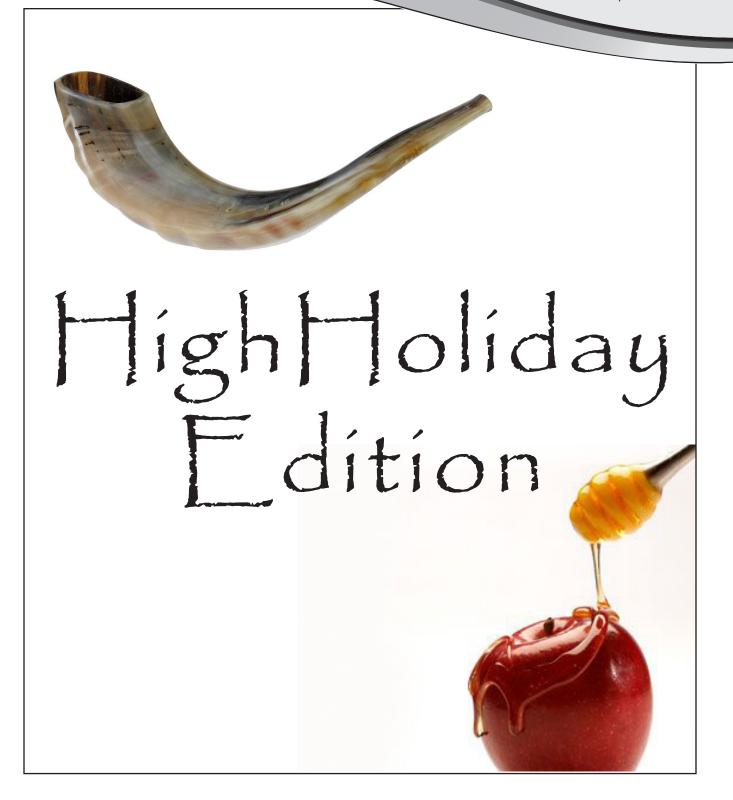
The Bulletin

September/October 2022



Letter from the President

By Jamey Potechin



As we enter the year 5783, we can look forward to the 100th anniversary of CBI and events that will both celebrate our past and look to our future. Phil Darivoff pointed out in his recent summer drash that one of the things that sustains us as a Jewish people is the story we tell ourselves. Each year, we repeat the cycle of torah readings and re-tell our story, reinforcing the bonds that have lasted over two millennia. Here at CBI, we have our own story that extends for a century, and there are many people who can tell you about congregants and clergy who have graced our community

over the years. While I have personally been a member since 1993, we have many long-time members who have been part of the CBI family for much longer, and who have raised their children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren with us. If you are a long-time member, I would love to hear your story of how you joined CBI, what life at CBI has been like over the years, and how we can continue to strengthen our connections.

I would like to acknowledge the donations made by Seymour Beneroff and the Beneroff family to help us strengthen our preschool now and in the future. Thanks to their generosity, our preschool kids will have a shiny new fire engine to replace our current one and we will have a new endowed fund for the preschool in memory of Harriet Beneroff. They are also underwriting the cost of a new Past President's Garden, which will consist of several trees that will line the entrance to our parking lot.

I am looking forward to an uneventful High Holiday season free of natural disasters and filled with opportunities to pray together and enjoy meaningful services led by Rabbi Isenberg and Cantor Wallach. We will have many opportunities to gather socially as well. We will continue our monthly dinners and encourage you to join us and consider sponsoring (or helping to sponsor) a dinner. We plan to increase our in-person gatherings even as we remain careful about following CDC guidelines. If you are not aware of our current Covid policy, please visit our website and look for notification in our weekly Friday announcements as to when the Essex County Community Level falls below High and we can open up a masking-optional section in our sanctuary. We are also setting up a permanent tent to allow us to plan for outdoor events that can remain outdoors even when it rains.

Look for excitement to build in the month of October leading up to the Hazon Israel Ride in early November, at which CBI's Desert Dawgs will be a major contingent. Hazon is dedicated to promoting a sustainable lifestyle and weaving sustainability into the fabric of Jewish life. CBI has received the Hazon Seal of Sustainability and our Sustainability Committee is working hard to promote green practices at CBI and educate members about what they can do at home. If you are interested in joining this effort, please contact Henry Bloom to get involved.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New year — l'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu v'Techatemu.

Jamey Potechin

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Letter from the Rabbi

By Rabbi Ari Isenberg



Dear Congregants,

I'm writing this note from 37,000 feet in the air, en route from Israel back to New Jersey. For our first family trip abroad since the onset of the pandemic, it was only natural for us to pick Israel as our destination. We had been longing for it and eager to introduce our daughter to the beauty, connection, and meaning of our spiritual homeland.

