

The Bulletin



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Sukkot 2019 - 5780



Erev Sukkot – Sunday, October 13rd

6:00 pm Mincha & Maariv

Sukkot - First Day – Monday, October 14th

9:00 am Festival Shacharit with Hakaffot & Singing

6:30 pm Mincha & Maariv

Sukkot - Second Day – Tuesday October 15th

9:00 am Festival Shacharit with Hakaffot & Singing

6:59 pm Yom Tov ends

7:00 pm Maariv

Chol Hamoed – Wednesday, October 16th

7:00 am Shacharit

8:00 pm Maariv

Chol Hamoed – Thursday, October 17th

7:00 am Shacharit

8:00 pm Maariv

Chol Hamoed – Friday, October 18th

7:00 am Shacharit

6:00 pm Maariv

Chol Hamoed – Shabbat, October 19th

9:00 am Shabbat Service

Hoshanah Rabbah – Sunday, October 20th

8:00 am Festival Shacharit

5:45 pm Mincha & Maariv

5:52 pm Candle lighting

Simchat Torah

Shemini Atzeret – Monday, October 21st

9:00 am Festival Shacharit

10:30 am Yizkor Recited

Erev Simchat Torah – Monday, October 21st

6:30 pm Children's Service for Simchat Torah

7:00 pm Congregational Simchat Torah Oneg

7:30 pm Simchat Torah

Simchat Torah - Tuesday, October 22nd

9:00 am Festival Shacharit

Celebrating our Honorees

6:40 pm Maariv

6:49 pm – Yom Tov ends



October Service Times, Candle Lighting, Minyan

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

Additional Shabbat Programs:

Friday, Oct. 4

8:15 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, Oct. 5

9:00 am – Shabbat Services

11:00 am – Yaldeinu

Friday, Oct. 11

6:00 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, Oct. 12

9:00 am – Shabbat Services / Bnai Mitzvah of Ella & Max Levy

10:45 am – Journeyer's Minyan

Friday, Oct. 18

7:30 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, Oct. 19

9:00 am – Shabbat Services

10:15 pm – Family Services / Bar Mitzvah of Henry Meiler

Friday, Oct. 25

8:15 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, Oct. 26

9:00 am – Shabbat Services

Please check www.cbi-nj.org for any changes to schedule.

Candle Lighting

Oct. 4	6:15 pm
Oct. 11	6:04 pm
Oct. 18	5:53 pm
Oct. 25	5:44 pm

Mincha/Havdallah

Oct. 5	6:15/7:27 pm
Oct. 12	6:04/7:19 pm
Oct. 17	5:53/7:08 pm
Oct. 26	5:44/6:59 pm

Minyan Rotation

Oct. 6 - Oct. 12	Eichler-Feins
Oct. 13 - Oct. 19	Feldman-Freedman
Oct. 20 - Oct. 26	Fried-Gershman
Oct. 27 - Nov. 1	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.

Rabbi's Musings

By Rabbi Paul Resnick



This has been a whirlwind of an experience for me. In six weeks, I have gotten to meet many congregants, taught workshops on getting ready for the *Yamim Noraim*, taught *kitah zayin*, participated in *shiva minyanim*, attended board, ritual affairs, and lifelong learning committee meetings, met other area rabbis and

engaged with the CEO of the Metrowest Federation and other communal leaders.

The list can go on. CBI is an active place. And on 9.13.19 we hosted over 200 people - record number - for Musical Shabbat and Dinner at our MEGA SHABBAT experience, where we also recognized the strong volunteer culture here at CBI. It was one of my most meaningful prayer experiences. There was deep *kavanah* [spiritual intention] during our praying. Special *hakarat ha tov* - recognition - to Cantor Wallach on the CBI Band. Just amazing.

With many hours of *shul* time coming up right now, I invite you to engage with us. The holidays of Tishrei are meant to engage. YOU are the key player in that engagement. YOU are the one who can live a more enriching life if you spend some meaningful time here at CBI. YOU owe it to yourself to spend lots of time over the next month with us. Even if you have not been so connected in the past. YOU can try to be so.

Life is complex. Life is complicated. Life can be hard in many different ways. By spending time in the warmth and *heimisch* community of CBI, I can assure you that life can be less complex. Life can be less complicated. In fact life can be enriching, meaningful and positive.

Rabbi Paul Resnick



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Musical Notes

By Cantor Lorna Wallach



A synagogue is a unique treasure. Throughout the centuries, wherever Jews have lived and journeyed, the synagogue has provided a haven for our souls and a sanctuary in which to gather as a community to worship and to learn. In the synagogue, the essential times of life and rites of passage such as welcoming a newborn into the Covenant, the acceptance of adulthood and marriage are celebrated and made sacred. The synagogue can be a place you go to restore your strength and courage, and find the patience and wisdom with which to meet the many demands of life. Being part of a synagogue community can help you nurture and strengthen your connections to Judaism, to G-d and to Israel. One way we do this is through prayer, and particularly, through communal prayer. Prayer is at the heart of our spiritual experience during the High Holy Days.

The Haftarah that is read on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, the story of Hannah's journey from the heartbreak of childlessness to the glory of motherhood, exemplifies the power of prayer. As the story of Hannah shows us, prayer can be a means of expressing and unburdening ourselves of our deepest pain, and faith can help us achieve the courage and strength to deal with it. We all face difficulty and pain at some point in our lives. What a blessing it is to be part of a synagogue community where you can find comfort, meaning and support.

