

# The Bulletin



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

May 2019



## Scenes of Jerusalem *Our CBI Spring Campaign*

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### Participate in Our 7 DAY (Digital) Campaign May 1 – May 8

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**Saturday, June 8** at CBI when we welcome the arrival of our 7 exquisite  
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## May Shabbat Services

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

### Additional Shabbat Programs:

#### Friday/Saturday, May 3-4

8:15 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Services  
9:00 am – Shabbat Services  
10:30 am – Family Shabbat Service  
10:30 am – Bim Bam Shabbat Services  
10:45 am – Shabbat Journeymen Minyan  
12:00 pm – Kiddush  
12:45 pm – Cantor's Melody Workshop

#### Friday/Saturday, May 10-11

6:00 pm – Shir Shabbat Services  
6:45 pm – Congregational Shabbat Dinner  
9:00 am – Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah of Madeline Popolow  
12:00 pm – Kiddush

#### Friday, May 17

8:15 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Service

#### Saturday, May 18

9:00 am – Shabbat Services  
9:00 am – Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Waldman  
12:00 pm – Kiddush

#### Friday, May 24

8:15 pm – Kabbalat Services

#### Saturday, May 25

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

#### Friday, May 31

8:15 pm – Kabbalat Services

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

## Candle Lighting

May 3	7:37 pm
May 10	7:44 pm
May 17	7:51 pm
May 24	7:57 pm
May 31	8:03 pm

## Mincha/Havdallah

May 4	7:50/8:46 pm
May 11	7:57/8:53 pm
May 18	8:04 pm/9:00 pm
May 25	8:10 pm/9:06 pm

## Minyan Rotation

5/6 – 5/12	Greenberg – Halpren
5/13 – 5/19	Hausman – Jacobs
5/20 – 5/26	Jasinover – Keselman
5/27 – 6/2	Kessler – Krauss

This is a reminder that you are scheduled on the Minyan Rotation List for this month. **We urge you to make every effort to attend minyan, the times are listed below.**

#### Morning Minyan

7:10 am Mon. & Thurs.  
7:15 am Tues., Wed. & Fri.  
8:00 am Sun.

#### Evening Minyan

8:00 pm Sun.-Thurs.

## President's Message

By Mariela Markelis Dybner, CBI President



I hope and trust that you have had a thoughtful and joyous Pesach surrounded by those near and dear to you. Personally, I am grateful to have taken the time to reflect on those parts of my life that could be considered emotional “chametz” and am working to clean my mind, body and soul.

Please take a moment to review our upcoming events and plan to attend those that you find interesting and meaningful:

On Tuesday, April 30 at 7pm (NOTE NEW TIME!), we will be commemorating the Shoah with a Holocaust Remembrance Program. Our speaker this year is Julie Kohner, a Jewish educator with over thirty years of experience and a master's degree in educational counseling. She is a daughter of Holocaust survivors and has presented Voices of the Generations for the past 26 years to preserve and share the memories of her mother and other Holocaust survivors. \* Please bring your Men's Club Shoah Yellow Candle to participate in a candle lighting ceremony during the program and contact the clergy office at [clergyoffice@cbi-nj.org](mailto:clergyoffice@cbi-nj.org) or 973-379-3811 if you would like to add the name of a family member who perished during the Shoah.

Our adult learning is in full gear with Cantor Wallach's Melody Workshop on May 4, the weekly Israeli Music Adult Learning Program on Monday mornings at 9:30am with Len Hausman, Talmud Class on Monday evenings at 7:30pm with Rabbi Akiba Lubow, and mornings with Rabbi Bayar, Joseph narratives in Genesis on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am.

On Tuesday, May 7th, our Sisterhood is holding Keep This, Toss That, “a laugh-out-loud funny de-cluttering comedy show” with Organizing Humorist™ Jamie Novak. Get tips on how to clean closets, store the stuff and much, much more! The event will include wine and refreshments and costs \$12.00 for CBI Sisterhood Members and \$15.00 for Non-Members. Please RSVP by May 5th to Laurie Kavowras at [lscaregiver48@gmail.com](mailto:lscaregiver48@gmail.com).

The congregation is invited to enjoy a Family Shir Shabbat service on May 10 at 6pm, followed by a FREE Israeli-themed Shabbat dinner. Thank you to Miriam Linver, Matt Askin and family for sponsoring this beautiful celebration in honor of Yom Ha'atzma'ut, Israeli Independence Day. Please RSVP to the office to ensure that we have enough for all.

