

# Congregation B'nai Israel

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This Shabbat v'Yom Tov Challah cover, designed by Israeli artist Yair Emanuel, moves us gently towards the upcoming High Holiday season.

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**FIRM DEADLINE: AUGUST 13**

**HELP US TO HELP YOU. PLEASE MAKE  
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Pictures and ads should be  
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## The spiritual luxury of the month of Elul

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I have always treasured this time of year, the Hebrew month of Elul, during which we prepare for the New Year and High Holidays. We're not quite there yet, as Elul begins August 10, but already, I'm anticipating the joys of this time of reflection and contemplation. Below I share some of what I strive to do each Elul so as to be most open to the power and surprises of the High Holidays.

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Rabbi Justin David

Turn toward inspiration - In Elul's past, I have found myself going to concerts at Tanglewood, reading Tracy Kidder's *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, and pouring over Bob Dylan lyrics. Inspiring moments connect us to what is most important in our lives and the gifts we have. If there is an author, poet, musician or simply a friend who helps us get there - latch on and hold on!

Explore compelling Jewish ideas - Every Elul, I go back to the well to study the stories of Abraham and Sara, Isaac and Ishmael, Maimonides' laws on teshuvah (repentance), the Machzor (prayerbook for the High Holidays), among other collections of interpretations and insights. If we're looking for intelligent and accessible introductions, the Facebook series will show us the way to the Bible, Jewish philosophy, the rebirth of Hebrew, and other topics.

Gently build a spiritual practice - Running marathons has given me new insight into preparing for the High Holidays. A slightly greater challenge each day gets me to run the final 26.2 miles. In a similar vein, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are spiritually demanding, and not only because the services are long. They challenge us to consider the precious opportunities borne of the fragility of being human - a challenge we often neglect. To take fullest advantage of this moment, it helps to cultivate anew the ability to reflect, quiet the mind and pay attention to internal questions and longings.

Elul is a beautiful time, one which is really a spiritual luxury. We have an entire month to consider our place in the world, and how we might play our part differently, with more devotion and compassion. May this be a renewing and inspiring time for us all.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Justin David

The Storyteller and Jewish Community

"Since storytelling is a dialogue,
shared stories create more understanding;
bring people closer together as a community;
and serve as a string that binds one heart to another."

Peninnah Schram- Jewish Storyteller

Are you a storyteller? I would venture to say that you are. In fact, I would say that with a sense of certainty based on my very brief
Education Director
Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt
experience here at CBI. At Education Committee meetings the members shared their reasons for belonging, telling stories of their lives and their children's. During the parlor meetings, people offered stories of their own religious school experiences and their hopes and dreams. In individual conversations in my office, on the phone, in the hallway, during services, each person has told their own story, brief or long, private or public, funny or sad. And I have been privileged and honored to be able to hear each one of them.

Are you a Jewish storyteller? According to the Jewish Storytelling Newsletter, to be a Jewish storyteller means to love Judaism, to wrestle with Jewish stories. It means to teach, learn and research. To be a Jewish storyteller means more than being a storyteller of Jewish stories or a storyteller who happens to be Jewish, but one who honors the sources and is a resource to the Jewish community.

One of my favorite Jewish storytellers wrote of his personal story in a wonderful book entitled The Beggar King and The Secret of Happiness by Joel Ben Izzie. He tells stories professionally. What I know in my heart is that we all can become Jewish storytellers. This is what I expect will happen throughout this year. During the year, we will tell and retell the stories of our Torah, of Abraham, of Rebekah, of Moses, of Miriam. We will celebrate through words the holidays of Judah the Maccabi and Queen Esther. And, as teachers and students, parents and children, storyteller and listener, we will teach and learn with and from each other what it means to be a Jewish community.

I am excited about this year and the beginning of this story. One of my main goals this summer has been to hear the stories of this community. And so I ask for your help, as the year goes on, to guide my growth here by being a storyteller. Continue to share your stories with me and with each other.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt

WANTED!

Madrachim/Teachers Aides for Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Are you in High School and interested in helping out the CBI Religious School?

