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*May late summer find you well-rested,
relaxed & rejuvenated.*



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Submit entries in person or via email.

Pictures and ads should be submitted in .jpg format

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Rabbi Justin David

For me, summer is a time of delightful surprises.

Yesterday, I read a New York Times article about the passing of a notable cat, one who had evidently composed a “serious” work for piano! As the NYT related the story, the cat, whose name was Ketzal, was owned by a man named Morris Cotel, who at the time was the Chair of the Department of Composition of the Peabody Conservatory, one of the leading conservatories in the world, affiliated with Johns Hopkins University. One morning, Professor Cotel was playing a Bach Prelude and Fugue at his piano, when Ketzal jumped onto the keyboard, pranced around a little, and jumped off. But Professor Cotel couldn’t help but notice something striking about the seemingly random melody that issued from Ketzal’s dancing paws. While certainly atonal, Ketzal’s improvisation had a striking elegance. So Professor Cotel jotted down the notes that Ketzal produced and went

on with his day.

Some time later, Professor Cotel came across a composition competition in Paris inviting works under 60 seconds. He had no such works in his portfolio, and neither did his students, but Ketzal’s piece clocked in under a minute. He titled the piece “Piano Piece, with 4 Paws,” and submitted it under Ketzal’s name. Ketzal the cat received an honorable mention at the Paris competition, and the piece went on to be played on radio and in recitals.

But there is more surprise to this story. Ketzal is Yiddish for cat, and Professor Cotel celebrated his strong Jewish roots, drawing on Jewish themes for some of his most ambitious works. He had attended a yeshiva in Baltimore as a child, and as an adult, devoted time to Torah study as he pursued his career in music. In 2000, Professor Cotel retired from Peabody to pursue rabbinical studies full time, eventually becoming Rabbi Moshe Cotel through the Academy for Jewish Religion in New York City, after which he served a congregation in Brooklyn.

Sadly, Rabbi Cotel died in 2008 while only in his mid-sixties. But his example, even in this brief sketch, serves as a reminder to be open to a sense of surprise. Surprise leads to an appreciation of incongruity, and an appreciation of incongruity leads to a sense of mystery. And when we are aware of mystery, who knows where that will take us.

People who knew Rabbi Cotel describe him as a remarkable person, as I am sure he was. To live with such openness to the opportunities that our lives bring, especially in the most unlikely moments, bespeaks a unique combination of awareness, sensitivity and humor. We should all have the blessing of experiencing these qualities ourselves, and drawing on them to touch the lives of others.

Although we are at a quiet period of the Jewish year, I am beginning to think about the ideas and themes that I will contemplate in my own life in anticipation of the High Holidays. Following the example of Rabbi Moshe Cotel, the distinguished professor of composition who celebrated the work of his cat, I hope to do so with a respect for life’s ironies and a healthy sense of humor. For I know that embracing a surprise will help me cultivate a more open heart and generous spirit in general, as well as the remaining aspects of self that are a continual work in progress.

Wishing everyone midsummer blessings of health and joy,
B’shalom, Rabbi Justin David

Summer – And Looking Ahead



Ben Cuperman
Exec. Director

Congregation B'nai Israel is in summer mode right now. Things may seem quiet, I can assure you that the leadership and professionals are always hard at work. The Sanctuary Renovation Project is in full gear. We thank all who have stepped up to the plate and supported this much needed project. The leadership and membership have donated their time, expertise and funds to see this through. The chair company has promised the delivery for the end of August. The flooring is scheduled for the beginning of August.

We are including some preliminary High Holy Day information in this edition to be followed with a complete package for the September edition of Kehila. Our staff and leadership are here to answer all your questions. Feel free to call us anytime.

Statements have been sent to all. To those that have responded, thank you for your promptness. We urge everyone to inform us of your payment plan to assist us in planning our budget year. CBI does not turn away anyone for financial reasons. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your CBI account, please contact me by email at cbidirector@verizon.net or phone at 413-584-3593 ext. 201. We are ready and willing to discuss your account with you in confidence, and work with you on bringing your account up to date.

I am slowly discovering Northampton and am enjoying the process. Some of the items on my work agenda are improving collaboration within the community, streamlining our Kiddush operations, and getting to meet everyone, as well as meeting the Kehila deadline which is today. I believe I have fulfilled this task.

Very best of health and joy,

Ben

CONSIDER SPONSORING A KIDDUSH

One of my favorite activities and possibly yours is interaction with the members during Kiddush on Shabbat. As you are aware, the Board recently voted to hold Kiddushes as long as there are funds for it. Currently, we are looking for sponsors and/or co-sponsors and welcome all contributions to the Kiddush Fund.

Please call Ben Cuperman, Executive Director, for more information on how to Sponsor a Kiddush at 413 584-3593 ext 201 or email cbidirector@verizon.net.

Thank you for helping support the special time we spend together enjoying the sweetness of Shabbat.