Our schools and youth groups are busy with end-of-the-year celebrations, including the preschool's biannual trip to “Israel”, the BBRS celebration of learning, Kadima Final Banquet and USY annual Bonfire. Please check your email and the CBI website for details.

Finally, we enjoyed hosting Rabbi Dario Bialer, his wife Luna and their baby Yan to give them an opportunity to see our community in Millburn and Greater MetroWest New Jersey. Their trip was wonderfully busy as they contemplated what their lives would look like here. I hope to have more concrete news in the near future and thank you all for your patience and well wishes.

May we go from strength to strength,

**Mariela Markelis Dybner**



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## MUSICAL NOTES

By Cantor Lorna Wallach

This month, the Hebrew month of Iyar, we celebrate Yom Ha'atzma'ut, Israel's Independence Day. Join us for a musical celebration of Israel's 71st birthday, singing some favorite Israeli songs following the Shir Shabbat service on Friday evening, **May 10th at 6:00 PM.**

Each time I visit Israel, I come back inspired by the experience of being in the homeland of my People and with a renewed sense of how important it is for me and for all of us to make it a priority to educate ourselves about the many difficult issues, as well as all of the innovations and other noteworthy advances coming out of Israel, and also to support Israel in any way we can.

Having just returned from visiting my son and other relatives in Israel, I share with you this article about hope – The Hope – *Hatikvah*. When the State of Israel was declared in 1948, *Hatikvah* was unofficially proclaimed the national anthem. However, it did not become the official anthem until November 2004, when it was sanctioned by the Knesset in an amendment to the “Flag and Coat-of-Arms Law” (now called “The Flag, Coat-of-Arms, and National Anthem Law”).

The text of *Hatikvah* was written by the Galician-Jewish poet Naftali Herz Imber in Zolochiv (Ukraine) in 1878 as a nine-stanza poem called *Tikvateinu* (“Our Hope”). It was supposed to be an expression of his thoughts and feelings following the construction of one of the first Jewish settlements in Israel, known as Petakh Tikva. Published in Imber's first book, *Barkai*, the poem was subsequently adopted as the anthem of Hovevei Zion and later of the Zionist Movement at the First Zionist Congress in 1897. The text was later revised by the settlers of Rishon LeZion, subsequently undergoing a number of other changes. In its modern rendering, the text of the anthem includes only the first stanza and refrain of the original poem. The poem is assumed to have been set to music (to the melody of a Moldavian – Rumanian folksong) by Samuel Cohen, an immigrant from Moldavia. The melody is originally based on “La Mantovana”, a 16th century Italian song. This melody had been famously used by Czech composer Bedřich Smetana in his symphonic poem *Die Moldau*.

There are several unique features about *Hatikvah* that are worth noting. *Hatikvah* is written in a minor key, which is often perceived as mournful in tone and thus rarely used in national anthems. It was written in Hebrew, many years before Hebrew became the language of the Jewish State, when the future of the language and the State were unclear. It was written outside the future State, with the poet saying “...towards the east, an eye looks to Zion.” The dream is of a return to Zion, which is integral to our religion, yet the poem is secular and makes no mention of God. The text, and how it is written, also raises other issues. The hope that the poem mentions is conditional – the second part of the poem describes a hope, but the first section provides the condition for the fulfillment of this hope. The phrase “Our hope is not yet lost” clearly conveys the tenuous nature of Jewish hope and existence. As a people, we have hope but we are always in danger of losing it. With the establishment of the State of Israel, has the hope of the song been fulfilled? As we grapple with these issues, may we continue to strive to “be a free people in our own land” by strengthening our commitment to and support for Israel. And let us pray for peace in Israel, in the Middle East and in the world.



Lorna Wallach



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

## In The Community

### Condolences to:

We regret to inform you of the passing of veteran CBI member, Dr. Warren Gray (z”l).

Nan Rosenfeld Greenwald on the passing of her husband, Howard Greenwald (z”l)

Joshua Jacobs on the passing of his father, Leonard Allan Jacobs (z”l)

Marion Mohl & Bruce Weill (children) & Anna Mohl & Mitch Revsine (grandchildren) on the passing of their mother & grandmother, Mollie Weill (z”l)

Holly Jo Blum on the passing of her mother, Virginia Klein

### Refuah Shleima to:

Meryl Hubscher, Frieda Ostrowsky, Emanuel Magid, Shirley Ehrich, Roberta Balsam, Beth Giladi, Fernanda Santos, Lynette Talpins, Chaya Cohen, Kopel Burk, Doris Goldman & MaryAnn Velez & to June Fastow for a speedy recovery from surgery.

### Mazel Tov to:

The Troll Family on Charlotte becoming a Bat Mitzvah!

