

# The Bulletin



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

May/June 2022



## Pride Shabbat June 3rd & 4th

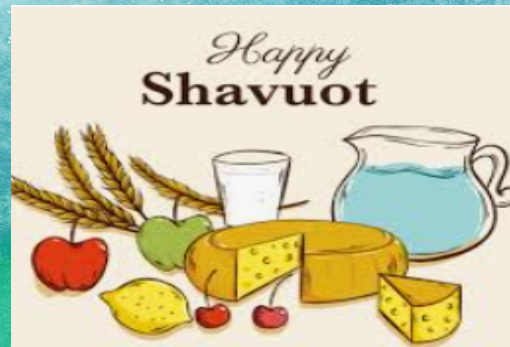
Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
Friday 6/3 6:00 pm

Shabbat Morning  
Saturday 6/4 at 9:30 am

## Shavout June 5 & 6

Leil Tikkun Shavout  
6/4 8:00 pm

Shavout Services  
6/5 and 6/6 9:30 am



## Volunteer Shabbat June 10th

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm

## May Service Times, Candle Lighting

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

### **Friday, May 6**

6:00 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat

7:40 pm – Light Candles

### **Saturday, May 7**

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

9:30 am – Installation of Ari Isenberg as Rabbi

8:46 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

### **Friday, May 13**

6:00 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat

7:47 pm – Light Candles

### **Saturday, May 14**

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

8:54 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

### **Friday, May 20**

6:00 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat

7:54 pm – Light Candles

Shabbat Dinner

### **Saturday, May 21**

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

9:02 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

### **Friday, May 27**

6:00 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat

8:00 pm – Light Candles

### **Saturday, May 28**

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

9:09 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

## Letter from the Rabbi

By Rabbi Ari Isenberg



Dear Congregants,

Gila and I remain overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and ruach (joyous spirit) we felt at both the Gala and the Installation. We were moved by your generosity, warmth, and the festive nature of the events. As we noted in our address to you, a hallmark of our hospitality as rabbi & rebbetzin is being able to open our home to you as much as possible. To that end, I'm thrilled to announce that my Backyard Summer Learning Series is back for its second season!

Join me on my patio for learning, refreshments, and fellowship this summer. We'll also be setup so that you can participate interactively via Zoom if that's your preference or if you'll be at the beach and still want to join. We're including the flyer here. Add the dates to your calendar, RSVP with Joi, and I'll see you soon.

**Rabbi Ari Isenberg**



To contact Rabbi Isenberg,  
email him at [rabbi@cbi-nj.org](mailto:rabbi@cbi-nj.org)



# SUMMER

series

## ***Learning with Rabbi Isenberg On his Patio***

*Join us as we continue learning*

*Pirkei Avot, Ethics of Our Ancestors*

### ***When***

*Thursdays 10am – 11:30 am*

*June 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>*

*July 14<sup>th</sup>*

*August 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>*

### ***Where***

*The class will be held simultaneously on Zoom and in Rabbi Isenberg's  
backyard.*

*Refreshments will be served*

### ***Sign Up***

***To register, email Joi at [jnoel@cbi-nj.org](mailto:jnoel@cbi-nj.org) or by calling the synagogue office 973.379.3811 ext. 120.***

***Please let Joi know if you expect to attend via Zoom, in person, or perhaps a combination.***

***Zoom ID & the Rabbi's address will be emailed closer to our first session.***



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## June Service Times, Candle Lighting

### Friday, June 3

6:00 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat

8:05 pm – Light Candles

### Saturday, June 4

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

9:15 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

### Friday, June 10

6:00 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat

8:10pm – Light Candles

### Saturday, June 11

*Bat Mitzvah of Elise and Michaelah Benjamin*

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

9:20 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

### Friday, June 17

6:00 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat

8:13pm – Light Candles

### Saturday, June 18

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

9:23 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

### Friday, June 24

6:00 pm – Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat

8:14 pm – Light Candles

### Saturday, June 25

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Gathering

9:24 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after



## Musical Notes

By Cantor Lorna Wallach



In my previous Bulletin article, when I announced that I was receiving an Honorary Doctorate from the Jewish Theological Seminary, I discussed the theme of “honor” as an important value in Judaism. I find myself coming back to this same theme now with its very current relevance to events at CBI!