With the New Year, Hearing the Voice of the Congregation Through Congregational Meetings



Ellen Kaufman

President

Dear Fellow Congregants:

I'm always amazed at how quickly the time passes, even more so as I get older. A favorite expression I've heard is "As I get older, it seems like I'm eating breakfast every fifteen minutes." And so startled and with a full stomach, I find myself at the beginning of our congregational new year. Here at CBI both our fiscal and governance year begins July 1— with a new budget, a new set of officers and new Board. This new year also brings other changes, as we greet our new CBI Executive Director, Ben Cuperman, whom many of you have met, and a new Interim Education Director, Rabbi Charni Flame Selch, who has just arrived in Northampton. In the next few months, we will also see the transformation of our sanctuary with new flooring and seating.

As I anticipate my second and final year as president of the Board, my three foremost goals are (1) to increase congregational input into the governance process, (2) to increase collaboration among the Jewish institutions in the upper Valley and (3) to improve Board leadership development and procedures so that there is a smooth transition of skilled leadership from year to year.

For now I would address congregational input. The congregation at large and members of the Board continue to express a desire for additional community input on all facets of synagogue life. Additional congregational meetings would be one way to address this need. At the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 28, we discussed a proposed amendment to the Bylaws. The discussion centered on requirements for membership and, while spirited, was also respectful as congregants brought discernment and wisdom to the question. The amendment did not pass, but it was clear that the vast majority of those present (about fifty congregants) were sympathetic to the intention of the motion, which was for CBI to be more inclusive to Jews from all backgrounds. I am, therefore, appointing a taskforce to look into the question of how we at CBI can achieve that end.

This is the type of congregational discussion that I believe is helpful and productive, and salient parameters made it possible. First, there was a defined topic, which was announced well in advance. Second, time was set aside so that as many views as possible could be aired. Third, there were clear-cut guidelines for speech: respect was paramount; there was no cross-talk -- comments were directed to the Chair; speakers were called upon by the Chair and comments were limited to 2 ½ minutes. It was my impression that most of those attending left the meeting feeling good about the process even if they didn't agree with the final vote. To my mind, this is a good outcome! Because the business of the Annual Meeting took so long, however, there wasn't time for discussion of any other topics.

To that end, I am planning **four Congregational Meetings** for this year: fall, winter, spring -- and the annual meeting in June. Over the course of those meetings we will review the results of the Congregational Survey and discuss one or two of the salient issues raised by that survey. I will also invite topics from the congregation, which will be addressed insofar as time allows (I personally find that two hours is the limit for a useful meeting!)

Our fall congregational meeting will be **Sunday evening October 23 at 7:00PM in the Social Hall**. Ben and I will work out a way for congregants to submit topic requests, either by email or by dropping them at the office. The topics requested most frequently will have priority. My expectation is that many of the requested topics will be covered as we go systematically through the congregational survey over the course of the year.

My hope is that these meetings will provide an opportunity for many voices to be heard. From these conversations, a stronger CBI is sure to emerge.

With wishes for health and happiness,

Ellen

Welcome, Rabbi Charni Flame Selch!!

Rabbi Charni Flame Selch
Interim Education Director

Shalom,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have worked with congregations in Israel, Canada and the United States and have over twenty-five years experience in informal and formal teaching, supplemental religious schools, summer camps, educational retreats and other organizational settings. I believe that Jewish learning should not be limited to our youth but should be embraced and encouraged throughout our lives.

I'm eager to begin working with B'nai Israel and am looking forward to getting to know all the students and their families. I actually began work in June on a part time basis, so that the transition from the end of the school year to the beginning of the next one would be as smooth as possible. There are some exciting things planned including a wonderful Sukkot family program. I see Jewish education as a partnership with the teachers, education directors, parents, and rabbis. There is no way to give our students what they need and crave without working together.

My husband, Steve Rudnick, and I will be living in Westfield. He is a Massachusetts native from Quincy and will be doing research for his doctorate in accounting and teaching this year. We are very happy to be back on the east coast and in particular closer to his family. I have a passion for arts and crafts and use art to enhance learning situations whenever possible.

I want to invite everyone to come in to introduce yourselves. If you have questions or concerns about your child's specific needs, please don't hesitate to call. The more I know, the more I can help, and the more your child can learn. Or, you could just come by to say hello.

The calendar for the year is in the final stages and will be sent out very soon. Please watch for information about a back to school social event as well. And, of course, if you haven't registered your children yet, now is the best time to do it.

Rabbi Charni Flame Selch

BAR MITZVAH
DAVID PLOTKIN
AUGUST 20, 2011
Son of Daniel Plotkin and
Sheri Katz-Plotkin

BAT MITZVAH
ABBY LUDDY-DUNN
AUGUST 27, 2011



Daughter of Jennifer Luddy &
Seth Dunn

Hey! My name is Abby Luddy-Dunn. I am a graduate of Lander-Grinspoon Academy and Gan Keshet Pre-school. Currently I go to JFK middle school.

