

# The Bulletin




**CONGREGATION  
B'NAI ISRAEL**

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

March/April 2022



  
**OUTDOOR  
CONCERT  
& SEUDAH**  
Thursday, March 17  
Concert at 4:00 pm  
Followed by pizza seudah  
Open to all

**Congregational Megillah Reading**  
Wednesday, March 16 ~ 7:30 pm  
In Person & Online  
The whole megillah from start to finish!  
Dress up & bring your groggers!  
Appropriate for all ages - K and up!  
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Shacharit with Full Megillah Reading  
Thursday, March 17 ~ 7:30 am ~ Zoom

**Outdoor/Indoor  
Carnival**  
Sunday, March 13  
10am-12pm  
\$15 all access  
wristband



**Save the Date**  
**"North of the Border"**  
**CBI Gala Dinner**  
**honoring**

**Rabbi Ari and Gila Isenberg**

**Thursday, May 5, 2022, 7:00-9:30 pm**

Plan to attend CBI's social and fundraising event of the year, allowing us to welcome our new rabbi and his family, while reconnecting with friends, and raising money for the synagogue.

Details to come.

## March Service Times, Candle Lighting

**Additional Shabbat Programs (Please note earlier start time now in place through March):**

### **Friday, March 4**

5:30 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat

5:33 pm – Light Candles

### **Saturday, March 5**

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

### **Friday, March 11**

5:30 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat

5:41 pm – Light Candles

### **Saturday, March 12**

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

### **Friday, March 18**

5:30 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat

6:49 pm – Light Candles

### **Saturday, March 19**

*Bat Mitzvah of Zoe Cohen 9:30am @ In Person, Zoom, and LiveStream*

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

### **Friday, March 25**

5:30 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat

6:56 pm – Light Candles

### **Saturday, March 26**

*Ethan Klein Bar Mitzvah 9:30am @ In Person, Zoom, and LiveStream*

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

### **Kabbalat Shabbat service times for Fridays**

5:30 PM throughout March.

April 1st, 5:30 PM

April 8th, 5:30 PM

April 15th \*\*Special: no service tonight. 1st Seder.

April 22nd: this is when we transition to 6pm Friday services, from April 22nd throughout the rest of the summer.

## Letter from the Rabbi

By Rabbi Ari Isenberg

### **CBI's New Siddur (Prayer Book)**



My Dear Congregants,

There is no better sign indicating the need for a new siddur (prayer book) than discovering that the current siddur is out of print! Siddur Sim Shalom has served CBI's Shabbat and weekday community with loyalty, dignity, and meaning for the better part of three decades. Just as it, too, was once deemed "the new siddur" in relation to its

predecessor, the Silverman Siddur, the Siddur Sim Shalom now finds itself approaching the end of its tenure.

There's a life lesson in this, perhaps. This is not by chance. Since its inception, the Conservative Movement has recognized that an ever-shifting world would necessitate new and renewed forms of prayer and meditation. The earliest version of the Silverman Siddur, for instance, did not include prayers to be recited on Yom Ha'Shoah, Yom Ha'Zikaron, nor on Yom Ha'atzmaut. Those days, after all, had not yet formally existed.

The Movement's new official prayer book collection, The Lev Shalem Series, is the perfect siddur for our time. Its English is emotive, literal, and can be relied upon as a trusted translation. Its reflections, poetry, and commentary stimulate both mind and soul while stirring the heart. The prayers are inclusive, recognizing that Jews and Jewish households are not homogeneous.

Personally, I'm incredibly excited for CBI to join the ranks of other Movement congregations that have already made the move to Siddur Lev Shalem. I'm equally excited to embark on some learning with all of you over the next few months, as we discover the siddur together, explore its wisdom, and find ourselves reflected in its pages.

I invite you to purchase a personal copy for your home so that you can pray with us throughout the year, even when you're away or joining us online. I also invite you to invest in the copies for the sanctuary, through the donation of a book plate and inscription. **Please see pages 18-19 for details!** If the Lev Shalem Siddur serves us for the next 30 years, we have an opportunity to impact the spiritual lives of the next two generations with this purchase. In this way, we renew and keep relevant our ancient, sacred prayers, so that our children and their children will find meaning and relevance in their hallowed, sacred words.

I look forward to praying alongside you.

**Rabbi Ari Isenberg**



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## Musical Notes

By Cantor Lorna Wallach



*Kol Yisrael Areivim Zeh Bazeh.* This Aramaic phrase, found in the Talmud (Shevuot 39a), means “All of Israel are responsible for one another.” Our sages point to this phrase as the basis of the notion of communal responsibility in Jewish law. If one Jew sees another Jew about to sin, s/he has an obligation to intervene. To me, this phrase serves as one of the many different reminders that I am part of a larger Jewish community and that I am connected to

Jews all over the world – just by the fact that we are all Jews.

At this time of year, I think about how Jews all around the world will be reading Megillat Esther and exchanging Shalach Manot on Purim (although only we at CBI Millburn will have the special treat of experiencing the very talented singer/composer Carla Friend in a special Purim afternoon family concert!). Or on Passover, how so many Jews will join a Seder (or two!) and even though no two Seders will be identical, (with different Haggadot, minhagim and traditions, melodies, questions and discussions, foods, duration, etc.), eating Matzah, asking the Four Questions and other elements of the Seder will likely be included. (If you want to learn more about the Haggadah through the Ages, join us Sunday evening, March 27th for a special pre Passover CBI Lifelong Learning lecture on Zoom by Rutgers University professor Gary Rendsburg).