Our distinguished member, Professor Joel Reidenberg on receiving a career achievement award from UC-Berkeley Law!

Risa & Evan Wasserman on the marriage of their son, Ross!

The Merkel family on the occasion of Rebekkah becoming a Bat Mitzvah!

Genna & Ilan Klein & grandparents, Arthur & Penny Klein & Debra Waldman, as well as the extended family on Benjamin becoming a Bar Mitzvah!

Karen Kahn on being honored as Woman of the Year of Millburn/Short Hills' Chapter of Hadassah.

Eliza Merkel & her parents, Stacy & Scott, on Eliza's performance with the Hazamir Jewish teen choir at David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center

Deborah Toplansky & Tomer Hoenig on the birth of their twin boys, Samuel Paul & Max Henry, on February 21, 2019

Ellie Garry on the engagement of her daughter Sarah Fried to Lucas Markowitz

## Beineynu

By Harvey Brenner, Executive Director

Jews count!

This is the time of year when we count the Omer (beginning on the second night of Pesach) and we continue until *Erev Shavuot*. *Shavuot* ('weeks' in English) comes from the same root word "*sheva*" as the number seven, or the 7-day mourning period known as "*shiva*", so we count 7 x 7 or 49 total days from *Pesach* to *Shavuot*.



We recount the Pesach story of freedom and count all the way to the *Shavuot* acceptance of responsibility as a Jewish People. We move from being "slaves unto Pharaoh" to servants of *HaShem* in the course of forty days. We recount exiting *Eretz Mitzrayim*, leaving behind our harsh, restricted lives and just a few short weeks later, *Moshe Rabeinu* descends from **Har Sinai** (Mt. Sinai) with the Torah so that we may accept God's Covenant and become the Chosen People.

It is written in Psalm 90:12, "**Teach us to number our days that we may attain a heart of wisdom**". There are some people who know the price of everything but the value of nothing, right? We know them, and in many cases, feel sorry for them. We're taught that numbers alone aren't a measure of one's worth or one's success. Coupling numbers with the wisdom to understand their inner meaning and interrelation, that's what is really important.

And that brings us to the next few weeks when we are approaching the end of a trying year of transition but also one where many positive conversations took place, programs and events developed and were enjoyed by the membership. These, and many more like them, laid the foundation for next year and many years beyond.

Our rabbis teach us, "**without bread there can be no torah and without torah there can be no bread**." After the Annual meeting in June, you're going to receive your annual membership commitment packets. We'll communicate to you what the amounts are, explain how those budgeting figures were derived and in general, explain the financial conditions and obligations that come along with membership at CBI.

It's easy to open the envelope, look at the numbers (with no appreciation for what they represent) and grumble about them being "so high". It's too easy to not give any thought or value to the friendships we've made and shared because of our synagogue community; it's too simple to devalue its worth, without knowing how supportive a community like

ours is at a time of sickness or loss. It's far too common to dismiss the benefits of the religious, musical, educational and social programs (that are at no or low cost to the synagogue community all year long) because of the commitment fees we've collected that so generously support them. It hurts when someone deemphasizes just how meaningful a Friday night Oneg or Shabbat Kiddush luncheon can be (when old and new friends 'break bread' together in our Social Hall or MPR).

So, this year, let's try to open our annual membership statements with joy and a smile, remembering all the positive experiences shared over the past few years, rather than angst or chagrin. CBI needs the support of every member to fund our services, programs, classes and events and we thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity.

We, through your dues, donations and "over and above" contributions, provide both '**bread & torah**' to our entire congregation. If you're amenable, why not become a member of our Legacy Circle? Designating CBI in your will or as a beneficiary within your estate can leave a lasting gift to the shul that you care so much about.

If you haven't already done so, make a meaningful tax-deductible donation to our "**7 Days of Giving – Spring Fundraiser**". Not only will you help beautify our sanctuary and services with new "**Scenes of Jerusalem**" Torah Covers, but you'll help sustain CBI, just as bread and torah sustain mankind.

So, keep 'counting' as we symbolically ascend our own *Har Sinai* together. When we reach the zenith, we'll all see the beauty of that special journey we've taken together, just beyond our feet.

**Z'man Matan Torateinu!**

Harvey M. Brenner, FSA, FTA



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### SAVE THE DATES!

