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Submit entries in person or via email.
Pictures and ads should be submitted in .jpg format

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Hanukkah & Creating “Mishkan”

Hanukkah has come to represent many things that are important to our lives, such as the struggle for religious freedom, the vindication of the oppressed, the reminder of spiritual renewal in challenging times, connections to family, friends, and community, just to name a few. But I would like to take a moment to have us consider the original, literal focus, which is the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem.

The Temple, or in Hebrew Beit Ha-mikdash, was unique in being the sacred center of the Jewish people. To be sure, our ancestors believed that God’s presence was everywhere, but the Temple was understood as a place where that sense of holiness was concentrated. As the Torah and Talmud teach us, our ancestors believed that, if they performed their Temple rituals properly, and if they maintained a just society, God’s presence would uniquely “dwell” in the Temple itself. Since the Temple was destroyed in 70 C.E., it has become even more important - not as a focus of longing to rebuild it in the literal sense, but as a focus of longing to recreate the sense of holiness and communal wholeness it represented.

For the past year and a half or so, I have been speaking about synagogue community as a “Mishkan,” a holy sanctuary the Torah describes as a model for the Temple. We similarly create a “sacred space” by working towards tikkun olam, the repair of the world, and creating moments of inwardness and celebration that express our deepest yearnings. But we have an additional challenge. For centuries, our ancestors could draw inspiration from the actual Temple in Jerusalem. We, however, have to work constantly to cultivate a sense of holiness in our community.

I would like to take a moment to highlight a few opportunities that can serve as vehicles to help us create our “Mishkan,” our sacred space. Join us for a special Shabbat celebration and conversation as CBI member Merle Feld reads from her new book of poetry on Friday evening, December 3, at 7:00. Just a couple of days later, don’t miss our CBI Hanukkah celebration, Sunday, December 5, at 5:00. We will have something for everyone including singing and dancing, with live music, a beautiful communal lighting of the Hanukkiah (Hanukkah menorah), and of course...latkes. If you would like to take part in study and meaningful conversation, please feel free to join us for two CBI Salons, one on Thursday, December 3, on the inner dimensions of Hanukkah, and one on Tuesday, December 21, where we will reflect on the healing power of Psalms. Please see the Kehila announcements for more details.

Finally, be on the lookout for more Hesed opportunities - we are making a concerted effort this year to make visible the opportunities we have to provide support to each other and our larger community. If you have a particular interest or would like to get involved, please feel free to contact Rabbi David, or Carol Jolly and Tami Fields, our Caring Community organizers.

As always, if you have ideas for how we continue to invite holiness into our community, I would be delighted to have a conversation.

Wishing everyone a Hanukkah filled with light and joy,

Rabbi Justin David

MAKE A HESED CALL To Rabbi Justin David

Do you or someone who know need to talk?
Make a hesed (kindness) call to Rabbi David

A hesed call lets our office and rabbi know to
attend to your need immediately.

Rabbi David can be reached for a hesed call either
through the synagogue
or on his cell phone (413)320-1355

The world is built on hesed (kindness).

4 WORDS

From the Education Director

“One person’s candle is light for many.” ~Talmud (Shabbat)

This month begins its very first evening by the act of bringing light into our homes. The lighting of the *hanukiah* allows us not only to celebrate the Festival of Lights, but also brings families together. We lighten up the mood when just a few weeks earlier we have turned back the clocks and brought darkness just when religious school lets out, just when we leave from work.

Hanukkah is the story of not just the miracle of light, but the miracle of the triumph of the few over the many. And as the Talmud quote tells us, when there is darkness around us, poverty, hunger, disease and loneliness, we few can still make a miracle for many.

This truth was reinforced for me a couple of weeks ago when the Springfield JCC brought in Kevin Salwen to speak as an author during its Book Festival. His book, The Power of Half, written with his then 16 year old daughter Hannah, tells the story of his family, who decided to take a remarkable journey of discovery, *tzedakah* and *chesed*, charity and giving.

Education Director

Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt

Their story is fascinating. They are a typical family who realized that although they were already doing charitable work, they could do more. So one day they took the radical step to sell their very large house and take half the profits to give to *tzedakah*. They spent a year as a family, both parents and children, researching and discussing, figuring out which world issue was important to them, and then interviewing charities to find out where to put their time and their money. The story is wonderful, not only because of the work that they have done for the charity they choose, but also for the unexpected togetherness they discovered through the process.

Now Kevin and Hannah, a high school senior, teach others and spread that light. Just this past month Hannah was named one of Glamour Magazines top 20 Young Women of the Year. And Kevin goes around the country speaking and sharing his story. This story has touched many, including my daughter who was there to hear him speak. No, we are not selling our house. In fact, Kevin does not encourage anyone to go to that extreme. But the family does talk about the Power of Half and the “giving of the three T’s: time, talent and treasure.” Their idea is simple. Figure out extra time by taking half from something else (Facebook would be my thing) and use it to volunteer. Think of what talent you possess and give half of that time using that talent (perhaps you can sing at a nursing home) Take a look in your treasures and see if half of those things can’t be donated. My daughter heard Kevin Salwen speak and came home thinking about the Power of Half. She decided that this Hanukkah it was time to share. So she has convinced us all to exchange only half the gifts we usually do and give the rest of the money to charity. This year our family will half our Hanukkah.

If you want to take your candle and bring light to many, there are many places you can do that in the area.

Actvolunteercenter.net; volunteermatch.org are two websites that offer ideas of places you can go around Western Mass to help others.

And to give you other ideas of projects to do, these websites are good for families especially: learningtogive.org; generationon.org

Of course, you can always come to Rabbi David, Ellen Kaufman or myself to volunteer right here at CBI. We can always use your help.