I plan to speak more about Israel on Rosh Hashanah, during which I'll extend to you all an invitation to join me and others on Federation's Centennial Mission to Israel next July (2023). I'll also use the opportunity on Rosh Hashanah to wish our more than 20 CBI'ers participating in the Hazon Israel ride this November a *nesiah tovah*, bon voyage.

This bulletin contains the High Holiday schedule, programming, new-and-improved Zoom link information, and so much more. I hope you will find it informative and helpful as you plan your Autumn. Here are some tips and highlights:

• CBI's online calendar (accessible at www.cbi-nj.org) is more accurate than ever before. You can rely on the calendar for the most up-to-date programming schedule

• The CBI Tent: We're thrilled to have a permanent tent on our property and we plan to maximize its use. On the High Holidays, each of our Shacharit and Shofar services will take place outdoors, as will our family services & Yaldeinu service

• Successfully piloted over the summer, our Shabbat K'tanim family service will continue throughout the year, monthly on Shabbat mornings

• Bim Bam Shabbat has quickly become a popular monthly fixture and we're thrilled to bring it back this year. Once a month, you can anticipate the following schedule for Friday evenings: 4:30pm Bim Bam service; 5pm complimentary young family dinner; 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat (in-person & Zoom); 6:45pm complimentary late dinner seating (thank you to our donors). Our first of the season is this week (Sept. 9th), and then don't miss our next one on October 14th – Pizza in the Sukkah

• Gila and I are, once again, hosting Meat & Greet in our sukkah at our home for CBI's roughly under-50 crowd. Deli, wine, and havdalah, on Saturday night, October 15th, from 7-9pm

• Let your spirit soar with CBI's Chanting Circle. If you need a spiritual retooling in preparation for the High Holidays, join me, along with Len Hausman, on Sunday, September 11th, at 5pm, in the CBI Tent.

As you can see, we're keeping busy. There are boundless entry points for one to access one's Jewish identity and nurture one's Judaism. I'm proud of the many doors and avenues we endeavor to open. Shanah Tovah. Happy New Year.

Rabbi Ari Isenberg

To contact Rabbi Isenberg, email him at <u>rabbi@cbi-nj.org</u>

Musical Notes

By Cantor Lorna Wallach





S hanah Tovah CBI and friends! This is the start of my 25th year serving as the Cantor of this wonderful and warm sacred community. It is truly a privilege and honor to be CBI's Hazzan and one of your spiritual leaders, and I'm grateful, thrilled and blessed to

be continuing in this role for, hopefully, many more years, working together with our outstanding professional team, staff and lay leaders. This is a time of year for Jews to reflect on the previous year, engage in Teshuvah, and embrace the new year to come. I look back feeling very positive and inspired by all that we have accomplished together as a community over these years (I'd need the whole bulletin to have the space to list everything!), and especially amazed by the strength, adaptability and resiliency of our dedicated community throughout the past few years of the pandemic. With all that I am proud of, I recognize that there have also been occasions where, professionally and personally, I "missed the mark", and while Teshuva doesn't really happen through a bulletin article, I am grateful to this community and to all of my colleagues here who have been so gracious, supportive and forgiving to me, and it is with deep regret if I myself have not demonstrated these qualities.

I am excited and enthusiastic about the many opportunities that CBI plans to offer this year for youth, family and adult engagement in many different areas including: intellectual stimulation, spiritual enhancement, musical uplift, Ahavat Yisrael, increasing our sensitivity about Diversity and Inclusion, and about Environmental Sustainability, performing acts of Tikkun Olam, and also just enjoying socializing together (hopefully in person!) and deepening relationships within our community.

As the restrictions of the Pandemic protocols are eased (if it is safe to do so of course!), I am planning to bring a **Concert Series** to CBI this year, kicking off with a Shabbat musical experience by The Shabbatones, a nationally acclaimed Jewish A Cappella group from the University of Pennsylvania, on November 18 – 19. We at CBI are also blessed to have so much "in house" musical/entertainment talent. Start now to think about the special talents YOU can bring to a CBI **TALENT SHOW** and we'll put together a great line up for a fun and uplifting evening with the community (date TBD!). In addition, I'm excited to have the return of the CBI Choir, and watch for dates for an "**Erev Shirah and Shmooze**", an evening to come together and sing Israeli, Yiddish and folk music!

Another program that I'm hoping to bring back to CBI this year is an Adult B'nai Mitzvah "class". If vou never had a Bat or Bar Mitzvah "ceremony" OR if you're interested in learning or reviewing skills and Jewish topics that you may not have explored since your teen years, this would be a wonderful opportunity to join fellow CBI'ers and your clergy on a "journey" (time commitment to be determined by the interest/ availability of the participants) of study (prayer, Torah, Hebrew reading, various synagogue skills), spiritual growth and doing collective Tzedakkah and Hessed work. If this is something you might be interested in, please let me know or contact Joi in the Clergy office. Please watch for a fall meeting date for anyone considering participating! (Also keep in mind that I am happy to make myself available to work with you individually if there is a particular synagogue skill that you'd like to learn/improve, even if you are not looking to be part of a B'nai Mitzvah class.)

