

# The Bulletin



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

May/June 2021



## Shavuot 2021 @ CBI

Tikkun Leil Shavuot  
*Shivim Panim La'Torah*



### The Torah's Multitudes: Diverse Voices & Perspectives

Join us for a lively, engaging, and enriching evening of learning, as we celebrate Shavuot, the Festival that marks *Mattan Torah*, our receiving of Torah.

**When:** Sunday, May 16th, from 7 – 10pm

**Where:** Hybrid – in person & online

The evening will include *Ma'ariv* at 8 pm as well as outdoor dessert tables with cheesecake & beverages for those who wish to partake.

### Interested in teaching? We would love to learn from you!

You can sign-up to teach a 10-minute or 20-minute segment. We're also pleased to be able to offer you the opportunity to teach on Zoom or in person, wherever you feel most comfortable.

To request a teaching slot, To request a teaching slot, please contact Joi Noel, Clergy Admin at: [jnoel@cbi-nj.org](mailto:jnoel@cbi-nj.org) or extension 120.

### FULL SHAVUOT SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, May 16th

**12 pm – 2 pm:** Pick up a cheesecake, compliments of CBI (to rsvp for a cheesecake, contact Joi at [jnoel@cbi-nj.org](mailto:jnoel@cbi-nj.org))

#### **7 pm – 10 pm:**

*Tikkun Leil Shavuot*,  
in person & online



#### Monday, May 17th

**9:30 am:** Festival *Shacharit* Service (hybrid – in person & online)

**8:00 pm:** *Ma'ariv* (Zoom)

#### Tuesday, May 18th

**9:30 am:** Festival *Shacharit* Service with *Yizkor* (hybrid – in person & online)

**8:00 pm:** *Ma'ariv* (Zoom)

## May Service Times, Candle Lighting

### Additional Shabbat Programs:

#### **Saturday, May 1**

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering  
– Shabbat Services (LiveStream & In Person)

8:21 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

#### **Friday, May 7**

4:30 - 5:00 PM - Bim Bam/ Tot Shabbat - Virtual  
6:00 pm – HEALTHCARE WORKERS APPRECIATION  
Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:42 pm – Light Candles

#### **Saturday, May 8**

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering  
8:29 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

#### **Friday, May 14**

6:00 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:49 pm – Light Candles

#### **Saturday, May 15**

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering  
10:00 am - 10:45 am – Shabbat Mishpacha Youth/  
Family Service - Virtual  
11:00 pm - 11:45 pm – Yaldeinu  
8:36 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

#### **Sunday, May 16**

12:00 - 2:00 pm – Pick up a cheesecake  
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm – EREV SHAUVUOT - Tikkun Leil  
Shavuot

#### **Monday, May 17**

9:30 am – Festival Shacharit Service (In person and Virtual)  
8:00 pm – Ma'ariv (Virtual)

#### **Tuesday, May 18**

9:30 am – Festival Shacharit Service with Yizkor (In person and Virtual)  
8:00 pm – Ma'ariv (Virtual)

#### **Friday, May 21**

6:00 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:55 pm – Light Candles

#### **Saturday, May 22**

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering  
8:42 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

#### **Friday, May 28**

6:00 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat  
8:01 pm – Light Candles

#### **Saturday, May 29**

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering  
8:48 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

## President's Message

By Mariela Markelis Dybner



What a wonderful Spring! We kicked off the season with an Evening of Magic, a virtual fundraiser that was magical by the funds raised to support CBI's programming and the enjoyment shared by our community. Hundreds of congregants and their guests were mesmerized by the incredible illusionist David Minkin and delighted by tasty chocolate confections made by Richard Landau. We raised over \$100,000 net of the night's expenses, which are being used as part of this year's operating budget. A warm thank you is due to the fundraising committee, ably led by the tireless Elizabeth Cohen.