For me, one of the High Holyday prayers that we sing together on Yom Kippur, "*Ki Anu amekha, v'atah eloheinu*," provides that feeling of comfort, purpose and the support of the community. This early medieval poem emphasizes our relationship to God – but focuses on "We" rather than on our personal relationship with the Divine. "For We are Your people, and You are our God; We are Your children and You are our parent. We are Your servants, and You are our master; We are Your congregation, and You are our portion."

The prayers of confession (Vidui) that we recite in the plural as a community on Yom

Kippur are preceded by this short poem. As we prepare for the daunting task of confession, the text of this poem utilizes simple metaphors to reassure us that our connection to the Holy One is certain. The prayer ends with the ultimate promise that we seek, the guarantee of a communication that will be reciprocal and effectual: "We are the ones You address, You are the One to Whom we speak." *Ki Anu Amekha* is essential to the *Vidui* that follows. We must be assured of our relationship to God before we pour out our hearts and ask forgiveness. Why raise our voices if God is not listening? Why bare our souls if God is distant or indifferent? We cannot hope to correct what is broken in our relationships unless we know that these relationships are there to be repaired. We find assurance, too, in the key

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In The Community

Condolences to:

Cheryl Burstein (Nahum) on the death of her father, Herb Burd (z"l).

Dennis Lowenthal on the passing of his beloved father, Arthur Lowenthal (z"l).

Gideon Alpert on the passing of his mother, Judith Rose Alpert (z"l).

Refuah Shleima to:

Naomi Eisenberger, Meryl Hubscher, Frieda Ostrowsky, June Fastow, Shirley Ehrich, Laurie Weinberg, Lenore May and Sue Shapiro

Mazel Tov to:

Miriam Linver and Matthew Askin on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joey.

Nancy and Allan Sloan on celebrating their 50th Anniversary!

Barbara Ismail on the birth of her grandson, Philip Garrett Fields.

President's Message

By Mariela Markelis Dybner



This year, many would say that our High Holidays come "late."

Although Rosh Hashanah obviously marks the beginning of the Jewish year as it does every year, what is meant is that this year, our holidays come well after Labor Day, after summer is done and in some ways we have already started our new year.

Our kids have enjoyed the first couple of weeks back at school, we have celebrated our return to shul with a fabulous Mega Shabbat, and we have welcomed Rabbi Resnick and Rabbi Julie into the Congregation. We have watched the Israeli elections unfold with great interest and heard insights from Dr. Ralph Nurnberger. In our greater Jewish community, several of us were present for the ribbon cutting of Lifetown, an amazing center supporting individuals with special needs, and we have redoubled our own Yaldenu initiative with Beth Giladi's leadership.

In the midst of all these wonderful beginnings, we stop for our High Holidays. We pause to allow the days of awe to reach us. We repent; we ask for forgiveness; we resolve to do better in the coming year.

My fervent hope is that CBI has encouraged this important exercise for each of you. Whether you have studied with Rabbi Resnick in his workshops, earned a new skill with Cantor Wallach or come to services to connect with our kehila, our holy community, I trust that you have found a way to emerge spiritually reinvigorated for the coming year.

L'shana tova umetuka! May you and your loved ones be inscribed in the Book of Life!

Mariela Markelis Dybner



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Would you like to **HOST** or **ATTEND** a Friday evening, Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Resnick?

As a way for Rabbi Resnick to meet congregants and share Shabbat with CBI families, congregants are taking turns hosting Rabbi Resnick for Friday evening Shabbat dinners.

Please consider signing up for this rewarding experience!

If homes are not Kosher, hosts may order from one of the local kosher establishments and serve using paper plates/plastic cutlery.

The host home must be within walking distance (about a mile or less) of CBI.

Can't host but would like to attend a dinner?

Please contact **Janet Slifer** at janetlifer@gmail.com or 973-258-1892 to sign up either way or for more information!



Chanting Circle for Yom Kippur

Sunday, October 6th at 5:00 p.m.
In the Chapel at CBI

'Pre-prayer' for Yom Kippur at our inspirational chant and song circle with musical accompaniment.

We focus on key verses from the Day of Atonement liturgy, exploring their meaning.

We then sing the text as we join together with our voices in simple yet compelling, melody and rhythm.

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.

Our 9th Year Begins!



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Beineynu

By Harvey Brenner, Executive Director

As I write this month's column, we have just commemorated the 9-11 attacks on the United States back in 2001. Are there many among us who can't remember exactly where we were and what we were doing when we first heard the news? I doubt it!



In my case, I was scheduled to take an early morning (~8:30am) flight from Newark airport to Raleigh, NC (to meet up with my salesman and a customer later that afternoon). I was by then a consultant to distressed business and worked to engineer 'turn around' efforts or as sometimes happened, develop and preside over a "business cessation plan".

As fate would have it, my business partner at the time suggested that I stop in at our clients' offices in South Plainfield before going to the airport and then taking a later in the day flight. We had a few matters to discuss with the owners, and since I had the time built into my schedule, it made sense for all of us to spend some "face time" together.

Sitting in our meeting shortly before 9:00am, we were interrupted by a production coordinator who ran into my office carrying a small, "rabbit ear" black & white portable TV, shouting, "OMG.... A plane crashed into the World Trade Center". We had no suspicion of terrorism. Like most Americans, we thought it was an errant recreational pilot who flew too close to the building and was swept up by the wind currents that are created in downtown Manhattan's Wall Street area. We all believed, America was impervious to such terrorist activities. We, like virtually everyone else, were wrong!

