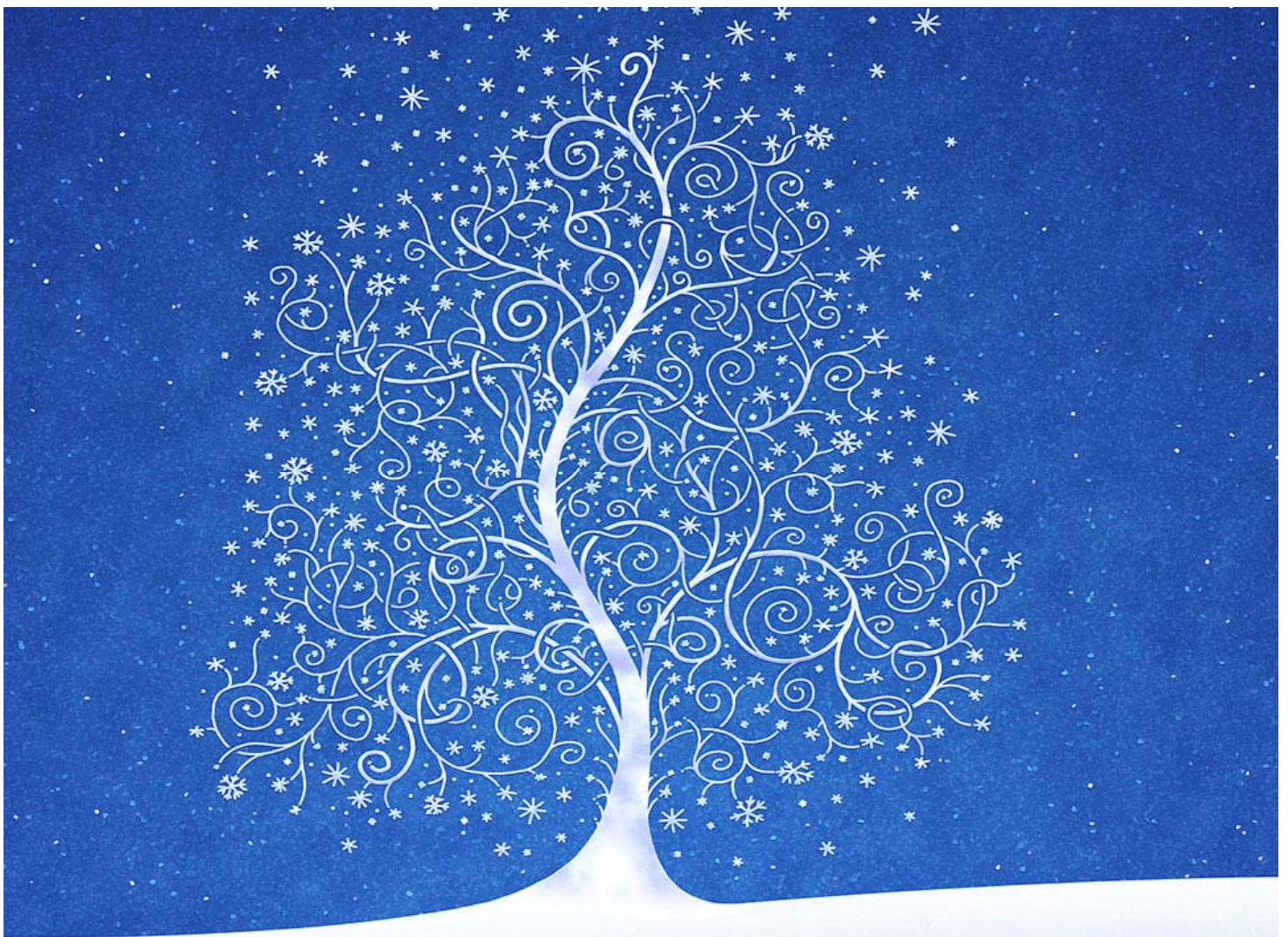


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FIRM DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 11

HELP US TO HELP YOU. PLEASE MAKE EVERY
EFFORT TO MEET THE DEADLINE.

Submit entries in person or via email.

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3 WORDS

From the Rabbi

There is a famous Talmudic teaching which states that, in every generation, the Jewish people renews its commitment to the Torah. As our ancestors stood at Sinai and agreed to that which God asked of them, so every generation is challenged to accept the Torah as if it were being given anew. In a more general sense, it seems that the Talmud reminds that in every generation, we have to reexamine, so as to reaffirm, the foundational principles by which we live.