Are you available on Thursday or Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 - 5:30 pm?

Are you willing to share your skills, knowledge and energy with the younger children of CBI?

Then contact Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt as soon as you can to be a part of the CBI Religious School faculty.

Email

cbieducation@verizon.net

Phone

413-584-3593
Ext. 203

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## What does it mean to call oneself a Jew?

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To members of my CBI family:

It is with a mixture of very different emotions that I find myself addressing you as the President of CBI. These include but are not limited to feeling honored, anxious, excited, and perplexed at the peculiar sense of humor with which the universe seems to unfold. Since I have not been a regular participant at CBI for the last few years, I would like to share with you briefly the trajectory of my relationship with CBI and a big question which is facing the community.

President

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Ellen Kaufman

I was very active at CBI for several years, serving as Chair of the Personnel Committee, serving on the Bylaws Committee, and as a member of the Board of Directors until I left these positions in 2006 largely because of a time conflict. To be really honest, that wasn't

the only reason for my distancing myself from the community. I was struggling to come to terms with the definition of "what is a Jew" especially as it pertains to membership at CBI. Coming from a reform background, being an "accidental" conservative Jew because this is the congregation that exists here in my community, I question some of the stricter legal definitions of the Conservative movement. Rather I see CBI as a community of like-minded people—but more than that—as a kind of extended family; and my inclination is to be more rather than less inclusive of who chooses to join this particular family.

It seems that this question has particular relevance now both here at CBI and in the wider Jewish community. For us at CBI this is relevant as we contemplate expanding relationships with Beit Ahavah and perhaps JCA. For example, who can come to the Bimah? Who can hold the Torah? Does that become an obstacle for further integrating programs? This question also is pertinent to any future building expansion because who will be the players here? With whom will we share a larger building or Jewish campus? Are we a big tent or do we stick to narrower definitions of who is a Jew?

In Israel earlier this month, a Knesset committee approved a bill that would give the Orthodox rabbinate control of all conversions in Israel. According to an op-ed in the New York Times July 15, Rivkah Lubitch, an Orthodox woman who is a lawyer in Israel's rabbinic court system, painted a harrowing picture of the future: "In effect, the entire nation of Israel is presumed to be Not-Jewish — until proven otherwise." On the other end of the spectrum is Rabbi Hillel's stance who, "as Joseph Telushkin argues in a forthcoming book, was willing to convert a pagan on the spot, simply because he'd asked."

So I wonder where we as a congregation see ourselves on this spectrum of strict versus more open interpretation of 'who is a Jew?' It is much more than an idle philosophical question as we look toward whom we include or exclude from our family and how we look toward the future both in terms of our physical and spiritual home. Lou Davis, a member of the Board of Directors will be distributing a survey to all our membership in the coming months which will include this question. I encourage you all to ponder it carefully and to make your opinions known.

B'shalom,

Ellen Kaufman

## High Holidays Service Schedule

Slichot	Saturday, September 4	CBI/Beit Ahavah/JCA (to be held at JCA in Amherst)	8:30 pm
Kever Avot	Sunday, September 5	Cemetery Service	11:00 am
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Wednesday, September 8	Evening Services	7:30 pm
Rosh Hashanah	Thursday, September 9	Morning Services	8:30 am
		Tashlich at Mill River	4:00 pm
		Mincha & Ma'ariv	6:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah	Friday, September 10	Morning Services	8:30 am
Shabbat Shuvah	Saturday, September 11	Morning Services	9:30 am
Kol Nidre	Friday, September 17	Evening Service	6:15 pm
Yom Kippur	Saturday, September 18	Morning Services with Yizkor	9:00 am
		Mincha & Ne'ila	5:00 pm
Erev Sukkot	Wednesday, September 22	Evening Service	6:00 pm
Sukkot	Thursday, September 23	Morning Services	9:30 am
Sukkot	Friday, September 24	Morning Service	9:30 am
Erev Shemini Atzeret	Wednesday, September 29	Evening Service	6:00 pm
Shemini Atzeret	Thursday, September 30	Morning Services with Yizkor	9:30 am
Erev Simchat Torah	Thursday, September 30	Evening Service	6:30 pm
Simchat Torah	Friday, October 1	Morning Services	9:30 am

