

# The Bulletin



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## Holocaust Remembrance Program

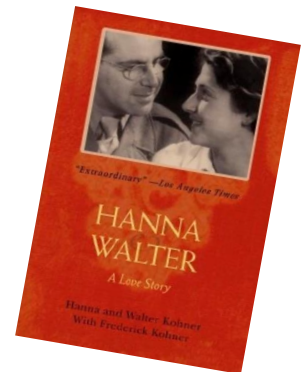
Tuesday, April 30 at 8:15 p.m.  
*in the Sanctuary*



**Our synagogue remembers ...** a Holocaust commemoration program in conjunction with Voices of the Generations. Julie Kohner has been a Jewish educator for over thirty years, with a master's degree in educational counseling.

After Julie's mother, Hanna, a Holocaust survivor, passed away in 1990, Julie began to create educational programs to honor the victims and survivors of the Holocaust. Her goal was to teach the Holocaust as seen through her mother's eyes. This was the beginning of Voices of the Generations, a unique and personal approach to Holocaust education.

Julie Kohner has presented Voices of the Generations for the past 26 years. Julie's parents wrote an autobiography, *Hanna and Walter, A Love Story*, which traces their journey from 1930s pre-war Europe to reuniting after the end of the war.



**Voices of the Generations teaches the devastation of the Holocaust through its impact on one family. It is through their only child, Julie, that Hanna and Walter's story lives on.**



*My name is Julie Kohner and I am the daughter of a Holocaust survivor. In 1990 I created Voices of the Generations as a way to preserve and share the memories of Holocaust survivor stories. My mother, Hanna Kohner, survived four concentration camps including Auschwitz. She passed away in 1990. Since then it has been my passion to tell her unique story of love overcoming evil against the backdrop of World War II Europe. Her experience was also the basis for an early 1950's television program, the first to tell a survivor's story. It is my hope that people of all ages, ethnic and religious backgrounds will be moved and inspired by her story and the stories of other survivors and their children, known as second generation. This will keep the memory alive.*

## April Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat  
Shabbat Services

8:15 pm  
9:00 am

### Additional Shabbat Programs:

#### Friday/Saturday, April 5-6

8:15 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Services  
9:00 am – Shabbat Services  
10:30 am – Family Shabbat Service  
10:30 am – Bim Bam Shabbat Services  
12:00 pm – Kiddush

#### Friday, April 12-13

7:00 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Services  
9:00 am – Shabbat Services

#### Friday, April 19

1:00 pm – Mincha  
EREV PESACH OFFICE CLOSING AT 12 PM

#### Saturday, April 20

9:00 am – Shabbat Services  
12:00 pm – Kiddush

#### Friday, April 26

OFFICE CLOSED PESACH 7TH DAY  
8:15 pm – Kabbalat Services

#### Saturday, April 23

9:00 am – Shabbat Services  
12:00 pm – Kiddush

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

## Candle Lighting

April 5	7:08 pm
April 12	7:15 pm
April 19	6:22 pm
April 25	7:30 pm

## Mincha/Havdallah

April 6	7:22/8:17pm
April 13	7:28/8:24pm
April 20	7:35 pm/8:31pm
April 27	7:43 pm/8:39pm

## Minyan Rotation

4/1 – 4/7	Cohn – Ehrlich
4/8 – 4/14	Eichler – Feins
4/15 – 4/21	Feldman – Freeman
4/22 – 4/28	Fried – Gershman
4/29 – 5/5	Gersho – Gottlieb

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.

## President's Message

By Mariela Markelis Dybner, CBI President



As Pesach approaches and the weather starts getting warmer, my thoughts turn to the upcoming summer and the opportunities for our community in the new year. CBI operates on a June 30 year-end cycle, so we officially take on new roles in July. With the retirement of Rabbi Bayar in June after serving as our congregation's rabbi for thirty years, this coming year promises to be one of generational change.