This last year, for my bat mitzvah project, I volunteered at B'nai Israel Religious School and Forbes Library.

I love to read, sew, and cook. I am also interested in environmental issues.

As I prepare for my bat mitzvah in August, I am hand-sewing kippot by recycling old ties. I look forward to sharing them with the community on Saturday, August 27. See you

BAR MITZVAH
HAREL BRODERICK
August 27, 2011 at 5:30pm
Son of
Rachel Telushkin

Tisha B'Av Observance

Join us on

Monday, August 8 at 8:00 pm

as we observe Tisha B'Av with a Ma'ariv (evening) service, a traditional reading of Eichah (Book of Lamentations), and reflections.

In the CBI Sanctuary

Shira Chadasha Kabbalat Shabbat

Join us on

Friday, August 19 at 6:00 pm

for a very special, monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service. Led by Rabbi Justin David with David Weidenfeld on guitar.

We'll enjoy a beautiful and spirited celebration of Shabbat together. All are welcome. Held in the CBI Library.

Sisterhood Book Club

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Book: *Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

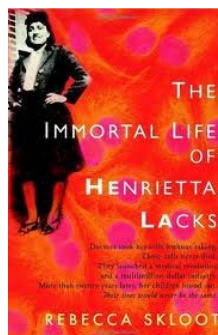
Date: Monday, Sept. 19, 7:30pm

Location: Home of Phyllis Eckstein
408 Westhampton Road, Florence
413) 584-7022

OCTOBER MEETING

Book: *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett
Date: Monday, October 17

All CBI women are welcome to join us for one meeting or many. Please call if you need directions or a ride.



This Year's titles:

November 21:
The Imperfectionists
by Tom Rachman;

December 19:
Half Broke Horses
by Jeannette Walls;

January 23:
All Other Nights
by Dara Horn;

February 27:
Birds Without Wings
by Louis de Bernieres;

March 19:
Major Pettigrew's Last Stand
by Helen Simonson;

April 23: *Tender is the Night*
by F. Scott Fitzgerald;

May 21: *The Paris Wife*
by Paula McLain.

High Holy Days 2011

Family & Teen Programs

- ROSH HASHANAH
DAY 1***
- ◆ YOUNG CHILDREN (UP TO 6) WITH ADULT
10:00 am - 10:30 am: Holiday Service (CBI Library)
 - ◆ FAMILY MINYAN
10:30 am - Noon: Creative Interactive Service (LGA*)
- THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 29***
- ◆ TEEN TALK
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm: What's up with the Holidays? (LGA*)
- TASHLICH FOR CBI COMMUNITY IS AT THE MILL RIVER AT 4:00 PM
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- ROSH HASHANAH
DAY 2***
- ◆ YOUNG CHILDREN (UP TO 6) WITH ADULT
10:00 am - 10:30 am: Birthday of the World (LGA)
 - ◆ JUNIOR CONGREGATION
10:00 am - 11:00 am: 1st - 3rd Grade (CBI Classroom)
10:00 am - 11:00 am: 4th - 6th Grade (CBI Classroom)
- FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 30***
- APPLES AND HONEY WILL BE SERVED AFTER ALL FAMILY PROGRAMS ON BOTH DAYS OF ROSH HASHANAH.
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- YOM KIPPUR***
- ◆ YOUNG CHILDREN (UP TO 6) WITH ADULT
10:00 am - 10:30 am: Holiday Service (CBI Library)
 - ◆ FAMILY MINYAN
10:30 am - Noon: Creative Interactive Service (LGA*)
- SATURDAY
OCTOBER 8***
- ◆ TEEN TALK
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm: What's up with the Holidays? (LGA*)
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For more information on Family and Teen Programs, please check our website at www.cbinorthampton.org or contact

Rabbi Charni Flame Selch, Education Director
cbieducation@verizon.net or 584-3593, ext. 203

* (LGA is the Lander Grinspoon Academy across the CBI parking lot)

9 CALENDAR

High Holy Days 2011 Service Schedule

Slichot	Saturday, September 24	CBI/Beit Ahavah/JCA (to be held at Beit Ahavah in Florence)	8:30 pm
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Wednesday, September 28	Evening Services	7:30 pm
Rosh Hashanah	Thursday, September 29	Morning Services	8:30 am
		Tashlich at Mill River	4:00 pm
		Mincha & Ma'ariv	6:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah	Friday, September 30	Morning Services	8:30 am
Shabbat Shuvah	Saturday, October 1	Morning Services	9:30 am
Kever Avot	Sunday, October 2	Cemetery Service	11:00 am
Kol Nidre	Friday, October 7	Evening Service	6:15 pm
Yom Kippur	Saturday, October 8	Morning Services with Yizkor	9:00 am
		Mincha & Ne'ila	5:00 pm
Sukkot	Thursday, October 13	Morning Services	9:30 am
Sukkot	Friday, October 14	Morning Service	9:30 am
Shemini Atzeret	Thursday, October 20	Morning Services with Yizkor	9:30 am
Erev Simchat Torah	Thursday, October 20	Evening Service	6:30 pm
Simchat Torah	Friday, October 21	Morning Services	9:30 am