## Family &amp; Teen Programs

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- ROSH HASHANAH  
DAY 1**
- ◆ Young Children (up to 6) with Adult  
10:00 am - 10:30 am Holiday Service (CBI Library)  
10:30 am - 11:00 am Apples & Honey (CBI Library)
- THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 9**
- ◆ Family Minyan  
10:30 am - Noon Creative Interactive Service (LGA)
  - ◆ Teens  
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Discussion in the CBI Library  
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 - 10:45 am Walk on bike path to hear Shofar (meet at 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 10**
- All students will then go to the Sanctuary to hear the Shofar & meet their families*
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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)
  - ◆ Teens  
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Discussion in the CBI Library
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For more information on Family and Teen Programs, please check our website at [www.cbinorthampton.org](http://www.cbinorthampton.org) or contact Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt, Education Director, [cbieducation@verizon.net](mailto:cbieducation@verizon.net) or 584-3593, ext. 203

## Lulav &amp; Etrog



To Order your Lulav & Etrog for Sukkot

Contact the Synagogue Office  
584-3593 or [bnai.israel@verizon.net](mailto:bnai.israel@verizon.net)

\$40.00/Set (Israeli)

Orders Due By TUESDAY, AUGUST 31  
PLEASE—NO EXCEPTIONS



## High Holiday Guest Registration

Guests are welcome to attend High Holiday Services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at CBI. However, since we operate on an honor system with no physical tickets, we ask that you please fill out and return this form to the synagogue with the following suggested minimum contributions:

Visiting parents and adult children of CBI members: \$36 each	Number of guests: _____
Other visitors from out-of-town: \$72 each	Number of guests: _____
Non-member residents of the Pioneer Valley: \$120 each	Number of guests: _____
Students are free	Number of guests: _____

## PLEASE REGISTER ALL GUESTS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Make check out to CBI with HH Guest in memo line)

Return this form and donation to  
 CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL  
 253 PROSPECT STREET, NORTHAMPTON, MA 01060

THE HIGH HOLIDAY GUEST REGISTRATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE  
[www.cbinorthampton.org](http://www.cbinorthampton.org)

## Honors for the High Holidays

The High Holidays are a sacred and joyful part of our Jewish calendar. One part of the holiday observance is having many members of the congregation participate in some way in the conduct of the prayer services. We hope that YOU will volunteer to participate (accept an honor).

Please include the following information and respond by **AUGUST 9**.

Email to: [cbiritual@verizon.net](mailto:cbiritual@verizon.net) or return to the CBI Office

1. What is your name?
2. On which day would you like an honor?

Rosh Hashanah Day 1

Rosh Hashanah Day 2

*On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, we especially encourage people between the ages of 13 and 20 to volunteer for an honor. (Parents - you are encouraged to raise this mitzvah opportunity with your son or daughter)*

Kol Nidre

Yom Kippur AM

Yom Kippur PM

Other (please specify)

3. What time of day will work best for you?

RH1 before 10:30 am

RH1 after 10:30 am

RH2 before 10:30 am

RH2 after 10:30 am

Yom Kippur Kol Nidre

Yom Kippur Before 10:30 am

Yom Kippur After 10:30 am

Other (please specify)

4. What type of honor would you like?

Opening the Ark

Carrying the Torah Scroll

Aliyah during Torah reading

Other (please specify)

5. What is your email address & phone number?



THANK YOU! ~ CBI RITUAL COMMITTEE

Memorial Booklet for the Yizkor Service

Dear Members,

It is a long-standing custom on Yom Kippur to memorialize loved ones at the Yizkor Service. Again this year, we plan to publish a Memorial Booklet in conjunction with the Yizkor service in which the names of our loved ones are recorded and remembered. In order to be included in the booklet, it is important that you send in such names no later than FRIDAY, AUGUST 20 in order to arrange publication. This list of names will be read silently from the Bimah during the Yizkor Service.