As events unfolded, we learned in shocking detail (and with great horror) that this was a coordinated attack on the United States by people who wanted to do us harm (because of our apparently opulent lifestyles, our beliefs, customs and practices, and the freedoms that we enjoy daily). We hardly left my office as events unfolded and more information was shared about the tragedy.

It was impossible to get an outbound phone line as carriers were jammed with millions of calls in the metro NY-NJ area. Rudimentary cell phone service, such as it was, became overwhelmed quickly and it took me several hours to be able to let my wife know that I was safe, had changed flight plans (so I never was at the airport much less on an airplane) and that I was planning to fly later that day.

Well you can guess the rest..... all the airports closed, flights were canceled, travel came to a standstill across the USA, and I couldn't make my trip for several days. While very nervous about resuming my normal business travel schedule, it was like falling off a bicycle as a kid; *you dusted yourself off and got back on the bike lest you'd never ride again*. So, while going back to EWR (Newark airport's

call sign) amid National Guardsmen, policemen and armed air marshals, was a bit daunting, it was also a bit reassuring at the same time. I boarded the flight to Raleigh, met my salesman and customer as planned (though about a week later) conducted our business and then returned safely to New Jersey.

So why is this important? I think it important to remember (in Hebrew, *zachor*) and it is inherent in our history, religion and tradition. Having just celebrated *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*, we prepare for *Sukkot*, *Shemini Atzeret* and *Simchat Torah*, holidays and celebrations steeped in 'remembering' our history. We have felt the weight of persecution throughout our history and now is not so significantly different.

As a rabbi colleague of mine is fond of paraphrasing, "All that is needed for terrorism to win is for us to be too afraid to lead our normal lives".

Indeed, we must lead our normal lives but also be cognizant of potential dangers that are around us. At CBI, by applying for and winning several competitive Federal Homeland Security and State of New Jersey Preparedness grants, we are able to provide armed guard service for many of our 'open door' and 'semi-public' events as well as adding layers of 'physical security enhancements' to strengthen our facility against certain acts of aggression. We'll discuss this further over the next 12-24 months.

Our systems and precautions only work if all of us are vigilant and observant. If something 'seems off' or 'doesn't feel right', please tell someone. Find an usher, greeter, guard, administrator, officer or clergy member and share your concerns with them. If that fails, call 911. The adage developed by the NYC - MTA..... "If you see something; say something!" is certainly applicable in all instances.

So let us enjoy our community, our surroundings, our programs and our services together. CBI is a strong, vibrant congregation, one which I am proud to serve!

L'hitraot,

Harvey M. Brenner, FSA, FTA

Some other dates for contemplation..... Where were you on?

- November 22, 1963 John F. Kennedy Assassination
- April 4, 1968 Martin Luther King Assassination
- June 5, 1968 Robert F. Kennedy Assassination
- July 20, 1969 Neil Armstrong steps on moon
- October 27, 2018 Tree of Life - Pittsburgh shootings



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Children's & Family Shabbat Services

CBI offers a variety of services for families that teach the songs and rhythm of Shabbat for children of all ages. Join us for meaningful experiences and memories that blend Jewish learning and living. Children are always welcome in the sanctuary for services; guests are always welcome at any services!

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

Monthly Saturdays, from 10:30 am to 11:45 am

October 5, November 2, December 14, January 4, February 15, March 7, April 4, May 9

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 and Rabbi Julie. Bring moms, dads, grandparents, neighbors, friends... all are welcome! Families will enjoy the congregational Kiddush following Bim Bam Shabbat.

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

Monthly Saturdays, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm (Light breakfast at 10:15 am)

September 21, October 26, November 16, December 7, January 11, February 8, March 21, May 2

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 and chanting 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.

SHIR SHABBAT (Families with children of all ages)

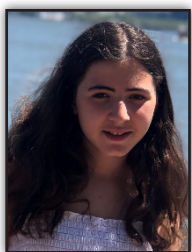
Monthly Fridays, 6:00 to 6:45 pm

October 18, November 22, December 13, January 24, February 28, March 27, April 24, May 8

A shorter version of the traditional Friday night service in the Sanctuary with upbeat singing, led by our clergy and children together. Services are often followed by a catered Congregational Shabbat Dinner. (Or, just come for the service.)

Check the CBI calendar for the most up-to-date information: www.cbi-nj.org. For more information about any of these Shabbat programs, please contact Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald, Director of Congregational Learning, at rabbijulie@cbi-nj.org or 973-379-1134.

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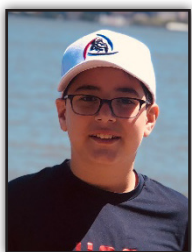


Ella Levy October 12, 2019

Ella is a 7th grader at Millburn Middle School and is thrilled to be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with her family and friends at CBI. Ella enjoys playing sports, especially soccer, and is always up for trying something new, most recently field hockey. She attends Camp Ramah in the Berkshires, which holds a special place in her heart and is her "happy place".

For her Bat Mitzvah project, Ella collected much needed items and is raising money to support the Home for Good Dog Rescue (HFGDR), which rescues dogs from high-kill shelters in the South and, once they are medically cleared, places them with foster homes until adoption. Her family's dog, Mobey, came to them through HFGDR, and Ella plans to volunteer for them when she's older.

Ella is excited to share this milestone with her brother, Max Levy, and celebrate with her parents, Orli Almog and Ben Levy, grandparents Malka and Rami Almog and Sarah and Jerry Levy, as well as all her family and friends. Ella is very grateful to everyone that helped her get ready and gives her heart-felt thanks to Paula Touger, Cantor Wallach, and Rabbi Resnick.