THE HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICE SCHEDULE IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE
www.cbinorthampton.org

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
	1	2	3
7	8 TISHA B'AV 8:00 PM: TISHA B'AV OBSERVANCE <i>See page 7 for more information</i>	9	10
14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31

<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
<p>4 8:00 am: LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA MEDITATION</p>	<p>5 6:00 PM: KABBALAT SHABBBAT EVENING SERVICE 7:48 PM CANDLE LIGHTING</p>	<p>6 9:30 AM: SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY <i>Parashat Devarim</i> 8:52 PM: SHABBAT ENDS</p>
<p>11 8:00 am: LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA MEDITATION</p>	<p>12 6:00 PM: KABBALAT SHABBBAT EVENING SERVICE 7:39 PM CANDLE LIGHTING</p>	<p>13 9:30 AM: SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY <i>Parashat Va'etchanan</i> 8:41 PM: SHABBAT ENDS</p>
<p>18 8:00 am: LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA MEDITATION 7:30 pm: CBI BOARD MEETING</p>	<p>19 6:00 PM: SHIRA CHADASHA KABBALAT SHABBBAT <i>See page 7 for more information</i> 7:29 PM CANDLE LIGHTING</p>	<p>20 9:30 AM: SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY <i>David Plotkin Bar Mitzvah</i> <i>Parashat Eikev</i> 8:30 PM: SHABBAT ENDS</p>
<p>25 8:00 am: LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA MEDITATION</p>	<p>26 5:30–7:30 PM: SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS AT LOOK PARK 6:00 PM: KABBALAT SHABBBAT EVENING SERVICE 7:18 PM CANDLE LIGHTING</p>	<p>27 9:30 AM: SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY <i>Abigail Luddy-Dunn Bat Mitzvah</i> <i>Parashat Re-eh</i> 8:18 PM: SHABBAT ENDS</p>
<p>SEPTEMBER 1 8:00 am: LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA MEDITATION</p>	<p>2 6:00 PM: KABBALAT SHABBBAT EVENING SERVICE 7:06 PM CANDLE LIGHTING</p>	<p>3 9:30 AM: SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY <i>Parashat Shoftim</i> 8:06 PM: SHABBAT ENDS</p>



About our monthly Shabbat Services

TOT SHABBAT

Come join us for a lively Saturday morning program as children and their families celebrate the beautiful aspects of Shabbat through songs, stories, dance and creative movement. (For 3 to 5 year olds)

PLEASE NOTE TOT SHABBAT IS NOT HELD IN AUGUST,
BUT WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

SHABBAT FAMILY MINYAN

A creative interactive service featuring prayers, songs and stories. (For school-aged children, their parents and the community)

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BUT WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

SHABBAT SING

A celebration of Shabbat through song. All are welcome to join in singing a wide array of Jewish songs, from child-friendly melodies to complicated rounds. (For children and adults)

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JUNIOR CONGREGATION SESSION

An opportunity for children to celebrate Shabbat through prayer, songs, stories in an age-appropriate context with other friends. (For Grades K-2 and 3-6)

PLEASE NOTE JUNIOR CONGREGATION IS NOT HELD IN AUGUST,
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LEV CHADASH (NEW HEART) MINYAN

Join us for a monthly, alternative Shabbat service that will follow the deep structure of the Siddur, inviting us - through song and silence, conversation and meditation - to cultivate awareness and expression of gratitude, praise, yearning, truth, and connection to our rich, Jewish tradition. We will experience the entire flow of a morning Shabbat service (including Torah reading and teaching/discussion), but with scaled-down liturgy. Come with the hope of renewing your heart and your connection to the Source of Life.

PLEASE NOTE LEV CHADASH (NEW HEART) MINYAN IS NOT HELD IN
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Minutes for May 19, 2011

Meeting Date / Time:	05/19/2011 7:30pm		
Location:	CBI Library		
Meeting No.:	10		
Minutes Dated:	06/14/2011		
Attendees:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ellen Kaufman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dorothy Nemetz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Sagalyn
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erin Nunes Cooper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Caplan	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janet W. Chevan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Cohen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lou Davis
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lois Dubin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barry Federman	<input type="checkbox"/> Bruce Finke
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Norbert I. Goldfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hanneli Greenwald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gillian Kendall
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neil Kudler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henry Simkin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Trigere
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lauren Weinsier	<input type="checkbox"/> Amy Wolpin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Mason
Staff:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rabbi Justin David	<input type="checkbox"/> Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Nanci Martine		
Guests:	Amelia Ender, Emmett		

Meeting Called to order at 7:30pm

10-01. Call to Order

10-02. Rabbi's D'Var Torah

10-03. Meeting Minutes (Meeting 09 April Board Meeting):

Some revisions were necessary to the minutes. Following these revisions, the Board approved the April Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The date of the Annual Meeting was changed to June 28, 7:30 pm. The slate of officers will be presented; Standing Committee Reports are due.