WE URGE YOU TO RESPOND TO THIS NOTICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PLEASE PRINT NAMES FOR THE YIZKOR BOOK VERY CLEARLY - THANK YOU

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Suggested Contribution: \$5.00 per name

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to CBI with Yizkor Book in the memo line, and mail with this form to:

Congregation B'nai Israel  
253 Prospect Street, Northampton, MA 01060

**REMEMBER! PLEASE RESPOND NO LATER THAN AUGUST 20!**

THE MEMORIAL BOOKLET FORM IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE  
[www.cbinorthampton.org](http://www.cbinorthampton.org)

**High Holiday Childcare**  
**Sign Up Now to Get a Slot! (Drop-ins are not an option)**

CBI is pleased to offer childcare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services.  
 Childcare is available for children between 6 months and 6 years old

Rosh Hashanah (Day 1)	September 9	9:30 am - 2:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah (Day 2)	September 10	9:30 am - 2:00 pm
Kol Nidre	September 17	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Yom Kippur	September 18	9:30 am - 2:30 pm 5:30 pm - end of service

A mid-morning, substantial snack will be provided. If your child is staying past lunchtime, an additional snack will be offered.

In order to plan for adequate staffing and age-appropriate curriculum, we ask that you register your children by **FRIDAY, AUGUST 20**. Please remember that for planning and safety purposes, we are unable to accommodate drop-ins. Safety laws limit our numbers, so we will accept registrations on a first come, first serve basis. Return your registration form below to the synagogue office or mail it to CBI, Attention: High Holiday Childcare, Congregation B'nai Israel, 253 Prospect St., Northampton, MA 01060

We aim to make childcare as affordable and accessible as possible. At the same time, quality childcare providers cost money! We are asking you to pay \$10-20 per family per session on a sliding fee scale, based on your finances, the number of your children in the session, and the number of hours you will use the childcare. If you can pay even more, please do. While the synagogue budget provides a portion of the crucial financial support for childcare, we must raise additional funds necessary to provide quality child care throughout the year. Please support this important service if you can. If the required fee poses a barrier to your family, please contact the CBI office for further information.

**HIGH HOLIDAY CHILDCARE REGISTRATION FORM**

Please submit your form by **FRIDAY, AUGUST 20** (and sooner is even better!)

Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children listed on this form: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check when to reserve a spot for the child(ren) listed below:

Rosh Hashanah (Day 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Rosh Hashanah (Day 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Kol Nidre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yom Kippur am \_\_\_\_\_ Yom Kippur pm \_\_\_\_\_

Names of child(ren) and ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost per family per session: \$10-20 on a sliding fee scale

Additional donation to support Shabbat Childcare throughout the year: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to CBI with Childcare in the memo line)

**REBECCA  
ROSENBLUM  
BAT MITZVAH  
AUG. 21, 2010**

Rebecca is 12 years old and lives in Florence. She has an older sister Johannah and younger sister Sarah. Rebecca is excited about going into 7th grade at the JFK Middle School and is a graduate of the Lander-Grinspoon Academy.

Rebecca loves to play sports and is planning on playing Soccer this year and once again Ultimate Frisbee with the LGA team. In Rebecca's free time she enjoys reading and listening to music. You may also find Rebecca working on one of her creative art projects or crafts such as knitting or making a friendship bracelet for a friend. Rebecca excels in math and is always looking for a challenging puzzle or game. She is also an active member of the Girl Scouts.



Daughter of  
Patti Klein &  
Jeff Rosenblum

Rebecca's Bat Mitzvah project has had many parts. First, she volunteered to tutor a student two days a week this past school year in Hebrew. Second, she volunteered her time to work at both the JFK Antique Show and the JFK Student/Teacher Basketball game, which were both fund-raisers to raise money for the JFK after-school program. Third, Rebecca setup and ran a very successful after school art program at LGA to raise money for her Bat Mitzvah project. She has not yet decided which non-profit program she will be donating to but, knowing Rebecca it will be one that is very near and dear to her heart.