Over Presidents weekend, I visited my son Josh at college in Boston and had the opportunity to go with him to the Friday evening service at Hillel. It was a beautiful, spirited service (with impressive attendance!), and it was another reminder of feeling connected to Jews not just in other places but also of different generations. Mike and I were the oldest ones there by many years, but I felt connected to them in our Davenning by reciting the same liturgy, the use of the same Nusach (traditional Jewish musical prayer modes) by the students who led, and by many of the same congregational melodies that we sing at CBI and that I had learned at Camp Ramah. The other pleasant surprise for me was that they use Siddur Lev Shalem! And they had enough copies for the approximately 60 students who were there! I of course asked Josh what he thinks of this Siddur and he said he really liked it (I hadn't even told him yet that CBI will be transitioning to it soon!) and that being able to read the commentary and explanations about the prayers during the service made it more

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## April Service Times, Candle Lighting

### Friday, April 1

5:30 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:03 pm – Light Candles

### Saturday, April 2

Bat Mitzvah of Eliana Glatt 9:30 am @ In Person, Zoom, and LiveStream  
9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

### Friday, April 8

5:30 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:11 pm – Light Candles

### Saturday, April 9

Bat Mitzvah of ROMI GOLDBERG  
9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

### Friday, April 15

\*\*Special: no service tonight. 1st Seder.  
7:18 pm – Light Candles

### Saturday, April 16

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

### Friday, April 22

6:00 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:25 pm – Light Candles

### Saturday, April 23

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

### Friday, April 29

6:00 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:33 pm – Light Candles

### Saturday, April 30

Bat Mitzvah of Noa Goldman 9:30am -  
10:30am @ In Person, Zoom, and LiveStream  
9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

## President's Message

By Jamey Potechin



One of the beauties of being Jewish is the rhythm that guides our lives, first and foremost through the weekly celebration of Shabbat. I marvel at the impact we have had on the entire world, which follows the weekly rhythm established by the Jews millennia ago. Shabbat is a welcome respite from the rest of the week and gives us an opportunity to gather as a community and interact with each other, whether in person or through Zoom. In these times, I especially look forward to Shabbat as a break from my daily routines. Ironically, the restrictions that forbid work on Shabbat give me the freedom to rest and recharge.

We also observe an annual rhythm with a rich calendar of holidays to celebrate. Indeed, there is only one month in the Jewish calendar with no significant observances, the month of Cheshvan (how fortunate for American Jews that we can celebrate the secular holiday of Thanksgiving in Cheshvan!).

Now, as we prepare to exit from our winter cocoons and look forward to the approach of the Spring with more daylight and warmer temperatures, we also delight in the holiday of Purim. I have personally been baking hamantaschen for family and friends since I was in college, and I'm always on the lookout for silly hats to wear for the megillah reading. I look forward to seeing you at the chanting of Megillat Esther and, for the younger set, our Purim carnival.

One month after Purim, we celebrate Passover with the seders being the highlight of the holiday. In my household growing up, we shared the seders with another family and traded nights on which family would host. We kept up this tradition for almost 50 years, extending to the next generation. Passover and the seder nights remain a powerful draw to gather as an extended family, even when we have had to do it on Zoom.

Passover is a time of renewal, where we clean out our homes and start fresh. In keeping with this tradition, we

have launched a campaign to replace our Sim Shalom prayer books with the new Lev Shalem siddur. The Lev Shalem siddur is full of interesting commentary and will enhance our Shabbat services. You can participate in this campaign by dedicating books in honor or in memory of loved ones. You can also order a siddur for your own use at home at the same discounted rate. **Thanks to a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous, your donations to this campaign will be matched 1:1!**

Soon after Passover this year, we will have our own celebration at CBI, welcoming Rabbi Isenberg and his family to our community with a Gala evening, followed by Rabbi Isenberg's official installation on Shabbat morning. I hope you will all be able to join us at both events.

Passover is a celebration of moving from bondage to freedom that we can appreciate more fully this year. After two years of living with the suffering from a global pandemic and the restrictions it has placed on our lives, all of us are ready to be free. We have been a resilient community, coming together on-line when we have had to and maintaining close ties to each other. We have great plans in place for the upcoming holidays and events regardless of what fate throws at us. It is my fervent hope that we have the opportunity to celebrate together.

Jamey Potechin



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## From the Executive Director

By Paul Gibilisco

### It's Adar, Be Happy!

This is the month of which our sages have said: "Adar comes with a command to increase joy." The days are getting longer, and signs of spring are beginning to emerge. Adar begins next week, which means Purim and Pesach are around the corner. Our annual Mishloach Manot Program is in full swing. To participate in this beautiful CBI tradition, please SIGN UP BY MARCH 7th.

Our spring cleaning is well underway. We have removed several damaged trees on our property to ensure everyone's safety. We have addressed flooding issues and spruced up several areas of our building. We are updating our data systems and have implemented safety measures against COVID for both Congregants and Staff. We are addressing ways to increase building security and security training, especially in the wake of recent events at Beth Israel in Colleyville.