We have much to look forward to! Mike, Shira and Josh join me in wishing you and your families a year blessed with good health, strength, patience, resilience and peace. *Shanah Tovah Umetukkah!*

Cantor Lorna Wallach

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From the Director of Congregational Learning

By Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald



Teach a child according to their way; even when they grow old, they will not turn away from it.

-Proverbs 22:6

As we are poised to begin a new school year at CBI, we are so fortunate to be able to

put this into practice across the entire spectrum of congregational learning. Our BBRS learners benefit from one-to-one lessons in Hebrew/Tefillah each week, along with opportunities to explore subjects of Judaism and Jewish living that resonate with each of them. Our CBI Preschool is play-based, child-centered learning, where our children's questions, interests, and passions drive the curriculum. CBI's Impressive program of Lifelong Learning /Adult Education continues this theme with classes tailored to meet the needs and curiosity of congregants.

BBRS

BBRS begins on Sunday, September 11 with our welcome back/orientation program for learners and adults. We are excited to open our Sundays to PreK 4 learners in a combined program with our Kindergarten. This Ganon-Gan class will give us a vibrant group of our youngest students. Our other grades will have opportunities for both individualized learning where research says it is most effective, in Hebrew and Prayer learning, and for larger group experiences in celebrating holidays and living Jewishly. We also have a rich collection of family workshops, with each grade enjoying special mornings with their parents/guardians. Shabbat Shelanu will occur seven times this year so our learners have a chance to fully participate and lead prayers in an authentic setting.

CBIP

What an amazing summer camp program we had this year, with anywhere from 14 to 26 children attending each week. Our amazing CBIP teachers created engaging thematic activities. We had a number of our new 2s attend, giving them a chance to acclimate before September.

Preschool begins on September 7 with 34 children enrolled so far. We will have two sections of 2s, two sections of 3s, and a robust group of PreK4s. Which also means we are hiring more new teachers, as well as having assistant teachers move up to become head teachers. We are excited to bring in new ideas and new plans, while maintaining our Jewish school that hosts a wonderful diversity of cultures.

Early Childhood Programs

Bim Bam Tot Shabbat continues to grow each monthly Friday, aided by the amazing free dinners provided by CBI and supported by donors. It is a highlight of the month for the whole clergy team.

Shabbat K'tanim is our new monthly program for families with young children. A short service led by Rabbi Julie and Rabbi Isenberg is followed by supervision for the children while adults attend services in the sanctuary.

Tkiya Wee Jam music will return this year as well as be a regular part of the preschool programming. Sessions for adults and young children will be on Sunday or Thursday mornings.

Jewish Adventures will return for 3s and 4s with an adult companion on select Sunday mornings.

Teens

We have compiled a list of CBI teens who are interested in babysitting. This list is available to CBI members. Email Rabbi Julie, RabbiJulie@cbi-nj.org, if you would like a copy. And if you are teen who is not yet on the list, ask Rabbi Julie for the form to fill out!

Tichon, our formal teen education program, will be split into two sections this year. 8th-10th graders will continue to meet monthly, exploring Jewish identity. They will enjoy dinner and dessert as they learn with Sydney Fox.

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Tichon 11-12 for our older students will have a series of special programs designed to meet their needs and questions as they prepare to embark on their next journey. The Isenbergs will host them for Shabbat dinner in the fall, and we will spend a Friday night at Rutgers Hillel in the winter, along with other programs throughout the year.

Youth Groups

Youth groups - Chaverim for 4th and 5th graders, Kadima for 6th through 8th graders, and USY for 9th through 12th graders - continue this year with a new online form for registration. Mike Greenstein continues to lead Chaverim and Kadima, and we welcome Sydney Fox as our new USY advisor.

Lifelong Learning

The adult education committee is now being co-chaired by Debra Nevas and Wendy Kaplowitz. They are working on an inspiring collection of ongoing and single session programs designed to offer something for everyone! Our ongoing programs will begin shortly, some in September and most after the holidays. Monday Morning Modules, Rabbi Lubow's Monday evening Talmud Class, and Rabbi Isenberg's Thursday morning Pirkei Avot will all continue this year.

Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald

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

YALDEINU

"Our Children"



Yaldeinu is our congregation's Shabbat and High Holiday service for families with children or young adults with special needs. The 45-minute program is led by a special needs educator with a unique prayer book creating an interactive experience in a supportive, nurturing environment.