I hope and trust that you have enjoyed a meaningful Pesach. While this year's holiday may not have looked or felt quite as free as in years past, we have made great strides this year in our celebrations and our precautions. Thank you to our clergy for the wonderful classes leading up to the seders and to Rabbi Isenberg and Gila for sharing their seder with us; it was a terrific evening together.

With the warming weather, we look forward to an outdoor *Lag B'omer* celebration with bonfires, s'mores and music from our sorely missed CBI band in our parking lot on April 29. We will be honoring long-time and multi-generational members and welcoming new and prospective members. Thanks to Alex Marcus for organizing this event.

On Sunday, May 16th from 7 to 10pm, we will be having a hybrid in-person/virtual *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*, when we can come together to study as a *kehila* and learn not only from our learned rabbi and cantor but also from each other. Please let our clergy know if you are interested in teaching a 10 or 20 minute segment. We'll also enjoy some delicious cheesecake, both outdoors during the Tikkun and/or picked up between 12 and 2pm on Sunday to be eaten at home. May the words of the Torah be as sweet as milk and honey!

If you have not yet had the chance, please take some time to explore our amazing new website (<https://cbi-nj.org/>). It is not only beautiful, colorful and attention-grabbing, but it also highlights so much of what we do as a synagogue. I love seeing so many of your familiar faces featured on our new site and am excited to see how it will make our communications and outreach more effective. Kol *hakavod* and *toda rabah* to David Good, Greg Daniel and all who helped bring this amazing project to fruition.

Please save the date for our annual meeting at 7pm on June 12th. As always, we will discuss the coming year's budget and will elect the slate of officers and trustees. This year, we will also focus on our reopening efforts and what CBI has done differently in the face of COVID.

As this is my final bulletin article as President of Congregation B'nai Israel, I want to take this opportunity to thank my Executive Committee, the Board

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## The 11th Commandment

By Rabbi Ari Isenberg



If there were an eleventh commandment, what would it be?

That is precisely the question posed to children of different religious denominations, from diverse backgrounds, nationalities, and traditions in the book “The 11th Commandment”, published back in 1996, yet ever-relevant (ask your local bookstore to

order a copy for you to purchase). From “no polluting the world” and “feed everyone and eat together”, to “no punching” and “do not be mean”, the simple wisdom of children resonates with tremendous power. We should all strive to live in a world in which these eleventh commandments are followed.

In just about a week, we will gather to mark Shavuot, the celebration of our receiving the Torah - notably, the 10 commandments - at Mount Sinai. Perhaps because it lacks home rituals or because it falls late in the academic calendar when our focus is already on graduations and summer plans, it seems that Shavuot sometimes gets overshadowed, particularly when compared with our other festivals and holidays. Yet, Shavuot celebrates the beauty of the Torah itself, with an evening study session, eating delicious dairy foods that remind us of the Torah’s sweetness, and a recommitment to the traditions of our People.

This year, Shavuot will include in-person and online opportunities for gathering, engagement, learning, prayer, and - most importantly - cheesecake! We look forward to your participation.

For the most accurate and up-to-date Shavuot programs, times, and locations, check out CBI’s all-new website: [www.cbi-nj.org](http://www.cbi-nj.org)

Also upcoming in June and not to be missed: Pride Shabbat and Men’s Club Shabbat.

At CBI, each day affords an opportunity to connect and engage in community. Join us & spread the word to friends and neighbors.

Chag Sameach,

Rabbi Ari Isenberg



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## June Service Times, Candle Lighting

### Additional Shabbat Programs:

#### Friday, June 4

6:00 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat

8:06 pm – Light Candles

PRIDE Kabbalat Shabbat - Virtual

#### Saturday, June 5

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

PRIDE Shabbat - Virtual

8:53 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

#### Friday, June 11

8:00 pm – MEN’S CLUB Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat

8:10 pm – Light Candles

#### Saturday, June 12

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

Men’s Club Shabbat Service - Virtual

10:00 am - 10:45 am – Shabbat Mishpacha

Youth/ Family Service -  
Virtual

11:00 AM- 11:45 AM – Yaldeinu

8:57 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

#### Friday, June 18

6:00 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat

8:13 pm – Light Candles

#### Saturday, June 19

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

9:00 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

#### Friday, June 25

6:00 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat

8:14 pm – Light Candles

#### Saturday, June 26

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

9:01 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after



## Musical Notes

By Cantor Lorna Wallach



In the midst of this period of counting that we're in on the Jewish calendar (the seven weeks from Pesach to Shavuot), I have reached a personal milestone this month as I mark 30 years since my graduation from the Cantorial School at the Jewish Theological Seminary. JTS began ordaining female cantors in 1987, and with four women in my