Change begets opportunity. Our nominating committee will be meeting soon to discuss the nominations for officers and trustees that will be elected at our CBI Annual Meeting in June. In recent years, guidelines have been promulgated for this committee to ensure a fair process and a Board of Trustees that is representative of our community.

In addition, we will be reformulating our committees at CBI. In concert with our clergy, staff, officers and trustees, our many committees are responsible for much of our programming and even many of our day to day operations. Committee work can be incredibly rewarding as you see your ideas come to light to enrich our lives at B'nai Israel. Please consider how your participation would add to one of the following committees:

- Adult Education
- Arts Subcommittee
- BBRS Board
- B'nai Mitzvah Scheduling
- Caring Committee/Bikkur Cholim
- Cemetery Committee
- College Connection
- Endowment
- Facilities Committee
- Family Enrichment
- Finance Committee
- HGECC Board
- High Holiday Appeal
- High Holiday Honors Committee
- Israel Affairs Committee
- Legacy Circle
- Membership Committee
- Mitzvah Day
- Purim Baskets
- Religious Affairs
- Strategic Marketing Committee
- Youth Committee

After thoughtful consideration, please let me know how you would like to be involved in our evolving sacred community. I can be reached at [mmdybner@gmail.com](mailto:mmdybner@gmail.com) or by a note in my inbox in the CBI office, and I will take each proposal into account.

Another way to promote the growth and stability of our congregation is by your financial support. As you are aware, annual dues cover only a portion of our expenses, and fundraising is essential. Please take a minute to read the insert to this bulletin describing this year's spring fundraiser which has the added benefit of beautifying our ark with new Torah Covers, created by a local Jewish artist.

A sweet Pesach to all of you!

**Mariela Markelis Dybner**



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## MUSICAL NOTES

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

### PASSOVER L'SHANA HABA'A B'YERUSHALAYIM

**M**a Nishtana? Why is this Passover different for me (and my family) than in all other years (with the exception of 2017)? Having sent my children to school at Golda Och Academy, I have known for a while that this year, my son would be with his 12th grade classmates on the Neshama program (under the direction of our own CBI member, Rabbi Meirav Kallush) spending three months (February to May) traveling in Israel (with the first week spent in Poland), and that Mike and I would be going to visit him in Israel for Passover (just as we had done two years ago when my daughter did the same program)! I am beyond excited for this upcoming trip and very grateful to CBI and to Rabbi Bayar for enabling me to be able to spend Pesach in Israel again this year, together with my son.

When I recited the phrase, "L'Shana Haba'a B'Yerushalayim" (Next year in Jerusalem) at the conclusion of last year's Seder, it took on extra special meaning for me. I want to share with you what I learned about the origin and significance of reciting the phrase, *L'Shana Haba'a B'Yerushalayim*, at the end of every Passover Seder. The phrase became part of the Haggadah in the Middle Ages and it is connected to the theme of redemption. At the Seder, each of us is supposed to feel as though we personally experienced the physical redemption at the Red Sea. As the Haggadah says, "For it was not our forefathers alone whom the Holy One redeemed; G-d redeemed us, too, with them," and, "In every generation, every individual must feel as if he or she personally had come out of Egypt." Then, as we end the Seder, we utter this phrase that reaches forward to the coming of the Messiah and to complete spiritual redemption, represented by Jerusalem. In this interpretation, Jerusalem refers to the actual city, with reference to its Temple being rebuilt when the Messiah comes.

While many Jews have no issues expressing a longing for the Messiah at the conclusion of the Seder, there are Jews for whom this concept doesn't resonate. And how about the Jews who recite this phrase who are already somewhere in Israel, or specifically in Jerusalem for their Seder? Perhaps one can use a less literal interpretation of the phrase to make it more meaningful and relevant. There is a Midrash based on verse 3 of Psalm 122, "Jerusalem was built as a city that is knit (or connected) together," which the Rabbis suggested meant that there are two ways to think of Jerusalem. *Yerushalayim Shel Matah* is the earthly Jerusalem, which has been ravaged for centuries by war and strife, and *Yerushalayim Shel Ma'alal*, the upper Jerusalem—a heavenly version, relieved of the contradictions of human life. This is the ideal to which the earthly Jerusalem aspires – the Jerusalem that represents a sense of holiness and of hope.

