

The Bulletin



CONGREGATION
B'NAI ISRAEL

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

December 2022–February 2023



Chanukah Happenings

Celebrate the
Festival of Lights
at CBI

Sunday, December 11

Men's Club Chanukah Dinner Dance

***** A CBI Holiday Tradition *****

Join us for festive holiday dining prepared by
Men's Club Chefs Extraordinaire!

Honoring CBI's 100-Year Anniversary!

Friday, December 16

Winter Shabbat Dinner

Fun and Latkes!

Tuesday, December 20

Chanukah Lighting

Singing and Jelly Donuts!

Wednesday, December 21

From Darkness to Light

An Interfaith Gathering

See Inside for All the Details!

December Service Times, Candle Lighting

Friday, December 2

5:30 pm – Zoom/In Person Kabbalat
Shabbat
4:12 pm – Light Candles

Saturday, December 3

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service
9:30 am – 12:00 pm – Shabbat Shelanu
4:59 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

Friday, December 9

5:30 pm – Zoom/In Person Kabbalat
Shabbat
4:11 pm – Light Candles

Saturday, December 10

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service
4:58 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

Friday, December 16

4:30-5:00 pm – Bim Bam Shabbat
5:00 pm – Early Seating Dinner
5:30 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat service in
person and on Zoom
6:30 pm – Late Seating Dinner
4:12 pm – Light Candles

Saturday, December 17

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service
4:59 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

Friday, December 23

5:30 pm – Zoom Only Kabbalat Shabbat
4:15 pm – Light Candles

Saturday, December 24

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service
5:02 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

Friday, December 30

5:30 pm – Zoom Only Kabbalat Shabbat
4:20 pm – Light Candles

Saturday, December 31

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service
5:07 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

Letter from the President

By Jamey Potechin



I am happy to report on a successful and fulfilling trip for the CBI Desert Dawgs on the Israel Ride, benefiting Hazon and the Arava Institute. We biked from Jerusalem to Kibbutz Negba outside Ashdod and then from there to the outskirts of Gaza and on to Sde Boker and Mitzpe Ramon for Shabbat, where we were joined by Rabbi Ari. On our final two days of biking, we traveled to Kibbutz Keturah and the Arava institute, and then rode a final day along the

Egyptian border to Eilat. Along the way, we were taught about the connection of places we passed through to biblical history, met people who live in settlements around Gaza and in settlement towns in the Negev, talked to Israeli, Palestinian and American alumni and students of the Arava Institute and met fellow riders and dedicated supporters from all across the U.S. The Desert Dawgs constituted about 10% of the total of 170 riders and was the largest single team by far, under the able leadership of our captain, Brett Cohen. We were inspired by Dan Richter, who is a lifelong supporter of Israel and had planned to come with his family. While he could not join us on the ride, we brought him with us in spirit and through the presence of “Flat Danny”, the life-size portrait of Dan that posed with us for pictures throughout the week. Thank you to the many CBI members who donated to support the team. It is a great cause that promotes both environmental sustainability and Arab-Israeli cooperation in the Middle East.

There is growing excitement in the preschool as our enrollment continues to grow and will soon reach 40 students. The new playground equipment has arrived and will soon be installed. We look forward to seeing the preschool families and their kids at the monthly Bim Bam shabbat and at Saturday morning Shabbat K’tanim services.

I would like to acknowledge a gift from the estate of Shirley Lieberman. Shirley and Lester Lieberman were long-time members of CBI from the day they moved to Millburn and lived here for over 40 years. They were strong supporters of CBI, JTS, Daughters of Israel and Federation. In her younger years, Shirley was a teacher and Lester was a CPA in partnership with his brother of a small, well-respected accounting firm. They often welcomed new CBI members to their home and both left CBI insurance policies when they died! If you are thinking about leaving a legacy gift to CBI, please contact the office and they will put you in touch with our Legacy Circle committee.