I enthusiastically add my voice to our CBI community’s warm and heartfelt welcome to

Rabbi Ari, Gila and Mika and in tribute to Rabbi Isenberg on being officially installed as CBI’s new Rabbi! In the nearly 2 years that he has been with CBI, all of it in a time of such unprecedented circumstances in the world, I am grateful to have had Rabbi Isenberg’s partnership, support and guidance. As stated in a teaching in Pirkei Avot (Chapter 1: Mishna 6), “Asay L’cha Rav U’kney L’cha Chaver...” “Make for yourself a Rav (teacher), and acquire for yourself a friend...”

As a Cantor who has spent all of my career in just 2 congregations, for a total thus far of 33 years, I have been fortunate and truly blessed to have been treated with respect as a clergy partner with each of the 3 other Rabbis (plus one interim!) with whom I had previously shared a pulpit, and I feel equally blessed with Rabbi Isenberg. I am delighted to already consider Rabbi Isenberg my Rav and friend, and I look forward to many more years of partnership and harmony (both figuratively and literally!) working together with Rabbi Isenberg in our beloved CBI community!

As part of the professional team of CBI, I am also looking forward to a special Friday evening service on June 10th where we will honor and extend gratitude to everyone who has in any way volunteered time and effort on behalf of our community these past two years. CBI has been and continues to be a wonderful model of collaboration between professionals and the volunteer efforts of so many members of our community who step up to help in so many different ways!

Another teaching in Pirkei Avot (Chapter 2:1) says that the path one should follow in life is that which brings honor to God as well as respect from one’s fellow human beings. It also states that one should not serve God for the sake of a reward. CBI’s many dedicated volunteers and lay leaders certainly bring honor to God -- and none

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## President's Message

By Jamey Potechin



We have a rich history at Congregation B'nai Israel, tracing our origins back to the early 1900s when Millburn's Jewish families first met in private homes or rented stores. In 1923 and 1924, the group was invited to conduct High Holy Day services in the Parish House of St. Stephen's Church. In 1925, ground was broken on Lackawanna Place and a synagogue was completed later within the year. Defined by our starting point as a community, our 100th anniversary is just one year away! While past celebrations of our history focused on when our first building was constructed in 1925, we are starting to plan for events as early as next year to begin celebrating our 100 years as a congregation. I hope you will join us in celebrating our past 100 years as we look to securing our next 100 years.

The building we now inhabit at 160 Millburn Ave. began construction in 1950 and is well regarded for its architecture and unique art. While we might describe CBI as a synagogue located at 160 Millburn Ave, it is so much more than that. Aside from the dedicated professionals who nourish us spiritually, intellectually and emotionally, CBI relies on a myriad of volunteers who collectively donate thousands of hours every year to sustain every aspect of our operations. Congregants help run services and read Torah every week, organize and/or teach classes, organize and staff community meals and kiddushes, engage us musically, take care of our physical plant, participate in committees, make deliveries to congregants, participate in charitable work, or provide labor when called upon. Indeed, the list of volunteer activities is too big for me to capture easily, so I will be looking for your help in publicizing all the ways that you contribute your time on behalf of CBI, both big and small. If you are wondering how you might get started in contributing your time, I hope the examples we publicize will give you some ideas on ways that you can help. We will be dedicating our services on Friday, June 10 to honor all our volunteers and highlight many

of the contributions that congregants have made in the past year.

As we head into the summer, we will look for opportunities to take advantage of the warmer weather to either meet outdoors or to increase the ventilation in our indoor spaces. We have gathered in person as well as by Zoom throughout the year, and encourage you to come join us in person whenever you can – we all miss the personal contact that we took for granted pre-Covid. One of my goals for the coming year is to find ways to bring people together both at CBI and at other venues, and I welcome your suggestions on how to do this.

Jamey Potechin



To contact Jamey Potechin,  
email him at [cbipresident@cbi-nj.org](mailto:cbipresident@cbi-nj.org)

## Musical Notes

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of you do it for the recognition! CBI has greatly benefited from all of your efforts for the betterment of our congregation. I hope you will all plan to join in the Friday evening Volunteer Recognition service on June 10th at 6:00pm to give and receive honor for volunteering!