Please mark your calendars for our 2022 Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 13th, and our Megillah Reading and Purim celebration on Erev Purim, March 16th. Looking way ahead to our much-anticipated Spring Gala, please join us as we celebrate and support our Kehillah K'doshah Thursday evening, May 5th, at CBI.

We are doing all we can daily to provide safely in-person and virtual worship, educational programming, and gatherings for all areas of our CBI community..

Chag Purim Sameach! May our joy increase, and may we all be filled with renewed optimism!

Ken Y'hi Ratzon,

Paul Gibilisco

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## From the Director of Congregational Learning

By Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald



Todah rabbah once again to CBI for supporting my professional development. I had the privilege of attending the Jewish Educators Assembly Conference, The Leader Within, January 31 through February 3. I will continue to serve on the

National Board, this term as an Early Childhood Education Liaison. During the conference I presented two sessions with colleagues on how to attract families with young children, even if you do not have a preschool.

I can't describe how amazing it was to be together in person, after two years of meeting online. We were a small group physically together in the mornings, with the bulk of the conference sessions online in the afternoons. And once again, I was blown away at how much we all do in this position that is described in the vernacular as "Hebrew School principal." More and more of us also have responsibility for a preschool. And the position of Youth Director has disappeared almost everywhere, becoming merged with the Education Director. The breadth and depth of our jobs has grown exponentially. And while some of us are Cantor-Educators, the rest of us are equally expected to teach tefillah, lead youth services, and often sub-in for clergy, whether leading services or preparing divrei Torah. We can hang with preschoolers in the morning, run supplemental school in the afternoon, and teach adult education along the way. And of course, we have become medical and health experts in a way we never imagined over the last two years.

To be together with my chevra, my colleagues my friends, was beyond amazing. No one else understands what we do. No one else speaks the same language, faces the same challenges and opportunities, reflects in the same way on the year passed and the year to come. To be in community to learn together, to eat together, to dream together was a perfect mid-winter break. And we davened, three times a day - with each of us taking turns.

It was some of the most spiritual worship I have participated in. I am looking forward to integrating new ideas into all areas of my portfolio.

### CBIP

Registration is now open - and active! - for our summer camp and next year's preschool classes. We welcome back Rochelle to once again lead our Transitional Two's class this spring.

As some of our 2s teachers pursued other opportunities, we have welcomed some new teachers to our program. We anticipate continuing to grow the school next year, and are excited to have these wonderful teachers on board!

Our preschool families are joining us weekly for Shabbat via Zoom on the Smartboards, and we are celebrating birthdays the same way. Once a month, we have whole-school Shabbat in the sanctuary with Rabbi Isenberg and Cantor Wallach..

### BBRS

Students have been busy learning and completing grade-level projects (plus pandemic catch up). Our 4th and 5th graders decorated wimples to be used to wrap the Torah at b'mitzvah. Each learner chose the symbols, Jewish and other, that best represented their current interests. It will be fascinating to see how those match up in a few years! 5th and 6th graders made plaster-of-paris masks of their faces to decorate for Purim. On April 24, our 2nd graders will share what they learn about their Hebrew names.

Our next Shabbat Shelanu is scheduled for March 12. On Friday, March 25, our BBRS students take the bimah as they lead Kabbalat Shabbat services. Learners have been participating in Sulam Tefillah this year where they develop prayer proficiency at their own pace. Then we are hosting an Open House on Sunday morning, April 3, so friends and neighbors in the community can come see the wonderful Jewish education program we have.

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## Congregational Learning

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### Teens - Tichon

March's class has been moved to MARCH 8 and will focus on the mitzvah of Bikur Cholim/Visiting the Sick. Then in April we will have a special guest from Federation to talk about life as a teen/young adult in Israel.

### Lifelong Learning

In addition to our regular lineup of ongoing classes, there are a number of special programs on the calendar.

March 1, 7:00 pm, Zoom: Rahel Musleah Program: A Virtual Tour of India

March 27, 6:45 pm, Zoom: Gary Rendsburg, The Passover Haggadah Through the Ages

May 18, 6:45 pm, Zoom: David Dalin, Jewish Justices of the Supreme Court

Our new Monday Morning Modules include:

March 7, 14: Len Hausman, Alphabet/Alef Bet: Hebrew and Semitic Roots in the English Language

March 21: Len Hausman, Continuation of Afterlife in Jewish Tradition and Lore

March 28: TBD

April 4, 11: Rabbi Isenberg, Preparing for Passover

April 25: Cantor Wallach, Holocaust Related Music

Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald



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## Musical Notes

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meaningful and relevant.

In the three session Lifelong learning module that I taught in February on Siddur Lev Shalem, this was a common reaction from many of the class participants. There will be more opportunities at CBI for us to get familiar with this new Siddur and hopefully come to appreciate how it can enhance our prayer experience. I'm also excited that making Lev Shalem our primary Siddur will be another way to connect us to other Conservative Jewish communities, including college Hillels, and likewise, connect them to us!

Mike, Shira and Josh join me in wishing all of you a freilichen (joyful) Purim and a Zissen Pesach (a sweet, happy and meaningful Passover celebration)!