SHABBAT SOULSICALS

JUNE 14

JULY 12

ONLY ONE SERVICE 7:00PM





## 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

FREE for  
CBI Members  
&  
Community Friends

To register,  
please contact:  
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# Scenes of Jerusalem

## Our CBI Spring Campaign

May 1-8, 2019

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mount Scopus</b> | <b>\$180</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mount of Olives</b> | <b>\$540</b> |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tower of David</b>    | \$3,600  | <i>Name &amp; dedication embroidered in BRONZE inside one Torah Cover</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Jaffa Gate</b>        | \$5,400  | <i>Name &amp; dedication embroidered in SILVER inside one Torah Cover</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Jewish Quarter</b>    | \$10,000 | <i>Name &amp; dedication embroidered in GOLD inside one Torah Cover</i>   |

- ☐ Old City \$18,000                      ☐ Kotel \$36,000

*Your name and dedication will be embroidered  
on the sash that holds the scrolls together*

*Your name and dedication will be engraved on a brass plate affixed to the top of one Torah Cover*



**NAME** as you want to be listed in Bulletin, CBI Website and Campaign booklet

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**DEDICATION** gifts \$3,600 or more to be embroidered (up to 28 characters or spaces)

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Phone or email to contact for questions:

*If you wish to participate in this campaign before May 1 or if you do not have access to a computer or email, please complete this form and return it to the CBI office or contact Harvey Brenner at CBI (973-379-3811) to make your donation directly.*

Please join the members of our committee and add your support!

Elizabeth Cohen (co-chair)  
Heidi Cohen (co-chair)  
Ilene Klein

Ben Levy  
Miriam Linver  
Sydra Miller  
Debra Nevas

Jamey Potechin  
Jonathan Schor  
David Touger



## BAT MITZVAH



### **Madeline Popolow** May 11, 2019

Maddie is a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School. She is proud to be a peer leader at school, and loves playing field hockey, basketball and lacrosse.

Maddie also enjoys attending Camp Ramah in the Berkshires in the summer, as well as reading, art, and spending time with her family and friends.

For Maddie's mitzvah project, Maddie has been volunteering with the Friendship Circle where she participated in their Mitzvah Volunteer Program while in 6th grade, and has been regularly volunteering at their Sunday Torah

Time program while in 7th grade.

Like her two brothers, Maddie plans to continue to volunteer with the Friendship Circle after her Bat Mitzvah.

Maddie is happy to be sharing this wonderful simcha with her parents Shari and Brett, and her brothers Alex and Jacob.

Maddie would like to thank everyone who has helped to prepare her for this special day not only for her Bat Mitzvah preparation but also for the guidance and support over the years leading up to the big event, including Paula Touger, Cantor Wallach, Rabbi Litwin and Rabbi Bayar.



## ***Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Services***

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

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**Friday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Friday, July 12 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

***FESTIVE ONEG***

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

## Hedwig Gruenewald Early Childhood Center (HGECC)

By Rochelle Baron, Director

This month is a busy one for us at HGECC! On May 6 the Two Year Olds will welcome their mothers for a special celebration in honor of Mother's Day. That same evening the HGECC Parent's Association will host an event at The Squirrel and The Bee in Short Hills, where they will have an opportunity to sample great baked goods and make something too. On May 9 the entire school will embark on a trip to Israel to celebrate Yom Haatzmaut, Israel's seventy-first birthday. We'll leave on an El Al jet (located in the MP room) and sing our way over the ocean. We'll dine in Tel Aviv, dance in Jaffa, visit an archaeological dig in Caesaria, create some artwork in Tzfat and do some planting at a kibbutz—all in less than three hours. We're also looking forward to our end-of-the-year party on May 19 and then a school-wide trip to



Genius Gems on May 22. Lots of great events for sure!

Our tzedakah collections from our Friday morning Shabbat celebrations have gone to a variety of charities that resonate with the children. The March funds went to Leveling the Playing Field, a group who supplies sports equipment in underprivileged areas. For the month of April we purchased books and toys and donated them to the Child Life Department of Pediatrics at St. Barnabas Hospital. Whatever we collect this month through the end of the school year is targeted for The Fresh Air Fund, to help kids have fun in the summer. It's all good!

Enjoy the beautiful spring days ahead!

Rochelle



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

## Blanche Bayar Religious School (BBRS)

By Rabbi Sharon Litwin, Director of Congregational Learning

My fourth full year as Director of Congregational Learning is winding down. Our school year has been a great success!

Our whole school celebrated Sukkot together with a visit from Eden Village Camp. Our Gan, Aleph and Bet Families studied about the Mitzvah of Mezuzah and made a Mezuzah to hang on their own bedroom doors.

Our Kitah Vav families gathered to begin the conversation about the meaning of their upcoming Bnai Mitzvah and our Kitah Hey students took a field trip to Shop Rite to reinforce the lessons on sacred eating and kashrut that they learned in class.