HIGH HOLIDAYS

1st Day Rosh Hashanah September 26 11:30 AM Yom Kippur October 5 11:45 AM

For more information, contact Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald Director of Congregational Learning RabbiJulie@cbi-nj.org. 973-262-3717



November 19 January 14 February 18 March 4 May 13 June 3 FRIDAY EVENINGS 6:00 PM

YALDEINU B'YACHAD

Yaldeinu families join CBI's Kabbalat Shabbat service

December 16 April 21

From the Executive Director

By Paul Gibilisco

Approaching the New Year with Gratitude: Hakarat Hatov!

As I write this, I still feel the warmth from the wonderful turnout for our CBI Summer Barbecue. Over 200 old friends and new faces came together to connect and reconnect on a beautiful summer evening. We have much to be grateful for as we approach the High Holy Days.

We are back from summer camp and family vacations, ready to jump into busy fall schedules of backto-school, work, and packed calendars. Over the past few months, our CBI staff and volunteers have been preparing for the New Year.

Early this summer, we successfully transferred all our synagogue data from Chaverware to "improved" ShulCloud. This transfer gives you access to your account and will allow for better communications from our numerous committees (once volunteers have trained). You can now pay your bill, make donations online, and update your data and Yahrzeit family information. If you have any questions regarding our new ShulCloud system, please call me any time.

We are very grateful that we will install a memorable Past Presidents' Garden in September. This garden is a tribute to CBI's past presidents, projected to complete in time for the High Holy Days. Many thanks to the Beneroff Family for sponsoring this beautiful addition to our grounds.

We have enhanced the security on our CBI playground by adding privacy screening around the perimeter of the play space to make it less visible from the street. Our security subcommittee has lasered in on defining our security needs for the following year.

This summer, CBI was fortunate to receive a \$40,000 grant which Rabbi Julie and I had applied for from the State of New Jersey. We will use the funds to help retain our preschool staff. In addition, we applied for and will receive an additional \$60,000 from the State of New Jersey for the preschool in 2023.



Earlier this summer, we removed ten ash trees from our property infested with the emerald ash borer. Due to this infestation, the Town of Millburn is also taking down all ash trees on public property.

I am pleased to share that we have welcomed several new families to our CBI community, and we look forward to getting to know them! Watch your email for the upcoming New Member

Dinner this fall.

This past spring, CBI began using our new siddurim, "Lev Shalom". Over the summer, we have been preparing our new machzorim, "Lev Shalem", for the upcoming High Holy Days. We will offer each of you the opportunity to dedicate machzorim in honor and memory of loved ones. Watch your email for details. Thanks to Susan Gordan, Brad Schneiderman, and the rest of the Religious Affairs Committee for all their efforts.

I am working with Debra Nevas and Jessica Marinoff to launch CBI's 2022-23 College Connections. Please visit our website for more information and to sign up your collegeaged child for the coming school year.

We look forward to coming together as a CBI community to welcome the New Year. Please make sure your account is upto-date and in good standing to ensure that you will receive your High Holy Day tickets.

In closing, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Executive Director for this vibrant and dedicated CBI community. Vivian, Lauren, Susie, and Wendy join me in wishing each of you and your families a happy, healthy 5783!