Cantor Lorna Wallach



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## Safety and Security Thru The Lens Of Pekuach Nefesh

By Robert Brauer

Pekuach nefesh – the saving of life – is a key aspect of Jewish practice, and reflects the larger Jewish principle of reverence for life. Pekuach nefesh is so important that our tradition permits almost every commandment to be violated if the violation is necessary to preserve life. The centrality of pekuach nefesh, coupled with a recent and significant rise in antisemitism, has caused CBI and many others in the Jewish community to renew their focus on synagogue safety and security.

Several years ago CBI applied for, and was awarded, a major government grant to fund a variety of “target hardening” projects, and over the past 18 months a small committee of congregants worked to actively administer that grant. Funds from the grant enabled us to upgrade and expand our security camera system and our door entry control system. The grant was also used to install the several benches and planters that now adorn the patio at the front of our building and the school entrance and playground area at the rear of our building. Grant funds also enabled us to undertake other projects, such as offering the virtual Safety and Security Seminars held in January 2022 for our school staff, congregational staff, and congregants.

Through careful selection and management of grant projects, and with a watchful eye on the grant budget, our committee spent the full amount awarded – approximately \$150,000 – and successfully obtained reimbursement of all funds disbursed. In other words, all projects undertaken were funded exclusively with grant money and not with CBI funds.

CBI was delighted to recently learn that it was again awarded \$150,000 in government funds to support additional “target hardening” projects to be undertaken over the next several years. But despite CBI’s success in winning security grants, many safety and security

expenses are not grant-funded and instead must be paid from our operating budget. Indeed, the speaker at our recent Safety and Security Seminars observed that “security is both inconvenient and expensive”. For that reason, in recent years it has been necessary for CBI to include a modest Safety and Security Fee in the annual billing to all members.

An important part of maintaining safety and security is that congregants and staff receive appropriate security training, and hopefully thereafter have an opportunity to periodically practice what they learn. In recent weeks, several virtual training sessions were announced to the congregation in the regular weekly emails sent by the CBI office. We hope to offer additional sessions from time to time on a variety of safety-related topics, so please watch the CBI emails for details and consider registering for as many trainings as possible.

Though the discussion above relates largely to physical safety, “security” also encompasses internet safety and cybersecurity. In an effort to maintain online security, CBI recently began asking virtual attendees at worship services and other events to identify themselves when entering the Zoom room.

Many of us routinely purchase medical insurance, auto insurance, homeowner insurance, and perhaps other coverage. We hope not to use it, but having it gives us peace of mind. Similarly, we hope there will be no need to use information learned in our security trainings, or rely on CBI’s enhanced safety systems. Nevertheless, safety and security must remain an ongoing priority so that we, as a community, can achieve peace of mind from knowing that we are prepared in the event of an emergency. Pekuach nefesh requires nothing less.



## Introducing the CBI Alliance for Sustainability

By Henry Bloom

This is an open invitation to get involved!

For everyone in the CBI community concerned about the environment, I am proud to introduce you to the CBI Alliance for Sustainability. The Alliance is made up of CBI members who share a passion for the environment and a commitment to making sure that CBI does its part to preserve and protect the natural world.



We began our activities in earnest last year by joining the Hazon Seal of Sustainability initiative, a 12-month program designed to support Jewish organizations and communities like CBI that are working to create a healthier, more equitable, and more sustainable world. Hazon helps link Jewish values and Jewish teachings to substantive action in pursuit of environmental sustainability. Hazon also provides a wide range of resources and direct support from expert consultants to help identify and prioritize projects for our community. Our 2021 projects included:

- 1) Forming the CBI Alliance for Sustainability and completing Hazon's environmental sustainability audits to help inform future projects
- 2) Launching our alliance at the summer BBQ by bringing in composting bins, using environmentally friendly paper goods and utensils, and composting

nearly all waste from the event. Also at the BBQ, we ran a blind taste test of beef vs beyond meat to introduce and increase awareness of non-meat dietary options

- 3) Bringing in Nigel Savage, founder, and former longtime CEO of Hazon as a guest speaker and teacher during Men's Club Shabbat

In acknowledgement of these 2021 activities, CBI has received Hazon's Seal Certification. We are proud of this recognition and will use it as a springboard to initiate our next round of projects. Our future efforts will focus on what we do within our building, and how we can educate and empower our members to expand their personal sustainability practices at home. Stay tuned for details!



To build on last year's progress, we've identified and prioritized several projects for 2022. We are planning to

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## Sustainability

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upgrade our recycling efforts and explore the possibility of introducing composting more broadly at events where we serve food. Importantly, these efforts will focus on what we do within our building, as well as educating and empower our members to expand their personal sustainability practices at home. In particular, we will be exploring opportunities to educate and support the efforts of our members interested in shifting to a more plant-based diet. Stay tuned for more details as these initiatives take shape.

As we look ahead, we hope to involve all members of the CBI community in our environmental sustainability efforts, from preschoolers to seniors. If you share our passion for the environment and the work of the CBI Alliance for Sustainability resonates with you, please join us! If you have other ideas to help CBI do its part for the environment, please join us!

Please join us!

Contact Henry Bloom [hdbloom@hotmail.com](mailto:hdbloom@hotmail.com) for more information.