I hope your December is as bright with the light of giving as it is with the light of the Hanukkah candles.

L’shalom, Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt

CBI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES OF NOTE

NO SCHOOL DATES

December 22, 23, 26, 28, 29, 30
January 2, 16

ALL CLASSES AND FAMILIES

CBI Celebrates Hanukkah
December 5, 5:00 pm

GIMEL PARENTS

Siddur Prep Meeting with Rabbi David
December 12, 9:45-10:45 am

GIMEL/DALET & HAY CLASSES (CBI & LGA)

Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner at CBI
For students and their families
December 17, 6:00-8:00 pm

ZAYIN CLASS

Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner at CBI
All Zayin students and their families
December 10, 6:00-8:00 pm

Many Changes here at CBI: Pain & Opportunity

Dear Fellow Congregants:

As most of you know, Janis Levy departed from her position as CBI Director at the end of November. She has served CBI with diligence and integrity for the last six years and we are all the better for her efforts. We thank her for her hard work and look forward to her continuing to be a valued and prominent member of our synagogue community.

President

Ellen Kaufman

With input from the CBI leadership I have assembled an ad hoc CBI Director Search Committee as follows: Larry Hott, Chair, John Todd, Rabbi Justin David, Lauren Weinsier, Cathy Cohen, myself, and one other CBI non-Board member to be announced. We anticipate having the

position filled by the first of June 2011. In the meantime, our capable and gracious CBI Administrative Assistant, Nanci Martine, will be our acting CBI Administrator. Julie Robbins will once again bring her big smile and welcoming presence to the front office as an Administrative Assistant; and Ada Arons has kindly offered extra hours as needed.

In addition to re-shuffling our administrative staff, we are also looking carefully at what functions need to be performed by our paid staff and what functions can and should be performed by volunteer staff. One function that in the past was capably handled by the Chair of Membership, Elaine Whitlock, is being returned to the Membership Committee under the guidance of the current Chair, Lauren Weinsier. Lauren is trained as a labor lawyer, is a current member of our Board of Directors, is a mother of two young children, and is a skilled and gracious hostess as demonstrated by the delightful Havdalah and Pot Luck Dinner for new members held this past Saturday evening. All membership inquiries will be directed to her and handled by her and the other members of the committee.

Another function which the Board at its November meeting re-directed to our volunteer staff is abatements. Our new Chair of Dues and Abatements is Jane Kaufman, our previous CBI co-president, religious school teacher, and volunteer extraordinaire with a heart as big as the world. Beginning now she will handle all abatement requests. I have asked an ad hoc committee consisting of Barry Federman, Beth Goldstein, David Cooper, and Jane Kaufman to re-visit our abatement policy and make recommendations to the Board. We all remain committed to the overarching principle that anyone wanting to be a member of CBI will be welcome regardless of ability to pay.

A third function which we would like to be taken on by volunteers is that of "B'nai Mitzvah Mentors." We envision a small group of parents who have recently navigated the b'nai mitzvah process, partnering up one-to-one with families whose b'nai mitzvah is upcoming, to guide them through the process. Please contact me if this interests you!

When we as congregants take on some of these tasks, not only do we free up our paid administrative staff to attend to the 'nuts and bolts' of running the synagogue. We also build community by making meaningful connections among ourselves, and take ownership of this congregational community that means so much to us all. Please contact me if you would like to serve in any capacity on these or other committees!

B'shalom,

Ellen Kaufman

Welcome New CBI Member!
Batya Bauman

Taking Risks

On November 15th I participated in a preschool collaboration open forum. Becky Serlin, Governance Committee Chair, asked Bil Zarch, Rabbi David and I to come prepared to say a few words. I decided to share a reflection of my son's. It was from one of the draft college essays that he wrote. In it he spoke about how he viewed learning when he was very young and then again as a young

Gan Keshet Director



Wendy Stein

adult. The piece made me think about early childhood education, specifically the unlimited potential young children experience. How open they are to taking risks. How they are creative learners, open to discovery and multiple answers. Then their formal education unfolds and they begin to get concerned about one or

“right answers”. In fact if you would like to visit an interesting website that talks about what education should look like today, may I suggest you view on youtube.com - RSA Animate- Changing Education Paradigms by Sir Ken Robinson (who is a world renowned education and creativity expert).

At the urging of CBI and LGA leadership, I have been working with community leaders to establish a new expanded joint preschool one that will offer expanded hours and serve a wider range of family needs. We at Gan Keshet feel pleased to extend more learning opportunities and joy to more children. With additional resources at LGA, we hope to be able to provide these opportunities in more ways i.e., music and art specialists, interactions with older students. We feel fortunate to have a growing community's support. In addition to refurbishing existing space at CBI, we are looking at revamping our playground. In May 2011, we are planning on holding a joint community Spring Festival. Amy Siege, a member of the governance committee, has volunteered to chair this event. Please let us know if you would like to participate in some way.

In closing we thought you would enjoy hearing what children in our Parpar class of 3 - 4 year olds shared with us after reading a Thanksgiving story. They enthusiastically told us what they were thankful for. This is what they said: “ A new baby sister, birthdays, their sister's birthday, a friend's birthday, candles, a friend's dog, trains, receiving a special doll from grandma, having a new teddy bear friend in school, seeing a friend in a monkey suit, having a gnome costume at home, bakeries, and coming to school.” What a thoughtful list!

The staff at Gan Keshet is thankful for your investment in us, and for your appreciation of the work we do.