The words "next year" give us the sense of possibility and potential – that things don't have to stay the way they are. We can take action to bring about change in our lives, in our communities and in the world. In a commentary on Elijah's cup, Rabbi David Hartman, in *The Leader's Guide to the Family Participation Haggadah: A Different Night*, suggests that Elijah's Cup is the cup of hope. "Passover is the night for reckless dreams; for visions about what a human being can be, what society can be, what people can be, what history may become. That is the significance of *L'Shana Haba'a B'Yerushalayim* (Next year in Jerusalem)."

I wish all of you a Hag Pesach Same'ach. May your Pesach celebration be filled with joy, meaning and hope!



Lorna Wallach



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## In The Community

### Condolences to:

Beth Giladi and Dr. Jo Ann Horowitz on the passing of their mother, Rita Horowitz (z"l)

### Refuah Shleima to:

Meryl Hubscher, Frieda Ostrowsky, Emanuel Magid, Shirley Ehrich, Roberta Balsam, Beth Giladi, Fernanda Santos, Lynette Talpins & MaryAnn Velez

### Mazel Tov to:

To Sharon and Arthur Draznin on the Auf Ruf (Mincha) of their daughter Haley and her fiancé Jason Leibowitz.

Mazel Tov also to Amy and Marc Rosenberg, Haley's aunt and uncle, and to the entire Draznin, Rosenberg and Leibowitz families.

Best wishes to long time CBI member Teddy Leff on her move to Atlanta, GA this week.

## April 2019 Yahrzeit Donors

Thelma Leff  
Jacqueline Gershtman  
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Leila & Melvin Schott  
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Stacey Thornton

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Secky Rothman  
Jeffrey Goldman  
Linda Glasofer  
Ivy Samuels  
Dina Prus  
Susan Turk

## Beineynu

By Harvey Brenner, Executive Director

**"On behalf of USCJ, the member congregations, the USCJ board and officers, I bring you greetings as you begin your 2019 NAASE Conference." Leslie Lichter, USCJ Chief Operating Officer.**

.....And so began four whirlwind days of study, prayer, meetings, eating and commiserating with and among ~130 attendees at the 2019 NAASE

(North American Association of Synagogue Executives) Annual International Conference, this year in West Palm Beach, FL last month. Leslie discussed how important the relationship between member kehillot and the national organization are and how we, as senior synagogue executives enhance, strengthen and foster that connection.

As is our custom, every year we convene just before Purim in one location (last year, Israel and next year Houston) to share time together to help each other learn, grow and advance in our competency and knowledge. This year's theme, *"Peering over the horizon; preparing for the next 5 years"* was particularly interesting to me and I think, ultimately, to our congregation. Ideally, some of the information and strategies we developed in Palm Beach can assist our kehillah as we transition from one rabbi to another, from one rabbinic style to another and to help us grow the congregation literally "from one generation to another".

Here's a smattering of what was presented over the several days of the conference .....

**Bob Leventhal**, USCJ's *Kehillah Leadership Specialist*, was our first official presenter who shared with us what is necessary within a congregation to build an effective executive-clergy-lay leadership team and how we can improve communications between and among the "three-legged stool" (as my Reform colleagues define that relationship. If one leg is weak, the stool wobbles and eventually tips over. So too, if all three do not work in harmony, the congregation ultimately suffers).