Our Tu B'shvat Seder for Kitah Gimel, Dalet and Kitah Hay was so much fun (and full of fruit - even planting chocolate chip seeds in crushed Oreo dirt). We wrapped Tefilin at the World Wide Wrap, made masks for Purim, had tons of fun at the Carnival and learned many traditions and customs for Passover.

The best highlights came during our weekly Tefillah, where students stood up to lead Kabbalat Shabbat on Tuesdays, Torah Service and Musaf on Thursdays and Sunday morning



Shacharit. The conversations that we have during Tefillah, the special tangents and questions that the students ask are hopefully helping to develop their spiritual wellbeing as well as their love of Jewish practice.

Across the board, the most important accomplishment of the school year is the improved Hebrew reading and prayer proficiency of our students. I am thrilled that our students have risen to the challenge of learning new prayers and becoming stronger readers. This can only help them to be more confident and comfortable in the synagogue and to feel more connected to Judaism.

Come join us on May 12 for Maccabiya field day and on May 19 for moving up exercises, Gan Kabbalat Yaldeinu and Kitah Gimel Siddur Presentation, all at 10:30am in the Sanctuary followed by a festive reception sponsored by the PA.

It's been a great year and I look forward to many more. And don't forget to register for next year!

Warmly,

Rabbi Sharon Litwin



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## Sisterhood's Message

By Laurie Kavowras and Ruth Novick



Laurie Kavowras



Ruth Novick

How many of us have resolved to clean out our closets? To get rid of the clutter in our homes? To organize the junk drawer? To check the expiration dates on food and to toss whatever is past the date? We are guessing every one of us! Now, how many of us has procrastinated from these tasks? We are guessing every one of us! And how many of these tasks have actually been completed? We are guessing very few of them!

If you still aspire to get your home and your life in ship shape and also like to laugh out loud, 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. When not on the road Jamie searches for a cure to her addiction to clipping recipes she never prepares. 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. Jamie's highly regarded program is the ultimate in edutainment!

Looking forward, Sisterhood Installation will take place on Monday, June 3. Please join us for a catered dinner, to thank the outgoing board and to welcome the incoming board. As we wind down our presidency (more on that in next month's bulletin article), we look forward to all the programs coming down the pike and the direction the new leadership of Sisterhood will take us in.

Bookends is also returning on Wednesday, June 19. We will be discussing *Gateway to the Moon* by Mary Morris. This beautifully written historical fiction book tells the story of Miguel Torres, a descendant of a Jew exiled from Spain who traveled to the New World with Christopher Columbus. Torres takes a job as a babysitter working for Rachel Rothstein, a frustrated artist who moved her family from New York to Entrada de la Luna, New Mexico. Torres is shocked to learn that many of the Rothstein family's customs are similar to

traditions are ones he grew up with and never understood. Studded throughout this present-day narrative are historical vignettes following the ancestors of Entrada's residents, beginning in fifteenth-century Spain and moving forward to the discovery of America, highlighting the torture, pursuit, and resistance of the Jewish people throughout history, leading to the founding of the enclave that Miguel now calls home. A beautiful novel of shared history, *Gateway to the Moon* is a moving and memorable portrait of home and community. Our very own Jennifer Glick returns to facilitate the discussion.

### Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, May 7	<b>Jamie Novak</b>
Wednesday, May 15	<b>Mahjongg</b>
Tuesday, May 28	<b>Knit and Knosh</b>
Monday, June 3	<b>Installation</b>
Wednesday, June 19	<b>Bookends</b>

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:

## May 15



## **CBI Yom Tov Band - Volunteers Needed!**

### **Do you play?**

<b>Strings:</b>	<b>Violin, viola, bass</b>
<b>Woodwinds:</b>	<b>Flute, clarinet, oboe, piccolo, sax, bagpipes</b>
<b>Brass:</b>	<b>Trumpet, trombone, tuba, French horn,</b>
<b>Plucked Strings:</b>	<b>Guitar, Bass, Banjo, Dulcimer, Oud, Zither</b>
<b>Keyboards:</b>	<b>Piano, harpsichord, accordion,</b>
<b>Percussion:</b>	<b>Drums, tabla, glockenspiel, vibes, other percussion</b>
<b>Vocals:</b>	<b>Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Baritone, Bass</b>

**We are recruiting and would love you to join our merry volunteer band. Music is the voice of the soul! Join us in making music that supports prayer and holiday delight.**

#### **Are you available:**

- **To rehearse a few Sunday evenings prior to each performance?**
- **Perform for Kabbalat Shabbat three times in the summer?**
- **Perhaps perform for Chanukah, Purim, Pesach, Selichot?**
- **How about a *Melaveh Malkah* (Saturday night after Havdallah)?**

## **Please consider joining the CBI Yom Tov band!**

#### **Contact:**

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Please join us for the  
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### 2018-19 Schedule

Tuesday Evenings at 7:30 p.m. in Youth Lounge

**May 28    June 25**

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## MEN'S CLUB MINUTE

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

Welcome to the May edition of Men's Club Minute! Spring is finally here and Passover has just "passed-over." We hope everyone had an enjoyable and meaningful Pesach.