graduating class of 1991, I was one of the first ten women to be invested as a Hazzan in the Conservative movement and to be granted membership in the Cantors Assembly (founded as the professional organization of Conservative Cantors, which now also includes Cantors serving congregations in other movements) when they first started accepting women in 1990.

Growing up without female role models in leadership positions in my family's traditional, non-egalitarian synagogue, it was a process for me to come to realize that my voice as a Conservative Jewish woman mattered. As a "pioneer" in the Cantorate because I'm a woman, I have had to navigate a great deal of uncharted territory. While on my journey to become and serve as a Cantor, I did face obstacles such as gender discrimination and resistance to change, but I have also been blessed to find great support and encouragement from teachers at JTS, many male cantorial colleagues, the Rabbis with whom I have shared the pulpit, my family, and especially from the members of this congregations and other synagogues where I have worked (a special shout out of gratitude to all of you throughout my 22 years at CBI!). My own life's journey has certainly sensitized me to have a greater appreciation that everyone has their own story and each of our stories are valuable and meaningful.

The recent initiative at CBI to focus on making a greater commitment to embrace diversity and to make our congregation a place where everyone feels welcome and included is an important and exciting opportunity. A community is made up of many different opinions and perspectives, and we at CBI want to acknowledge and celebrate our diversity and empower each of our members to feel that your voice matters and your viewpoint is valid.

As clergy, it is a privilege and a joy to teach and share

knowledge and also to gain knowledge and insights from students (of all ages!) in the process. For many years, CBI has had a model of encouraging all of us to learn from one another – we have congregants teaching Adult Education classes, leading Journeyers minyan, and delivering Divrei Torah on Shabbat and at committee meetings. Our Tikkun Leil Shavuot has also been an occasion for studying and learning together. This is certainly reflected in the theme that Rabbi Isenberg and I chose for this year's Tikkun, "Shivim Panim L'Torah" (Seventy Faces of Torah). There are so many different ways to interpret the Torah with countless related topics to explore. We hope you will participate in this year's Tikkun Leil Shavuot, either in person or via Zoom, perhaps as a teacher (on a topic of your choosing) and as a learner. Let's do whatever we can to support and encourage one another to share our stories and insights. With each voice added to the mix, we strengthen our community, and we keep the Torah and our Jewish heritage relevant and meaningful for the generations to come. May we go forward together from strength to strength.

Lorna Wallach



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## President's Message

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of Trustees, the committee chairs and members, our clergy and staff and the entire membership for giving so much of yourselves to make our *kehila* the warm and wonderful place we know and love. On a personal note, I also want to thank my husband Ariel and my children Lucy, Phoebe, Sara, Teddy and Miles for your loving patience and for supporting me in this role. It truly has been an honor and pleasure to lead the congregation at this meaningful point in our trajectory, and I would like to think that we have all grown through the many transitions we have experienced together.

May we go from strength to strength.

Mariela Markelis Dybner



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## Beineynu

By Harvey Brenner, Executive Director

As many of you know, in March I was elected president of NAASE, the North American Association of Synagogue Executives (the international executive director's organization within the Conservative movement). For me, it is the culmination of 18 years in this profession, a way to give back to the organization that has given me so much support and knowledge.



There was something fitting about being installed at our virtual national conference, just before spring began, in this unique year of virtual everything. While it would have been wonderful to see my colleagues in person in The Carolinas, there was something unique and intimate about being “all zoom”.