**Rabbi Joshua Rabin**, *Director of Innovation at USCJ* (and also a rabbinic candidate here at CBI) presented his thoughts on "Innovation as a Process". During his session, we learned that to become innovative means dedicating resources and talents towards thinking out of the norms, challenging ourselves and our communities to try different (even "crazy") things. Be flexible and "build things out of Legos, not bricks!"

**Jonathan Bundt**, *Founder, Masa Consulting*, shared with us ways to make your shuls safe and secure, while at the same time keeping them open and welcoming. It's a difficult dichotomy, balancing one against the other, but it can be done with some creativity and awareness training.

**Hannah Strasser Olson**, *Chief Donor Relations Officer and Director*



*of Marketing, Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy, MD*, shared with us interesting perspectives on "how to reach Millennials, Gen-Xers, and other hard to reach demographic groups", a topic of particular relevance to us as we move throughout the rabbinic transitioning process.

Additionally, as with all membership organizations, we had a plenary/business session *"for members only"*. In it, I served two roles.... I chaired the committee that wrote the new *"Code of Ethical Standards"* for NAASE (we hadn't updated it in almost 20 years) <https://www.naase.org/about/about-the-ethical-standards/> which was unanimously and enthusiastically adopted by the plenum; additionally, I was elected Senior Vice President and *B'zrat HaShem*, will be its next president in two years. I am looking forward to continuing my years of service to my chosen profession and this wonderful peer organization (which has helped me grow and develop to better serve my congregations).

NAASE specializes in "peer to peer" study sessions known as *"NAASE U"*. In them, members with expertise and knowledge in subjects from which our kehillot may benefit, are urged to present mini-workshops for their colleagues. There were about a dozen such efforts, and I am privileged to have presented one of them, a workshop on *"Ethical Decision-making in the Synagogue: a case study approach to balancing the competing vectors of Jewish Values, Civil Law and Common Sense, in crafting the decisions synagogues and their leaders have to make on an almost daily basis."* Other sessions may be more 'best practices' (Employee Supervision and Evaluation), informative (Fun with Software) or just plain educational (Top 10 Bookkeeping Tips).

And last, there is a vendor marketplace where those businesses that market to the synagogue world (shul database management software, pew and bima designers, electronic message boards, insurance agencies, etc.) set up booths and afford us a first-hand view of what's new, what's upcoming and what's available so that we can bring back to our respective kehillot items of immediate interest that can help with a specific project or venture.

I have never failed to learn something of relevance at each of the conferences I've attended in the past and this one was certainly no different. As we enter this new era for CBI, I hope to employ many of the processes and strategies learned in helping to foster our mission and purpose.

Thank you for supporting my efforts to learn and grow in this profession and I hope you remain pleased with your "return on that investment"!

Have a Ziessen Pesach!

Harvey M. Brenner, FSA, FTA



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## THE STORY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL THROUGH ITS MUSIC

WITH LEN HAUSMAN

Music is an ideal way to learn about a country's history and culture. In the initial module of this class we will be learning about Israel's first two decades through the music of Naomi Shemer, who is known as the first lady of Israeli song and poetry. Her music is regarded as the soundtrack of the lives of Israelis who came of age in the 60's, 70's, and 80's.

The class will learn about the composer's life and how it was interwoven with the development of the State of Israel as reflected in her music. The text for this class is Naomi Shemer's song lyrics, in translation, as we explore their context and meaning. We will approach the lyrics as we would a poem, looking for their resonance and allusions. The Hebrew text will also be available and we will learn some key Hebrew words in the lyrics.

An added bonus is that while Naomi Shemer did record her songs, the most well-known versions are those done by others. These versions were sung by the leading vocalists and groups of the day and the class will gain the familiarity of a 'Who's Who' in the history of Israeli song as we listen to and enjoy her music.

### ABOUT THE CLASS LEADER

Len Hausman has had an interest in the music of Israel since his youth. He completed a year of training in Israel toward being a teacher in the diaspora, sponsored by the World Zionist Organization. He has enjoyed teaching on a range of subjects over the years at CBI's Shabbat Journeymen's Minyan and other venues. Professionally, Len is a psychologist with practices in Greenwich Village, New York and locally.