Wishing you all a relaxing, fun-filled, memorable holiday season,

Wendy

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

The teachers at Gan Keshet are looking for two boombox-type CD/Cassette players for their classrooms.

The children love to listen to story tapes and music and our current players have been much loved, but are now showing some wear and tear.

If you have a CD/Cassette Player you can donate, please contact Wendy Stein at (413) 584-3593 or email director.gankeshet@verizon.net. Or simply drop it off. Thank you!!



GAN KESHET

Rainbow Garden

*Jewish Community Preschool
of the Pioneer Valley*

- Play-Based
- Discovery Oriented
- Part & Full Day Options
- Extended Day Available Until 5:15 pm

Accepting Applications for the 2011-2012 School Year

Open House, Monday, Dec. 6th, 9:00-10:30 am

Snow Date: Monday, Dec. 13th

Come meet our experienced staff and explore our classrooms with your child.

We value diversity & welcome all families in the community!

Ask about the HGF Right Start Grant.
Your family could be eligible to receive from \$500-\$1000 towards your child's tuition.

**253 Prospect St., Northampton
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director.gankeshet@verizon.net**

December Salons

Study Torah, deepen connections!!

Thursday, Dec. 2 @ 7:30 pm

THE INNER DIMENSIONS OF HANUKKAH – A SPECIAL SALON

To be sure, the lights of Hanukkah are beautiful and evocative, but how, exactly? Join us on this second night of Hanukkah for an exploration of the inner dimensions of Hanukkah through the lenses of our Hasidic masters, Led by Rabbi Justin David!

At the home of Neil Kudler & Rabbi Nancy Flam
Address: 10 Jewett St., Northampton, MA
Phone: 413-584-1395
Email: rebflam@yahoo.com

Tuesday, Dec. 21 @ 7:30 pm

FROM PAIN TO HOPE: SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS IN PSALMS

The book of Psalms, perhaps more directly than any other book of the Tanakh (Hebrew Bible), expresses an individual's struggle to find strength, comfort and hope amid painful and threatening challenges. Join us for an evening study and conversation as we immerse ourselves in the poetry and spiritual tensions of the Psalms, examining them critically while holding them up as a mirror.

At the home of Corrie Trattner & Henry Hasenbush
Address: 42 Chatham Rd., Longmeadow, MA
Phone: 413-567-6553
Email: cstrattner@gmail.com

Host A Salon!!

Host a salon at your home!! Choose a day that works for you and the Rabbi

This is an exciting opportunity to study Torah with Rabbi Justin David in the comfort of a CBI member's home, deepening connections through meaningful learning and conversation. If you would like to schedule a CBI SALON in your home, please be in touch with Rabbi David at cbirabbi@verizon.net or call (413)584-3593, ext. 208.

We look forward to seeing you!!

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Save the Date

SHIRA CHADASHA KABBALAT SHABBAT

Led by Rabbi Justin David with David Weidenfeld on guitar.

Join us for a very special Kabbalat Shabbat service.

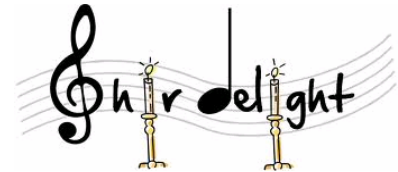
We'll enjoy a beautiful and spirited celebration of Shabbat together!

All are welcome!

Held in the CBI Library.

December features a Shira Chadasha to coincide with a new series, Judaism and the Creative Mind. Rabbi David and David Weidenfeld will lead this special Shira Chadasha before our debut event!! And stay for a wonderful event with Merle Feld.

SPECIAL EVENT:
FRIDAY
DECEMBER 3
7:00 pm
&
FRIDAY
DECEMBER 10
6:00 pm



JUDAISM AND THE CREATIVE MIND

“Finding Words:” A Reading & Dialogue with Merle Feld

MERLE FELD is delighted to share with us from her new book of poetry, "Finding Words," an honest look at friendship, life in the family, our strange and surprising spiritual practices, and the middle-of-the-night yearning to understand and discern mystery. A question and answer session to follow the reading.

Merle Feld's poetry and prose can be found in numerous anthologies and prayer books and in her memoir *A Spiritual Life: Exploring the Heart and Jewish Tradition* (SUNY Press, revised 2007). She is the author of several award-winning plays, including *The Gates are Closing*. Her latest poetry collection, *Finding Words*, explores the complexities and stark challenges of family, of adult friendships, and the struggle to center a life on what is meaningful and nourishing.

As Founding Director of the Albin Rabbinic Writing Institute, Merle guides rabbinical students and new rabbis to develop their own inner lives and serve more effectively as spiritual leaders.

All are welcome. Please join us for a lovely evening!

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FRIDAY
DECEMBER 3
8:00 pm
(after Shira
Chadasha Service)

ONEG at 7:00 pm

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Join us for these monthly Shabbat Services

TOT SHABBAT

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

THIS MONTH ON DECEMBER 4: 11:00 - 11:45 AM
UPCOMING DATE: JANUARY 8

SHABBAT FAMILY MINYAN

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

NEXT MONTH ON DECEMBER 11: 11:00-12:00 noon
UPCOMING DATE: JANUARY 15

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)

THIS MONTH ON DECEMBER 18 AT LGA: 11:00-12:00 noon
UPCOMING DATE: JANUARY 22

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)

UPCOMING DATE : JANUARY 29, 11:00-12:00 noon

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.

THIS MONTH ON DECEMBER 18: 9:45- 12:00 noon
UPCOMING DATE: JANUARY 29



Come one, Come all,
to a very special family event as

CBI Celebrates Hannukah!