Jonathan Schor



Alex Marcus

Thanks to Michael Jurist for coordinating the Passover wine sale and thanks to everyone who helped deliver the wine. Thank you again to Alex Rosenberg for speaking at this year's Joe Keselman, Juan Katz, and Howard Greenwald paid-up membership breakfast. It was an interesting talk about international basketball. Thanks to everyone who shopped, set up and cleaned up for the breakfast. It is everyone's participation that makes the event successful.

On that note, and in a more serious vein, the whole Men's Club board wants to send our condolences to Nan Greenwald and the whole family on the passing of Howard Greenwald z"l. Howard was a longtime leader of our Men's Club and, as the paid-up memberships event's name implies, instrumental in revitalizing the membership our organization.

A few upcoming events:

- 1) Yellow Candle – Yom Ha'Shoah begins Wednesday evening May 1st. Everyone should have received a yellow candle from Men's Club. In remembrance of our 6,000,000 martyrs please light the candle on Wednesday evening. We are collecting donations to further CBI's Holocaust programming and for the Blue Card Fund. Please visit [www.tinyurl.com/yellowcandle2019](http://www.tinyurl.com/yellowcandle2019)
- 2) Israel Day Parade – Join your CBI friends at the Salute to Israel Parade on Sunday June 2nd. Join us for bagel breakfast and poster making in the morning and then we will lead a contingent at the parade. To reserve a place on the bus please visit [www.tinyurl.com/israelparade2019](http://www.tinyurl.com/israelparade2019)
- 3) Softball – Men's Club Softball is in full swing. Games are fun and for all levels of ability. Please contact Craig Rothman at [craig321rothman@gmail.com](mailto:craig321rothman@gmail.com) for more information.

Jonathan Schor & Alex Marcus

## The Kabbalah of Music



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

In Kabbalah there is a practice of using the seven weeks between Passover and Shavu'ot as a time of personal and spiritual renewal. By chanting words from our liturgy and the Zohar favored by the Kabbalists of Safed we hope to share in this practice.

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 more info, contact [lenhausman@msn.com](mailto:lenhausman@msn.com)

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TUESDAY MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 7PM



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Get tips on how to clean closets, store the stuff and much, much more!

If you are wondering what to keep, what to toss, what to share & how to let it go - this program is not to be missed.

*Jamie is the author of Keep This Toss That.*

*You may have seen her on HGTV, QVC or Better TV.*

Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 7:00 pm

\$12 CBI Sisterhood Members; \$15 Non-Members

Kosher wine & refreshments will be served

RSVP by May 5th to Laurie Kavowras at [jscaregiver48@gmail.com](mailto:jscaregiver48@gmail.com) or 862-763-7705

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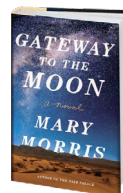
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AS WE DISCUSS

GATEWAY TO THE MOON

BY MARY MORRIS



In 1492 facing expulsion from Spain, Luis de Torres, a Spanish Jew, joined Columbus on his voyage as his interpreter. De Torres' descendants eventually settled in Entrada de la Luna in the hills of New Mexico. Five hundred years later, Miguel Torres, a young amateur astronomer, finds himself trying to understand the mystery that surrounds the town he grew up in. After taking a job with a Jewish family new to the area, Miguel is surprised to find many of their customs similar to ones he's grown up with and never understood.

This novel interweaves a contemporary story with those of the ancestors of Entrada's residents. Gateway to the Moon presents a touching and unforgettable picture of a family and its journey through centuries of Jewish history.

Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2019

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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## ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

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**Thursday, May 2, at CBI:** Please join us to hear Hirschhorn speaker Bob Messing discuss *The Little-Known Story of Jewish Holocaust Money*. This talk will explain why the Nazis minted money for use in their concentration camps, how this money was obtained by the concentration camp inmates and what the inmates used the money for. *Actual examples of this rare money will be on display*. This timely presentation coincides with Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. Please join us for this very informative program.