**Monday Mornings**

**9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**

*Four Sessions*

April 29

May 6, 13, 20

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&  
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## ***Friday, April 19 – Saturday, April 27, 2019***

### **Friday, April 19 - Erev Pesach**

7:00 am – Siyum Bechor

1:00 pm – Mincha

### **Shabbat, April 20 – 1<sup>st</sup> Day Pesach**

9:00 am – Shacharit

12:30 pm – Mincha

### **Sunday, April 21 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Day Pesach**

9:00 am – Shacharit

8:00 pm – Mincha

### **Monday, April 22**

7:00 am Shacharit

8:00 pm – Ma'ariv

### **Tuesday, April 23**

7:00 am – Shacharit

8:00 pm – Ma'ariv

### **Wednesday, April 24**

7:00 am – Shacharit

8:00 pm – Ma'ariv

### **Thursday, April 25**

7:00 am – Shacharit

7:00 pm – Ma'ariv

### **Friday, April 26, 7<sup>th</sup> Day Pesach**

9:00 am – Shacharit

**6:00 pm** Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

### **Shabbat, April 27, 8<sup>th</sup> Day Pesach**

9:00 am – Shacharit

10:30 am – Yizkor



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Shabbat, June 8, 2019



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all the contributors to our Torah Cover

### "Scenes of Jerusalem"

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**DON'T MISS  
THE DEADLINE!**

Please note, the deadline for the MAY 2019 bulletin is MARCH 29. Information contained in the bulletin each month is time sensitive. We appreciate your cooperation in order to ensure that the Bulletin reaches everyone by the beginning of each month. Space permitting, we will do our best to include your item(s), and we reserve the right to edit your submission. Please submit all material to CBIbulletin@cbi-nj.org.

Deadline	Edition
29-Mar	MAY
29-Apr	JUNE
31-May	JULY



## Hedwig Gruenewald Early Childhood Center (HGECC)

By Rochelle Baron, Director

As of this writing we just completed a fabulous Purim family workshop! Twelve children and their adults came to do a craft, eat yummy hamantashen, hear the Purim story and sing songs. It was good to be together to start the Purim-holiday season.



Passover takes over this month as we learn about Moses vs. Pharaoh and the plight of the Jewish people in Egypt. There will be lots of crafts, role-playing, discussion, singing, stories, and classroom fun as we experience the holiday. The children will participate in a child-friendly seder and sample some of the traditional foods which they will prepare. We're also looking forward to the Passover-related creations that will evolve in the loose parts classroom. The enhancement and development of our STEAM curriculum continues with the latest addition of new blocks to our Construction Zone classroom. These giant pieces will allow the kids to design, build, and construct

together as they make different structures using science, math and engineering skills.

Spring will hopefully show up in the next few weeks and we're looking forward to starting up our garden again. We're not sure yet what we want to plant but we're excited to get out there and see what needs to be done. Hopefully this year we'll plant some things that will actually grow—and be edible at the same time!



Happy Passover from all of us to all of you!

**Rochelle**



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## Blanche Bayar Religious School (BBRS)

By Rabbi Sharon Litwin, Director of Congregational Learning

Shalom CBI Family,

As I write this, we are getting ready for the Purim Carnival and Joanie Leeds Concert and then looking toward Pesach.



April is a short month at BBRS, as we have Millburn Spring Break and then Pesach break back-to-back. This month we will be making sandwiches for Isaiah House. Celebrating at Family Shabbat on April 6. Our Primary students will have a model Seder on April 7 and our Kitah Gimel Parents will decorate the Siddur covers for their children's Siddurim which they will receive on the last day of school May 19. We will also welcome Camp Galil, the camp of HaBonim Dror in Bucks County PA, who will bring their Escape Room Program about the flight of Ethiopian Jewish Immigrants to Israel on April 30 for our 3rd-5th grade students.