It marks a new beginning for the organization, much the same way as spring marks a new beginning for the earth. It's a chance to exit from the throes of winter, change our clocks to preserve more daylight and bask in the warming temperatures and for the organization, a time to reorient our objectives, develop fresh, new ideas and encourage more members to participate.

Our prayers change this time of year as well and we no longer pray for the ‘wind to blow and rain to fall’, although, living in the Northeast, it's sometimes hard to differentiate between the end of Winter and the beginning of Spring!

At CBI, there is also a renewed sense of awakening, especially this year, after more than a full year of living under Covid restrictions of time, space, frequency, distance and contact. As lawns green, trees bud and flowers bloom, there's a renewed sense of purpose and invigoration that takes hold in our congregation and plans are already formulating our exit from these year-long doldrums and taking appropriate steps to returning to a “new normal”.

It is our hope and prayer that with the change of season there is also a change in the health guidelines proffered by the government experts and that we can once again meet again, face to face, without capacity limits or spatial restrictions. Without YOU, the members of our

congregation, the building is an empty place, devoid of energy and activity. The Reopening Committee has been hard at work meeting several times each month to stay current on the latest guidelines and advisories and melding our protocols and procedures to match the “best practice” recommendations, as distributed.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful, safe and healthy Summer, and as The Tempos' song from the 1950's says, “See you in September!”

L'hitraot.

Harvey M. Brenner, FSA, FTA



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### **CBI Chanting Circle Sephardic and Mizrachi Melody Jam**

**Join us on Zoom  
Sunday, May 2nd at 5PM  
for our inspirational Hebrew chant and  
song circle with musical accompaniment.**

This special edition of the chanting circle is going south of the border – the Ashkenazi border, that is! We will be learning centuries-old melodies from Spain, Portugal and the Sephardic Diaspora along with melodies from Iraq, Persia, Yemen, and India. Some are done in a traditional call-and-response style, while others will be done as a nigun, or put to words you may know!

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.

## PRIDE SHABBAT @



CONGREGATION  
B'NAI ISRAEL

JUNE 4-5, 2021

Join us for a weekend of celebration  
and educational programming.

**FRIDAY:** Kabbalat Shabbat teen-led  
program

Venue: CBI parking lot (weather  
permitting) and virtual

**SATURDAY:** Shabbat services  
featuring **JOY LADIN**, Yeshiva  
University professor, teacher, widely  
published essayist and poet, literary  
scholar, and nationally known speaker  
on transgender issues.

Venue: virtual only

Questions? Contact Micole Cohen Richter at micole@gmail.com  
or Melissa Zarin at mzarin@verizon.net

Please sign up  
here to RSVP  
to our inaugural  
Pride Shabbat:  
[tinyurl.com/cbipride](http://tinyurl.com/cbipride)



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CBI DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE'S  
LGBTQ+ VA'AD

## CBI MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT

Friday, June 11, 2021

Dinner at 6:30pm / Kabbalat Shabbat at 8:00 pm

Dinner by the Men's Club chefs! Outside dining weather permitting!

All ages are welcome! Shabbat Singing and Good Times!

\$5 per person / \$25 per family max / Last date to RSVP: Wednesday, June 9th

Sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/MCShabbat2021>

Or RSVP to Dan Richter by email at [cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com](mailto:cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com) or by phone at (732) 261-5138

And then send in check with cut-out form below



Saturday, June 12, 2021



9:30 AM Shabbat Services

Guest Speaker Nigel Savage, Founder of Hazon

Nigel Savage, CEO of Hazon, will be speaking at services Sat.  
June 12, 2021 at Congregation B'nai Israel, Millburn. Savage  
will give the D'var Torah, and after Kiddush, lead a discussion  
on Shmitah and Jewish Sustainability.

### DINNER FORM IF NOT REGISTERING ONLINE

Send your check with below form to: CBI, 160 Millburn Ave, Millburn, NJ 07041, Attn: Men's Club Shabbat.  
Please make check payable to "CBI Men's Club" with memo "Shabbat Dinner."