Max Levy October 12, 2019

Max is an 8th grader at Millburn Middle School. Max is looking forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with the CBI community of which he has been a part of since starting at HGECC at 18-months old. Max is an avid reader with a variety interests, from soccer and ultimate frisbee to drawing and musical theater. Max attends Camp Ramah in the Berkshires, which has further engrained in him a love of Judaism and Israel.

For his Bar Mitzvah project, Max wanted to do something special in memory of his Great-Uncle Yair and chose to raise money for the ALS Association, which raises money for research and patient services, as well as promotes awareness on issues related to ALS.

Max is thrilled to share this special day with his sister, Ella Levy, and celebrate with his parents, Orli Almog and Ben Levy, grandparents Malka and Rami Almog and Sarah and Jerry Levy, as well as all his family and friends. Max thanks everyone that helped him prepare for this special day, most especially Paula Touger, Cantor Wallach, and Rabbi Resnick.



Henry Meiler October 19, 2019

Henry is a 7th grader at Millburn Middle School. He loves to tap into his creativity, from writing short stories to filmmaking to creating SpongeBob memes. Henry also enjoys rock climbing, his summers at the NJY Camps, skiing black diamonds and playing video games.

For his Mitzvah Project, Henry is spending time with 90-year-old Holocaust survivor Trudy Album, capturing her story to share and let her legacy live on.

Henry is thrilled to share this simcha with his parents Samantha and Mark and his sisters Stella and Poppy as well as his grandparents, Isaak and Genia Meiler and Judi and George Youngman. He wouldn't be here today without the help of Paula Touger, Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Resnick. Thanks to all for their patience and encouragement.

Hedwig Gruenewald Early Childhood Center (HGECC)

By Rochelle Baron, Director

September was a month of meeting new teachers, exploring new classrooms, and getting into the routines of the school day. October includes the beginning of our morning enrichment programming as well as learning about the upcoming holiday celebrations.

Our focus of Yom Kippur will see us talking with the children about how to help others and ways to make good choices in the new year. Sukkot will be brought to life with various STEAM learning activities including sukkah construction in our loose parts classroom, art projects and food creations. We'll investigate the beauty and stories of the Torah as we celebrate Simchat Torah and look forward to



sharing snack together in the CBI sukkah each day. On October 17 we'll join with BBRS for our annual "Pizza in the Hut" celebration complete with food, activities, singing and stories,

In addition to all of the above we look forward to sharing Shabbat with Cantor Wallach and our families in the CBI sanctuary every Friday morning and being outside during the cool, crisp autumn days to come.

Chag Sameach from all of us!

Rochelle



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Blanche Bayar Religious School (BBRS)

By Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald, Director of Congregational Learning

DCL's Drash

You shall rise before the aged and show deference to the old.

—Leviticus 19:32

He who learns from the old, to what can he be compared? To one who eats ripe grapes and drinks aged wine.

—Pirkei Avot 4:20

Judaism teaches us again and again of the value of getting to know the people in our community who have years of experience and wisdom. Our elders are to be respected and cared for, of course, but more than that - we are to learn from them and with them. CBI Teens will have an amazing opportunity to do exactly that through a grant we just received from the Legacy Heritage Better Together Program. Our teens and older adults will meet monthly and share stories and experiences. Then our teens will create Instagram stories about a moment in the lives of the seniors. The final project, CBI Stories, will be available for all to see. This major grant will last for four years, funding up to \$20,000 in the first year and decreasing percentages over the next three years. I am delighted to bring this program to CBI - and I am actively seeking teens and



seniors who are interested. Please let me know that you want to participate!

At the time of writing, we have just completed the first week of BBRS. Although our enrollment is smaller than last year, students are still signing up. If you have neighbors and friends who have not yet chosen a Jewish education program, please connect me with them. I am enjoying getting to know the students and families. There is tremendous potential here for great learning and growth.

Our Lifelong Learning classes and programs are underway. Your kids are learning; be sure to make time for you to learn something new! If you don't see what you're looking for, let me know and we'll make it so. Being a *dugma* - a role model - for your children is the best way for them to learn how to "do Jew." Join us for Family Shabbat or Shir Shabbat or any regular Shabbat service. Let your kids show off what they know - and you might be able to show them a thing or two. Or choose to learn something new together.

Wishing you *chag sameach*, a happy holiday, whichever one is approaching when this bulletin reaches you!

Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald



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Sisterhood's Message

By Jennifer Glick and Sharon Richman, Sisterhood Co-Presidents



Jennifer Glick & Sharon Richman

We are so excited that October is here! Traditionally, this means the start of Sisterhood's programs for the year and we have been planning some great events.

Before looking ahead, we want to give a shout out to Susan Stern for organizing our very successful **4th Annual Ladies Night Out**. We all had a wonderful time talking about our favorite childhood games followed by an evening playing games. Can't wait to continue this tradition next summer . . . or even earlier. Bingo anyone?

Our first Rosh Chodesh program of the year will be on **Tuesday, October 29th** when CBI's Rabbi Resnick will come meet with us. **(Please note that this is a change from the October 30th date listed in last month's bulletin)**. If you have not had the opportunity to meet this thoughtful, dynamic addition to the CBI community this year, please take the opportunity to welcome him and share his thoughts on "The Top Ten Teachings To Assure The Next Generation of Jews." 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.

On the very next day, **Wednesday, October 30th**, we will have another Mah Jongg night. Whether you are a newbie or have sailed on a Mah Jongg cruise (yes, they exist!), you are guaranteed to have a fun night in the company of your fellow Sisterhood members. Mah Jongg is free for all Sisterhood members. \$5 for non-members. On a related note, take a look at the Lifelong Learning Brochure that Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald has distributed and let us know if you are interested in

signing up for **Canasta** lessons! We would love to learn, with our members, the rules of this "gateway to bridge" game that is sweeping the nation.