I believe the time has come to give renewed consideration to the ancient, Talmudic conception of Jewish status and how it operates at CBI. Over many years, we have worked hard to create an inclusive community. As a congregation, we are comprised of people who walk a variety of life paths and pursue diverse modes of spiritual expression. It is a joy to live in this community, building connections, cultivating a spiritual life, and sharing acts of *hesed* (kindness).

But given our spirit of inclusion, it may be difficult for us to reconcile ourselves to the ancient understanding of Jewish status to which our synagogue subscribes. As a member synagogue of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, CBI operates on the principle that one becomes Jewish either by being born of a Jewish mother or by undergoing rituals of *gerut*, or conversion. This principle is not voted upon or affirmed by any particular committee or individual at CBI, and cannot be unilaterally overturned by its Rabbi. It is simply how our community has defined itself for over 100 years.

While we may have trouble seeing how we can be an open, progressive community while maintaining an ancient standard of Jewish status, I believe it is essential to do both. In my opinion, the Talmudic standard, preserved by 2000 years of halakhah (Jewish law), provides us with a grounding principle, a point of commonality that enables us to branch out and create a community of diverse belief and practice. On another level, I believe that living by this ancient understanding provides us with a historical and spiritual connection that invites a unique intensity of devotion to Jewish life in all its forms.

However, I am very aware that, if this principle of Jewish status is to be meaningful, we need to wrestle with it anew. With that in mind, I would like to invite us to enter into a communal conversation around questions of Jewish identity and Jewish status. I expect that such a conversation will evoke strong emotions and elicit challenging, even unanswerable, questions. But I believe that we only strengthen our community, and our own Jewish connections, by addressing such questions with a willingness to learn and grow.

Please join us, then, on Sunday evening, February 13, at 7:30, for Jewishness in the 21st Century, a conversation with Rabbi Edward Feld. In the first of what will be a series of conversations, Rabbi Edward Feld, CBI member and internationally recognized scholar, will share his thoughts and respond to our questions on this foundational, yet sometimes delicate topic. Ed is a distinguished rabbi of many accomplishments, and to this conversation he brings a love of Jewish tradition combined with a unique spirit of compassion and pragmatism. Whatever our views, we will likely be enlightened and moved by this discussion.

Finally, I want to emphasize that, as a rabbi, I fully understand that we have a variety of relationships to this ancient notion of Jewish status. I know that some of us may celebrate such a connection, while we may also find it problematic or painful at times. With this in mind, I would like to invite anyone to have a dialogue with me on this topic, whether it touches us or our families personally, or whether we want to engage in a philosophical exploration. Ultimately, I believe that such a dialogue brings us to a place of greater connection and understanding, whatever our ultimate points of view, and I would see it as a privilege to have such a conversation with you.

Wishing everyone a season of health and renewed joy,
Rabbi Justin David

Be Strong and God will give your heart Courage~ Psalms 28:14

When I first came to the Western Mass area, I heard about many wonderful things, things of which people were very proud. But two stood out, the Jewish community, and the Basketball Hall of Fame. So it is fortuitous that this summer those two things will come together in a strange way. After 9 years, this community is honored to be able to again host the JCC Maccabi Games. Sports have been a part of Jewish life for a very long time. And although we may not think about Jews and sports in the same thought, in fact, there are many Jews who have been famous athletes: Hall of Famers, Olympic Gold Metal winners, World Series champions.

If you want to learn more about the place Jews have had in the world of sports, there are two websites I would recommend: the first, <http://www.jewsinsports.org/> explains some of the history of our place in this sports world, while the second <http://www.jewish-sports.org/> is a series of blogs about Jews and sports, including issues such as Inside Israeli Basketball. But better than reading about Jews and sports, is participating in that world. And all of us can have that chance this summer.

Education Director

Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt

This August 14-19 the Springfield JCC will be the home of about 1000 participating athletes ages 12-16 from areas including Israel and around the country. There are many sports are represented in this week-long event including basketball, tennis, swimming and bowling. And if you are not a sports-type person, you can be a star reporter, writing articles about the events as they happen. There will be social activities like time at Six Flags and an event at the Basketball Hall of Fame. As the co-chair of the Day of Caring and Sharing, I can promise that there is also a remarkable opportunity to give back to the community through Tikkun Olam, with programs like holding a carnival for special needs children and feeding the hungry through a Supermarket Fund Raiser.

But most importantly, you will be spending a remarkable time with other Jewish teens. Best said by those who had been there in the past, "I think the time that I actually realized that it was more than just [about sports] was when we walked right into opening ceremonies my first year," Erin [14]said. "And we were in this holding area, where we looked and there were a bunch of athletes and their coaches, and they were all Jewish. I just remember realizing that there was a bigger community and I was part of that."