Sunday, December 5, 5-7 pm

*See the lights of hundreds of candles flicker.
Hear the voices of young and old sing traditional tunes.
Dance to the beat of Israeli and Klezmer music.
Taste delicious, handmade potato latkes.
Laugh out loud with puppets for children and adults.*

Join Rabbi David and David Weidenfeld for joyous singing!

**Rock out to the tunes of CBI friends—
Becky Miller, Tom Randall, Joel Gordon!**

And, dance the evening away with Iris Berkman!

**Plus, puppeteer Anna Sobel joins us for a
fabulous holiday show!**

**Bring your own Menorah and candles and we will light them together
for a wonderful community moment. And of course, latkes galore!!**



See you there!

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Save the Date

VALLEY JEWISH SENIORS LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 15
12:00 pm

The next meeting of the Valley Jewish Seniors will be December 15!!

We are hosting local poet Henry Lyman. Henry is the former host of WFCR's Poems to a Listener. His poems have appeared in The Nation and The New York Times, among other well-known publications.

Singing begins at 12:00 noon.
Luncheon begins at 12:30 pm.

New members welcome. If you need a ride, please contact the CBI Office at (413) 584-3593.



HEVREI MITZVOT MEN'S CLUB

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 19
9:30 am

The next meeting of the Men's Club will be Dec. 19th at LGA.

Aryeh Wineman will join us again at 10:30 to continue the discussion on the topic of "What is a parable? Why did the Hasidic Masters tell parables? And can they still speak to us?"

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!
Plans for the coming year and tzedakah projects will be discussed.
New members welcome.

For more information, contact Yekutiel Kaufmann Schoen at (413) 665 0548.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EVENTS IN DECEMBER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 5:00-7:00 pm

Join us for a rockin' good time as we celebrate Hannukah together. They'll be dancing, singing, latkes, a puppet show and more!!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 6:00-8:00 pm

For Kabbalat Shabbat, the Zayin students and their families are invited to a wonderful service and Shabbat Dinner together!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 9:45-10:45 am

Gimel parents will meet with Rabbi David for Siddur Prep.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 6:00-8:00 pm

The Gimel/Dalet and Hay classes from CBI AND LGA, along with their families, are invited to a wonderful service and Shabbat Dinner together!

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

MONDAY
DECEMBER 13
7:30 pm

DECEMBER BOOK:

Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout
Date/Time: Mon., Dec. 13, 7:30 pm

Place: Home of Cleo Gorman

32 Winthrop St., Northampton
(413) 584-4497

JANUARY BOOK:

Yocheved by Maggie Anton
Date/Time: Mon., Jan. 24, 7:30 pm
At the home of Adele Steinberg
59 Mulberry Lane, Easthampton

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

The other titles for the year are:

Feb.: Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann;

Mar.: Little Bee by Chris Cleave;

April: The Help by Kathryn Stockett;

May: City of Thieves

by David Benioff



Sisterhood Shabbat

Join us for a fabulous Shabbat event!!

In loving memory of our sisters,
Judy Blaustein & Bernice Alberts

Come together for our special celebration of Shabbat, led by the women of the congregation and celebrated by all!!
And of course, a fabulous Kiddush to follow!

WOMEN OF CBI GET INVOLVED:

Come up to the bima and be surrounded by love and support. We strongly encourage your participation as first-timers and seasoned contributors. If this is new to you, we'll help and teach you what to do. Contact Janis Levy at (413) 584-6418 or janislevy@verizon.net to sign up. We really need someone to do the D'var Torah!!

AND come help prepare the Kiddush on Thursday, January 20 from 6-9 pm at CBI. Enjoy the company of your "sisters" in the kitchen, cooking, dancing, singing, drinking and schmoozing! Call Michelle Kaskey at (413) 586-6128 if you want to help!

Date: Jan. 22, 2011

Time: 9:30 am



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Month of December

WEDNESDAY	December 1		HANUKKAH BEGINS! <i>Light first Candle</i>
THURSDAY	December 2		FIRST DAY OF HANUKKAH Light Second Candle
		8:00 am	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam & Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg
FRIDAY	December 3		SECOND DAY OF HANUKKAH <i>Light Third Candle</i>
		4:01 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
		7:00 pm	A SPECIAL SHIRA CHADASHA SERVICE Led by Rabbi David & David Weidenfeld See page 9 for more information
		8:00 pm	CREATIVE MINDS SERIES: "FINDING WORDS" A READING AND DIALOGUE WITH MERLE FELD See page 9 for more information
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SATURDAY	December 4		THIRD DAY OF HANUKKAH <i>Light Fourth Candle</i>
		9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE <i>Parashat Mi-ketz</i>
		11:00 am	TOT SHABBAT LED BY PEGGY WALKER
		5:05 pm	SHABBAT ENDS
SUNDAY	December 5		FOURTH DAY OF HANUKKAH <i>Light Fifth Candle</i>
		5:00 pm	CBI CELEBRATES HANUKKAH: A SPECIAL FAMILY EVENT See page 11 for more information
MONDAY	December 6		FIFTH DAY OF HANUKKAH <i>Light Sixth Candle</i>
		9:00 am	GAN KESHET OPEN HOUSE FOR INTERESTED FAMILIES See page 7 for more information
TUESDAY	December 7		SIXTH DAY OF HANUKKAH <i>Light Seventh Candle</i>
		12:15 pm	TUESDAY TEXT STUDY WITH RABBI DAVID
WEDNESDAY	December 8		SEVENTH DAY OF HANUKKAH <i>Light Eighth Candle</i>
THURSDAY	December 9		LAST DAY OF HANUKKAH
		8:00 am	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam & Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg

HAPPY HANUKKAH

FRIDAY	December 10	4:00 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
		6:00 pm	SHIRA CHADASHA KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY RABBI DAVID & DAVID WEIDENFELD See page 9 for more information
		7:00 pm	ZAYIN CLASS DINNER: STUDENTS & FAMILIES See page 12 for more info
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SATURDAY	December 11	9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES <i>Parashat Va-yiggash</i>
		11:00 am	SHABBAT FAMILY MINYAN See page 10 for more information
		5:05 pm	SHABBAT ENDS
TUESDAY	December 14	12:15 pm	TUESDAY TEXT STUDY WITH RABBI DAVID
WEDNESDAY	December 15	12:00 pm	VALLEY JEWISH SENIORS LUNCHEON See page 12 for more information
THURSDAY	December 16	8:00 am	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam & Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg
		7:30 pm	CBI BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY	December 17	4:01 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
		6:00 pm	KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
		7:00 pm	GIMEL/DALET/HAY SHABBAT DINNER See page 12 for more information
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SATURDAY	December 18	9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES <i>Parashat Va-y'hi</i>
		9:45 am	LEV CHADASH NEW HEART MINYAN Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam See page 10 for more information
		11:00 am	SHABBAT SING (HELD AT LGA) See page 10 for more information
		5:07 pm	SHABBAT ENDS
TUESDAY	December 21		NOTE: NO TUESDAY TEXT STUDY WITH RABBI DAVID
THURSDAY	December 23	8:00 am	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam & Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg
FRIDAY	December 24	4:04 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
		6:00 pm	KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
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SATURDAY	December 25	9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES <i>Parashat Sh'mot</i> Please note: Junior Congregation Not Held, No Kiddush Today
		5:10 pm	SHABBAT ENDS
TUESDAY	December 28		NOTE: NO TUESDAY TEXT STUDY WITH RABBI DAVID
FRIDAY	December 31	4:09 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
		6:00 pm	KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICES

**FREE
MEMBERSHIP
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B'NAI TZEDEK**

Free Membership Offer to Join B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program
Are you a teen who is interested in philanthropy? Are you looking for a way to meet other Jewish teens? Do you want to have fun while making a difference?

The B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program gives local Jewish teens a way to get involved, take action and make a difference in their community through hands-on community service projects, fundraising and more. To encourage even more young people to get involved, B'nai Tzedek is waiving the \$118 membership fee for those who sign up by December 31, 2010. This fall, the B'nai Tzedek teen will glean crops for Rachel's Table, donating the produce to local food pantries and shelters on October 17th and November 7th and take part in a Hanukkah dance and fundraiser on December 4th. Visit www.hgf.org to find out more or go to <http://tinyurl.com/BTmembership> and fill out your membership form today.

**JCC MACCABI
GAMES FOR
TEENS!!**

Attention Teens! We've Got Game! And you need to Get IN the Game! Register now at the Springfield JCC to participate in the JCC Maccabi Games hosted here in Springfield August 14 - 19.

Team Springfield seeks all interested Jewish teens ages 12-16 as of July 31, 2011. Team sports for ages 13-16 will have tryouts for boys' basketball and soccer and girls' basketball, soccer and volleyball. Individual sport choices for ages 12-16 are: Tennis, Table Tennis, Golf, Bowling, Swimming, Track and Field or, a special for the host community, Star Reporter where you can be a roving reporter keeping people around the world up to date on the Games! This is a once in a lifetime chance to be a host community participant. JCC Maccabi Games at a glance: Olympic-style Opening Ceremonies at the MA Mutual Civic Center, daily competition, hang time activities, meaningful community service projects and meeting over 850 Jewish teens from around the US and the world. Get Game and Contact Amy Kimball (Team Springfield Delegation Head) for more info at akimball@springfieldjcc.org or at (413) 739-4715 ext 322. And, tell your parents to sign up as a Host Family or a Volunteer!

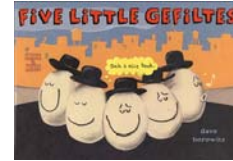
**JCA SCHOLAR IN
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RABBI ARTHUR
GREEN**

JEWISH COMMUNITY OF AMHERST SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE COMMITTEE PRESENTS: RABBI ARTHUR GREEN Dec 10-12, 2010. Rabbi Green is a noted teacher and scholar on Jewish thought and spirituality, in particular Jewish mysticism. In addition, he has been instrumental in the Jewish Renewal and Chavurah movements.

Wide array of scheduled events on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, ranging from text studies and teaching, services with D'var Torah from Rabbi Green, dinner on Friday evening and luncheon on Saturday. For a more specific schedule of events and to register, visit the j-c-a.org/scholar-reg.pdf. Cost for the weekend teaching, (Sat. & Sun.) is \$40 for members of any synagogue, \$55 for unaffiliated guests, \$18 for students. Meals available for separate cost. *Fee for dinner (\$18pp) and lunch (\$10pp). Deadline for meal registration 12/3/10.

PJ PALS: FUN FOR PRESCHOOLERS & THEIR FAMILIES!

Brianna Maier, a teacher from Gan Keshet Preschool, led the November PJ Pals program with many Gan Keshet and other local families in attendance. PJ Pals, hosted by Lander-Grinspoon Academy, uses PJ Library books and related, fun activities to explore different Jewish themes. Brianna, and her puppet friend, George the Turtle, went “Gaga for Gefiltes” and celebrated Jewish foods with their preschool friends by reading "Five Little Gefiltes" and making "Gefilte" finger puppets.