Looking into the future, **Sisterhood Kickoff**, one of our "don't miss" events of the year, will be held on **November 4th**. This is a free event for all paid up Sisterhood members and it includes a delicious catered dinner. Kickoff is our way of thanking our membership for supporting Sisterhood and Congregation B'nai Israel. While we are still working on the program, we can guarantee a fun "interactive" evening for all. Please contact Lisa Ehrlich at lisa.ehrlich@comcast.net or 908-884-7416 if you would like to help or have any questions.

Hopefully, during your summer vacay, you started reading **Mrs. Everything** by **Jennifer Weiner**, in preparation for Fall Bookends, to be held on **November 14th**. Even if you missed that opportunity at the beach, there is still plenty of time to enjoy this book. This emotionally rich novel follows the changing environment for American women through the lives of two Jewish sisters. The story follows Jo and Bethie Kaufman from their 1950's suburban childhood to the present day. New York Times bestselling author, Jennifer Weiner has written a must-read story that all women can relate to. This novel raises several issues about the development of women's rights and our place in society. We are fortunate that we will have the opportunity to explore these themes under the expert direction of our very own Sara Sherman.

Finally, do you know someone in the congregation or in your community who we can welcome to a Sisterhood event or just welcome into Sisterhood "fold"? Please let us know so that we can contact these women directly. Jennifer is at glickcorwin@msn.com and Sharon can be reached at sjschmerz@gmail.com.

Jennifer Glick and Sharon Richman
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Hearts and Hands is Always looking for Volunteers!

Do you have a heart? Do you have a hand? Good! You can join the CBI Volunteers group called Hearts and Hands! Hearts and Hands volunteers will enjoy working with other congregants in a few areas to help the needy at various times throughout the year. We are rolling out first with hunger response, although we will look at other areas to address as ideas and volunteers come in to lead these programs.

For hunger response, our program is called Triple AAA. Triple A stands for “Achlū Aiyvey Amecha” which comes from Parsha Mishpatim and means, “the poor in your nation shall eat.” So far we have 4 partner organizations that run either food pantries or soup kitchens in the area, and we are looking to add a Bridges Run which does bag lunch distributions.

Besides addressing hunger, we'll look to do other mitzvah events through the year, the types and times to be determined by CBIers who come forward to lead the programs.

Hearts and Hands will also work with the other mitzvah groups to assist them in their goals including Kiddush Couriers – to transport leftovers from CBI events to soup kitchens, MLK Day Mitzvathon Committee, a day or mitzvah activities at CBI on MLK Day, and the Caring Committee to visit the ill and injured CBIers and be present at shivas.

We are currently looking to ramp up our participation in the Interfaith food pantry on Wednesday mornings from 8:30am til noon, but if any of the other partner organizations are of interest to you, definitely let me know, and we'll get you over there to help out! See below for a description the times of the 4 partner organizations .

Bobrow Kosher Food Pantry - 170 Scotland Road, South Orange

1 Sunday / month 9:00am-12:30pm

1 Wednesday / month 6:00pm - 9:00pm

The Bobrow Kosher Food Pantry, organized by Congregation Oheb Shalom in South Orange, serves the hundreds of elderly and poor of this community. The Food Pantry is staffed entirely by volunteers. Bagging is on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Food that has been collected and purchased is divided into bags with an assortment of groceries in each bag. Distribution on Sundays begins at 9:00 and concludes at 12:30 pm.

Isaiah House - 238 N Munn Ave, East Orange

1 Sunday / month 11:30pm - 1:30pm

Isaiah House has been a community fixture since 1988. Our mission is to reduce the prevalence of homelessness, hunger

and unemployment throughout Essex County and more specifically, within the Oranges and Newark. As the brain child of an alliance between the Community Service Council of the Oranges and Maplewood (a division of United Way of Essex and West Hudson), the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills, and the Concerned Clergy of East Orange, Isaiah House remains the only shelter in East Orange and provides temporary and permanent lodging, food, social and financial services, as well as comfort and hope for families and individuals every year.

Summit Helping Its People (SHIP) Oakes Center - 120 Morris Ave., Summit

1 Sunday / month 3:00pm - 5:00pm

The mission of SHIP is to feed the homeless and at-risk homeless people in Summit and assist participants in obtaining additional support services. SHIP is a team effort by committed volunteers from the community. Individuals, local organizations, and congregations are invited to volunteer.

Interfaith Food Pantry of the Oranges - 105 Main Street, Orange, NJ

1 Wednesday / month 8:15am - 12:00 noon

The Interfaith Food Pantry of the Oranges (IFPO) is a “client choice” food pantry that provides supplemental and emergency food, diapers and toiletries to low-income residents of Orange and East Orange, NJ. IFPO is an all-volunteer, collaborative effort of four religious congregations in Short Hills and South Orange, New Jersey. IFPO is one of only a few food pantries in New Jersey that offer client choice. Client choice means that our clients have more of a grocery store experience, where clients are allocated “points,” based on family size, to select their own food, rather than receiving a pre-packaged bag of groceries. This process encourages healthy choices while also serving clients with dignity and respect. Under this system, clients do not receive food that they don't like or cannot eat for health or personal reasons. IFPO has been serving residents of Orange and East Orange for 25 years, growing tremendously from a small group that initially served 20-30 clients per week. In 2017, IFPO had 9,300 pantry visits, serving nearly 30,000 people. IFPO averaged 225 clients per week. Fully 43 percent of recipients are children.