After Passover, please look for information about registration for BBRS for the 2019-2020. We will continue to use Chaverweb, our online portal for our synagogue database. I am already planning for a

wonderful school year next year, with some highlights that will include a visit from the Bible Players for Sukkot, a trip to the Tenement museum for Kitot Hey and Vav (5th and 6th grade), more family services, Shabbat Dinners and of course, many family workshops and continued great learning.

Best wishes for a Chag Kasher V'Samayach, A Happy and Kosher Passover.

Warmly,

**Rabbi Sharon Litwin**



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## Sisterhood's Message

By Laurie Kavowras and Ruth Novick



Laurie Kavowras



Ruth Novick

Several women played important roles in the exodus of the Jews from Egypt. Midwives Shifra and Puah defied Pharaoh's orders to kill newborn Jewish babies. Yocheved, gave birth to Moses and kept him hidden for a few months and then placed him in reeds along the banks of the Nile River. Miriam kept an eye on her brother, who was rescued by Pharaoh's daughter, Batya. Miriam then offered to get a Hebrew nursemaid (Yocheved) for the young child. Miriam reappears in the story as the Jewish people wandered in the desert and "Miriam's Well," a source of water, followed and provided for them.

Despite their importance to the story, not one of these women is mentioned in the Passover Haggadah. Why not? A common answer explains the absence of women as a reflection of the Haggadah's central theme: responsibility for the Exodus belongs to God rather than to human beings. Indeed, Moses is mentioned only once in passing in the Haggadah. But a closer look does not support that view. While it certainly considers God the director of history, the Haggadah features a huge cast of male characters, including many (male) rabbis, Abraham, his brother, Nahor, and their father Terah; Isaac, Jacob and Esau and their uncle, Laban; Aaron and Pharaoh; David and his father, Jesse; Elijah, Haman, Daniel, and more. The only woman mentioned at all is Hadassah (Esther) and only in a song.

Because women were given short shrift in the Haggadah, many new traditions have emerged. Miriam's cup. An orange on the seder plate. And, of course, the Women's Seder! Please join us on Sunday, April 7 at 6:00 for our very own Women's Seder led by Cantor Lorna Wallach and featuring the CBI Band. We will share our traditions and recipes, and you will get to taste different kinds of charoset. The cost of this biennial Sisterhood event is \$25 per person and includes dinner.

Are you afraid to open your kitchen cabinet because you know food storage containers are going to come pouring out like an erupting volcano? Do you spend hours searching for the email you need? Will you regret it tomorrow if you give away all of your (now adult) children's preschool artwork?

And how many tote bags will you really use? If any of this sounds remotely familiar, please join us on May 7 when Sisterhood will present organizing humorist Jamie Novak. Jamie is a professional organizer, author, and motivational speaker. She has appeared as a featured organizer on HGTV, Better TV, and QVC as well as for Better Homes and Gardens, Woman's World, Martha Stewart's Whole Living Daily, and many other publications and websites. Join the fun and let Jamie help you clear clutter one laugh at a time! The cost for this hilarious and informative program is \$12 for sisterhood members, \$15 for nonmembers.

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### Upcoming Events:

*Women's Seder*  
*Mahjongg*  
*Knit and Knosh*  
*Jamie Novak*

Sunday, April 7  
Wednesday, April 10, May 15  
Tuesday, April 23, May 28  
Tuesday, May 7

Laurie Kavowras and Ruth Novick

### 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:

**April 10**  
**May 15**



March-April 2019

Dear Fellow Congregant,

The **Ner Zikaron** (remembrance candle) – a special **Shoah candle** to be used in observance of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) – is provided to you by Men's Club of Congregation B'nai Israel. **We encourage you to light this candle in your home as Yom HaShoah begins at sundown on Wednesday evening, May 1, 2019.** The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs began the Yellow Candle program almost 40 years ago in an effort to further Holocaust remembrance and it aims to ensure that every household recalls the martyrs of the Shoah. We agree with this mission and have, therefore, participated in the program.