We continue to work on security amid growing concerns about antisemitic incidents and the recent scare from the FBI alerting all NJ synagogues about a potential threat. We have increased the presence of

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Letter from the Rabbi

By Rabbi Ari Isenberg



Dear Congregants,

I adore the old joke about a congregant who is fast asleep in the front row of the sanctuary, his head leaning on his wife's shoulder. The rabbi, noticing the sleeping attendee, descends from the pulpit and asks the wife to wake him up. The wife replies, "Rabbi, with all due respect, you put him to sleep, you wake him up!"

When I assumed the pulpit at CBI, I was asked about my vision and strategy for crafting worship services (be it Shabbat, Festivals, or High Holidays). My simple response: create an environment which avoids the aforementioned scenario. The necessary ingredients include careful planning, the creation of and adherence to a spiritual arc for a given service, and some reliability. With this recipe, I would endeavor to create a two-and-a-half hour (literally from start to finish) Shabbat morning service that would be liturgically traditional, spiritually heightened, and would attempt to engage the soul, the mind, and create communal energy, resonance, and connection.

Week in and week out, we have mostly achieved this mission. Our service begins at 9:30am and concludes by 12pm as we make our way to delicious kiddush in the social hall. It might be true that millennials have less *sitzfleisch*, or attention span, than our parents and I'm most definitely an old millennial. The motivation for this concept, however, is a desire to make every moment spent in the sanctuary one of spiritual impact and intensity, void of the lulls that historically characterized a visit to shul. After all, each time we enter the sanctuary we should strive to feel as if at the base of Mount Sinai, filled with awe and wonder.

There's just one key ingredient that we're still partially missing: **You**.

We have a dedicated core of Shabbat attendees, both in person and online. Spending time with them each week enriches my life immeasurably. Still, I recognize that some of you have not yet given our new Shabbat service a try and I'd like to invite you to do so. Some weeks we have guest speakers; other weeks, guest chanters or leaders; most weeks, Cantor Wallach and I are harmonizing our way through the service.

If you haven't given Shabbat morning a try in a while, make a plan to try it out. We'll greet you with open arms, warmth, and an accessible service that will, hopefully, leave you invigorated.

Rabbi Ari Isenberg



To contact Rabbi Isenberg,
email him at rabbi@cbi-nj.org

January Service Times, Candle Lighting

Friday, January 6

8:00 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom and
in person
4:26 pm – Light Candles

Saturday, January 7

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service
5:13pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

Friday, January 13

5:30 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat in
person
4:34 pm – Light Candles

Saturday, January 14

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service
9:30 pm – 12:00 pm – Shabbat Shelanu
5:21 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

Friday, January 20

4:30-5:00 pm – Bim Bam Shabbat
5:00 pm – Early Seating Dinner
5:30 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat service in
person and on Zoom
6:30 pm – Late Seating Dinner
4:50 pm – Light Candles

Saturday, January 21

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service
5:28 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

Friday, January 27

5:30 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat in
person
4:50 pm – Light Candles

Saturday, January 28

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service
5:37 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after
7:30 pm – CBI Talent Show

February Service Times, Candle Lighting

Friday, February 3

5:30 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom and
in person
4:59 pm – Light Candles

Saturday, February 4

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service
B'nai Mitzvah
5:46 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

Friday, February 10

4:30-5:00 pm – Bim Bam Shabbat
5:00 pm – Early Seating Dinner
5:30 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat service in
person and on Zoom
6:30 pm – Late Seating Dinner
5:07 pm – Light Candles

Saturday, February 11

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service
5:54 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

Friday, February 17

6:00 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat in
person
5:16 pm – Light Candles

Saturday, February 18

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service
9:30 am - 12:00 pm – Shabbat Shelanu
6:03 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after

Friday, February 24

6:00 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat in
person
5:24 pm – Light Candles

Saturday, February 25

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service
6:11 pm – Shabbat concludes at or after



Musical Notes

By Cantor Lorna Wallach



If you took a survey to determine what people enjoy most about celebrating Chanukah, I would guess that the top responses would be gathering with family/friends/community to light the Chanukiyah, eating latkes and sufganiyot (jelly donuts) and exchanging gifts. I certainly enjoy all of those elements of the holiday as well, but what I enjoy most, and what I have the most special and meaningful memories of from my celebration of Chanukah with my family

and community through the years, is singing the many songs connected to the holiday-- including those that are traditional, contemporary, culturally diverse, or just plain fun (and even silly)!