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah,

Paul Gibilisco

Rosh Hashanah Day 1					
Date	Description	Time	Location	Zoom ID	Password
Sunday, September 25th	Ma'ariv Service	06:00 PM	Sanctuary, Zoom, and Livestream	837 8380 5144	CBI
Monday, September 26th	Shacharit	8:45 AM - 9:30 AM	Outdoor Tent, Zoom, and Livestream	861 1042 1793	CBI
Monday, September 26th	Torah, Sermon, Musaf	9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Sanctuary, Zoom, and Livestream	861 1042 1793	СВІ
Monday, September 26th	Family Service	9:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Outdoor Tent	-	-
Monday, September 26th	K- 7 Youth Programs	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Outdoor Tent and classrooms	-	-
Monday, September 26th	Yaldeinu Service	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Outdoor Tent	-	-
Monday, September 26th	Shofar Service	12:30 PM	Outdoor Tent, Zoom, and Livestream	861 1042 1793	CBI
Monday, September 26th	Tashlich Service	05:30 PM	Taylor Park Pond	-	-
Monday, September 26th	Ma'ariv Service	08:00 PM	Zoom	837 8380 5144	СВІ
Rosh Hashanah Day 2					
Date	Description	Time	Location	Zoom ID	Password
Tuesday, September 27th	Shacharit	8:45am - 9:30am	Outdoor Tent, Zoom, and Livestream	861 1042 1793	861 1042 1793
Tuesday, September 27th	Torah, Sermon, Musaf	9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Sanctuary, Zoom, and Livestream	861 1042 1793	861 1042 1793
Tuesday, September 27th	Family Service	9:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Outdoor Tent	-	-
Tuesday, September 27th	K- 7 Youth Programs	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Outdoor Tent and classrooms	-	-
Tuesday, September 27th	Shofar Service	12:30 PM	Outdoor Tent, Zoom, and Livestream	861 1042 1793	CBI
Tuesday, September 27th	Ma'ariv Service	08:00 PM	Zoom	837 8380 5144	CBI
Kol Nidre Night				r.	ľ.
Date	Description	Time	Location	Zoom ID	Passwor
Tuesday, October 4th	Kol Nidre	06:00 PM	Sanctuary, Zoom, and Livestream	837 8380 5144	CBI
Tuesday, October 4th	Babysitting	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	School Wing	-	-
Tuesday, October 4th	Teen Programming	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Youth Lounge	-	-
Yom Kippur Day		<u>.</u>			
Date	Description	Time	Location	Zoom ID	Passwore
Wednesday, October 5th	Shacharit	8:45am - 9:30am	Outdoor Tent, Zoom, and Livestream	861 1042 1793	CBI
Wednesday, October 5th	Torah, Yizkor, and Musaf	9:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Sanctuary, Zoom, and Livestream	861 1042 1793	СВІ
Wednesday, October 5th	Family Service	9:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Outdoor Tent	-	-
Wednesday, October 5th	K- 7 Youth Programs	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Outdoor Tent and classrooms	-	-
Wednesday, October 5th	Yaldeinu Service	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Outdoor Tent	-	-
Wednesday, October 5th	Mincha	05:00 PM	Sanctuary, Zoom, and Livestream	861 1042 1793	СВІ
Wednesday, October 5th	Neilah	06:15 PM	Sanctuary, Zoom, and Livestream	861 1042 1793	СВІ
Wednesday, October 5th	Final Shofar & End of Fast	07:20 PM	Sanctuary, Zoom, and Livestream	861 1042 1793	

Sukkot Day 1					
Date	Description	Time	Location	Zoom ID	Password
Sunday, October 9th	Ma'ariv Service	05:30 PM	Sanctuary & Zoom	837 8380 5144	CBI
Monday, October 10th	Festival Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary, Zoom, and Livestream	861 1042 1793	CBI
Monday, October 10th	Ma'ariv Service	08:00 PM	Zoom	837 8380 5144	CBI
Sukkot Day 2					
Date	Description	Time	Location	Zoom ID	Password
Tuesday, October 11th	Festival Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary, Zoom, and Livestream	861 1042 1793	СВІ
Tuesday, October 11th	Ma'ariv Service	08:00 PM	Zoom	837 8380 5144	CBI
Chol Ha'Moed Sukkot					
Date	Description	Time	Location	Zoom ID	Password
Friday, October 14th	Bim Bam	04:30 PM	Outdoor Tent	-	-
Friday, October 14th	Pizza Party	05:00 PM	Sukkah	-	-
Friday, October 14th	Ma'ariv	05:30 PM	Sanctuary & Zoom	837 8380 5144	CBI
Friday, October 14th	Late Dinner	06:15 PM		-	-
Saturday, October 15th	Shabbat Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary, Zoom, and Livestream	861 1042 1793	СВІ
Saturday, October 15th	"Meat & Greet"	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Rabbi's Sukkah	-	-
Shemini Atzeret					
Date	Description	Time	Location	Zoom ID	Password
Sunday, October 16th	Hoshana Rabba	8:00 AM	Zoom	861 1042 1793	CBI
Sunday, October 16th	Ma'ariv	05:30 PM	Zoom	837 8380 5144	CBI
Monday, October 17th	Festival Service & Yizkor	9:30 AM	Sanctuary, Zoom, and Livestream	861 1042 1793	СВІ
Simchat Torah					
Date	Description	Time	Location	Zoom ID	Password
Monday, October 17th	Simchat Torah Program w/ The Bible Players	05:30 PM	Sanctuary, Zoom, and Livestream	837 8380 5144	СВІ
Tuesday, October 18th	Simchat Torah with Honorees	9:30 AM	Sanctuary, Zoom, and Livestream	861 1042 1793	СВІ
Tuesday, October 18th	Ma'ariv	08:00 PM	Zoom	837 8380 5144	CBI

SISTERHOOD'S MESSAGE

By Lisa Friedman, Sisterhood President



Dear Friends,

Summer means rejuvenation, revitalization, and renewal... hopefully we all had an opportunity to do this. Summer also gives us a chance to reflect on plans and ideas for the upcoming year. With this in mind, we have assembled a Sisterhood Board of creative, committed, and

caring women. My hope is that you will connect with these lay leaders and other members at our membership, educational, programming events, and social activities.