If you want to join this team of volunteer heroes call or email Dan Richter at daniel.richter@verizon.net or (732) 261-5138.



Thursday, October 17 ~ 5:00 to 6:15 p.m.

Join us in the Sukkah to celebrate Sukkot with a pizza dinner (plus fruit and drinks), craft project, and singing with Rochelle and Rabbi Julie!

This event is FREE and open to CBI families with children from birth through 12 years old...but we need you to register so we have enough pizza!

RSVP to bbrsschooloffice@gmail.com by October 11.

Friends who are not members of the CBI Preschool (HGECC), Blanche Bayar Religious School, or CBI are welcome to join us!

Just be sure to register and let us know if you can help with set-up at 4:30 pm and/or clean-up at 6:15 pm.

Thank you to the Parent Associations of BBRS and The CBI Preschool (HGECC) for generously sponsoring this event.

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION



The Top Ten Teachings To Assure The Next Generation Of Jews.

**Join Sisterhood in Celebrating Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan on
Tuesday, October 29th.**

Dinner at 6:30PM

Rabbi Paul Resnick's Talk to follow

Cost \$18.00

Please RSVP to Wendy at (908) 964-0127 or

E mail to wendy.kaplowitz@verizon.net

Prior to the event please send your check to Sisterhood:

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Vegetarian and Gluten Free options available upon request.

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) in the CBI office for more information.

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Want to reach our engaged and local congregants?

Contact **Harvey Brenner** at (973) 379-3811, x 118 or hbrenner@cbi-nj.org for more information about advertising in **The Bulletin**.

MEN'S CLUB MINUTE

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

*Shalom, Shanah Tovah
and Chag Sameach!!*

Men's club has been busy getting ready for another exciting year after cooking up burgers at the CBI BBQ!

This year our annual Scotch in the Sukkah will be combined with BBRS / Religious School Parents event, but as usual, open to all adults - October 19th.

This year we will add Ax Throwing to our repertoire November 7th.

The annual Hanukkah party honoring our Man of the year will be December 15th.

Men's Club Shabbat will be **Shabbat Mevarchim Parshat HaChodesh Shabbat Vayakhel-Pekudei** (say that one fast!) - March 21st, 2020. But we're sure many of you remember it as Shabbat Cholent. We are always looking for men to participate and learn new skills - this is a great and supportive opportunity.

As usual we plan to:

- help teach at World Wide Wrap;
- have/support some speakers;
- sell Challah for *Shabbat* and *Chagim* as well as wine for Passover; usher on the High Holidays; and, continue to help support the community through CBI's AAA (contact Dan Richter to help).

Finally, as usual, we want to welcome as many people as possible, new face and familiar.

Please reach out to us.

Alex Marcus & Jonathan Schor
Co-Presidents



Alex Marcus

Jonathan Schor

SHABBAT JOURNEYERS' MINYAN RETURNS ON OCTOBER 12TH!

The CBI Shabbat Journeys' Minyan is an opportunity for congregants to get together on select Shabbat mornings to discuss and explore topics related to the weekly Torah portion, the liturgy, religious holidays or any other topic related to Jewish life. We meet in Classroom #205 at 10:45am (right after the Torah reading) and finish in time to join the rest of the Congregation for Kiddush. Discussions are lay-led and are always thought-provoking and enjoyable.

The tentative Journeys' Minyan dates for this year are:

October 12, 2019	February 1, 2020
November 23, 2019	March 28, 2020
December 14, 2019	April 25, 2020
January 11, 2020	May 16, 2020

If you would like to lead a Shabbat Journeys' Minyan discussion session, please reach out to Susan Gordon at sgordon904@gmail.com or David Touger at dtouger@aol.com.

Please watch the weekly announcements for specific information about each session. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you on October 12th.



Monday Morning Modules

A variety of short-term offerings on different topics that comprise a single course of adult education. Free to CBI members; non-members may pay \$50 for the entire fall semester or pay \$10 a week and choose which modules interest you!

Class meets at CBI on Monday Mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

September 16 & 23: High Holidays 101: Opening Our Hearts and Souls for a Meaningful Engagement with Rabbi Paul Resnick

October 7 & 28: Kippah, Tallit, Tefillin: Gender and Ritual with Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald

November 4, 11, 18, 25: Naomi Shemer's songs from the '60's to the '70's with Len Hausman

December 2, 9, 16: Ki Ner Mitzvah V'Torah Or: An Exploration of Lamps, Light, and Liturgy in Our Tradition with Cantor Lorna Wallach

This class is suitable for learners at all levels...from beginner to the most experienced.
It is not necessary to attend each session.

Lifelong Learning classes are open to CBI members as well as members of the general community.
Questions? Please contact the Clergy Office at 973-379-3811.





Timely Topics with the Rabbi



Join Rabbi Paul Resnick for The Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice, a course in Jewish ethics. Each session begins with a brief video from experts and is followed by engagement with relevant texts from our tradition. Topics include: fracking, torture, beauty enhancement, end-of-life issues, and more.

Begins October 17 (no class November 28)

Free to CBI members; non-members pay \$50 for the fall semester
Class meets at CBI on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

This class is suitable for learners at all levels...from beginner to the most experienced.

It is not necessary to attend each session.

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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!

Please RSVP to Helene Moehlman at
shmoehlman@yahoo.com or call 201-341-2059
Let us know if you would like to play at the Learners Table.

