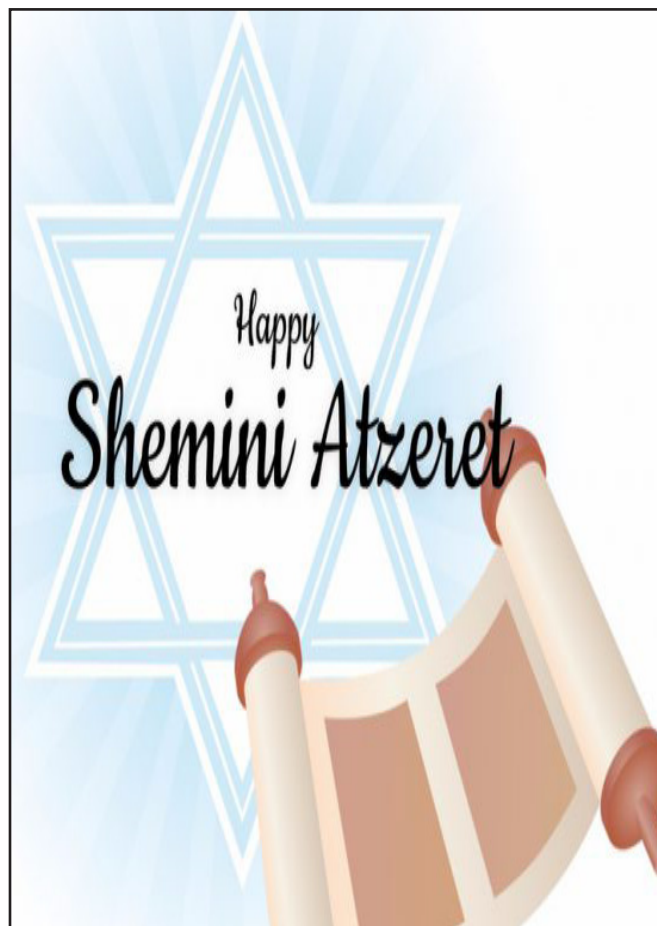
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