Many people are surprised to hear that one of the most widely known and sung songs of Chanukah, *Maoz Tzur*, may have started out as a hymn for the festival of Shavuot! *Maoz Tzur* was written by a 13th or 14th century Ashkenazic poet named Mordechai, whose name appears in an acrostic in the first letter of each of the five verses. The hymn probably became associated with Chanukah due to the word *chanukat*, “dedication,” in the first paragraph. After the opening verse, four succinct paragraphs illustrate God’s constant involvement in our people’s destiny: in Egypt, in Babylonia and during the crises that are commemorated by Purim and Chanukah. A sixth stanza, apparently written during a similar crisis, was added sometime in the 15th century. It asks God to avenge the persecutions of the current evil regime.

Maoz Tzur, like many other medieval liturgical hymns, incorporates Biblical imagery and other ancient Jewish symbolic phraseology, so even the “strict Hebrew meaning” is not always entirely clear. However, there is no doubt that the commonly sung English version is a clear departure from the original text. The words “Rock of Ages” also unfortunately have misleading associations with a famous Christian hymn by that name.

The melody most widely used can be traced to two or three different German folk tunes of the 16th century which were pieced together. Long before *Maoz Tzur* was set to the present tune, this hymn was sung by the Italian Jews to a tune composed by Benedetto Marcello in the 15th century and is still sung with this tune by many in Israel today.

In addition to the many well-known Chanukah songs that hopefully you will enjoy singing, I would also encourage you to explore YouTube to find new Chanukah songs to add to your repertoire! Anything performed by the Maccabeats is sure to be uplifting, and the group Six13’s ‘Bohemian Chanukah’ is worth hearing for the entertainment and interesting harmonies.

If you want to hear a memorable ‘Doo-Wop’ arrangement of “I Had a

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From the Director of Congregational Learning

By Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald



As we approach Thanksgiving, the cold dark days of winter, Hanukkah, and the secular new year, we enter the season of *Hakarat HaTov*, *Recognizing the Good*, and expressing our gratitude for all we have. And there is truly much to be grateful for at CBI! Our students are learning and thriving, with the support of

our CBIP and BBRS teachers and our BBRS teen madrichim. It is a joy to come to work each day with an amazing team of staff and lay leaders and volunteers. The opportunity to engage in sacred work in this supportive environment is truly a reason for *hakarat hatov*.

CBIP

'A head', said Picasso, 'is a matter of eyes, nose, mouth, which can be distributed in any way you like'.

As our preschoolers explore the world around them, we clearly see the development in their artwork over the years. Our teachers are experts at giving children the freedom of self-expression while guiding them in developing their visual and fine motor skills. Our 2s create faces in all different ways - and our PreK 4s have internalized what it means to draw a "face." At each level, children are celebrated for their individual progress and learning.

We are excited to partner with the Millburn High School career/work exploration program! Thomas Neiman, a student at MHS, will be interning on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in our preschool classrooms. He is seeking to learn skills necessary to be able to work in a preschool education setting in the future. Let's all welcome Thomas!

Thanks to the generosity of the Beneroff family and the untiring efforts of Jamie Beneroff, we have new playground equipment! It was time to replace the fire truck and the plastic log cabin. Stop by and see our new train and playhouse. Thank you to our CBIP Parents Association for our new trikes also - bright yellow in two sizes, there's something for everyone.

On Thursday, November 10, all of our teachers participated in the Federation Early Childhood Day of Learning. We were treated to breakfast, snacks, lunch, and an amazing lineup of workshops and presenters! Teachers came back inspired and

demanding that we continue learning with their favorites. On the agenda is infusing more Hebrew into all of our classes, incorporating more Jewish STEAM projects, and enhancing our time outside learning through play.