Mazal Tov Rabbi Isenberg and Kol Hakavod and thank you to all of CBI's volunteers! We have much to celebrate at CBI! And may we go from strength to strength!

Cantor Lorna Wallach



To contact Cantor Wallach,  
email her at [cbicantor@cbi-nj.org](mailto:cbicantor@cbi-nj.org)

## From the Executive Director

By Paul Gibilisco

### CBI: A warm, welcoming Mishkan

We describe CBI as a warm, welcoming, and vibrant community on our website. As Abraham welcomed strangers into his tent, at CBI, we define ourselves as practicing the Mitzvah of hachnasat orchim, welcoming all. Our tent is wide by design, my design.

Yet we are living in challenging times. Antisemitism is on the rise. In October 2018, the Tree Of Life – or L'Shimcha Congregation in Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh was attacked during Shabbat morning services. In January 2022, a gunman held four hostages at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas. We need to be vigilant, ensuring the safety of every person that enters our doors while continuing to embody our mission of welcoming those who seek to be a part of our Kehillah Kedosha, our religious community.

We have been hard of work at achieving this difficult balance. To date, we have received \$300,000 and \$20,000 in Homeland Security Grants to make our building more secure. We continue to meet to ensure these funds are used in the most effective way possible. We have partnered with local law enforcement to maintain effective communication and regular surveillance. We have enhanced security both inside and outside our campus and are training our staff to be ready to respond when necessary. We have added dedicated security for our preschool beginning in late April.

Our Jewish texts help guide us as we embark on this mission to create a safe, comfortable space for our community. Several parshas in Exodus describe in great detail how to build a beautiful and meaningful place where God can dwell among us (Parsha Terumah, Parsha Vayak'heil, and Parsha Pekudei). Parsha Vayeira, in Genesis, describes how Abraham welcomed strangers into his tent with great hospitality.



Parsha Ekev in Deuteronomy reminds us that we must befriend the strangers, for we were strangers in the land of Egypt.

However, to balance these teachings and be audaciously welcoming, our texts also instruct us that we have the responsibility to make sure that our spaces are safe. In Ki Teitze (Deuteronomy), we are instructed to ensure that our homes are safe: When

you build a new house, you should make a parapet for your roof to prevent anyone from falling from it. Our mission is ongoing: to achieve the delicate balance between ensuring all who enter our building and being a warm, welcoming, and vibrant place for all who seek to be a part of CBI.

Ken Y'hi Ratzon,

Paul Gibilisco

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## From the Director of Congregational Learning

By Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald



As every Jewish educator knows, after Pesach it is a quick trip to the end of the school year. We cover what I call “a Yom a Yom,” plan for closing ceremonies in May and June, and begin planning in earnest for the High Holidays and next school

year.

It's not too late to join CBI for the Celebrate Israel parade in New York City on Sunday, May 22! We will meet for breakfast and to make posters in the morning, then take a bus to and from NYC. We will march as part of Federation's cluster. Show up and be counted - great for families!

We are excited to reveal our new sanctuary Family Space as part of Rabbi Isenberg's installation on May 7. Along with this, we are planning a series of different Shabbat experiences over the summer for families and children of all ages. Watch your email for more information.

A personal note of thanks to the lay leaders with whom I am privileged to work on a regular basis. My overseeing VP, Henry Bloom, has been an incredible sounding board and support in every area. Rachel Benjamin, BBRS Committee Chair, has been so helpful as we navigated another complicated year of religious school. The Preschool Committee Co-Chairs, Laurie Kavowras and Nealy Troll, have been there for guidance and discussion every minute I have needed them. I have also been blessed to work on Lifelong Learning with Aleza Rosenberg and on Youth with Melissa Zarin.

### CBIP

We are thrilled that summer camp is almost full and our classes are looking good for the fall - and in this crazy 3rd year of the pandemic, we are welcoming two new students for the end of this school year! Our amazing teaching staff helped each class create different ritual items for Passover that can be used for years to come (the same way I still use what my sons made in their

preschool classes!).