Free for Sisterhood members // \$5.00 for non-members

All on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. except where noted:

June 12

July 18 (Thursday)

August 14

September 18

October 16

November 20

December 11

January 15

February 12

March 11

April 1

May 6

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Calling All Knitters, Crocheters or Wannabees

Please join us for the
Sisterhood Knit & Knosh (and needlecraft) Group
2019-20 schedule

Tues. Sept. 24th, Wed. Oct. 30th, Tues. Nov. 19th, Tues. Dec. 17th,
Tues. Jan. 28th, Tues. Feb. 25th, Tues. Mar. 24th, Tues. Apr. 28th,
Tues. May 26th, and Tues. June 23rd

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

Bring your own supplies. Any kind of needlecraft is great.

Want to learn - we'll have yarn. You bring needles.

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An opportunity to share patterns and provide support

RSVP: Marion Mohl marionmohl@aol.com 908-273-8157

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





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 3rd at CBI Screen the documentary film *Diversity in the Long Grey Line*. This film covers the history of Jewish attendees of West Point from its first class to the 1,000th graduate. We will have a West Point graduate in attendance to speak and answer any questions you many have. Please join us for this unique presentation.

Thursday, October 31st at CBI Hirschhorn speaker Steven Wien will present *A Taste of Food Photography-Idea to the Printed Page. A Day in the Life of a Food Photographer: Tricks and Techniques Used by the Professionals*. You will gain an appreciation of just how much effort goes into the presentation of a picture of food before the viewer gets to see it. Come and learn something new!

Sandwich choices are: turkey, roast beef, corned beef, pastrami, tuna, egg salad. **PAY AT THE DOOR. CONTACT LOIS at 973-533-1809 to place your lunch order by the Wednesday afternoon before the program.** The cost is \$10 for Adult Forum members and friends, and \$12 for community participants. If you are coming for the program only and not joining us for lunch, then there is no charge, but **PLEASE CALL ME** to let me know you will be attending.

TRIP Thursday, November 7th, with the JCC of Central New Jersey. We will be going to The Jewish Heritage Museum: *Not Long Ago, Not Far Away*. This groundbreaking exhibit brings together more than 700 original objects and 400 photographs covering the history of Auschwitz and its role in the Holocaust. This is the most comprehensive exhibit ever presented in North America. The cost is \$85 for members, \$95 for community participants. Price includes docent led tour, bus transportation, time to explore on your own and a box lunch. **RSVP to Alison at 908-889-8800x260. There will be a pick-up & drop off in Millburn at CBI.**

Musical Notes

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word "Anu" (We). Each of us offers our confession couched in the first person plural, thus helping us to bear the strain of Yom Kippur because we do it as a community. We sing, we turn and return, together.

As we begin the New Year, I feel truly blessed to be part of the wonderful CBI community and look forward to what the future holds. May we all continue on our spiritual journey, together with our CBI community, to add meaning to our lives and to find *shalem* and *shalom*, wholeness and peace.

Lorna Wallach



To contact Cantor Wallach,
 email her at cbicantor@cbi-nj.org

***Know of a birth in the
 CBI Family?***

***Please share the good news
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***We have a small gift
 for the newborn!***

ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



5780 Israel Bond Appeal

I hope many of you were able to attend the presentation by Ralph Nurnberger analyzing the results of the recent Israeli election. It was a very timely event, and although it might have occurred before all the dust was settled, and all the issues

resolved, I am sure that it improved our understanding of the current political situation in Israel.

I want to be sure that you understand the process we are using for the Bond Campaign this year. The main event was the September 20 program, but we are still encouraging everyone to participate in the Campaign. While we are not having a dedicated speaker on Kol Nidre we are once again preparing pledge cards for each family in our community. The pledge cards will be in the inside lobby during the High Holidays, and then in the regular lobby during all Succot.

If you wish to pledge an amount, find your card, turn down a tab, and deposit the envelope in the box provided. You can also use the box outside the CBI office if you prefer. The pledges will be forwarded to our local Israel Bond office, and David Brown from that office will contact you to help you fulfill your pledge. You can also purchase bonds directly from the Israel Bond Office by calling David at (973) 712-1404. Be sure to mention that you are a member of CBI Millburn.

2020 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.

This Summer an AIPAC affiliated organization led trips Members of Congress to Israel to help familiarize them with the complex realities in the middle East. Representative Steny Hoyer led a group of 40 Democratic Members, and Representative Kevin McCarthy led a trip of 30 Republican Members. Although the timing of the two trips differed, the leaders arranged an overlap so that the Members could also meet without regard to partisan divisions.

As you undoubtedly heard in the news, following the AIPAC sponsored trips (funded separately by a related educational

foundation), two Members of Congress planned a separate trip sponsored by an organization with anti-Israel and anti-Semitic overtones. The Israeli government (with some encouragement by the US administration) decided not to allow these Members into Israel. AIPAC issued a strong statement expressing its belief that all members of Congress should be permitted to tour Israel.

Bi-partisan support for the US Israel relationship is the keystone of all that AIPAC does. This concept is being challenged by both sides in our current environment and it is essential that Democrats and Republicans come together in Washington to demonstrate that this relationship is stronger than our partisan divide. Make plans to be part of our CBI delegation.

Elections in Israel and us

September 2019

Last month (9/5/2019), there was an article in the New Jersey Jewish News by Martin Raffel entitled “Open Letter to Israeli Voters.” In the article, Raffel explains that although as a non-Israeli he has no vote in the Israeli election, he hoped that they would reflect on his thoughts in deciding how to vote in the election. He states that “the sustainability of strong American-Jewish support for Israel is not a given” and then identifies several issues on which large parts of the US Jewish Community disagree with policies and actions of the Israeli government. He identifies issues like the nation-state law, the national conversion law, inequality between Orthodox and other streams of Judaism in Israel, “the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian people”, as well as building in the West Bank, talks about annexation, and lack of progress on the two-state solution.