2. BUDGET for 2011-2012

The presentation of the budget began with Board members creating a personal list of their priorities for an operating budget.

Total Other Revenue has increased, but Other Expenses has also increased. This is due to the budgeting for Gan Keshet. The Budget involves a 3% increase in Dues. Membership has decreased, so it is important to be realistic in next year's budget. The fundraising goals for this year (as budgeted for 2010-2011) are on track. Praise was given to Jane Trigère for her fundraising work this year to meet this goal.

Religious School: An increase in enrollment for 2010 was accomplished, and a significant enrollment increase (8 students) has been budgeted for by the Education Director.

Projected Revenues:

Dues are expected to decrease \$7,322.24, and Religious School revenue is expected to increase \$12,763.72. A total revenue increase of \$5,441.48 is projected.

Projected Expenses:

An expense increase of \$8,381.80 is projected.

Janet Chevan's work in preparing and presenting the budget was praised.

A motion was made to approve the budget. Seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board-sponsored Kiddush is on May 28.

Interim Education Director Update

An Interim Education Director, Rabbi Charni Flame Selch, has been chosen. Details about the chosen candidate will be forthcoming.

CBI Executive Director update

Ben Cuperman will officially start in June.

Survey

All are encouraged to read the results of the survey. The goal of the survey is to better inform the Board and community of the needs of the community as a whole. Lou Davis' hard work was praised by the Board.

Sanctuary Carpeting

Erin Cooper presented a summary report for the interim sanctuary renovation. The renovation includes three tasks: to replace the carpet on the Bimah, to replace the benches with chairs and to replace the flooring in the sanctuary. A summary

was given of the updates presented at previous Board Meetings. Three options were presented and the option involving carpet replacement and future chair purchases was chosen. A motion was made to accept this option. Seconded. A discussion was held, highlighting the extensive meetings with associated committees.

An amendment was proposed to go forward with this option but while noting that implementation of Phase 2 of the option will be dependent on adequate funding and volunteer support. Seconded and passed. A vote held on the motion as amended was passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ritual

Amelia Ender presented a report of the Ritual Committee. Gabbai and Torah readers are needed for the summer. Shlomo Barnoon will be stepping down as Hazzan and the need for appropriate recognition for this change is being discussed. Many candidates have applied for the Hazzan position,

and an offer has been made to the most outstanding candidate. A motion was made to award Shlomo Barnoon an honorary lifetime membership. Seconded and approved unanimously.

Garden Committee

Emmett Leader provided an update on the CBI Garden. A facebook page was established for the CBI Garden for updates and planning. Fundraising has been discussed and many possibilities, as well as plants, are growing.

Membership

Approximately seven resignations were received recently.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Daniel Mason



Missing Item: Have you seen me?

We are trying to locate the women's chevre kadisha's "Tahara" video borrowed from the synagogue director's office during the past 9 months. Could you please call the office if said video is in your home?, (413 584-3593). Thank you.



Correction

In our June/July Issue, we listed the names of graduates from LGA Schecter and omitted CBI member, Ben Siege. Ben will be attending Amherst Middle School.



Tornado Relief: Helping others rebuild



CBI's Tami Fields spearheaded an effort to raise funds for Tornado Relief in June after the devastating tornados ravaged parts of Springfield and other local communities.

AESTHETICS FUND

To Isabella Forman, Mazal Tov on becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Watching you blossom like our new garden is such a joy. From the Kline-Barton Family

To Isabel Darmon-Weiss, Mazal Tov on becoming a Bat Mitzvah. May you flourish like the CBI garden that is supported by this donation in your honor. From Randi Klein, Scott Barton & Jonah Klein-Barton

ANNUAL FUND

To Marvin Griffith, my hill-billy friend, get better soon. You've now got a second faith praying for you, the Little Immigrant. From Barbara & Peter Laband

To Irene Rothberg, thank you for inviting me to share in your birthday celebration. Congratulations and enjoy the special day. Love from Estelle Baustin

To Irving Rothberg, thank you for inviting me to share in the double celebration of Irene's and your birthdays. Congratulations and best wishes. Love from Estelle Baustin

In memory of Birdie (Bertha) Levine. From Edward and Barbara Levine

In memory of Max Levine. From Edward & Barbara Levine

To Lois Dubin, we send our condolences on the loss of your father. May you be blessed by wonderful memories. From Penina & Mickey Glazer

In honor of the marriage of Susan Mosler & Alan Peterfreund. From Norman and Eva Brown

In appreciation of Rabbi Nancy Flam's service. From Kenneth Hahn and Sharon Saline