Rebecca plans to continue her Jewish education as part of the Zayin class at CBI in the fall and plans on joining the Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing group.

**SHIRA CHADASHA  
KABBALAT  
SHABBAT**

Led by Rabbi Justin David with David Weidenfeld on guitar All are welcome!

Held in the CBI Library.

Join us for a very special Kabbalat Shabbat service.

**FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 3  
6:00 pm**

We'll enjoy a beautiful, spirited and musical celebration together!



**SLICHOT**

All are welcome to a special Slichot Evening with the communities of Congregation B'nai Israel, Beit Ahavah and the Jewish Community of Amherst.

Feld. The Community Service will be conducted by Rabbi Justin David, Rabbi Riqi Kosovske and Rabbi Benjamin Weiner, the new rabbi of the Jewish Community of Amherst.

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 4  
8:30 pm**

The program will include "The Gates are Closing", a play written by Merle

The Slichot Evening will be held at JCA, 742 Main Street, Amherst.

**SISTERHOOD  
BOOK CLUB**

**September Book:**  
Cutting for Stone  
by Abraham Verghese  
Date/Time: Mon., Sept. 20, 7:30 pm  
Place: Home of Nancy Felton  
29 Northern Ave, Northampton  
413-584-1299

**October Book:**  
Strength in What Remains  
by Tracy Kidder  
Date/Time: Mon., Oct. 18, 7:30 pm

**MONDAY  
SEPTEMBER 20  
7:30 pm**

All CBI women are welcome. Please call if you need directions or a ride.

# 13 CALENDAR

# August & Early September

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AUGUST 5	Thursday	8:00 am	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA (MEDITATION)
AUGUST 6	Friday	6:00 pm	KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
		7:46 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
AUGUST 7	Saturday	9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE <i>Parashat Re'eih</i>
			Kiddush sponsored by Jane Gronau & Zvi Rozen in honor of the upcoming wedding of Joel Rozen & Elena Lesley
		8:49 pm	SHABBAT ENDS
AUGUST 12	Thursday	8:00 am	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA (MEDITATION)
	Thursday	7:30 pm	CBI BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 13	Friday	6:00 pm	KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
		7:37 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
AUGUST 14	Saturday	9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE <i>Parashat Shoftim</i>
		8:39 pm	SHABBAT ENDS
AUGUST 19	Thursday	8:00 am	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA (MEDITATION)
AUGUST 20	Friday	6:00 pm	KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
		7:27 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
AUGUST 21	Saturday	9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE REBECCA ROSENBLUM BAT MITZVAH <i>Parashat Ki Tetzei</i>
		8:27 pm	SHABBAT ENDS
AUGUST 26	Thursday	8:00 am	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA (MEDITATION)
AUGUST 27	Friday	6:00 pm	KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
		7:16 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
AUGUST 28	Saturday	9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE <i>Parashat Ki Tavo</i>
		8:15 pm	SHABBAT ENDS
SEPTEMBER 2	Thursday	8:00 am	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA (MEDITATION)
SEPTEMBER 3	Friday	6:00 pm	SHIRA CHADASHA KABBALAT SHABBAT
SEPTEMBER 4	Saturday	8:30 pm to be held at JCA	COMMUNITY SLICHOT WITH RABBI JUSTIN DAVID, RABBI RIQI KOSOVSKE, & RABBI BENJAMIN WEINER See page 12 for more information

## Welcome to LGA!!

Lander-Grinspoon Academy would like to welcome the following CBI members to Kindergarten 2010-2011

Dahlia Breslow, Izzy Davis,  
Zoe Meltzer Lepine, and Ryan Weinsier

LGA offers a rigorous curriculum, advanced math learning opportunities, competitive tuition, art, music, and theater programs, and an ultimate frisbee team. The Harold Grinspoon Foundation offers a \$2500 tuition incentive program; an Amherst van and tuition assistance is also available. Inquiries and applications are accepted throughout the summer. Contact LGA at 584-6622 ext.117, [office@LGASchechter.org](mailto:office@LGASchechter.org), or [www.LGASchechter.org](http://www.LGASchechter.org).