Our first event is the annual Sisterhood Kick-off event to be held on Wednesday, September, 14th at 6:30 P.M at the culde-sac in the CBI parking lot. There is also an option to connect via Zoom. No doubt we will smile, laugh and learn as we enjoy some trivia, eat delicious Israel food, reflect on our Dvar Torah and schmooze with each other. Please mark your calendars, and respond "yes" to the event email invitation.

We will continue our Rosh Chodesh educational programming that will be sure to enlighten and inspire. Last year, we learned about a Jewish approach to the environment, the role of the mikvah in our lives, inspiring and entertaining Jewish women from the past and so much more. Look out for emails for upcoming programs.

What do Book Talks, Canasta, Mah Jongg, Knitting, Needlework, Trips, Talks, Singing... have in common? You guessed it. They are all offerings of our CBI Sisterhood.

So come and join us!

Fondly, Lisa Friedman Sisterhood President

REMEMBERING LEILA SCHOTT



We mourn the passing this past summer of Leila Schott. Leila and Mel Schott joined CBI in 1955 when they moved from Brooklyn to Millburn with their children Roslyn, Michael and Barbara. Leila's father-in-law Irving Schott also joined CBI at the same time.

Leila quickly became active in the CBI community, making many friends,

volunteering and becoming President of Sisterhood. "A Cook's Tour with Sisterhood" cookbook was published in 1966 during her presidency. She developed good relationships with Rabbi Max Gruenwald and Cantor Joshua Steele and she, Mel and Barbara joined a CBI trip to Israel in the early 1970's. She developed wonderful relationships with all the subsequent clergy at CBI, including regular "Words With Friends" games with Rabbi Bayar. Her children attended Hebrew school, Hebrew high school,

youth choir, and USY activities growing up at CBI.

Leila's children and their families were all CBI members, and her six grandchildren, Oren Schott, Jason Clawans, Sari Clawans Jepsen, Eve Schott Taub, Bryan Colin and David Colin all celebrated their b'nai mitzvot at CBI. Her great grandchildren Alexis and Sydney Clawans also celebrated their bat mitzvahs at CBI and are the fifth generation of the Schott family to belong to CBI.

Even though Leila moved to Florida full time in 2004, she continued her membership at CBI and joined us for holidays as long as she could. She thoroughly enjoyed Shabbat services through live streaming over the last few years.

Leila was the true matriarch of the Schott family. She was predeceased by her husband Melvin and son Michael. She is survived by her daughter Roslyn Schott (Stanley Geller), daughter Barbara Colin (Steve Colin) and daughter-in-law Susan Schott. She will be remembered with love and caring by her six grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

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



David Touger and Craig Rothman

Wow, where has the summer gone. It seems like just yesterday we were completing the Passover Wine Sale and getting ready for summer. Now summer is almost gone, and we are getting ready for the High Holidays. It has been a great summer though so far. The Men's Club softball team finished in 4th place and made it to round 2 of the playoffs. But most importantly we all had a lot of fun. We had young and old and everyone in between playing, and nobody got hurt. Men's Club was certainly a presence at the recent Synagogue barbecue grilling away so everyone was well fed. And, now we begin to our events coming up this fall. Look for information in the coming weeks about our Kickoff event. Also, Men's Club pick-up basketball will be returning in September plus we will try once again to have our Parking Lot Tailgate Party prior to Giants or Jets Game (we have tried for two years and been rained out). During the High Holiday season Men's Club will be assisting with providing Ushers for our services.

It is going to be a fun and active year. If you want to join Men's Club, just contact the office or email me at <u>dtouger@aol.com</u>. Hope to see everyone soon and have a healthy and fun end of summer.

David Touger, <u>dtouger@aol.com</u> Craig Rothman <u>craig231rothman@gmail.com</u> Men's Club Co-Presidents

TALMUD STUDY AT CBI WITH RABBI AKIBA LUBOW



Time travel. For centuries, people have dreamt of traveling from the present into the past and into the future. Classics have been written based on the ability to do so. And yet, time travel seems elusive. But that is exactly what we do when we study Talmud! Past – present – future...We study rabbinic teachings from over 1500 years in the past, learn how they impact and guide how we apply those teachings to Jewish life today, and then make our own contributions as we pass priceless life lessons on to future generations.

We will study Origins of Jewish Practice and Theology, with a particular focus on Origins of Jewish Worship. If you've ever wondered what, why, when, how, and even where we dialogue with God through prayer, this course is for you. For the final series of classes in the spring, we will turn our attention to Origins of Jewish Theology: The Battle Between Good and Evil.