In honor of Dr. Susan Mosler's marriage. From Lillian Dressler

EDUCATION FUND

In honor of Steve & Esther Bean's anniversary. From Stephen & Carolyn Dashef

ENDOWMENT FUND

Jim Sagalyn & Jane Herzenberg

To the Feldman-Schwartz family, Mazal Tov to Gabriel & his family on a wonderful Bar Mitzvah. From Doris & David Cohen

To Veronica Darmon & Susan Weiss & Isabel, Mazal Tov to all of you on Isabel's Bat Mitzvah. From Doris and David Cohen

KURIAN KIDDUSH FUND

Hava Siegelmann
Jim Sagalyn and Jane Herzenberg
Eileen Rutman

To Steve & Esther Bean, congrats of making it through 50 years, an amazing accomplishment! From Edward & Joyce Allen

In recognition of Leslie Fraidstern's contributions to our community. From Erin Nunes

To Steve & Esther Bean, Happy Anniversary! Thank you for all the years of friendship. We look forward to sharing many more with you. From Ada Medina & Stephen Arons

To Lois Dubin & family, honoring the beautiful legacy of your dad Harry Dubin. With love Marcia Burick and Ed McColgan

To Irene & Irv Rothberg, Mazal Tov to your big birthdays. Lovingly, Sari Merrill

To Leslie Fraidstern, in honor of all that you have done for our community. From Amy Jo Mitrani

To Lois Dubin, Ben, Rachel & Naomi, our condolences on your father's passing. From Ron and Cleo

To Nisa Zalta, we are so blessed by your participation in our Simcha. From the Darmon-Weiss family

To Dorothy Nemetz & John Todd, thank you so much for blessing us with your participation in our Simcha. From the Darmon-Weiss Family

To Henry Simkin, thank you so much for blessing us with your participation in our Simcha. From the Darmon & Weiss family

To Nancy Bean & Esther Bean, thank you so much for blessing us with your participation in our Simcha. From the Darmon-Weiss family

To Phyllis Miller & Roe Karparis, thank you so much for blessing us with your participation in our Simcha. From the Darmon-Weiss family

To Rebecca Lederman, thank you so much for blessing us with your participation in our Simcha. From the Darmon-Weiss family

Alison Morse, thank you so much for blessing us with your participation in our Simcha. From the Darmon-Weiss family

To Deborah Joacbson, thank you so much for blessing us with your participation in our Simcha. From the Darmon-Weiss family

To Julia Wise, Jules, thank you so much for participating in my service. It really did mean the world to me. I love you Bubba Sue. From Isabel Darmon-Weiss

To Doris Cohen, thank you so much for blessing us with your participation in our Simcha. Also, Mazal Tov in honor of your Simcha. From the Darmon-Weiss family

To Jennifer, Willie & Rebecca Howard, thank you so much for blessing us with your participation in our Simcha. From the Darmon-Weiss family

To Howie & Mina Bond, thank you so much for blessing us with your participation in our Simcha. From the Darmon-Weiss family

PULPIT FUND

Jim Sagalyn & Jane Herzenberg

To Lois Dubin, Ben Braude & Family, our deepest sympathies to you in the loss of your wonderful father. From Deborah Charren & Timothy Diehl

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Anne Kornblatt

In honor of Steve & Esther Bean's anniversary. From Stephen & Carolyn Dashef

In appreciation of Rabbi David. From Talya Westbrook

To Justin David, deep appreciation for your spiritual guidance and bible study group. From Miriam & Paul Slater

To Lois Dubin & Ben Braude, in memory of Harry Dubin. From Henry Rosenberg and Katherine Hicks

RABBI'S PRAYER FUND
Hannah Blau

RITUAL FUND
To Lois Dubin, in memory of your father who obviously had a hand in creating the

wonderful person - You!
From Jan & Al Chevan

SANDRA GOLDSMITH ENDOWMENT FUND
Jim Sagalyn and Jane Herzenberg

SISTERHOOD ALL OCCASION FUND

To Dutchie August, have a healthy and speedy recovery. From Sari Merrill with much love

To Dutchie August, hope you are enjoying a happy and healthy recovery. I missed you. From Harriet Weinroth

TIKKUN OLAM FUND
Eileen Rutman

In loving memory of Howard Kobin. From Joann Kobin

In recognition of Leslie Fraidstern's efforts to promote social & economic justice. From Dale Melcher & Bill Newman

To Louise & Sanford Bloomberg, Mazal Tov on the graduation of your granddaughter. From Penina & Mickey Glazer

To Robert & Virginia Rechtschaffen, our condolences on your mother's passing. From Ron and Cleo

To Lois Dubin, our sincere condolences on the death of

your father. May memories of happy times help console you. From Bill & Carol Jolly

VALLEY JEWISH SENIORS
Alvin & Shirley Cohen
Norman & Charlotte Winston
Stanley Elkins
Esther Plotkin

To Leslie Fraidstern, a tribute to you for founding the Valley Jewish Seniors Luncheon group. It has helped many seniors at CBI stay connected with their friends. Good luck to you. From the Elkins family