## Ride to Provide!

UMass Hillel's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride to Provide, Sunday, September 26, 2010

The Ride to Provide is a community Sukkot bike ride, to celebrate the season and help raise money to support UMass Hillel's community service programs and environmentally-friendly projects. This year's ride is on Sunday, September 26, 2010 with planned 9, 18 and 36 mile bike routes through the picturesque autumn foliage of Amherst, Hadley and Sunderland. Sponsorship and participation of groups from synagogues and other community organizations is encouraged!

The funds raised from the Ride to Provide allow UMass students to participate in life-changing community service projects sponsored by Hillel, taking them out of their comfort zones and across the globe. In January of last year, UMass Hillel sent nineteen students to Northern Israel, where they spent seven days working with an impoverished Ethiopian Israeli community. In April, UMass Hillel sent twenty-two students to New Orleans, where they spent spring break working to rebuild homes and lives destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. These opportunities lend a hand to our global community while enriching the lives and experience of UMass students.

Ask about our special rates for chaperones of student groups! For more information please visit our website: [www.ridetoprovide2010.kintera.org](http://www.ridetoprovide2010.kintera.org)

Board Meeting  
May 25, 2010

Present: Tom Arnold, Jeff Caplan, Janet W. Chevan, Erin Nunes Cooper, Rabbi Justin David, John Eckstein, Barry Federman, Larry Hott, John Joelson, Neil Kudler, Susan Mosler, Jim Sagalyn, Shelley Schieffelin, Jane Trigere, Mark Brumberg, Bruce Coates-Finke, Tami Fields, Dorothy Nemetz, Deborah Penzias, Janis Levy

Regrets: David Cohen, Norbert Goldfield, Lou Davis

Guests: Ron Ackerman, Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt

### 1. Rabbi's D'var Torah:

Rabbi Justin David welcomed Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt, CBI's new Education Director. He is looking forward to working with her.

This week's Torah portion connects to our budget meeting. For some time [for the Rabbi] budgets read like boring texts, but over time, a story is revealed in a budget. This is exactly like studying Torah [for many]. In the description of the census, there is complete opacity. People are depending on G-D and every person counts.

Why do we spend time on the budget? Because powerful things come from our work: Marriages, friendships across generations, and people coming to the CBI community to find refuge are some examples. The budget ensures that these experiences happen.

### 2. Ritual Committee

Ron Ackerman presented: The High Holidays begin during Labor Day week in September; therefore all planning must happen over summer while many people are away. The Ritual Committee needs direct help and requests that the board take action at the next meeting. The committee needs help with the following planning tasks:

**High Holiday Honors:** Last year this task was an overwhelming job for a single person to give out all of the honors. Other synagogues form a specific committee or have Presidents give out honors. Ron proposed that for this year, the Ritual Committee (along w/ the Rabbi) and Gabbai should continue to be responsible for the Torah Service honors. All other honors may be given out at the door by greeters.

Greeters would ask people if they have had honors that year, and give preference to those who have not had an honor in the past year. If any honors remain, the greeters would then walk through and solicit others for honors. Since the Board serves as greeters, we will need to address this additional task.

**Teens:** We need one or more volunteers to reach out to teens. Last year, the previous 4 years of Bar/Bat Mitzvah young adults were contacted directly and asked if they would like to be given an honor. This usually requires multiple calls to the teens' homes before reaching them. This effort is well spent, as it is one of the ways in which young adults remain connected to CBI. This year, the volunteer(s) will need to call teens in advance and consider that the High Holidays fall during the first or second week of school for most young adults. While some young adults will attend services, it is "no problem" and we understand if they are not available to attend and need to go to school.

**Set up and clean up:** This task includes removing Shabbat / weekday prayer books, setting out High Holiday books, changing the covers to white, and cleaning and organizing after each service. Post holidays, volunteers bring back Shabbat prayer books, remove the High Holiday Books, and take off the whites. Mel or Ron previously completed this task. This year we need a group of people to organize and do it.