Our incredible Parents Association under the leadership of Suzi Shane-Jacoby and Maggie Soff held a Playground Party on Sunday, May 1, open to current and prospective families. Then they spoiled our teachers like crazy during Teacher Appreciation week. We are so grateful for their enthusiasm and creativity!

CBIP closing ceremonies will be on Wednesday, June 15. Camp runs from June 27 through August 5. We will certainly be looking for new teachers for our growing program next year. If you know anyone who is interested, please have them contact Rabbi Julie.

### BBRS

Second and third graders learned the history of their names, English and Hebrew/Yiddish, and shared posters with their families on April 24. Our preK Jewish Adventures class finished their year also. Kitah Zayin/7th graders are hard at work on their final projects to share with everyone at closing ceremonies on Sunday morning, May 15. Our last Shabbat Shelanu for this year will be on Saturday, May 7 with no school on May 8. We look forward to scheduling more dates for next year.

### TEENS - TICHON

In April, CBI teens met with the Federation Rishonim to learn about growing up in Israel. Everyone enjoyed meeting and interacting - and eating - together. On May 3, teens will learn about the Jewish perspective on LGBT issues in preparation for CBI's Pride Shabbat on June 3-4.

### YOUTH GROUPS

As youth group programs come to an end, it is with sadness that we announce that Aly Greenstein is going to step down as USY advisor. Aly has given 14 years to CBI in this role, and was my mentor as youth group advisor when I took over that role in Summit 12 years ago. She will truly be missed. Mike will continue in his roles, and we will look for someone to fill the role Aly leaves behind. And we know she will continue to be in

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## Congregational Learning

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touch with “her” teens!

### LIFELONG LEARNING

As we close out the school year with our continuing Monday night Talmud class and Thursday morning Pirkei Avot class, our final Monday Morning Module will be the next installment of Len Hausman's The Story of the State of Israel through its Music in May.

Rabbi Isenberg will again offer a summer session of Pirkei Avot, on Zoom and in person, on June 16, 30, July 14, August 4 and 18.

On May 18 via Zoom, we welcome David Dalin to talk about Jewish Justices of the Supreme Court.

Planning is underway for next year; if there is something you want to learn that we do not yet offer, please contact Rabbi Julie.

Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald



To contact Rabbi Schwarzwald,  
email her at rabbijulie@cbi-nj.org



## Together Again ~ כולנו ביחד

### March with CBI in the NYC Celebrate Israel Parade

Bus will leave CBI late morning and return late afternoon

ALL ages are welcome ~ perfect for families!

### CBI Bagel Breakfast & Poster Making

Before the parade, come for a "schmear" and poster making fun for the whole family ~ whether you go to the parade or not!



We will find out our leaving and returning times as we get closer, but typically we leave in the late morning and return about 4-5 hours later. The parade route is only 2 miles and easily walkable by all ages. Your registration fee of \$18 per person (\$54 family max) includes bagel breakfast, parade t-shirt, bottled water, and bus ride. Or come just for the bagel breakfast and poster making (\$6 per family - \$18 family max).

**REGISTER HERE:** [www.tinyurl.com/israelparade2022](http://www.tinyurl.com/israelparade2022)

For more information, contact Rabbi Julie, [rabbijulie@cbi-nj.org](mailto:rabbijulie@cbi-nj.org) or Dan Dovdavy, [dandov@yahoo.com](mailto:dandov@yahoo.com)



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# THE STORY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL THROUGH ITS MUSIC

WITH LEN HAUSMAN



Music is an ideal way to learn about a country's history and culture. In our next module we will be focusing on the tumultuous and often heartbreaking period (1939-1948) that led to the declaration of the State of Israel. Just when the need for immigration to Palestine was greatest, the gates slammed shut. WW II threatened the State-to-be in every way. Afterwards as the British prepared to leave, the fight for survival began in earnest. We will learn about this last pre-State generation through the music that tells their story.

Each song presented will be accompanied by a commentary that includes the story behind the song. We will review song lyrics in translation as we explore their context and meaning. We will approach the lyrics as we would a poem, looking for their resonance and allusions. The Hebrew text will be available and we will learn some key Hebrew words in the lyrics.