These are all issues which we may discuss among ourselves, with our Israeli friends, and on which we may disagree. Although I wholeheartedly agree with Raffel when he states that “my relationship with and love for Israel . . . is permanent.” He explains that the problem is with others, whose commitment does not run as deep as his and may choose to walk away. . .”

To me the article implied a threat – do what we want you to do, or we might not be there to support you in the future.

I prefer a different approach. I believe Israelis have a right to decide their own elections, based on their own understanding of the issues they are facing. I encourage discussions between us and them, but for me, as for Mr. Raffel, my relationship and love are permanent. Whatever Israel has decided in its election, whether I agree or disagree on important issues, I will encourage our entire community to support a strong US

Israel relationship. I will not encourage Israeli voters to defer to us in order to curry favor with portions of our community whose support is not permanent.

There is a new book being published which I believe focuses on many of these issues, and I look forward to reading it. Professor Daniel Gordis has written "We Stand Divided: The Rift between American Jews and Israel."

I am considering having a periodic Current Events discussion about Israel at CBI. Would you be interested in attending a program like this? I envision this as a time when we can review news coverage, watch online videos or listen to podcasts, and discuss our reactions among ourselves. I have personally found podcasts to be a tremendous source of information about Israel, and I would like to share access to this type of information with others. We might also use this time to discuss a book of importance, like that of Professor Gordis.

Tell us about your Israel experience!

Please consider sharing your Israel experience with the CBI Community. Describe your trip, or your activity in 200 to 300 words, and I will include it in a future article here in the CBI Bulletin. Let me know if you are interested in sharing.

Missing Soldiers and non-combatants

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

Guy Hever Yehuda Katz Zvi Feldman

There are also two non-combatant Israelis being held by Hamas in Gaza:

Avera Mangistu Hisham al Sayed

Joe Tenenbaum



To contact Joe Tenenbaum,
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YALDEINU
for families with special needs

Yaldeinu ("Our Children") is the name of our congregation's outreach to families with children or young adults with special needs. We have prepared liturgy and an experience designed to be participatory, joyous, and relaxed!

The service is approximately 45 minutes long and led by a special needs educator. The attendees are encouraged not only to participate but to lead as well as they can. The service is held in the Chapel and there is a Torah service. Youth over the age of 13 have the experience of being called up for an aliyah. It is a warm, nurturing, supportive environment for the youth and their families. Synagogue membership is not required for attendance, and all programs are held at CBI.

Saturday, September 21	11:00-11:45 am	Shabbat morning
Monday, September 30	10:30-11:30 am	Rosh Hashanah Day 1
Saturday, October 5	11:00-11:45 am	Shabbat morning
Wednesday, October 9	10:30-11:30 am	Yom Kippur
Saturday, November 16	11:00-11:45 am	Shabbat morning
Saturday, December 14	11:00-11:45 am	Shabbat morning
Saturday, January 11	11:00-11:45 am	Shabbat morning
Saturday, February 8	11:00-11:45 am	Shabbat morning
Saturday, March 14	7:15-8:15 pm	Havdalah service
Saturday, April 18	11:00-11:45 am	Shabbat morning
Saturday, May 9	11:00-11:45 am	Shabbat morning
Saturday, June 6	11:00-11:45 am	Shabbat morning

Any questions? Please contact Beth Giladi at bethhg@gmail.com or Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald, Director of Congregational Learning, at rabbijulie@cbi-nj.org or 973-379-1134.

DONATIONS

If you wish to send a tribute please call the main office at 973-379-3811 ext.111 or email: dcoscia@cbi-nj.org.

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Mrs. Leila Schott - For the memories of good friendship and many hours of good times.

❖ Ronnie Armuth

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❖ Ronnie Armuth

Frieda Ostrowski - In honor of Davids marriage to Mandy

❖ Sally Shotkin

Schott Family/Colin Family - Our condolences on your loss

❖ Carol & Robert Marcus

Matt Askin & Miriam Linver - Mazel Tov & congratulations of Joey's Bar Mitzvah

❖ Sharon & Mark Richman

Rhoda Gladstone - Condolences on the passing of your mom, Shirley Nash

❖ Roberta Balsam

Mr. & Mrs. Oxfeld - In honor of the marriage of your son, Jesse!

❖ Roberta Balsam

Cheryl Burstein & Family - We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Without doubt Cheryl's father was immensely proud of his family and their commitment to their community and hard work to make the world a better place. We hope that your fond memories make you smile even as you mourn his loss. Sending our warmest thoughts to all of you: Phil, Betsy, Rachel & Sarah.

❖ Darivoff Family

Barbara Colin/Schott Family - With fond memories & sincere condolences

❖ Charlotte Wernick

Cheryl Burstein - In memory of your father.

❖ Dr. Harold Wiener

Barbara Colin & Family - Sorry for your loss.

❖ Ellie & Norman Ades

Tina Burk - Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Levi John Brown

❖ Sally Shotkin

Renee & Kopel Burk - Mazel Tov on the birth of your great-grandson, Levi John Brown

❖ Sally Shotkin

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❖ Freddie & Joel Glucksman

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❖ Carol & Robert Marcus

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❖ Sharon & Mark Richman

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❖ Steven & Helene Moehlman

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