**Thursday, May 16 at CBI: Screen *The Wife*** After nearly forty years of marriage, Joan and Joe Castleman (Glenn Close and Jonathan Pryce) are complements. Where Joe is vain, Joan is self-effacing. And where Joe enjoys his very public role as Great American Novelist, Joan pours her considerable intellect, grace, charm, and diplomacy into the private role of Great Man's Wife. Joe is about to be awarded the Nobel Prize for his acclaimed and prolific body of work. *The Wife* interweaves the story of a lifetime of shared compromises, secrets, betrayals, and mutual love. Come see why Glen Close's performance won rave reviews!

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.



## CELEBRATE ISRAEL Bagels & Parade

**SUNDAY – June 2, 2019**

### *CBI Bagel Breakfast & Poster Making*

Join us before the Parade for a "*Schmear*" and **Poster Making Fun** for the whole family!  
Can't make the Parade? That's OK, you can still enjoy the bagel brunch!

### *March in the NYC Celebrate Israel Parade*

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## ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



### **2019 AIPAC Policy Conference March 1-3, 2020**

Next year's Policy Conference 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. Next year's conference is in an election year, and AIPAC has usually invited Presidential candidates to address the Conference during election years. So, this conference may be even more historic than usual. Talk to your fellow congregants who attended this year and decide to come with them next year.

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

I hope to have reports from other congregants who attended the Policy Conference this year in future issues of the Bulletin. I am pleased to include here a report from Nancy Tenenbaum, who has attended the Policy Conference for the past 10 years.

*I have enjoyed attending the AIPAC Policy Conference with Joe and other members of the CBI Community. It is exciting and a privilege to lobby our Congressional Representatives and Senators. The variety of information gained from the Plenary and breakout session is always valuable. This year I attended a session entitled "Talking about Israel in a Politically Divisive Time" because this is such a timely subject.*

*The panel session was led by Chancellor Arnold Eisen from the Jewish Theological Seminary. Members of the panel included Lisa Eisen, Vice President of the Shusterman Family Foundation, Dr. Michael Koplow, Policy Director of the Israel Policy Forum and Chloe Valdary from Theory of Enchantment, LLC. I was most inspired by Ms. Valdary, who has a book, and podcast and a website [www.theoryofenchantment.com](http://www.theoryofenchantment.com). She stressed that the US Israel relationship must remain a bipartisan issue, that diversity is our strength, and that we must bring back compassion and empathy.*

*After attending this session, I feel confident and empowered to continue to discuss and endorse the US Israel relationship.*

I can report to you that the 2019 Policy Conference was different than many in the past.

Much of this year's Conference focused on declaring our rights as Americans to support a strong US Israel relationship and our rights to lobby and endorse candidates who agree

with our beliefs. Many speakers denounced Anti-Semitism not just around the world, but here in the United States. In response to recent comments about the powerful influence of AIPAC, Meghan McCain proclaimed, "Americans don't support Israel because AIPAC is influential. AIPAC is influential because Americans support Israel."

A second major theme expressed by many speakers was the need for Bi-partisanship in support for Israel. While this is a theme at every policy conference, at this year's Conference the emphasis was even more evident. Because so much of what occurs in Washington now is encumbered with partisanship, it is so important to focus on real bi-partisanship. And personally, I was not convinced by the number of people who made this point by declaring (not in these words) "We are bi-partisan, but those guys are not." I found the explanation of the new Senior Senator from Arizona, Krysten Sinema on target:

*"When I first got to the US Senate . . . there was an attempt to politicize the United States support for Israel and its defense systems – and I was unwilling to allow that politicization to happen – so I chose to vote yes on the legislation because I believe in the legislation. That's It. I believe in it. . . . The votes such as that first vote provide an opportunity . . . to push the partisanship aside, focus on the issue and recommit to the shared relationship that the US and Israel have."*

There was also another issue hanging over the Conference – the assertion that Democratic Presidential candidates were boycotting the conference. There was a call by another political organization asking that the candidates boycott the conference. While the call was irrelevant since candidates are generally invited in election years, not the year before, the organization claimed success when the candidates did not appear on the main stage.

There are many wonderful videos from the conference available on line at [www.aipac.org](http://www.aipac.org). I encourage you to go to that website to browse through and see some of the videos and speeches. Or, if you prefer, call me and I can meet you some evening after minyan and brows the site together with you.