### CBI Men's Club Shabbat Dinner June 11, 2021 6:30 PM Signup Form

Adult Names \_\_\_\_\_

Kids Under 18 Names and Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of People \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Due \_\_\_\_\_

Notes on Special Needs and Dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_





**Tuesday, June 8, 2021 // 7:00 pm**  
*(Via ZOOM meeting)*

Once a year, our Congregation meets to conduct business so important that a special evening is set aside to learn of the state of the Congregation, elect officers and review the budget for the coming year.

Please join us for this special ZOOM meeting event.

***(A slate of officers and trustees as well as zoom credentials will be sent separately)***



## **Join the CBI Alliance for Sustainability!**

In response to the increasing challenges facing the environment, it's time for CBI to do its part to preserve and protect the natural world. We'll be focusing on environmental sustainability through a Jewish lens, exploring how essential Jewish teachings can inform our pursuit of a healthy and just world. We hope to involve all members of the CBI community from preschoolers to seniors. We'll be evaluating what we can do as a community and as individuals to integrate a commitment to sustainability into our lives in order to be true partners in the ongoing work of *Tikkun Olam*. We invite you to be part of it!

**For more information contact Henry Bloom at [hdbloom@hotmail.com](mailto:hdbloom@hotmail.com)**

## Sisterhood's Message

By Jennifer Glick and Sharon Richman, Sisterhood Co-Presidents



Jennifer Glick & Sharon Richman

This is our last Bulletin article written as your Sisterhood Co-Presidents. While the end of something is unavoidably tinged with some sadness (we humans are creatures of habit after all), the traditional biannual transition for Sisterhood is a good thing. It brings new energy, new ideas and a host of past presidents in the background always ready to provide help and advice (whether wanted or not :)) It has been quite a journey over the past two years. We started out expecting to enjoy each other's company and share events together in person, as all incoming presidents do. And, that is exactly how our tenure started. Shortly after we gathered for our 4th annual summer Ladies Night Out event, we enjoyed a fun evening of Trivia with our MC Melissa Zarin and organizers Lisa Ehrlich and Rachel Benjamin at our annual Kickoff Dinner. We Knitted and Knoshed together, where we could touch the beautiful embroidered tallit case that Nancy Sloan lovingly created for her granddaughter. We played Mah Jongg together and heard the zen-like click click of the tiles. We gathered for Rosh Chodesh with our wonderful interim Rabbi, Rabbi Resnick. We watched a movie together that wasn't zoomed and had a meal together. We even learned how to play Canasta ("you're welcome," to the large portion of our community who spent many a day of this past year playing on Canasta Junction). Then came Covid in March, 2020 and we had to completely refocus our direction. Chaya Cohen and Michelle Daniel planned an exciting Sisterhood Shabbat that was literally cancelled the Friday of the Sisterhood Shabbat weekend. We could no longer meet in person but had to plan our events virtually using zoom. Who even heard of zoom in March, 2020? But that did not stop us from experiencing a rich calendar of events.

With so much changing, it was reassuring that Roz Engel continued to sell honey to sweeten our New Year. However, when we started planning for 2020-2021 we decided we would expand our events over zoom. With everyone home there was lots of time to attend events virtually. This turned out to be true. Our attendance exceeded expectations. We often had 40 ladies attend a function. What did we actually

do? What didn't we do? We started the year with a combined Installation/Kickoff event, laughing through the evening with Judge Karen Tucker, not to mention our Laughing Yoga facilitator. That was only the beginning of our zoom events. We know that many of us enjoyed a much needed spiritual and psychological lift from Helaine Ettinger's wonderful zoom program early in the pandemic as well as the nutritional tips offered by our guest life coaches.