August Yahrzeits

August 1 / Av 1
Morris a. Allen *
Jacob Arbeitman
Raymond Cohen
Abraham Perlman

August 2 / Av 2
Allan Zachin

August 3 / Av 3
Herman Fox
Kenneth Heitner
Abraham Schlinsky

August 4 / Av 4
Max Tushman*

August 5 / Av 5
Saul Leo Cooper
Harold Gelfman*
Herbert Rubel

August 6 / Av 6
George Goldberg
Gussie Goldberg*

August 7 / Av 7
Rae Feld
Eunice Kantrowitz *
Nathan Marcovitz
Anna Zonderman *

August 8 / Av 8
Morris Olim*

August 9 / Av 9
Boyce Schaffer
Bernice Tarshus *
Dora Weber

August 10 / Av 10
Lena Cohen *
William Miliefsky

August 11 / Av 11
Robert Goldstein
Beatrice Torrey

August 12 / Av 12
Rhoda Michelman

August 13 / Av 13
Evelyn Hecht
Bernard Kadinoff
Theodore Kessler*
Ira Jay Udes

August 14 / Av 14
Sunny Bat-or
Ymkja Boer
Helen Cohen
Irving Fishman
Daniel Giber
Israel A. Prouser
Eleanor Tabor *
Marilyn Vogel

August 15 / Av 15
Alisha Kantor

Aug 16 / Av 16
Jerome Katz
Benjamin Migdal
Milton Weinroth*
David Wolff

Aug 17 / Av 17
Albert B. Landis *

Aug 18 / Av 18
Sara Allen *
Irving Bittman

Aug 19 / Av 19
Morris Bean
Jonathan Klein
Max Stricker

Aug 20 / Av 20
Liliana Goldfield
Elly Halprin

Aug 21 / Av 21
Sarah Gould *

Aug 22 / Av 22
Esther R. Freedman *
Irving Kaplan
Sarah Silverman

Aug 23 / Av 23
Sarah Arbeitman
Benjamin A. Botkin
Moses Kamel
Ann Miller *

Aug 24 / Av 24
Michael Hillel Rothman*
Leon Tunkel

Aug 25 / Av 25
Morris Weiss

Aug 26 / Av 26
Herbert Eckstein
Jennie Greenbaum
Hansi Tenenbaum *
Minnie Udes

Aug 27 / Av 27
Harry Cohen
Ruth Prince Federman *
Esther Perlmutter

Aug 28 / Av 28
Victor D'Lugin
Adolf Emmerich
Jack Norden
Betty Oppenheim *

Aug 29 / Av 29
Saul B. Rorrey
Saul Torrey

Aug 30 / Av 30
Fannie Barger *

Aug 31 / Elul 1
Simon Seewald

Beyond CBI: Mak'Hela Open Rehearsal

Mak'hela, the Jewish Chorus of Western Massachusetts, is holding an Open Rehearsal on Tuesday, September 13, at 7:30pm at the Lander-Grinspoon Academy (LGA Schechter). Prospective members are welcome; we seek choral singers for all voice parts. Mak'hela performs diverse music from our Jewish heritage: classical tradition, sacred and secular music, folk and world music, in Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, and English. We strive to build sacred bridges to understanding and respect, using the universal language of music. Mak'hela rehearses every Tuesday evening at LGA Schechter, and performs in synagogues and concert halls throughout the Pioneer Valley. For more information, contact Bonnie Mikesh at bpmikesh@comcast.net, or [413-567-3297](tel:413-567-3297), or visit us online at www.makhela.org.



Please help support the CBI Garden Fund by buying a card made from photos of the Garden . The cards are \$5.00 each and can be purchased in the CBI Front Office.

Thank you for your support!

Jewish Holidays At A Glance, 2011

Tuesday, August 9, 2011	Tisha B'Av
Wednesday, September 28, 2011	Erev Rosh Hashanah
Thursday, September 29, 2011	Rosh Hashanah Day 1
Friday, September 30, 2011	Rosh Hashanah Day 2
Friday, October 7, 2011	Kol Nidre
Saturday, October 8, 2011	Yom Kippur
Thursday, October 13, 2011	Sukkot
Friday, October 14, 2011	Sukkot
October 15-19, 2011	Sukkot Chol Hamoed
Thursday, October 20, 2011	Shemini Atzeret
Friday, October 21, 2011	Simchat Torah
Wednesday, December 20, 2011	First Night of Hanukkah: First Candle
Wednesday, December 28, 2011	Last Day of Hannukah



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Funds will be used for the synagogues most pressing needs. Enhanced dues are a part of this fund. *Please send donations to CBI.*

BIKKUR HOLIM FUND

Donations for this fund are used for gifts from the whole congregation for members of the congregation who are fighting illness. *Checks may be made payable to CBI with Bikkur Holim in the memo line.*