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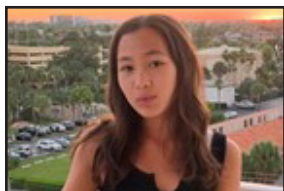
## WELCOME

We are thrilled to welcome the newest additions to  
our CBI family!

### Welcome to the Grauman Family!

We look forward to getting to know you and wish you  
many happy & healthy years as valued members of our  
community!

## B'NOT MITZVAH



### **Zoe Cohen** March 19, 2022

Zoe Cohen is a 7th grader at Millburn Middle School. She had been a part of the CBI community for over 10 years, since starting preschool in the 3's class. Zoe is a rabid sports fan (Rangers, Mets, and Giants). When not watching sports, Zoe can be found playing lacrosse and field hockey all over the tri-state region. Zoe's favorite place on earth is Camp Ramah in the Poconos where she has been a happy camper since 2018.

Sharing in this Simcha are Zoe's parents, Angela and Brent, her brother Theo, and her grandparents Joyce and Herbert Cohen and Darcy and Edward Han.

Zoe would like to thank both Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Isenberg for their help and guidance in preparing her for this special day.



### **Ethan Sebastian Klein** March 26, 2022

Ethan Sebastian Klein is a 7th grader at Millburn Middle School. He spends his out of school time wrestling, participating in the Millburn Middle School play as an assistant director and Math club. He also plays in the MMS orchestra. In his spare time, he enjoys YouTube and spending time with his family watching movies together.

For his mitzvah project, Ethan is raising funds for mental health support for children with diabetes.

Ethan's family is so proud of him, including his brother, Benjamin, his mom and dad, Genna and Ilan Klein, his Grandparents Penny and Arthur Klein, and Grandma Debby Waldman, as well as all of his aunts, uncles, and cousins.



### **Elliana Glatt** April 2, 2022

Elliana Glatt is A 7th grader at The Calhoun School in NYC. She has been part of the CBI community since birth, even having her baby naming here. Elli is an aspiring actress. She spends most of her free time taking acting and voice lessons, as well as self taping and recording auditions. All of her electives in school are also in the arts. This year she is taking woodworking, chorus, theater and comedy/improv.

When Elli is not focused on acting she enjoys her biggest passion, which is spending time with family and friends. Elli is a true mensch, always there for friends and family with a helping hand, as well as always being kind to everyone she encounters. She is a true advocate, ally and supporter of equity and equality, especially in terms of sex, race and LGBTQIA+.

Sharing in this simcha are Elliana's parents, Robyn and Joseph, her brother Zachary, and grandparents, Gail and Paul Namm and Sara Gayer.

Elliana would like to extend her sincere appreciation and gratitude to Cantor Wallach, Rabbi Isenberg, Paula Touger and Morah Miriam for helping her prepare for the special day.

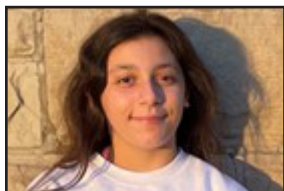


### **Romi Goldberg** April 9, 2022

My name is Romi Goldberg and I attend Millburn Middle School. I was born on 01-12-2010. My favorite subjects in school are art and math. I've always loved to roller skate because I have always found it super cool and interesting! I love to teach ASL for the community.

I am thankful for my friends and lovely family. I am proud to be a Jew and I have enjoyed learning Hebrew words and songs since I was in Preschool. Some of my favorite things to do are hang out with friends and draw. I would like to thank Rabbi Julie, Cantor

Wallach, Rabbi Isenberg, and the special Hebrew teachers in CBI for helping me throughout my Hebrew education. I am incredibly excited to become a Bat-Mitzvah and would love to continue my Jewish education so I can be well prepared to pass on traditions to my future children.



### **Noa Goldman** April 30, 2022

Noa Goldman has grown up in the warmth of B'nai Israel, from attending preschool to Hebrew school here. In addition to B'nai Israel life, she enjoys baking and playing basketball and softball. Noa is lively and brings a fun spirit to her relationships with friends and family.

Sharing in this simcha are Noa's parents, Wendy Missan and Andy Goldman, brother Theo, and many dear family and friends.

Noa is grateful to Cantor Wallach, Rabbi Isenberg, Paula Touger, and the BBRS Team for preparing her for this special day.

## MEN'S CLUB

By David Touger and Craig Rothman,  
Men's Club Co-Presidents



David Touger and Craig Rothman

Men's Club is still coming down from the high of Men's Club Shabbat. It was a wonderful Shabbat, it was great to have people back in the building eating, laughing and praying together and also to have the ability to share the experience with those who tuned in through Zoom and Livestream. May Covid continue to lessen its impact on our lives so that events like these can become the rule and not the exception.

In that vein Men's Club's looking forward to an active line-up of Spring events including Men's Club paid up Breakfast where we will be hosting

Dan Grunfeld of the Grunfeld basketball family and author of "By the Grace of the Game," a book detailing the history of the Grunfeld family. This multi-generational family epic story details history's only known journey from Auschwitz to the NBA. Please come join us on Sunday, April 24th!

Men's Club is continuing to play pick up basketball on Monday and Wednesday evenings at Hartshorn Gym at 8:00PM (if you are interested contact David Touger at [dtouger@aol.com](mailto:dtouger@aol.com)) and will soon be gathering our Softball team as we look to defend our regular season first place finish.