The Blue Card Fund is the only national organization aimed at supporting aging Holocaust survivors, many of whom are suffering from the consequences of the most devastating conditions imaginable, including poor nutrition and no medical care. Please consider supporting the Blue Card Fund as well as our Religious School's holocaust-related programming by making a donation using the form below or online at: [www.tinyurl.com/yellowcandle2019](http://www.tinyurl.com/yellowcandle2019). Your generous donations are the only source to help cover the cost of making Yellow Candles available to the CBI community.

It is critical that we identify with victims and survivors the world over, and continue to educate our youth about the Holocaust. We hope you find that lighting your Shoah candle adds meaning to your commemoration of those whose lives were lost in the Holocaust.

Thank you for your generous support – **NEVER FORGET!!!**

Sincerely,

**Jerry Weiss and Dan Dovdavyan**

CBI Men's Club Trustees & Yellow Candle Program Co-Chairs

**Jonathan Schor and Alex Marcus**

CBI Men's Club Co-Presidents

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Joe Keselman, Juan Katz & Howard Greenwald CBI Men's Club

## Paid-Up Breakfast

**Sunday, April 7 // 9:15 - 11:00 a.m.**



**Featuring Guest Speaker**

**Alex Rosenberg**

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by April 2**

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**Total amount enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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### Morning Minyanaires Give Generously for Pesach

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## MEN'S CLUB MINUTE

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

Welcome to another installment of the Men's club minute. The months seem to fly by and it was only yesterday that I was back at the computer writing the last installment.

There is so much going on around the synagogue these days. Last month we had a trip to the theater, rock climbing and Purim carnival. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Purim carnival. It was a fun time for everyone. Only a few weeks until Pesach which begins on April 19th. Hope that everyone has a Chag Kasher V'Sameach!

Some exciting events on the horizon:

- 1) Paid up breakfast – Sunday April 7th at 9:15 am. The feature speaker this year will be Alex Rosenberg who played professional basketball in Israel. Alex grew up at CBI and was a star at Millburn High School before going to Israel to play professionally. Please join us for what is sure to be an interesting talk followed by a gourmet breakfast prepared by Men's Club. The event is free to Men's Club members and \$5 for non members. Please RSVP online at [www.tinyurl.com/paidupbreakfast2019](http://www.tinyurl.com/paidupbreakfast2019).



Jonathan Schor



Alex Marcus

- 2) Yellow Candle Campaign – In commemoration of Yom HaShoah, which is May 1st, The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs began the Yellow Candle Campaign in an effort to further Holocaust remembrance. We are taking the opportunity to collect money for the Blue Card fund as well as our religious school. These funds will be used for Holocaust programming and to improve the lives of survivors. Please visit [www.tinyurl.com/yellowcandle2019](http://www.tinyurl.com/yellowcandle2019) for more information and to donate.
- 3) Passover Wine Sale – Once again Men's Club is selling a selection of Kosher wines at discount prices for Passover. Deadline for orders is April 5th. The wine will be delivered to your home before the 1st Seder. Please visit [www.tinyurl.com/passoverwine2019](http://www.tinyurl.com/passoverwine2019) for more information.
- 4) Men's Club Softball – Our softball team continues to improve and needs volunteers to bring home a championship this year. The first game is Sunday April 7th at 10am. The league is mostly about having fun. Please contact Craig Rothman at [craig231rothman@gmail.com](mailto:craig231rothman@gmail.com) if you are interested in playing.

Jonathan Schor & Alex Marcus

## The Song of Songs in Song!



Join us in the Chapel on **Sunday, April 14th, at 5 PM** for our annual CBI Song of Songs themed Hebrew chant and song circle with musical accompaniment.