We will be listening mostly to original versions of these songs, but also at times to updated versions. We will gain knowledge of leading vocalists and groups so that we become familiar with a 'Who's Who' in the history of Israeli song.

#### ABOUT THE CLASS LEADER

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



**Monday Mornings**

**9:30-10:30 a.m.**

*Four Sessions*

May 2, May 9,  
May 16, & May 23,  
2022

Via Zoom!

All Are Welcome!

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## B'NOT MITZVAH



### Michaelah Benjamin June 11, 2022

Michaelah is a 7th grader at Maplewood Middle School. She has been a part of the CBI community since her baby naming and part of BBRS since kindergarten. Michaelah enjoys fashion and drawing. Her favorite subject for a makeover is her twin sister Elise. Michaelah is very quiet, compassionate and funny. However, once you are in her inner circle the sarcastic comedian will emerge. She also loves her fluff monster, our cat Sunny.

Sharing in this simcha are Michaelah's parents, Rachel and Johnell Benjamin, twin sister Elise, and many dear family and friends. Michaelah is grateful to Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Isenberg for preparing her for this special day.

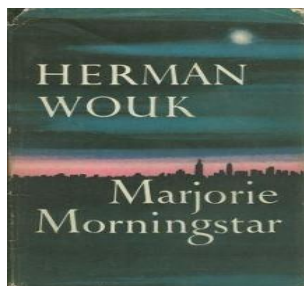


### Elise Benjamin June 11, 2022

Elise is a 7th grader at Maplewood Middle School. Elise has been a part of the CBI community since her baby naming and part of BBRS since kindergarten. Elise is an avid reader and loves to challenge herself to read books in a short period of time. Like the time she read the entire Harry Potter series in two weeks in the 4th grade. Elise is a social butterfly and can make friends anywhere she goes. She is not afraid to express her opinion and have spirited conversations. She is also a huge cuddle bug. Always wants to cozy up and watch a show, but be careful, her secret weapon is that her cuddles put you to sleep.

Sharing in this simcha are Elise's parents, Rachel and Johnell Benjamin, twin sister Michaelah, and many dear family and friends. Elise is grateful to Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Isenberg for preparing her for this special day.

**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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9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
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Program Rates	Six Weeks	Six Weeks	Per Week	Per Week
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9:00 am-2:30 pm	\$3300	\$4125	\$600	\$740
9:00 am-12:00 pm	\$1800	\$2250	\$350	\$425



For more information or to register, go to [www.cbipreschool.com](http://www.cbipreschool.com).

## SISTERHOOD'S MESSAGE

By Debbie Toplansky and Lisa Friedman, Sisterhood Co-Presidents



Debbie Toplansky and Lisa Friedman

It's hard to believe another school year is ending! We've had so many wonderful events this past year!

We learned interesting insights from Rabbi Isenberg at our April Rosh Chodesh, where we delved into Judaism's unique leap year and its connection to Spring and Passover. Be sure to check your email for more information about our upcoming programs, including our Bookends program on Wednesday, June 15. Sara Sherman will be facilitating the discussion about Marjorie Morningstar by Herman Wouk. Herman Wouk's 1955 novel is considered 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.

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, graduation, and baby gifts. Please reach out to Laurie Kavowras and/or Lisa Ehrlich for your shopping needs.

Note from Debbie: My time as Sisterhood Co-President will be coming to an end in June. It's been a pleasure being your co president and I wish the future leadership all the best of luck! Speaking of future leadership, be on the lookout for more information about Sisterhood Installation on June 1.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

<b>May 11</b>	Canasta
<b>May 17</b>	Knit & Knosh (and needlework)
<b>June 1</b>	Sisterhood Installation
<b>June 8</b>	Canasta
<b>June 15</b>	Bookends
<b>June 21</b>	Knit & Knosh (and needlework)

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer..

**Debbie Toplansky and Lisa Friedman**  
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

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## MEN'S CLUB

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



David Touger and Craig Rothman

Men's Club's looking forward to an active line-up of Spring events including Men's Club paid up Breakfast on Sunday, April 24th at 10 am 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!