**Ritual Chair & Gabbai:** Ron Ackerman is resigning as Gabbai.

No one on the current Ritual Committee has volunteered to be the chair. The Gabbai is traditionally ritual committee chair. It is critical to have someone in this role and the Rabbi needs someone involved ritually.

For the High Holidays, we are seeking volunteers. Henry Simkin has agreed to do 1 day.

Ron does not think that the volunteer system should be professionalized. He has a numerous materials and files to pass on to the next Chair. At this time he does not know who to pass them on to. He would like to meet in person and review and 'translate' some of the notes.

### 3. Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from the previous meeting

as amended. All in favor. Passed  
Minutes approved

### 3. Synagogue Director's Report:

#### **Membership:**

This is our first month with no new members and we have had a stellar year. Currently -389 households. Last year at this time -379 households.

#### **Fundraising.**

We will be close to the projected budget amount of \$87,000.00 for the year.

The auction was attended by a small group of people. We aimed to raise \$20,000.00 and took in just under \$18,000.00. There are \$2,500.00 worth of remaining items: These will be sent out by E-mail to the membership, and people can choose to pay the minimum bid for these items.

In prior years we've raised significantly more at the auction. After 11 years, perhaps this is a tired event. Jan recommends a different kind of event in the future, which would require considerable re-thinking and planning. In this new budget we have a lower fundraising expectation.

The largest impact on our fundraising is the SCRIP program. Sales are now creeping up from a significant drop. Our year-to-date is about 50% of past years. Jan thinks that we can develop a better SCRIP program, making it easier to purchase, and she would like to grow the program.

### 4. Meet Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt, Education Director

Co-President Larry Hott formally introduced Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt to the board.

Rachel is excited to be here in this part of country and in this congregation. She officially starts a week from today. She has been in the field for 16 years and brings varied experiences. She has 3 children, and all are here in the area. Please feel free to call, stop in, or help her in whatever way that you want to. She is interested in what you see as future and vision of education at CBI. Right now she is here to learn from all of you [the board and community].

New email address: cbieducation@verizon.net

Please feel free to E-mail her.

### 5. Nominate Officers and appoint Chairs for Next Fiscal Year:

**Education Committee:** Shelley Schieffelin and Lisa Barondes want to remain on the education committee, but cannot serve as the Chair. The committee has asked for someone to be appointed. It is preferable to have the education committee chair also be a member of the board. Their role includes calling monthly meetings and working directly with Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt.

**President:** Richard Fein and the nominating committee have not been able to find any candidates for President, and they need someone to step forward. If no one runs for President, then the next board would choose a chair to function as President.

#### **Discussion:**

One suggestion to determine the next President is to conduct a working meeting for all new board members during the month of June. This meeting should be guided and held away from the synagogue. The intent of the meeting would be for new board members to work with each other and get to know each other and to have a leader emerge from the group.

Janis Levy suggested a professional consultant who is a member of CBI but who is not involved in the leadership to guide the meeting. She volunteered to call and see if this member is willing to guide the meeting.

The first board meeting is not until August, 2-3 weeks before the High Holidays.

### 6. LGA Gan Keshet report

David Cohen will present a report at next meeting.

### 7. Survey report

Lou Davis not present to give a report. He will give an update at the next meeting.

### 8. Administrative Task Force Report;

The Task Force met with the Executive Committee to review the findings in detail and develop some concrete steps to move forward. The Committee will work with Jan to develop a procedures and policy

manual (to include working hours, vacation policies, emergency procedures, etc.) John Todd is working on new job description for the Executive Director. The CBI staff will continue to be involved in implementing the recommendations.

### 9. New board members

Ballots will go out in the next two weeks. The annual meeting will be held Jun 27<sup>th</sup>, and new board members will be approved at this meeting. There are no candidates for President on the ballot.

#### Discussion:

Is the membership aware that the next President or Co-Presidents will be selected from the board if there are no candidates? This situation has been documented in previous meeting minutes and distributed in the Kehila. In addition, several community E-mail messages have solicited candidates for board and leadership positions. In short, there have been multiple means through which this has been communicated to the community.