Hope to see you all soon at CBI celebrating a Men's Club event or at Shabbat services. Until then stay healthy.

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**Honoring the Yahrzeit of your loved one is as important to you as it is for the CBI clergy and administrative team. If you have noticed an error with your Yahrzeit records, please reach out to Joi Noel at [jnoel@cbi-nj.org](mailto:jnoel@cbi-nj.org) or by phone at 973-379-3811.**





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## SISTERHOOD'S MESSAGE

By Debbie Toplansky and Lisa Friedman, Sisterhood Co-Presidents



Debbie Toplansky and Lisa Friedman

Happy Spring! It's hard to believe the flowers will be blooming soon, the days will be getting even longer, and Purim and Passover will be here before we know it!

While we all would have preferred to have gathered in person and even though the weather was cold outside, the warmth from Sisterhood Shabbat 5782 (2022) was unmistakable. A gigantic thank you and Yasher Koach must again be extended to Miriam Linver & Chaya Cohen for taking on the Superwomen task of organizing Sisterhood Shabbat. A hearty mazal tov to all the participants, some who participated for the first time and many who participated in the past. Either way, we thank you for your dedication in preparing your parts.

Additional thank yous to all the behind the scenes workers, and of course, Rabbi Isenberg & Cantor Wallach.

We learned so much during the February Rosh Chodesh, where we delved into Lashon Harah. Our next Rosh Chodesh on March 3 should be quite interesting as well, where we will learn about Jewish Women and Power in American Pop Culture. While we won't be hosting a Women's Seder this year, be sure to join us for some special Sisterhood Passover programs hosted by the Rabbi and Cantor. We are looking to have a Springtime Bookends too. Be sure to check your email for more details!

The Torah Fund campaign is still going strong. Torah Fund supports scholarships and programs in the worldwide Conservative/Masorti institutes of higher Jewish learning. The dedicated philanthropy of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism's Torah Fund has raised nearly \$106 million in its 79 years. For more information or to donate to the fund, please contact

Sandy Panzer at 908-352-1999.

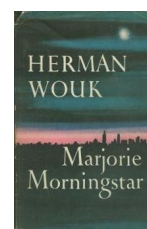
Don't forget! The gift shop has many beautiful new arrivals; tallit, hostess gifts, b'nai mitzvah gifts, wedding and baby gifts. Please reach out to Laurie Kavowras and/or Lisa Ehrlich for your shopping needs.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 3** *Rosh Chodesh*
- March 9** *Canasta (online)*
- March 10** *Mah Jongg*
- March 15** *Knit & Knosh (and needlework)*
- March 31** *Rosh Chodesh (Passover theme) with Rabbi Isenberg*
- April 13** *Canasta*
- April 19** *Knit & Knosh (and needlework)*

Debbie Toplansky and Lisa Friedman  
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

**PLAN TO JOIN US ON ZOOM  
FOR CBI SISTERHOOD'S SPRING BOOKENDS MEETING  
TO BE FACILITATED BY SARA SHERMAN  
ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 15TH  
AS WE DISCUSS  
MARJORIE MORNINGSTAR  
BY HERMAN WOUK**



Herman Wouk's 1955 novel is considered to be the first Jewish novel that was popular and successful, not merely to a Jewish audience but to a general one. *Marjorie Morningstar* is a decades spanning romantic coming of age story of a New York Jewish girl. This entertaining snapshot in time of middle-class Jewish life in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century deserves revisiting by those who read it years ago and a first look by those who never read it.

**Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022**

**Time: 7:00**

**Zoom information to follow**

**RSVP & Questions: Susan Stern at [Hazelstorm1016@aol.com](mailto:Hazelstorm1016@aol.com) or 201-415-9547**

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# Purim



## OUTDOOR CONCERT & SEUDAH

Thursday, March 17  
Concert at 4:00 pm  
Followed by pizza seudah  
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## Congregational Megillah Reading Wednesday, March 16 ~ 7:30 pm

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## SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, March 25

**Bim Bam Shabbat for Young Families** at 4:30 p.m.

**Early Family Shabbat Dinner** at 5:00 p.m.

*Early dinner seating is for families with young children attending Bim Bam Shabbat.*

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** at 5:30 p.m.

Featuring our BBRS Students

*Inside at CBI & on Zoom*

**Late Shabbat Dinner** at 6:30 p.m.

*Late dinner seating is for congregants attending Kabbalat Shabbat Service.*

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**Or, call the synagogue office at 973-379-3811.**

*A generous donor has underwritten the cost of this Shabbat Dinner.*

*If you have an upcoming simcha, a birthday, an anniversary, a graduation or any life cycle event, please consider sponsoring a future Shabbat dinner, so that we can continue to offer them free of charge to the entire CBI community.*

*Groups of families can join to sponsor a dinner together. Please contact Henry Bloom at [hdbloom@hotmail.com](mailto:hdbloom@hotmail.com).*



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## The CBI “Desert Dawgs” Ride Again in This Year’s Israel Ride

Once again, the CBI “Desert Dawgs” will be participating in the Israel Ride (Nov 1-8, 2022), the premier cycling experience in Israel with fundraising benefitting the crucial environmental and peace-building work of the Arava Institute for environmental studies and Hazon, the largest faith-based environmental organization in the U.S. Twenty-five CBI members, by far the largest delegation representing any synagogue will be heading to Israel for this important event and to do us proud.