Men's Club is continuing to play pick up basketball on Monday and Wednesday evenings at Hartshorn Gym at

8:00 PM (if you are interested contact David Touger at [dtouger@aol.com](mailto:dtouger@aol.com)). Softball season started on Sunday, April 17th with an opening day rain out! The team will be back in play on April 24th as we look to defend our regular season first place finish from 2021.

Just completed another successful Passover Wine Sale and wish everyone a zissen Pesach. Yellow Candle program for Holocaust Remembrance on April 28th. Upcoming Israel Day Parade on May 22nd. Hope to see you all soon at CBI Spring Gala on May 5th celebrating and welcoming Rabbi Ari & Gila Isenberg to our community or at another Men's Club event or at Shabbat services.

Until then stay healthy.

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## The CBI Alliance for Sustainability Targets Zero Waste

By Henry Bloom



The CBI Alliance for Sustainability is hard at work on our Zero Waste initiative, which includes upgrading our recycling efforts and moving to all compostable paper goods and utensils for events and activities involving food consumption in and around the building. As we

work toward this goal during the spring and summer, we will be using up the existing non-compostable supplies in the kitchen and starting to purchase compostables only. We appreciate the support of the congregation as we strive to establish Zero Waste practices at CBI. Stay tuned for more on this important initiative.

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 if 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, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Henry Bloom [hdbloom@hotmail.com](mailto:hdbloom@hotmail.com) for more information.

## ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



### Some News Concerning Israel

The last couple of months in Israel have included several challenging events.

In March and early April there were a series of terrorist attacks in Israel, including Hadera, Beer Sheva, B'nai Brak and Tel Aviv. Unfortunately, fourteen civilians were killed in these attacks. The stories of each of these individuals are heartbreaking. There were two border patrol police only 19 years old. There was a groom killed just before his wedding. A Chabad emissary who ran a local food kitchen was also a victim. Parents and grandparents were also among the victims. Besides those killed many victims were injured, and many others have been frightened (terrorized) which was the objective of the operations. Israel will continue to fight against this violence, and unfortunately there will be people who object

And at this time, we cannot just look at Israel. Because the scale of what is happening in Ukraine is so much bigger. The vicious tactics being employed by the Russian soldiers, directed mostly at civilians, is as bad or worse than what the terrorists in Israel are doing, and millions of Ukrainians are fleeing their country. We must do what we can to help stop the Russian offensive, and to provide aid to refugees caused by this war. If you wish to help provide social services for refugees and others affected by the war, consider contributing to Rabbi Isenberg's Discretionary Fund (through the CBI office) or to the Federation of Greater MetroWest's Ukraine Emergency Fund at the following website: <https://www.jfedgmw.org/support-for-jews-in-ukraine/> Our community was honored when the CEO of the Federation, Dov Ben Shimon visited our congregation recently to provide a report on Federation's activities in and around Ukraine.

The stability of the Israeli government is now in question. One member of Knesset has left the government coalition of sixty-one members, endangering the future of the current government. In addition, following clashes on Har Bayit during the Ramadan, Pesach and Easter weekend, a Muslim

member of the coalition has temporarily suspended his participation in the government. While this is not good news for the government, it does not necessarily indicate that a new government will be formed, as any government needs 61 MK, and it is not clear that the opponents of this government can agree to form a new one. Thus, if this government cannot be saved, a new election will probably be necessary.

One challenge might be less negative than we had expected. There have been news reports that the United States would be rejoining the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) also known as the Iran deal. There are concerns that the renewed deal would be less strict than the prior agreement, that it might not only provide economic relief to Iran, but also to Russia, since there are parts of the treaty in which we rely on Russia to provide services to Iran. In addition, Iran has insisted that for an agreement to be renewed, the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) must be removed from the United States list of foreign terrorist organizations. The reports of an early agreement have been wrong, and as I am writing this, no agreement has been announced and US officials have indicated that Iran will not be removed from the terrorist list. This is good news. However, do not rely on me as your only source of news on this topic. I encourage you to pay attention to news reports related to the JCPOA.

In more positive news, Israel hosted a conference which included representative of the United States, and four Arab countries, Bahrain, UAE, Morocco, and Egypt. There are many signs that these and other countries are willing to increase their commerce with Israel.