### **Upcoming Israel events**

#### ***JNF Breakfast for Israel in Livingston***

May 10, 2019 7:30 am Westminster Hotel

#### ***The Story of Israel through its Music***

April 29, May 6, 13 20 at 9:30 am



***Celebrate Israel Parade in NYC***

Sunday, June 2, 2019 Time TBA

***JNF National Conference in Washington DC***

September 13 – 16, 2019

**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**

Joe Tenenbaum



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**CBI's Delegation at AIPAC – 2019**

Front row left to right: Herb Cohen, Amy Rosenblatt, Wendy Kaplowitz, Nancy Tenenbaum, Leah Miller, Sydra Miller

Second row left to right: Henry Bloom, Ariel Dybner, Betsy Darivoff, Elynne Zucker, Hank Kaplowitz, Joseph Tenenbaum, Stuart Brod

Third row left to right: Allan Rosenblatt, Brett Cohen, Charles Zucker, Phil Darivoff, Jon Mann

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Josh Jacobs - Thinking of you at his time

- ❖ Neil & Jane Yaris

Josh Jacobs - We send you love & warm thoughts at tough time. We were very sorry to hear of your dads passing. XO Rich & Ina

- ❖ The Wallman Family

Nan Greenwald - We are so sorry for your loss. Howard was a special man & much loved within the community. We will all miss him & know you will miss him even more. Our thoughts & prayers are with you & your family

- ❖ Roz & Jed Buck

Nan Greenwald - We are truly sorry to hear the news about Howard. He always greeted us with a warm & sincere smile & brought light into the room. We hope that the love & support of your family & friends gives you strength at this difficult time.

- ❖ Phil & Betsy Darivoff

Joshua Jacobs - Our condolences on the loss of your father, Leonard.

- ❖ Steven & Helene Moehlman

Nan Greenwald - Our condolences on the loss of your husband, Howard.

- ❖ Steven & Helene Moehlman

Nan Greenwald - Thinking of you at his time.

- ❖ Neil & Jane Yaris

Nan Greenwald - I'm so sorry for your loss. Seeing you two together at Shul showed real love & how lifelong partnership can truly exist in this world. Sending my love & prayers.

- ❖ Lisa Lisser

Evelyn Warmbrand - In memory of your father & grandfather Martin. May his memory be for a blessing.

- ❖ Abbe Esocoff Zimmerman

Nan Greenwald - In memory of your beloved husband, Howard.

- ❖ Deena Bernhaut

Marion Mohl - In memory of your mother, Mollie (z'l)

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Josh Jacobs - In memory of your father, Leonard (z'l)

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Marion Mohl - In memory of your mother, Mollie Weill

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Marion Mohl - Sincerest condolences on the passing of your mother.

- ❖ Charlotte Wernick

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Nan Greenwald - In memory of Howard.

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Nan Greenwald - So sorry for your loss.

- ❖ Carol & Bob Marcus

Marion Mohl - So sorry for your loss.

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Beth Giladi & Family - In memory of your mother.

- ❖ Ann & Mitchell Brown

Nan Greenwald - In memory of your beloved Howard.

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Josh Jacobs - We are very sorry for your loss. May you be comforted by wonderful memories.

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Marion Mohl - May her memory be for a blessing

- ❖ Mary Lou Allen

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Kopel Burk - In honor of your 90th birthday.

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JoAnn Horowitz & Beth Giladi - Rita will be missed by us all.

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Marion & Murray Mohl - In memory of Mollie Weill

- ❖ Frances Licht

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Nan Greenwald - So sorry to hear of Howards passing. May you & your family be comforted among the mourners of Israel. It's wonderful that he got to see his grandchildren born.

- ❖ Richard & Rena Panush

Joshua Jacobs - Sending our heartfelt condolences. May your father's memory be for a blessing.

- ❖ Sinins Family

Nan Greenwald - Our sincere condolences on your loss.

- ❖ Aleza & Joe Rosenberg

In memory of Lenoard Judd. We were gladdened by Cantor Wallach's offering.

- ❖ Shirley Malamut-Judd

Nan Greenwald - My deepest sympathies at this difficult time.

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Marion Mohl - So sorry for your loss.

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Holly Blum. Sorry for your loss

- ❖ Andrea & David Hirschfeldl

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Thank you to all who sent me a Purim Basket.

- ❖ Ronnie Armuth

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The Werbow Family - May you be comforted among the mourners of Zion & Jerusalem & may Allan's name be for a blessing.

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Kopel Burk - We're thinking of you fondly.

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Josh Jacobs - We were very sorry to learn about your father's passing. May his memory be for a blessing. We are also wishing you a speedy & complete recovery from your shoulder surgery

- ❖ Michelle & Greg Daniels

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