This course meets on Monday evenings beginning September 12 and continuing through the spring. The course is appropriate for both beginners and those who have previously studied Talmud. Knowledge of Hebrew/Aramaic is not a pre-requisite. While it is not required to attend every week, a relatively regular pattern of attendance will enhance understanding of the course material. If you are new to the class and have any questions, please contact Rabbi Lubow by email: rabbiakiba613@gmail.com.

B'NAI MITZVAH



Eloise Goldberg Sep

September 3

Eloise is a 7th grader at Millburn Middle School. She enjoys playing field hockey, softball, frisbee, and skiing in the winter. She loves her family's annual vacation in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware every year but her absolute favorite place is Pinemere Camp where she has spent her summers since 2018.

Eloise has been a member of the CBI community since birth, when starting at just a couple of days old she would drop off and pick up her older sister from CBI preschool every day. At a few months old Cantor Wallach officiated Eloise's baby naming, which has made their time preparing for her Bat Mitzvah together even more special.

Eloise would like to thank Rabbi Isenberg whose kindness, warmth, and thoughtfulness has helped to make her Bat Mitzvah a special and meaningful experience for her. She'd also like to thank Cantor Wallach whose positivity and support are unmatched and a joy to be around. Eloise and her family would also like to thank all of the volunteers and professional staff at CBI for their help with the details that have made Eloise's Bat Mitzvah a meaningful and inspiring day for our family.



Will Blake September, 10

Will Blake is an 8th grader at Millburn Middle School. He has been part of the CBI community for most of his life, beginning with preschool in the 2's class. Will is constantly on the move, and enjoys playing soccer, tennis and most recently has picked up surfing. When not participating in sports, Will enjoys teaching his dog Harley new tricks.

Will spends a lot of time at the beach. For his mitzvah project, he is raising funds for the Jetty Rock Foundation which works hard to protect our oceans and waterways so generations to come will continue to enjoy the famed Jersey Shore.

Sharing in this Simcha are Will's parents, Amy and Jason, his sister Zoey and his grandparents, Sue and Arnie Blake and Dan Marx.

Will would like to thank Cantor Wallach and Rabbi Isenberg for their kindness and guidance in preparation of this special day.

Save the date November 18th and 19th, CBI Celebration with the Shabbatones

The Shabbatones were founded in 2001 as the University of Pennsylvania's premier student-run Jewish acappella group. They are known for their energetic arrangements and entertaining performances.

We are looking for Host Families. If you are interested in hosting our special guests for the weekend, please contact Joi Noel Jnoel@cbi-nj.org or call (973)379-3811

Learning with Rabbi Isenberg On his Patio

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Pirkei Avot, Ethics of Our Ancestors

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Sign Up

To register, email Joi at 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.





CBI's Chanting Circle: High Holiday Edition

Featuring Len Hausman & Rabbi Ari Isenberg

Sunday, September 11, at 5:00pm

In the CBI Tent, outdoors (rain location: CBI Sanctuary)

The month of Elul is regarded by our tradition as a time for spiritual reflection in preparation for the High Holidays. Tailor-made for this purpose is the practice of Hebrew chant.

Join us as we spiritually prepare for the season through inspirational chant and uplifting song. Be prepared to sing your heart open, soothe your mind, and let your spirit soar!



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Shabbat/Holiday Youth Programs are open to all CBI families and friends from near and far! Please email <u>RabbiJulie@cbi-nj.org</u> to register.

HIGH HOLIDAYS: Young Family Services each morning of Rosh Hashanah (9:45-10:30 am) and Yom Kippur(10:00-10:45 am).

SHABBAT K'TANIM: Saturday mornings, 10:30 am-12:00 pm. Join Rabbi Isenberg and Rabbi Julie for a 40-minute family service followed by supervision for children while adults have time in the sanctuary, with lunch for all.

BIM BAM SHABBAT: Friday afternoons, 4:30-5:00 pm. A special Shabbat experience with Rabbi Julie, Cantor Wallach, and Rabbi Isenberg just for 0-5 year olds and their adult companions, usually followed by dinner.

FAMILY SERVICE: On Saturday, November 19, The Shabbatones (U Penn's Jewish a capella group) will be at CBI. Join us for a special program at 10:15 am.

SEPTEMBER

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For questions and more information, please contact Joi Noel <u>Jnoel@cbi-nj.org</u> or 973-379-3811.

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. 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.

A recording of each class will be available for those unable to Zoom in live.

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 Journeyers' Minyan and other venues. Professionally, Len is a psychologist with practices in Greenwich Village, New York and locally.



Monday Mornings <u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u> Four Sessions

Oct 24, Oct 31 Nov 7, Nov 14 2022

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All Are Welcome!