The PJ Library invites preschoolers (2-4 years) and their parents/ caregivers to join friends for monthly fun with Jewish-themed stories, music, movement, puppetry, and art. Friends are welcome to come early and bring a vegetarian brown bag lunch to enjoy with others, and are invited to stay after for Kabbalat Shabbat with LGA students. The program is free and takes place at the Lander-Grinspoon Academy in Northampton.



"Menorah Jones" and "Mac-a-bee"

Join Felicia Sloin, aka “Menorah Jones” and her puppet pals for a fabulous Hannukah PJ Pals event on December 3, from 1:00-2:00 pm! It’s a guaranteed good time!!

PJ Pals is held on Fridays, 1:00-2:00 pm throughout the year.
Upcoming Dates: December 3, January 7, and February 4.

For info about the program call Marla at 584-6622, x117. The PJ Library (www.pjlibrary.org) is a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts.

CBI SCRIP Program

FEED YOUR FAMILY AND FUND CBI AT THE SAME TIME!

If all 392 member families bought \$50.00 dollars worth of scrip each week, CBI would receive.....\$50,960 a year. CBI receives 5% of scrip purchases. You pay no additional charges and receive all of your usual store discounts. SCRIP - gift cards from merchants around town - has been an invaluable source of funding for CBI. If there was ever a win-win, this is it!

We've got: Stop & Shop Gift Cards (\$300, \$100), River Valley Market (\$100), Big Y (\$100), Serio's (\$10), the Northampton Gift Card (\$50)

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO BUY SCRIP

- ▶ Buy it in person at the CBI office
- ▶ Mail in a check
- ▶ Schedule online payments from your bank
- ▶ Set up an automatic debit from your checking account

If you mail in a check or schedule payments, you will receive your SCRIP in the mail. Please let us know the denominations and names of the SCRIP cards you want. Include your name, address, phone and email. If you have any questions about payments or about the SCRIP program, please call the CBI office at 584-3593.

18 MINUTES

CBI Board Meeting Minutes, October 21, 2010

Meeting Date / Time: 10/21/2010 7:30pm
Meeting No.: 2010-03

Location: CBI Library
Minutes Dated: 11/16/2010

Attendees:

Ellen Kaufman
Dorothy Nemetz
Jim Sagalyn
Erin Nunes Cooper
Ellen Bernstein
Jeff Caplan
David Cohen
Lois Dubin
Barry Federman

Bruce Finke
Norbert I. Goldfield
Hanneli Greenwald
Gillian Kendall
Neil Kudler
Henry Simkin
Jane Trigere
Lauren Weinsier
Amy Wolpin

Regrets: Janet Chevan, Lou Davis

Staff: Rabbi Justin David
Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt
Wendy Stein

Guests: Mike Perlman

Meeting Called to order at 7:32pm

03-1. Greetings, Introductions:

President Ellen Kaufman welcomed all attendees and introduced new board member, Amy Wolpin. Amy replaces Jeff Schreznel as the President's appointment. Amy is a member of the Education Committee.

03-2. Rabbi's D'Var Torah:

Rabbi Justin David opened the meeting with a D'Var Torah. He called attention to a wimple that Jane Trigere made. A wimple, which is used to tie the Sefer Torah is usually plain, but sometimes artistic. Jane's wimple is the latter, and when rolled out it contains a visual midrash on Abraham and Sarah's lives. This is instructive and timely: The Board kicks off at time when we read Genesis and through our work we get wiser and more empathetic. We are engaged in an evolving process collectively over the course of the year.

03-3. Meeting Minutes (Meeting 02 September):

Henry Simkin moved to approve the September Meeting Minutes. Second. Approved by show of hands.

03-4. Membership

New Member family Mara & Neil Priestly and Ryan

David Cohen moved to approve the New Membership. Second. Approved by show of hands.

The board suggested that the Membership Committee consider instituting the practice of calling resigning members for a friendly and informal 'exit interview.'

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03-5. Board Retreat:

The Board Retreat will be held this Sunday, October 24, 2010 from 1:00 - 5:00 pm at the Northampton Country Club. Neil Kudler will facilitate. Please bring refreshments to share (pareve or dairy).

03-6. Committees:

◆ New Appointments:

Ritual Committee: Amelia Enders agreed to chair the ritual committee. She has coordinated with Ron Ackerman, Rabbi Justin David, and other members of the committee.

◆ Vacancies:

Please submit committee chair recommendations to President Ellen Kaufman.

House and Properties: We need someone to take on the role of Committee Chair with the understanding that Joe is now full time employee. The committee chair will have less responsibility and will serve in an advisory capacity.

Endowment Manager: David Cohen will step down as endowment manager. He is happy to train a new volunteer. We have an endowment advisor and the volunteer does not need to be an expert in investing.

Fundraising: A Committee Chair is needed.

The board thanks David Cohen for his incredible work in last few years.

03-7. CBI Survey:

The board reviewed a draft of the survey last year and spent substantial time reviewing the survey at the previous board retreat. New board members can review the draft and provide comments before it goes out.

The Membership Committee will collaborate with Lou Davis and develop a process to follow up with members after the survey. Follow-up phone conversations should get more personal and in depth input where needed.

03-8. L'dor v'dor:

CBI has completed 2 years of the Create a Jewish Legacy program. For our exemplary performance, exceeding 36 commitments to planned gifts, we are rewarded with the opportunity to "Take a Walk with Harold."

We will continue the program this year, even though the incentive is lower.

We aim to have 100% board participation at any level. The easiest way is to make CBI a beneficiary of a retirement plan at any percentage amount. We need 12 more commitment letters to reach our goal. Dorothy will send commitment letter templates to all board members. Any member of CBI can participate and should contact Dorothy.

Next month we will appointment someone to "Take a Walk with Harold".