BBRS

There is so much fun coming our way! Look at all the amazing programs coming up:

- December 3: Shabbat Shelanu & Presentation of Siddurim to Kitah Gimel/3rd Grade
- December 11: Hanukkah Program with the Rishonim
- December 18: Author Visit, Dori Weinstein, author of the YaYa & YoYo books - Presentation for Adults and work with BBRS students
- January 14: Shabbat Shelanu
- February 5: Grades 3-5 Mask Making & Tu B'Shvat Celebration
- February 12: World Wide Tefillin Wrap & 6th/7th Grade Mitzvah Project Family Workshop
- February 18: Shabbat Shelanu
- March 4: Shabbat Shelanu
- March 5: Purim Carnival
- March 12: 5th Grade Family B'Mitzvah Workshop
- March 26: Grades 1-2 Name Project Program

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11th and 12th graders enjoyed a lively Shabbat dinner at the Isenbergs' home at the end of October. We are looking forward to learning about Being Jewish at College in early January and a trip to Rutgers Hillel for Shabbat dinner and services on February 10.

8th through 10th graders meet monthly with Sydney Fox to explore Jewish Identity. In November they had a great discussion about what Shabbat means to them and how to observe and honor the holiday in deeply personal ways. Over the next months, they will continue to explore issues relating to their Judaism.

Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald



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email her at rabbijulie@cbi-nj.org



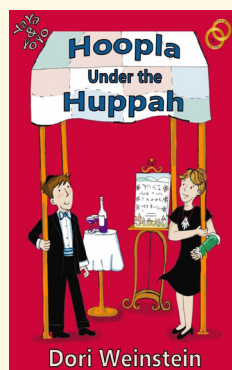
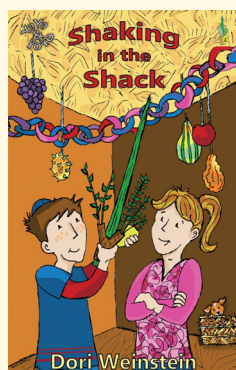
Jewish Children's Author Dori Weinstein

Is coming to Congregation B'nai Israel!



Educator and award-winning author Dori Weinstein is coming to talk with our BBRS students about writing and publishing and to share *YaYa & YoYo*, her popular Jewish children's chapter book series.

Sunday, December 18, 2022



"Dori Weinstein captures the attention of youngsters and their parents alike with captivating storytelling that links contemporary kids, their families, and their lives to the core of Jewish traditions and values."

Rabbi Alvin Mars, Ph.D

Sr. Consultant to the President of the JCC Association of North America for Education Development

For more information visit: www.yayayoyo.com

Books will be available for purchase during Dori's visit. To pre-order, return this form and a check **payable to Dori Weinstein** to Rabbi Julie on or before **Sunday, December 18**. Or pay ahead using this Venmo QR code. Be sure to include in the memo: **CBI-BBRS**, desired titles, children's names, and if/to whom you want the books signed. Space for memo appears after payment is submitted.

Student name(s): _____

____ copies of *Sliding into the New Year* (\$10 each)
 ____ copies of *Shaking in the Shack* (\$11 each)
 ____ copies of *Hoopla Under the Huppah* (\$15 each)
 ____ copies of *In a Latke Trouble* (\$15 each)

***Books are priced individually, however when purchasing the full set it is discounted to \$50**



Autograph the book(s) to: _____
 (Please write the name(s) exactly as you'd like the books to be signed)

Enclosed is \$ _____

SISTERHOOD'S MESSAGE

By Lisa Friedman, Sisterhood President



Dear Friends,

This Fall, as a Sisterhood, we have begun to adjust our Sisterhood offerings to include a hybrid of both virtual and in-person programming that has been engaging and meaningful.