For further information, please contact: Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald Director of Congregational Learning

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ISRAEL AFFAIRS

By Joe Tenenbaum



Some News Concerning Israel

I hope that you have a more up to date source on news about Israel than this column, but I still want to write about a couple of significant items that occurred over the summer.

Recent news in Israel includes the fall of

the coalition government and the scheduling of new elections on November 1. Currently the parties are jockeying for better position with some of the smaller parties deciding if they want to run independently and risk not meeting the minimum requirement for inclusion in the Knesset, or combining with other like minded (but still different) parties improve their chances to exceed the minimum threshold for election to the Knesset (and potential participation in a new government).

Once there was agreement that the old coalition was falling, and that new elections were being scheduled, the alternate Prime Minister from the earlier government became the Prime Minister until a government is successfully formed after the election. Therefore, Yair Lapid has replaced Naftali Bennett as the Prime Minister of Israel.

In early August, Israeli forces preemptively attacked Palestinian Islamic Jihad, a terrorist organization sponsored by Iran which operates in Gaza. There were reports that the organization had planned to launch an anti-tank missile against an Israeli civilian bus. To prevent this and other attacks, Israel launched attacks against the organization including its military leaders and its military sites in Gaza. For several days, PIJ responded by launching missiles aimed at civilian targets in Israel, principally (but not exclusively) in the South, near Gaza. No Israelis were killed, but some of the reported Palestinian deaths were caused by PIJ missiles which fell short of Israel. The conflict lasted only a few days, and a cease fire agreement was facilitated by the government of Egypt

Governing Israel is not simple and dealing with its dangerous neighbors is also difficult. But Israel is managing these challenges.

Traveling to Israel

Israel reported 249,900 tourist arrivals in July, the highest total since the decline caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The amount fell short of the highest monthly total ever – 343.800 tourist in February 2020.

Nancy and I spent several weeks in Israel this summer and I can report that the presence of tourists was much greater than in recent months. We saw tourist trips of many kinds, but specifically a lot of groups of American students participating in Birthright and other educational programs.

I encourage you to consider travelling to Israel. I know that many congregants and their children have already gone, and I know others who are planning trips (Including our CBI members of the Desert Dawgs team participating in the Israel Ride in November to raise funds for the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, and Hazon). If you wish to find more information about this effort, or to contribute visit the following site: https://give.israelride.org/team/386971

Next July, Federation of Greater MetroWest is sponsoring a community wide tour to Israel in early July. Rabbi Isenberg has accepted a challenge to fill a bus with CBI congregants, and the CBI effort is being led by Mariela Markelis Dybner. As we approach the dates look for more information about this exciting trip. (Next year is Israel's 75th Anniversary. For more information about this trip (which also celebrates Metrowest Federation's 100th Anniversary, visit this site:

https://www.jfedgmw.org/centennial-mission/

If you do travel to Israel, either in this trip, another trip, or independently, please share your experiences with our community. Also, let me know ahead of time when you will be going there. Perhaps we can get together over a meal, a beer, a shot, or an ice cream cone.

Travel to Israel is much less cumbersome than it was during the height of Corona. Our latest trip was much more like our trips before the heightened restrictions and increased testing of recent periods. While some people continue to wear masks, the general atmosphere that we experienced in the country was much more relaxed than before.

Purchas Israel Bonds September, October 2022

Please consider purchasing Israel Bonds to help support Please consider purchasing Israel Bonds to help support the long-term financial stability of Israel and the infrastructure of the country. Information on participating will be provided during the high holiday period at CBI.

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

To contact Joe Tenenbaum, call 973-768-7440 or email him at <u>TenenbaumJ@AOL.com</u>

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For more information contact Paul Gibilisco (executivedirector@cbi-nj.org), Nan Greenwald or Steve Finkler

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Elul 5782/ September 2022

Dear Congregants,

The custom to pray for those in need of healing dates back centuries. It has roots in the Talmud and is treated extensively in our collection of legal texts. No specific formula is offered, but the idea of praying for the ill is a core aspect of *bikkur holim*, the mitzvah to visit the sick. Tractate Nedarim even suggests that a primary reason for making a visit to the sick is to be moved to pray for the person's recovery. "*Pray for the ill… and the ministering angels will uplift your prayer*" (Kitzur Shul<u>h</u>an Arukh, 193).

At CBI, we maintain a "*Mi Shebeirach*" list that is typically read at our daily services throughout the year.

At this time of year, we solicit members of the congregation to inform us of those they would like placed on the list. If there is anyone you feel would benefit from these prayers, please contact me by email, text, or by filling out the form below.

Please note that all names currently on the list will be cleared as of Rosh Hashanah, unless we hear otherwise.

Please place the name of the	following person(s) on the <i>Mi Shebeirach</i> list" (<i>Please print clearly</i>)	
Name	Relationship to you	
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