20 MINUTES

03-9. Kippot Box:

Kevin Hale recommended a project to commission a new kippot box in honor of Bernice Alberts. He will obtain an estimate for the work and would like the board to allocate a fund for it. David Cohen moved to table this until more information is available. Second. Approved by show of hands.

The sense of the board is that there is support for a project like this, however there may be a more suitable object to commission other than a kippot box.

03-10. 2010/ 2011 Fundraising Event:

The Fundraising Committee chair is currently vacant. Last year, the board recommended that the Fundraising Committee develop a fresh and new event to replace the Auction and look at ongoing fundraising. In the absence of a chair and working committee, we still need a major fundraising event.

Jane Trigere volunteered to spearhead a 2010/2011 fundraising event. In lieu of the Auction, she will plan a night to honor Leslie in the spring of 2011.

03-11. LGA / Gan Keshet Collaboration:

A community meeting will be held on Monday November 15 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from the Governance Committee and to ask questions about the preschool.

03-12. One Israel Fund:

One Israel Fund approached CBI about hosting a speaker from their organization. Mike Perlman of the Eretz Yisrael Committee requested board approval to bring in Mark Prowiser, from the One Israel Fund to speak at CBI.

The board expressed concern about the organization's status in the United States and in Israel. Even though some members of the community are uncomfortable with the political viewpoint, we would welcome a speaker that is sponsored by a member or committee and that meets our criteria for outside speakers.

David Cohen moved to deny the request until the CBI events criteria are revisited and more information about the speaker and the organization is available. Second. Approved by show of hands.

[Post Meeting Note: Prior to the October 24 board retreat, we reviewed the policy and criteria for outside speakers as well as an expanded description of the One Israel Fund. The proposed speaker and event met our criteria, therefore, the event could take place and does not require further board approval]

03-13. Compensation Package [Executive Session]:

The board reviewed a proposed compensation package for Janis Levy's resignation in a closed executive session.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Erin N. Cooper

21 DONATIONS

ANNUAL FUND

Virginia Schulman

Ride to Provide from Hillel House

To Dorothy Nemetz, sincere condolences on the loss of your mother, Zena Nemetz. From Alele and Henry Oppenheim

In honor of Lior's Bar Mitzvah. From Leonard & Judith Seltzer

To Gary & Paula Winston, with sympathy on the loss of your mother. From Sally & Hy Edelstein

To Dorothy Nemetz. In memory of your mother. From Barry Federman

To Carol Katz. Get well wishes. From Barry Federman

In memory of my dear mother, Jeannette Davis. From Barbara & Ed Levine

To Dorothy Nemetz. Condolences and in loving memory of your mother, Zena Nemetz. From Penina & Myron Glazer

EDUCATION FUND

To Lior David. In honor of your Bar Mitzvah Mazel-Tov. From Adele Oppenheim

KOL NIDRE

Neil Kudler & Nancy Flam
Rebecca Muller

KURIAN KIDDUSH FUND

Eric Roth & Anne Werry

David Eisenthal & Talya Westbrook

In memory of Frederick Nitkin from Hampshire Regional High School.

LEONARD & BERNICE ALBERTS PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Bernice Alberts, a grand gal, and for her unwavering support of Jewish preschool education. Fondly, Wendy Stein

In memory of Bernice Alberts from Jane Goldfield

In memory of Bernice Alberts from Shoshana Zonderman and Saul Perlmutter

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Alvin & Sherley Cohen
Ronald & Eileen Burke
Eric Roth & Anne Werry

In honor of Lior's Bar Mitzvah. from Stephanie & Gerald Schamess

In memory of Dr. Irving Fishman. From Robert Fishman

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Lior David. From Barbara & Ed Levine

In honor of our granddaughter Ellie Levine's Bat Mitzvah. From Barbara & Ed Levine

In honor of Lior Shalom Wolf David's Bar Mitzvah. From Leslea Vazquez Newman

In honor of Rabbi Justin David for sitting on my Bet Din when I converted. From Christine Young

To Rabbi Justin David. Thank you for being there at our parents' unveiling. From Judith & Robert Wild

RITUAL FUND

Condolences to Dorothy Nemetz & family on the loss of her mother. From Richard Fein & Rhonda Frankel-Fein

SAM & MILDRED WOLFE BAR/BAT MITZVAH FUND

Alan Spanier

SHABBAT CHILD CARE FUND

Eric Roth & Anne Werry

SISTERHOOD ALL OCCASION FUND

Pauline Goldwater

TIKKUN OLAM FUND

Nancy Felton & Joel Danský

In honor of Alex Eisenthal and Lior David for becoming b'nai mitzvah. From Shoshana Zonderman & Saul Perlmutter

TORAH RESTORATION FUND

In honor of Rabbi Kevin Hale for sitting on my Bet Din when I converted. From Christine Young

VALLEY JEWISH SENIORS

Henry & Adele Oppenheim

YOUTH FUND

Warmest congratulations to Lior for his Bar Mitzvah and in honor of his family. From Joann Kobin

TUESDAY TEXT STUDY With Rabbi Justin David

Join us weekly, or as often as you can, for informal study of Jewish texts and lively discussion.

Held in the library at CBI every Tuesday.

PLEASE NOTE: TEXT STUDY WILL NOT BE HELD ON DECEMBER 21 & 28, 2010.

Registration is not required and there is no charge.

Contact Rabbi Justin David for more information at cbirabbi@verizon.net or call 584-3593 ext. 208

TEEN SCENE

CBI teens now have a way to stay connected on-line and find out about CBI teen events: their very own Facebook page.

Tell your teen to search for "CBI Northampton Teens" the next time they're on facebook and to click "like" when they do.