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

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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.

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# ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



You may have noticed that my articles have been very long, much longer than most other articles within the Bulletin. This month's Bulletin Article might begin a new era in which I write shorter articles.

Why am I writing less this month? Because as you read this, the 2019 AIPAC Policy

Conference is over, and I am no longer urging all of my fellow congregants to attend the Conference. And, as I write this, the Policy Conference has not taken place, so that I am unable to describe for you what happened at the event.

## **2019 AIPAC Policy Conference March 24-26, 2019**

Well, I can tell you a little bit – as I write this, I have a schedule of what I am attending at the 2019 Conference, and there are some fascinating sessions on my schedule. By the time you read this, I will have heard Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman address the Relationship between Israel and World Jewry. I listened as Dr. Jonathan Schanzer described President Trump's Foreign Policy in the Middle East. I heard Sarah Tuttle Singer, from the Times of Israel, describe her new book, "Jerusalem, Drawn and Quartered." And most importantly, I joined with my fellow citizens to lobby our legislators on maintaining a strong US Israel Relationship.

In future Bulletin articles, I hope to share with you reports on the conference from not just my point of view, but from other congregants who attended. I plan to share links to videos of special events – if you wish to see them before then, go to [www.aipac.org](http://www.aipac.org) and look for Policy Conference 2019.

## **2020 AIPAC Policy Conference March 1-3, 2020**

I do have to make a brief comment about next year's Policy Conference. It will be held Sunday March 1 – March 3, and once again there will be a Shabbaton the weekend before. The conference will be held the week before Purim, so well ahead of the spring holidays. Talk to your fellow congregants who attended this year, and decide to attend next year.

## **Israel Elections April 9, 2019: Webinar April 2, 16, 2019**

The Federation's Global Connection department is hosting a 3 part webinar to explain the Israeli Elections being held on April 9, 2019. There are three sessions as described below:

March 14: Israeli Politics 101 — System, Process, Parties and Nuances (already held, available from web)

April 2: Parties and Campaigns — Candidates, Platforms and impact of the media

April 16: Results and Initial Analysis

Because Israel is a parliamentary system, while the results of the election will be known immediately after the votes are cast, the formation of the new government, and even the identity of the new government may take . longer to develop. Watch these webinars presented by Amit Stern, Federation Community Shliach While each webinar is broadcast live at noon, they will be available for replay after that. For more information, go to:

[https://www.jfedgmw.org/voicesofisrael?utm\\_source=website&utm\\_medium=hp-upcoming-events&utm\\_campaign=voicesofisrael](https://www.jfedgmw.org/voicesofisrael?utm_source=website&utm_medium=hp-upcoming-events&utm_campaign=voicesofisrael)

## **Observation about Israel and anti-semitism**

During February I attended a CRC Mission to Washington DC, which included visits with our congressional representatives, and meetings with political and governmental leaders. Among the people we heard from was Elon Carr, the new Special Envoy for Monitoring and Combatting Anti-Semitism. In his talk, he identified the three main goals he will be pursuing:

- Not ignoring any region of the world
- Call out bad actors and backing our allies (giving credit for good behavior)
- Eradicate any attempt to distinguish between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism

Specifically Ambassador Carr called on all countries to adopt the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of Anti-Semitism:

Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

He also expressed very directly that the attempt to Boycott, Divest and Sanction (BDS) Israel is anti-Semitism, and he sees as part of his role fighting against this attempt to judge Israel in a way other nations are not being judged.

## **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:

**Avera Mangistu Hisham al Sayed**

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Dr. JoAnn Horowitz & Beth Giladi - My mother 'Little Judy' Schuman & your mother Rita were very close good friends from Oher Shalom. I knew Rita, & we often said that we had to do lunch. Unfortunately that never happened. I hold your mother in the highest esteem & always thought of her in the best of light. May her memory be for a blessing

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