There are several ways you can be involved. As an athlete, you can register at <http://springfieldjccmaccabi.org> there you will find a register link on the top right. You can also be one of the host families, enabling an athlete to enjoy the welcoming community of the Upper Valley. And don't worry, there will be a bus every morning and every evening from the CBI parking lot so you won't have to go to down Springfield at all.

Although the Psalms quote does not necessarily speak of physical strength, we have all been given a gift of strength and courage. I hope that some of our community shares that gift with the community of Jewish athletes, coaches and volunteers from around Western Mass, around the country and around the world as they join us this summer for Maccabi. If you have any further questions, please feel free to ask me. I hope to see you there.

L'shalom, Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt

In the first part of the 20th century, Jews entered the ranks of American boxing in large numbers, and by the late 1920s were the dominant ethnicity in American prizefighting. In the 1930s, prior to the establishment of the NBA, professional basketball was also largely dominated by Jewish players. And though Jews never represented large numbers in professional baseball, some Jewish ballplayers like Hank Greenberg and Sandy Koufax have been transformed into mythic heroes.

CBI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES OF NOTE

NO SCHOOL
February 20-27
Next class meets Tuesday, March 1

GAN/ALEPH & BET
February 6: Shabbat Family Education Program
9:40-11:30 am

GIMEL
February 5: Siddur Celebration, 10:30 am

VAV
March 4: 6:00-9:00 pm
March 5: 10:00-Noon, & 7:30-9:00 pm
Join together with LGA families to get to know/
prepare for becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah next year!

ZAYIN
March 6: Families meet with Rabbi David for final
family program, 10:30-11:30 am

Get Involved at CBI—It's Good For You!

Dear Fellow Congregants:

Becoming involved in our synagogue life isn't just good for CBI, it's good for your health! Research suggests that "engagement in meaningful and productive activities, often within the context of friendship, kinship, and organizational participation, is a key component in promoting health and reducing the risk of mortality in later life" (Rowe and Kahn, 1998). More recent research from the University of Michigan in 2003 by Stephanie Brown et al, entitled "Providing Social Support May be More Beneficial Than Receiving It" showed that "mortality was significantly reduced for individuals who reported providing instrumental support to friends, relative, and neighbors, and individuals who provided emotional support to their spouse. Receiving support had no effect on mortality once giving support was taken into consideration". It's really true that giving's

President

Ellen Kaufman

better than receiving!

For those of us who participated in the recent Sisterhood Shabbat, there was a wonderful feeling of community and shared purpose. For myself, I stretched my limited skills in reading Hebrew to co-lead Ashrei with Shoshana Zonderman. To be perfectly candid, I wasn't well-prepared and came to services late with the intention of not participating. However, I was so moved and inspired by my fellow congregants going up to the bimah and doing their best, that I relented at the last minute and followed Shoshana up to the bimah. I struggled through the lines, but was carried by adrenaline, Shoshana's lead, and a feeling of support on the part of my fellow congregants. When I sheepishly returned to my seat, Kevin Hale said these kind words to me "You went up there and paid your respects to the Torah. Yasher Koach." This truly is a community of kind people.

The next Monday I treated myself to joining a dozen other women for Sisterhood Book Club at the home of Adele Steinberg. We talked about the book "Rashi's Daughters: Yoheved." The discussion was spirited, irreverent, intelligent, and fun! This past Thursday I found myself in the CBI kitchen with Jane Kaufman and Mark Brumberg preparing the first monthly Congregational Kiddush. Jane had planned the menu and done the shopping, and the three of us put together a feast in a couple of hours filled with bonhomie, schmoozing, and tips from Mark, the master chef, about how to correct too much mustard in an orzo salad (add more corn!) I learned how Mark's first training as a cook was in his synagogue's kitchen preparing kiddushes, and how he was routinely pulled out of religious school to help in the kitchen for big functions like Israel Bond dinners. How lovely and circular life can be.

So come and daven with us, cook with us, discuss books with us, visit the sick, serve on a committee—whatever rocks your boat. You'll help our community life and it's quite possible that as a result you'll live longer!

B'shalom,
Ellen



Mark Brumberg, Ellen Kaufman, & Jane Kaufman

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Linda, Jerome and Eitan Beck;
Julius Menn and Dianne Sagner;
and
Rosemarie Karparis

Gan Keshet Notes

GAN KESHET'S NOMINATION OF BECKY SERLIN FOR HGF'S THE UNSUNG HERO AWARD for Outstanding Volunteer Leadership Award in a Jewish School

This award honors individuals whose on-going volunteer efforts have had a significant impact on Jewish life in our region. Each winner receives: a \$500 tzedakah award to be donated to a Jewish organization the winner chooses, a \$500 cash award, and public recognition at a Jewish community event, as well as in the Jewish Ledger and via other local Jewish organizations.