During our mid-September outdoor **Membership Kick-off** we gathered, all 72 of us, at CBI's cul de sac enjoying simply perfect weather and each other. Our members at this very well-attended event, met and connected with an engaging ice breaker, Israeli Triva Game, "QVC" gift shop presentation, inspirational D'var Torah led by Paula Touger and singing led by Cantor Wallach while we enjoyed a delicious Mediterranean feast with an ice cream dessert bar to top it off. It was a fun and festive start to the new year. A big thank you to Rachel Winger for chairing this event and to all the members that helped to make it so successful.

We also heard updates from our **Torah Fund Chairs** (Sandy Panzer and Ivy Schmerken) encouraging us to support the Jewish Theological Seminary which helps to ensure the legacy of our future leadership in the Conservative movement. Look out for a Torah Fund mailing and/or please donate online at: inspired.jtsa.edu/torahfund.

Our **Sisterhood Shabbat** Chairs updated us on plans for our, not to be missed, Sisterhood-led service scheduled for the weekend of **March 10th and 11th, 2023**. Please reach out to Miriam Linver and Jody Reich to learn more about this beautiful annual tradition.

We also gathered to hear a compelling and comprehensive talk led by our **Rabbi Ari Isenberg** about the **Israeli election**. Rabbi Ari's thoughtful presentation included key insights about the major parties vying for control in the Knesset as well as the coalition process needed to win an electoral majority. Looks like some predictions were realized.

Looking forward, we have many Sisterhood offerings in the works.

Our monthly **Knit, Knosh and Needlework** led by Marion Mohl is going strong with opportunities to share your crafts while catching up with friends.

Our **monthly in person game nights** led by Susan Stern have included playing: Rummikub, Scrabble, Code names, Mah Jongg, Yahtzee and many more favorites. Come and play- it's fun- we promise.

Some other terrific offerings coming up include:

Rosh Chodesh talk led by **Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald on December 20th** from 7-8 PM in person and on zoom. Rabbi Julie will share insights with us regarding Chag HaBananot, a celebration of heroic women. This is especially fitting for Rosh Chodesh and during the celebration of Hanukkah.

Tenement Museum "Trip" on January 21st open to the first 30 respondents. This experience will be led by Tenement Museum docents from 6:30- 7:30 PM in a virtual format. More details to come and please reach out to Susan Zelman and Linda Silver for more details.

Book Talk, featuring Bookish People by Susan Coll led by Sara Sherman. If you like everything related to books and some humor, this one is for you. Watch your emails for our January date.

Also, please consider supporting CBI Sisterhood by visiting our gift shop, ordering kippot, bima flowers, donations and more.

Most importantly, show your support by participating in our programming. You will be glad you did.

Fondly,
Lisa Friedman
Sisterhood President
Friedman139@aol.com



New & Prospective Member Appreciation Brunch



Sunday, December 11
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Join us for brunch at Rabbi Ari & Gila's home to meet our wonderful clergy, educators, synagogue officers, and fellow congregants! Children are welcome!

We welcome you to the CBI community
and look forward to seeing you!

Please let us know you are coming!

RSVP to Joi in the Clergy Office at joi@cbi-nj.org and you'll receive an email a few days before the event with the address and any other information.



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Finding Jewish Life at College

With Aliza Silverman,
Director of Jewish Student Life, Hillel, UMBC

Tuesday, January 3

6:15 pm -8:00 pm

10th-12th graders

Dinner and dessert will be served

For more information contact
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973-262-3717 rabbijulie@cbi-nj.org



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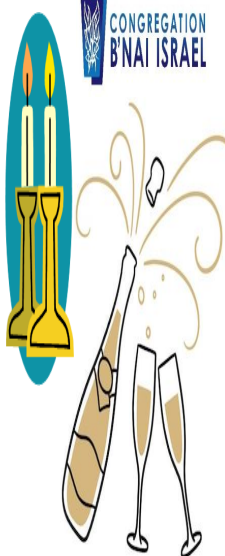
Celebrate the New Year

with an evening

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service &
Champagne L'chaim Oneg**

Friday, January 6

8:00 p.m. *In Person and on Zoom*



CBI's GOT TALENT

Saturday, January 28

7:30 p.m. at CBI

**Join Us for an Evening of
Talent and Fun! & Treats**

*In Celebration of
CBI's 100-year
Anniversary!*

Hosted by Cantor Lorna Wallach
and CBI's Cantor Music Fund

Be a Star!