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Heidi Cohen  
Ari Dybner  
David Ehrlich  
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Steve Schermerhorn

### HISTORY OF THE RIDE

The Israel Ride is a fundraising event benefiting two innovative organizations – The [Arava Institute for Environmental Studies](#) and [Hazon](#). It was founded to show solidarity with Israel at a very difficult time, and to provide new avenues for supporting their critical environmental programs. In May 2003, the first Israel Ride attracted 34 riders and collected over \$50,000. In 2005, the partnership expanded to include the [Friends of the Arava Institute](#), and it became the US charity of record. Also in 2005, [Jewish National Fund](#) joined as a key marketing partner, establishing a national Team JNF with regional teams across the country.

**The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies** is the premier environmental teaching and research program in the Middle East, preparing future Arab and Jewish leaders to cooperatively solve the region’s environmental challenges. Through its activities, the Arava Institute encourages,

fosters, and supports the advancement of environmental cooperation between Israel and its neighbors. [Learn more.](#) **Hazon** is the largest faith-based environmental organization in the U.S. and is building a movement that strengthens Jewish life and contributes to a more environmentally sustainable world for all. As the Jewish lab for sustainability, Hazon effects change through immersive experiences and inspires individuals and communities to make specific commitments to change with a particular focus on food systems. [Learn more.](#)

The Israel Ride has continued to build upon its passion for connecting people to Israel’s land and culture, fostering long lasting friendships, and advocating for a sustainable, secure, and peaceful Middle East. Today, with over 1,800 alumni riders, the Israel Ride provides participants with a one-of-a-kind experience through its diverse itineraries that traverse the Negev Desert and surrounding areas.

**View additional Israel Ride [info & FAQs](#).** Please explore our causes and learn more about our key partners that make riding the Israel Ride a true passion.

### ABOUT THE RIDE

The Israel Ride is the premier cycling experience in Israel. Enjoy five glorious days of biking, with route options for recreational riders and experienced cyclists. All routes are fully supported with plentiful local food, wonderful crew and mechanics, and great overnight locations. We also offer a non-riding option called [Chaverim](#). The week-long Ride includes orientation, five cycling days, and a day off for Shabbat. Each cycling day of the Israel Ride offers new cycling opportunities and challenges, although the basic flow of each day is the same. There is something for everyone on the Israel Ride – for those new to Israel or seasoned travelers, for those coming on their own, with families, or part of local teams, and for riders of all ages. Learn about the ecological challenges in the region as you explore the Negev desert, and support the work of The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies as well as Hazon. Participants on the Israel Ride are mostly from the United States, as well as England, Canada, Israel, and Australia. There are riders of all ages (including those celebrating a Bar or Bat Mitzvah), religious backgrounds, and cycling abilities.

# A New Prayer Book for a New Generation

## Proudly Introducing *Siddur Lev Shalem* for Congregation B'nai Israel

In the spiritual life of a congregation there are transformational moments that enrich our connection to our ancient prayers, our cherished traditions, our sacred ceremonies.

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### Join our Dedication Drive to Enrich Jewish Prayer Experience at CBI

At the recommendation of Rabbi Isenberg, Cantor Wallach and the CBI Religious Affairs Committee we are thrilled to open the dedication drive to bring the Conservative Movement's new Shabbat & Festival prayer book into our sanctuary, chapel and religious school. (This follows the overwhelmingly positive reception to the *Mahzor Lev Shalem* used during our Alternate High Holy Day services for several years.)

*Siddur Lev Shalem* will inspire more fulfilling participation and deeper understanding with its engaging format featuring new translations in contemporary language, commentary providing historical context, and a variety of *kavanot* (intentions), poetry and prose that expand and enhance our relationship to the text.

**The adoption of a new *siddur* is truly a momentous occasion and will offer us all an enriched and shared tool for accessing our Jewish prayer experience as a community.**

### Get to Know *Siddur Lev Shalem*

**We will officially inaugurate the *Lev Shalem Siddur* during Shabbat services on Saturday morning, June 4. This is the Shabbat just before *Shavuot*, commemorating the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people at Mt. Sinai.**

In the months leading up to *Shavuot*, we will transition to using the new *siddur* in the sanctuary using advance copies. We will also be hosting a number of programs for all of us to become familiar with the new prayer book, including morning and evening sessions with Rabbi Isenberg and Cantor Wallach plus special *Shabbatot* dedicated to learning more about our new prayer book.



## MATCHING GIFT!

We are excited to announce  
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## Dedicate a Lasting Memory

For the first time in decades, Congregation B'nai Israel is purchasing new prayer books for our community. We invite you to dedicate a prayer book in honor of or in memory of someone special, or to celebrate a life event. What a beautiful way to remember, honor or recognize your loved ones by passing on Jewish text from generation to generation!