So many virtual Rosh Chodesh events were planned by Wendy Kaplowitz. Our personal favorites were the evenings with Rabbi Isenberg, as well as the night some of us shared our unique Menorahs and the rich history behind their stories. Chaya Cohen and Miriam Linver facilitated our most unique zoom Sisterhood Shabbat with so many women participating. Tina Burk and Lesley McCafferty launched our first ever Holiday Boutique. We enjoyed reading and discussing books together at Bookends. We had so many facilitators - Jennifer Glick, Sara Sherman and Barbara Ismail. Sandy Panzer and Linda Silver ran a Virtual Tea to raise money for Torah Fund, with so many members contributing at a time when the funds were truly needed. We had many fun programs planned by Susan Stern, including: a two part genealogy program where we all learned how to extensively research our ancestors; baking delicious challahs with Ilene Klein; and enjoying a virtual graffiti tour of Tel Aviv.

And we can't forget the regular Sisterhood activities on which so many of us rely. Marion Mohl and Ann Spector hosted so many Knit and Knosh evenings that we can't even count. Lisa Friedman and Ruth Novick led us in virtual Canasta and Mah Jongg. Ivy Samuels wrote notes offering well wishes and support. Paula Touger made sure that our sanctuary was well decorated with flowers. Debbie Marcus ordered kippot and Ilisa Perlman managed the Gift Shop. Laurie Kavowras provided meals and support for all Congregants in need. Jane Brauer helped with the kitchen when it was open. Not to mention the many B'nai Mitzvah gifts, zayin graduation gifts, staff and preschool Chanukah gifts, and monetary support for the synagogue.

We mentioned so many of our Board members above. There were so many more Board members and volunteers who we need to mention for all they contribute to Sisterhood and the entire CBI community. Nancy Sloan worked tirelessly as Treasurer. Ellen Shulman reported our membership and was our Tech support. We thank Karen Tucker for her tireless work in the kitchen and everyone who offered her assistance. Debbie Toplansky took minutes - as a matter of fact everybody took minutes.



We have such pride in what everyone who is a part of Sisterhood accomplished over the past two years. It was truly a team effort in very challenging times. So many individuals made the last two years fun and successful. We are so grateful and apologize if we missed mentioning a specific name. We are equally grateful to our clergy, and to our professional, office and maintenance staff. You were always available to help us in ways big and small. And of course, thank you to everyone who supported Sisterhood by paying dues and coming to events. Thanks again, for everything that all of you have done over the past two years to make this time so memorable.

Sisterhood Installation will take place on Monday, June 2nd. We will install the new Board and have a fun night of Bingo. We will pass the torch to the extremely capable hands of Debbie Toplansky and Lisa Friedman, Sisterhood's new co-presidents. We are so excited to see what Lisa and Debbie are planning and are confident that they will put their own unique spin on Sisterhood. Please join us in welcoming them and their board. In fact, they are already busy planning! Looking forward to many Sisterhood events ahead.

**Jennifer Glick and Sharon Richman**  
Sisterhood Co-Presidents



### **Healthcare Workers Appreciation Kabbalat Shabbat Service** **May 7th @ 6:00pm**

On behalf of CBI and our greater community, we say *Todah Rabbah* - thank you to all our healthcare professionals who have worked so hard keeping us healthy and safe!  
Join us via ZOOM.

### **Yahrzeit Donors – through March, 2021**

Harriet Klein	Stuart Fried	Robin Feins	Sheila Marx
Bernie Zenn	Jane Brailove Rutkoff	Sandra Nash	Lisa Goldberg
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## ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



### **We have had quite a year.**

It is very unusual (in my experience) when something happens in such a big way that it directly impacts the lives of millions of people. Yet this is what we have all just experienced. (or we are all experiencing?)

If you used to attend religious services regularly and now do not that is a direct impact.

If you always prayed in person, or alone and now are praying with zoom, that is a direct impact.

If you changed how you grocery shop, how you shop for clothes, how you are entertained, how or whether you patronize restaurants, how you exercise, or how you stay in touch with your community, you have experienced a direct impact.

If you have been more limited in your access to medical care, either in an emergency or for regular care, or for what is called 'elective' procedures, that is a direct impact.