They should be able to upload their own photos there as well, and we'll use the page as a way of getting the word out about teen events. And parents and other adults can "like" it too!

Domestic Abuse It Hurts!

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing physical, emotional, or other forms of abuse, please contact:

Safe Passage 1-888-345-5282 (24-hr hotline)
Or for Jewish Support:

Shalom Taskforce 1-888-883-2323 (crisis)
Jewish Safety Net 1-413-582-6790
(local resources, referrals, & advocacy at Jewish Family Services)

Sponsored by the CBI Jewish Domestic Task Force
Janet Fraidstern, Barbara Goldstein,
Ruth Katzner (chair), Gail Kielson, Jane Trigere

Some signs of partner abuse can involve:

- controlling behavior
- belittling and degrading
- extreme jealousy and possessiveness
- isolating partner from family and friends

BECOME INVOLVED: NORTHAMPTON COT SHELTER

Social Action is an important and integral cornerstone upon which Judaism stands. There are homeless families and individuals in Northampton and surrounding communities.

Each year, from November through April, CBI is responsible for one meal a month at the local homeless shelter— The Cot Shelter. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to cook part of a meal for 25 guests of The Cot Shelter.

We also need to help set up, serve and clean-up for each meal.

WHEN: Fourth Wednesday of each month, November-April

WHERE: The Cot Shelter, 40 Center Street, Northampton

TIME: 5:45-7:15 pm

Food needed for each meal: (You can pick one or more)

Cheese & Crackers

Whole wheat bread (2 loaves)

Juice (2 gallons)

Milk (1 gallon)

Vegetable dishes (2)

Main Dish of chicken or meat

Salad

Potatoes

Fruit

Dessert



To volunteer your time or help with a food donation, please contact Peggy Besht at pbesht@comcast.net. Thank You!!



Center for New Americans

A Community-Based Education and Resource Center for Immigrants and Refugees in Western Massachusetts

VOLUNTEER TUTORS WANTED

Immigrants in the Pioneer Valley face numerous challenges adjusting to life in the United States. Center for New Americans (CNA) is looking for volunteer tutors to work with adult immigrants who are learning English. Volunteers are needed two hours a week. A six-month commitment and participation in training sessions are required. No experience or foreign language skills is necessary! CNA is a community-based, non-profit, adult basic education program serving immigrants, refugees, and migrants in Amherst, Greenfield and Northampton.

For more information or to register for the next orientation, contact CNA Volunteer Coordinator Peg Thibbitts at 587-0084, volunteer@cnam.org, or CAN Board Chair Ed Weisman at ed_wiseman@yahoo.com, 341-3472. Learn more at www.cnam.org.

Camp Ramah in New England

Elevate Your Summer!!

Camp Ramah in New England offers an outstanding overnight camp in a dynamic Jewish environment. The rich and varied programs offer campers the opportunity to grow, learn, and develop life-long friendships as they connect to Judaism in a unique way. All of this happens on the beautiful campus of more than 75 acres of prime lakefront land in western Massachusetts. Camp Ramah offers two-week sessions for children currently in grades 2-3 and four or eight week sessions for children in grades 3-10. Ramah New England draws campers from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, parts of New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, as well as Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC.

Grants and financial aid: A \$1,000 incentive grant is available to all new campers attending our 4 or 8 week sessions. We are committed to helping find financial aid for all families; please do not allow finances to stop you from thinking about the experience of a lifetime for your child. To learn more, please contact Davey Rosen, Assistant Director, at 781-702-5290 x232, or DaveyR@CampRamahNE.org.



DECEMBER 1/ KISLEV 24

Bertram Gersten *
 Marilyn Graubart *
 Martha Isgur
 Esther Lewin
 Clare Rothberg

DECEMBER 2/ KISLEV 25

Joseph Feldman *

DECEMBER 3/ KISLEV 26

Charlotte Ackerman

DECEMBER 4/ KISLEV 27

Leonard I Alberts *
 Jeannette Davis

DECEMBER 5/ KISLEV 28

Tille Goldman *
 Elizabeth Gorman Prunty
 David Kupfer
 Jacob Plotkin *

DECEMBER 6/ KISLEV 29

Dorothy August *
 Samuel B. August *
 Claude Emmerich
 Nathaniel Schwartz
 Leonard Sprung *
 Frieda (Golding) Werner

DECEMBER 7/ KISLEV 30

Hyman Goldman *
 Elizabeth Michelman *
 Morris Miller

DECEMBER 8/ TEVET 1

William Ackerman
 Alex Goiten
 Dora Michelman *

DECEMBER 9/ TEVET 2

Rose Kaminsky
 Helen Ziff *

DECEMBER 10/ TEVET 3

Arthur Bloomberg*
 Noel Burke
 Etta Sauter Cohn*
 Carla Eckstein *
 Cora Katzman
 David Neugeboren
 Sol Rosenfeld

DECEMBER 11/ TEVET 4

Philip Cohen
 Dora Miriam Cohen *
 Carola Florin

DECEMBER 12/ TEVET 5

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 James Marmor
 Abe Rubin

DECEMBER 13/ TEVET 6

Frances Allen *
 Harris Cohen *
 Jay Isgur *

DECEMBER 14/ TEVET 7

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DECEMBER 15/ TEVET 8

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DECEMBER 20/ TEVET 13

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AESTHETICS FUND

Funds will be used to beautify the synagogue. *Please send donations to CBI.*

ANNUAL FUND

Funds will be used for Synagogue operating, building and programming needs. This fund accepts donations as well as enhanced dues. *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 Mitzvot, 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 Alberts 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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