The nominating committee still has work to do to present candidates at the annual meeting.

The community should have confidence in new leadership and in particular the President(s). Larry Hott will follow up with Richard Fein, head of the nominating committee and discuss sending an additional message to the describing the process of determining a President(s) if no candidates are on the ballot.

### 11. Budget

Janis Levy distributed a budget summary and presented an overview.

#### Background:

From FY04 - FY07 CBI ran a cumulative deficit of \$66,644.

FY 09/10 projects a net gain of approx. \$20,000 to help offset borrowing from previous years

FY 10/11 budget includes a 3% dues increase, which is equal to \$30-\$50 per year.

Fundraising estimates are more conservative given recent performance at the auction.

#### Discussion:

Overall, the budget summary was very clear. Many numbers are appropriately conservative, including estimates for abatements and fundraising.

Motion: Approve the budget as presented with 3% dues increase

All in favor. Approved

### 12. Sanctuary Design Committee

Jane Trigere and Mark Brumberg have led a committee to develop a short-term sanctuary improvement project. This committee formed after several suggestions about sanctuary aesthetics were brought up, and combined this with addressing accessibility and the sanctuary layout.

Erin Cooper has participated to provide feedback and to coordinate this effort with a parallel feasibility study on a more intensive and long-term renovation project (discussed at the winter 2009 community forum)

The sanctuary design committee is recommending a number of improvements, which would not preclude future work.

Jane presented a summary of the scope:

- Replacing the carpet at the Bimah

- Replacing some pews with chairs.

- Replacing the cushions on pews that remain.

- Replacing the existing vinyl flooring.

The committee is still working on generating layouts of pews and chairs. This work could be done one element at a time, or we could raise money for the whole project and complete it at one time. A more thorough report will be presented at a future meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Erin Nunes Cooper

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Donation from Sarah Belchetz-Swenson

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Donation from Anna C. Basora

To Debra Hertz in memory of your mother. From Ricki Kantrowitz & Alex Cohen

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To Janis Levy with condolences on the loss of your mother. From Rabbi Ed & Merle Feld

To Robert Abrams wishing you many years of continued fulfillment and joy! From Sally & Hy Edelstein

To Larry and Vera Wishnow. My deepest condolences from Esther Budgar

To Vera and Laurie Wishnow. Deepest sympathy on the loss of your wonderful son, Adam. May your memories sustain you now and forever. From Adele Steinberg

To Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Wishnow Our thoughts are with you at this time for the loss of your son. With sincere condolences from Ann & Ben Marcus

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To Linda Mondschein with condolences on the loss of your beloved mother, Gloria Mondschein. From Henry Rosenberg & Katie Hicks

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To Vera, Laurie, Rosemary and Michael Wishnow. Our very deepest sympathy on the loss of your wonderful Adam. From Marcia Burick, with love.

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To Vera and Laurie Wishnow in memory of Adam, one of the best students to go through CBI Religious School and a joy to teach. From Janet & Al Chevan

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Donation in memory of our beloved son-in-law, Thomas Vesely. From Frederick & Roslyn Nitkin

To Carrie Trattner & Henry Hasenbush. Loving condolences on the loss of your rosebud, Shoshana. From Eileen Rutman

To everyone at CBI for your loving support at the time of my dad's passing. From Eileen Rutman

To Carrie Trattner & Henry Hasenbush. In memory of your grandchild. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. From Phyllis Miller & Roe Karparis

To Andy Quiet. In fond memory of your mother Lillian (aka Libby), a loving, curious, zesty, proud woman of valor who loved Jewish food. From Cleo Gorman & Ron Ackerman

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To Corey Trattner and Henry Hasenbush - May the memory of your beloved granddaughter live on in Gan Keshet. Sending our loving condolences on your loss. From Ron Ackerman & Cleo Gorman

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Mazel Tov on Matthew's Bar  
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Sending you my deepest  
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Our hearts go out to you in this  
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