**We are looking
to showcase
the talents
of our congregation!**

All acts are welcome!

singing dancing lip-synching acting
musical instrument mime comedy juggling
puppeteering magic ventriloquism

**Interested in being a performer in the show?
Sign up by January 17, 2023**

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!

Individual performances must be at least high school age.
Group or family performances can be children with adults.
Questions? Contact Joi at joi@cbi-nj.org or 973-379-3811.

President

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security guards on site, and we are examining our long-term policy for staffing armed security. Under the leadership of Nik Minocha and our facilities committee, we are entering the next phase of choosing which projects to fund under our current security grant. Our security committee will be developing plans and training to help us anticipate and deal with emergency situations. One of the most important things we can do is keep our facility secure. This means identifying anyone who comes to the building and making sure we keep doors locked or actively monitored at all times. You can help by alerting staff when doors are not secure or if you see anything remotely suspicious. While we wish to remain a welcoming place, we can also be vigilant.

As a final note, I look forward to more social events and opportunities to gather as a community, starting with the Men's Club annual Chanukah Dinner in early December. Look for events coming up on the calendar and come join us!

Wishing everyone good health and joy,

Jamey Potechin



To contact Jamey Potechin,
email him at cbipresident@cbi-nj.org

Musical Notes

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Little Dreidel" (like you've never heard it before!), search on You Tube for a performance by Zamir Noded, under the direction of Matthew Lazar. It makes me smile every time I listen to it!

Through the songs of our Jewish musical heritage, and the newer additions which may someday become "traditional," may we continue to keep alive the spirit of the Maccabees and the light of the Chanukah candles. I wish you a spirited and spiritual celebration of Chanukah. I hope you will join in our CBI community programs/services throughout the holiday, including a musical program that I will be doing via Zoom on Monday Dec. 19th at 9:30AM!

Cantor Lorna Wallach



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

**Monday Morning
with
Cantor Wallach
Nov. 21, 28,
Dec. 5, and 12**

**Join Cantor Wallach
for a Musical celebration
of Chanukah (on Zoom)!**
Monday Dec. 19th
Stay tuned for all the details!



Chanukah Dinner Dance

Sunday, December 11

Starting at 6:30 p.m.

Festive Holiday Dining

Prepared by CBI Chefs Extraordinaire

Dancing - Celebrating - Door Prizes

In anticipation of CBI's 100-year anniversary, Men's Club is thrilled to kick-start the celebration. The honoree is all of us!

Please join us for the start of this milestone occasion.

Sign up online and place an ad in the journal celebrating our community!

**Join the
Fun!**

Go to cbi-nj.org to RSVP!

\$60 per person

Final Deadline Wednesday, December 7

For more information, please contact Michael Jurist at cbimensclubmillburn@gmail.com

Shabbat Soulcial

Dinner. Prayer. Singing. Fun.

WINTER CHANUKAH SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, December 16

Bim Bam Shabbat at 4:30 p.m.

Early Shabbat Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat Yaldeinu b'Yachad Service at 5:30 p.m.

In Sanctuary & on Zoom with our Yaldeinu Families

Late Shabbat Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**Traditional Catered Shabbat Dinner
with Potato Latkes, of course!**

Kid-friendly, vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options!

NO COST ... but we need you to register by Monday, December 12.

Go to cbi-nj.org to RSVP!

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



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

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.

DECEMBER

10 Shabbat K'tanim
16 Bim Bam Shabbat

JANUARY

14 Shabbat K'tanim
20 Bim Bam Shabbat

FEBRUARY

9 Bim Bam Shabbat
18 Shabbat K'tanim

MARCH

4 Shabbat K'tanim
17 Bim Bam Shabbat

APRIL

21 Bim Bam Shabbat
29 Shabbat K'tanim



Holy Writ Gets Lit at the CBI Chanting Circle

Sunday, December 11th 5PM in the Sanctuary

Join our chanting circle as we mark the approach of the winter solstice.