### Travel to Israel

I know of more families and students that are traveling to Israel now or have plans to travel there soon. Due to issues related to Corona, travel is not as simple as it was before, but I encourage everyone to travel to Israel, and to share your adventures with CBI in the Bulletin by sending me a report.

### Celebrate Israel Parade: NYC Sunday, 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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# A New Prayer Book for a New Generation

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

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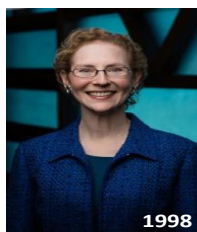
**A new sanctuary ... a new cantor ... a new rabbi ... a new prayer book!**



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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.**

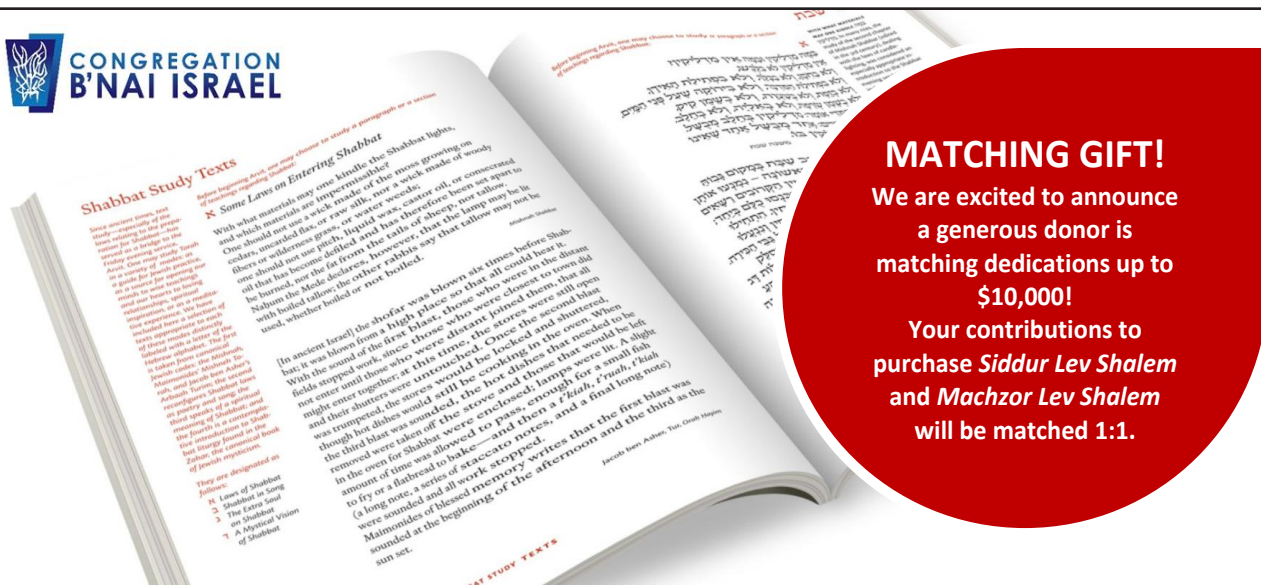


## Get to Know *Siddur Lev Shalem*

**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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matching dedications up to  
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Your contributions to  
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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.**

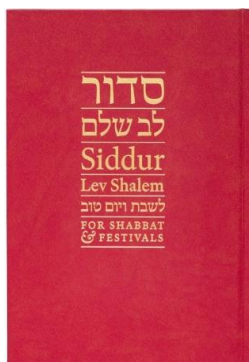
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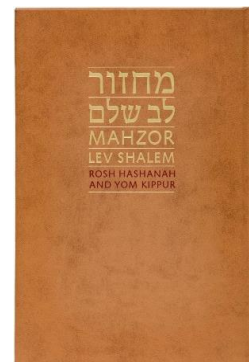
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**for Our Special Dedication Order Page**



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 *Mahzor Lev Shalem* so we can enjoy this prayer book in all High Holy Day services.



## TRIBUTES FOR DECEMBER 2021 THROUGH JANUARY 2022

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Congregation B'nai Israel is a center of Jewish life where we come together in a warm and welcoming environment.

We are...

- 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.

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