***Siddurim* may be dedicated at a cost of \$36 per book.**

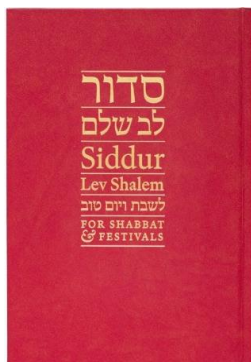
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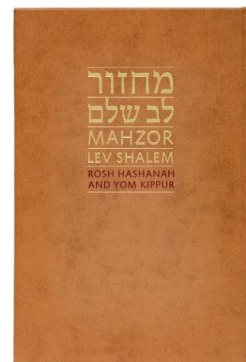
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Our fundraising goal of \$20,000 will allow us to purchase prayer books for our entire congregation and guests. Dedications will be first put towards the purchase of *Siddur Lev Shalem* for use in our sanctuary, chapel and religious school. We will then move on to purchase *Machzor Lev Shalem* so we can enjoy this prayer book in all High Holy Day services.





## ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



### My own Israel Story

Nancy and I have been visiting Israel for all of February, including, of course Presidents Day. This holiday reminded me of my first visit to Israel, a CBI / Ziv Tzedakah Fund trip scheduled over the Presidents Day holiday in 2003. I was over fifty years old for my first trip, a trip I took with my mother, Joie Tenenbaum, and my older daughter Stephanie. I wanted to take this trip for a combination of reasons. My Grandmother Celia Kritzer gave me a gift when I was a teenager for an Israel trip which I had never used. And just the year before, my father Harold Tenenbaum had tried to put together a family trip to Israel, but none of us accepted the offer. He died later in 2002 and I felt I owed him a future trip.

The trip was wonderful. It showed us a variety of sites in Israel and introduced us to many nonprofit organizations working to help modern Israel live its Jewish values. Two years later I participated, again with CBI in a Jewish Federation of Metrowest trip; and through the years, I have returned many times.

Since Stephanie made Aliyah in 2007 Nancy and I have visited regularly. I can say that I have lost count of my trips to Israel.

However, I want to describe an important distinction between the trips before she made Aliyah and after. Since 2007, I have taken two tourism trips, and many more visits. Visits are so different because you are experiencing Israel in a more regular day to day way. Through the years we have visited in Jerusalem, Givatayim, Tel Aviv, and now Zichron Ya'akov.

And since 2015, when our first grandchild was born, our visits have become so much more. While we love the modern convenience of video chat and WhatsApp, there are many grandparent tasks which can best be performed in person: for example, making lunches, playing cards, going out for ice cream, and going to the park.

We missed our travel in 2020 but have been able to return several times in 2021 and this year. It seems like most restrictions are now being eliminated so travel to

Israel will become easier.

I hope that you will be able to do the same. And if you do, please share your adventures with CBI in the Bulletin.

### Celebrate Israel Parade, NYC Sun., May 22, 2022

Please join CBI as we return to Fifth Avenue for the 2022 Celebrate Israel Parade. Put this on your calendar and look for more details soon.

### Israel Affairs Committee

I am looking for volunteers to help lead the way as CBI returns to more pro-Israel activities – planning programs and events, and working towards an expected 2023 trip to Israel.

### 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



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## SPECIAL NEWS

Dear fellow members,

Our nephew, Avi Printz, will be representing the United States as part of the delegation of athletes competing in the 2022 Maccabiah Games in Israel. Many of you know Avi from the high holiday services he's attended with us over the years.

The Maccabiah Games were formed in 1948 with the dual mission of helping Israel develop as a nation through sports and promoting fitness and athleticism among Jewish youth. The Games paved the way for Israel's participation in the 1952 Olympics and today ranks as the third largest international sports



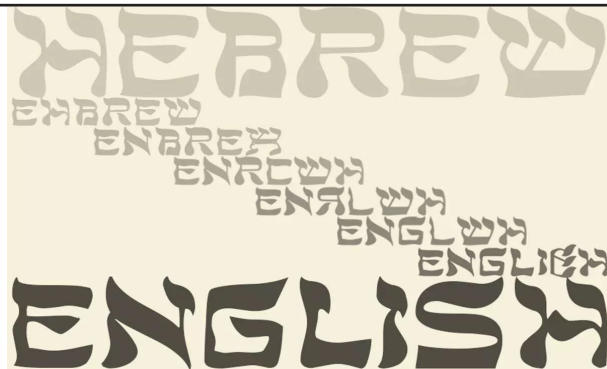
competition in the world.

Avi will be the starting goalkeeper for America's U18 futsal team (indoor soccer). He will be one of 10,000 athletes from 80 countries competing in 47 different sports.

Avi is fundraising to cover his team's expenses for the Games. Donations can be made at <http://support.maccabiusa.com/goto/AviPrintz>. Any contribution to support the team and program is meaningful and will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jackie Printz and Rob Finkel



**Alphabet/Alef Bet: Hebrew and Semitic Roots in the English Language**

**Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM via Zoom**

**Presented by Len Hausman**

**Please register with Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald:**

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Cantor Wallach - Such a wonderful and well deserved honor. Mazal Tov

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- Rooted in Conservative traditional Jewish values, Torah, our connections to each other, our community, spirituality and Israel • Committed to creating a place where everyone feels comfortable and engaged, and is encouraged to participate • An inclusive, family-friendly, multi-generational, egalitarian congregation that pursues lifelong fulfillment through education, observance and social action • Present and supportive of one another whether celebrating life's joys or sharing its sorrows • Distinguished by passionate professional and lay leadership.

Congregation B'nai Israel is dedicated to inspiring current and future generations to experience rich Jewish lives.

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