Our chants and songs on the theme of light

will chase the darkness away and bring in joy, warmth and delight!

With words taken from the Hebrew Bible you will also gain new insight,
And all with light musical accompaniment to help make your spirits bright!

The intention of chanting is to awaken the divine in our hearts.

It can soothe the mind and at the very least is simply fun to do!

No prior knowledge of Hebrew or singing ability necessary ...

only a willingness to join in spiritual community.

Contact lenhausman@msn.com for more information

Our 12th Year!



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Community Chanukah Lighting



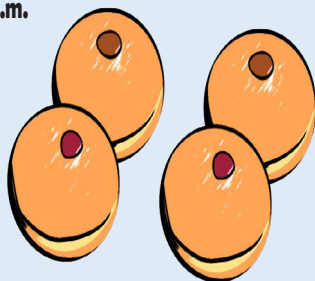
Tuesday, December 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Singing & Jelly Donuts

Entire CBI Community is Welcome!

Bring your Hanukkah and join us at CBI for
candle lighting, lots of singing,
and plenty of *sufganiyot*.

(Don't forget the candles!)



The program will run just 30-minutes, but feel free to stay and schmooze the night away.



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

Monday January 23rd and 30th at 9:30 AM via Zoom

Presented by Len Hausman

Please register with Rabbi Julie: rabbijulie@cbi-org

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 follow up on what I wrote in the last Bulletin.

Israel held its election on November 1, and very quickly determined that this election was different from the other four indecisive elections of the last few years. The count showed that a “right wing” coalition led by Benjamin Netanyahu was in a position to form a government, with 64 members of Knesset. While there are still adjustments and negotiations occurring, it seems clear that he will return once again as Prime Minister. What is different this time, compared to others (according to a Times of Israel podcast which I listen to) is that Netanyahu’s Likud party is the most moderate party expected to be in the government. Usually, he has formed coalitions with parties to the left, and parties to the right.

This will cause some complications for him as he fills the minister positions in his government – will he offer prime positions to the leaders of the other parties, or will he offer them to other members of Likud?

Perhaps we can say that Israeli elections are much simpler than American elections (You vote only for the party – just one vote to count for each voter), but the formation of the government afterwards is more complicated.

CBI’s Israel Heroes

Kol ha Kavod to the CBI members of the Desert Dawgs team which rode by bicycle from Jerusalem to Eilat, and raised funds for the Arava Institute, an Israeli environmental organization committed to working with Israel and its neighbors to protect and improve the status of the environment in its region. I am so proud of all our friends who made the commitment and travelled to Israel to make the ride and support this wonderful organization. Also, I offer a special salute to Dan Richter, who has been a leader in supporting the ride for years but was unable to participate this year.

CBI Federation trip to Israel

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.ifedgmw.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.

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 TenenbaumJ@AOL.com

BAT MITZVAH



Juliette Schor

February 4, 2023

Juliette is a lifelong member of CBI. She started off as a member of the community with an unforgettable baby naming in the snow with Cantor Wallach. Juliette is currently a 7th grader at Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy. She enjoys painting, chatting with her friends and spending time with her dog, Finn. She is an avid sports fan and loves the Islanders, Giants and Yankees (much to her dear friend, David Touger's chagrin). Juliette loves spending time with her family, especially her younger sister Rebecca and many cousins. Her favorite place though is Perlman Camp, where she has been going since 2019. Juliette would like to thank Cantor Wallach for her unending excitement and support since Juliette chose this parsha. She is also grateful to Paula Touger for her friendship and extra time helping to get ready for the big day. In addition, Juliette would like to thank Rabbi Isenberg for discussing her dvar torah and the meaning of becoming a bat mitzvah. Juliette and her family would especially like to thank all the members of CBI who have been the foundation of a home and community here in New Jersey.

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