DANIEL & SHIRLEY LEVIN EDUCATION FUND

Money will assist qualified families with Religious School Tuition. *Checks made payable to Levin Education Fund should be mailed to CBI.*

DIVINE FUND

An endowment used to attract and retain outstanding religious school educators for our Religious School. *Please send donations to CBI.*

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

Donations will be used to support the work of the CBI Task Force. *Please send contributions to CBI with Domestic Violence in the memo line*

EDUCATION FUND

Donations help support all educational activities and programs for children and adults at CBI. *Please send donations to CBI.*

ENDOWMENT FUND

Minimum Contribution is \$5.00. A \$600 contribution or more is necessary for a plaque to be affixed in the main lobby. Principle stays intact; interest earned is used to defray general operations of the synagogue. *Please send donations to CBI.*

HEVREI MITZVOT FUND

Funds used towards gemilut hasadim, to honor Bar and Bat Mitzvah, and fund worthy endeavors. *Please send donations to CBI.*

THE ISRAEL FUND

Funds used to support CBI sponsored trips to Israel, Yom Ha'atzmaut events and other activities in celebration of Israel. *Please send donations to CBI.*

JEWISH LIVING FUND

Fund provides for programming to celebrate and promote the practice of Judaism. *Please send donations to CBI.*

KITCHEN FUND

Donations for this fund will be used for purchases and maintenance of CBI's Kosher Kitchen. *Please send donations to CBI*

LANDSCAPE FUND

Fund used to beautify and maintain synagogue grounds. *Please send donations to CBI.*

LEONARD AND BERNICE ALBERTS PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

\$5.00 minimum contribution. Fund assists qualified families with Preschool tuition. *Please send donations to CBI with Albert's Fund in the memo line.*

LIBRARY FUND

Money in this fund will go towards the purchase of CBI library books. *Please send donations to CBI.*

MAHZOR LEV SHALEM FUND

Funds will be used to purchase the new High Holiday Mahzor from the Rabbinical Assembly. Contributions of \$25 for each Mahzor. *Please send donations to CBI with "New Mahzor" in the memo line.*

PRESCHOOL EDUCATION FUND

Money from this fund will go to the preschool for equipment and teaching materials. *Make checks payable to CBI with Preschool Fund in the memo line.*

PULPIT FUND

Funds used to procure necessary items that are not covered by the operating budget. These funds will be used to enhance our services. *Please send donations to CBI.*

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND *Please send donations to CBI.***SANDRA GOLDSMITH ENDOWMENT FUND**

Donations are used to endow activities for Tikkun Olam. *Please send donations to CBI.*

SAM & MILDRED WOLFE BAR/BAT MITZVAH FUND

All students studying for Bar/Bat Mitzvah require a private tutor. This fund offsets tutoring costs for families. We encourage all families, friends, and relatives to contribute. *Minimum contribution is \$3.00. Make checks payable to CBI with Wolfe Fund in the memo line.*

SHABBAT CHILD CARE FUND

Money from this fund will go towards providing quality child care to all who need it (at no charge) during Shabbat services. *Please send donations to CBI.*

SISTERHOOD ALL OCCASION FUND

Minimum contribution is \$5.00. Money is used for specific synagogue needs voted upon by the Sisterhood membership. Mail checks made payable to CBI Sisterhood to *Harriet Weinroth, 100 Bassett Brook Dr. Apt 102 Easthampton, MA 01027 (527-3613)*. A card will be mailed for any occasion.

SUE KURIAN KIDDUSH FUND

Donations will be used to enhance our Shabbat services with festive Kiddushim. *Please send donations to CBI.*

TIKKUN OLAM FUND

Funds are used to benefit programs that help people in need, in the Northampton - Amherst area, in Israel, and occasionally when catastrophes strike in other parts of the world. *Please send donations to CBI.*

TORAH CHAI FUND

Donations to this fund assist the restoration and repair of Congregation B'nai Israel's existing Torah scrolls, and have made possible the purchase of a new Torah. *Please send donations to CBI.*

TZEDAKAH FUND

Fund for engaging in acts of tzedakah (charity and generosity) for the benefit of CBI members. *Please send donations to CBI*

VALLEY JEWISH SENIORS

Fund to help support seniors' activities through CBI. *Please send donations to CBI.*

WOMEN'S FUND

The CBI Women's Fund is for the purpose of helping CBI Women Members who are in dire financial need. To make a donation to the CBI Women's Fund, make your check out to B'nai Israel Sisterhood and indicate that it is for the Women's Fund. Mail the check to Harriet Weinroth, 100 Bassett Brook Dr. Apt 102 Easthampton, MA 01027 (527-3613). *Minimum donation of \$5.00.*

YOUTH FUND

Donations will be used to help fund activities for our youth programs. *Please send donations to CBI.*

YAHREZIT (MEMORIAL) PLAQUE

\$200 donation for each name. *Please make checks payable to CBI Cemetery Fund and mail to CBI.*

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