If you have lost a family member, or a friend to Covid, or to any other illness, you have been impacted in how you were able to mourn, and how your community was able to comfort you.

If you have switched to almost completely on-line education, and on-line activity with organizations you support, I am sure you do not need me to tell you what this impact has been.

And, if you live apart from your family, either close by, or distant, or even more distant you have been affected.

Which brings me to Israel. (metaphorically now, but physically by the time you read this.

We just found out this morning that Israel is beginning to open to non-Israelis. I heard that seniors from GOA (Golda Och Academy) were able to leave to visit Israel, and more directly, I read that Israel is allowing direct relatives of Olim (immigrants to Israel) to visit them. My wife and I fit in that category.

We have had airline tickets to Israel continuously since last March, when we planned to go there for Passover.

We have been excellent customers of the airline's free exchange program and are probably on our sixth or seventh version of this trip. As you may know, we missed Passover in Israel once again this year, but we will be there for Shavuot!!

I am an optimist by nature, and it has been difficult for me throughout this time period to continually adjust my expectations in a negative direction. And I continue to be optimistic.

I am taking the (apparent) opening of Israel like a proverbial opening day, with hopes that things are getting better, and that things will (in a way) return to a new normal.

I hope soon (by the end of the summer? or earlier?) we will be able to do many more things in person, be able to socialize with our friends, family and our community.

I hope that we will be able to have conferences like we have in the past and meet in person with our Congressional representatives.

I hope by the end of next year, or early 2023, we can have a congregational trip to Israel, led by Rabbi Isenberg with congregants and their families of various ages, and various levels of experience.

I hope that some of you will share with me, and with our community what you did when you were able to visit Israel and we can return to a strong and in person relationship between our congregation and our families and friends in Israel.

In a sense, this is what we mean at the end of the seder, when we sing, Next Year in Jerusalem!!

לשנה הבאה בירושלים

### **Israeli Dinner**

**April 16**

CBI observed Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut this year, with the help of Men's Club, Sisterhood and Chef Rich Landau. I hope that you were able to participate in these events.

### **Salute to Israel (Parade?)**

**Early June 2021?**

I believe it is too early to know if there will be an actual or a virtual Salute to Israel Parade this year but be sure to pay attention to your CBI communications to be able

to take part in whatever happens.

### **Jewish Nation Fund National Conference Oct. 2021?**

JNF is having its National Conference in Israel October 10 - 14. Talk to Dan Richter, or to Anna Millstein at JNF (973) 593 0095 (x826) for information or to register. The event website is [www.JNF.org/nc](http://www.JNF.org/nc)

### **Tell us about your Israel or pro-Israel experience!**

If you are working with an organization, and you would like to share some information about it with our CBI community, please let me know ([TenenbaumJ@AOL.com](mailto:TenenbaumJ@AOL.com)).

And as always, if you or family members want to report on an Israel experience, please do so.

### **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**

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### **May and June Events**

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While we are still unable to meet and eat in person, we can get together via Zoom to enjoy this pair of exciting programs.

**On Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM** Come Zoom and listen to **Cantor Wallach** celebrate the joyful sounds with us. The Cantor will have you humming along with her presentation of both new and familiar melodies. She also weaves an entertaining informative narrative to accompany her beautiful voice. Come join us for a wonderful afternoon of music and Make a Joyful Noise!

**On Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM** Join us to Zoom when **Evan Weiner** presents his topic *The Changes in How News, Music and Books are Delivered to Consumers or Why I Quit Publishing Paper Back Books & Put Out e-books; How Newspapers are Out & Magazines are Done, While Tablets are in.* Additionally, he adds, news does not have to be truthful in the U.S. thanks to a 2003 Florida court decision. It is in the eye of the TV or station owner.

For more info contact Lois Dyer ([penzoe1@comcast.net](mailto:penzoe1@comcast.net)) to register.

**Please remember to check the temple's NEW WEBSITE for more activities and events. Until we can meet again in person, I wish you good health and happiness.**

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