It is with pleasure that we would like to share with you our Nomination Letter. We were asked to describe why we are nominating this individual, and to provide specific examples of their contributions and how their leadership efforts have made a difference in the local Jewish community. Becky, in my mind, as our children like to say, you are a winner!

With deep appreciation, Wendy



Becky at a GK Parent
Schmooze with daughter, Dani

“When I saw the email from Pattie Skroka, Program Coordinator for the Resource Center of Jewish Education about nominating a leader who has had a significant impact on local Jewish Life, Rebecca Serlin (Becky), a parent at our preschool program immediately came to mind. Becky, her husband and three children moved to Northampton from Cambridge, MA. Becky, having been a native of Northampton (and a member of the our Congregation as a child), visited Gan Keshet and soon after enrolled her daughter, Mira, in our care. Becky, an educator as well as a parent, was interested and aware of the school’s value to the greater Northampton Community.

Every year, we ask an entering family member to join our Preschool Committee. Becky was easy to approach, and was excited about building a deeper connection to the Jewish community. Preschool committee members are asked to meet at least once a month. Becky attended all meetings, and additionally (on a daily basis) has been available to respond to emails/phone calls from the Director and/or committee members, research opportunities for the school, review/revise drafted policies/procedures, contribute to budget decisions, etc. In all of these interactions, Becky has been a sensitive, thoughtful, and caring participant. She listens to concerns, offers suggestions, and, with sensitivity, offers solutions.

During her second year on the Preschool Committee, Becky worked with myself and other Committee members to arrive at an early childhood community programming solution; one that would serve the best interest of the existing preschool, CBI, and the Lander-Grinspoon Day School. Becky assisted with detailing Gan Keshet’s benefits/concerns around collaborating. Her educational background, coupled with her deep understanding of the preschool’s needs, were valuable offerings. Like many new initiatives, to be successful you need to be patient, caring, open-minded, and able to see the big picture. Becky, and I were asked to join a task force committee that would eventually negotiate the terms of a new

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collaborative, one that would build on the existing preschool's current successes and offer more services to Jewish families in the area. So now, in addition to serving on the preschool committee, Becky was supporting me, other Jewish professionals, lay leaders, and the Jewish community, spending countless hours in conversation, offering suggestions, and drafting/reviewing documents, that would eventually serve as the foundation of the new, Gan Keshet Jewish Community Preschool of the Pioneer Valley!

Becky is a tremendous supporter of the Jewish Community and has volunteered endless hours towards its advancement! Now that we have successfully collaborated, a new governance structure needed to be formed. Becky having already offered so much to the process was immediately asked by ALL to continue on and serve on this new governance committee. Becky instinctively knew that she would serve. She shared with me that she realized how important her participation was to her, her family, friends, and the Jewish Community at large. Needless to say, guess who became Chair? I consider myself very fortunate to have had Becky by my side during this growth spurt. In all instances, Becky has been appreciative and supportive of my efforts and the school's future. She has assisted Gan Keshet with bringing to light the special qualities of our program and embraced our spirit as we expand."



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of the Pioneer Valley*

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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 FEBRUARY 5, 11:00 - 11:45 AM
UPCOMING DATE: MARCH 5

SHABBAT FAMILY MINYAN

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

NEXT MONTH ON FEBRUARY 12, 11:00-12:00 noon
UPCOMING DATES: MARCH 12

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)

PLEASE NOTE: NO SHABBAT SING IN FEBRUARY
UPCOMING DATE: MARCH 19

JUNIOR CONGREGATION SESSION

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

PLEASE NOTE: JUNIOR CONGREGATION WILL NOT BE HELD IN FEBRUARY
UPCOMING JUNIOR CONGREGATION MARCH 26 FROM 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.

PLEASE NOTE: LEV CHADASH MINYAN will NOT be held in February
UPCOMING DATE: MARCH 26, 9:45- 12:00 noon

February Salon

Study Torah, deepen connections!!



Tuesday, February 10 @ 7:30

PROPHETIC VISION IN TIMES OF CRISIS— THOUGHTS FROM DAVID GROSSMAN

A CBI Salon led by Rabbi Justin David

David Grossman, the Israeli author, journalist and peace activist, has become an internationally recognized voice for peace and justice in the Israel-Palestinian conflict. His new book, *To the End of the Land*, has drawn universal praise for its emotional power and ability to probe the psyche, hopes and struggles of life in present day Israel.

Join us for this discussion as we explore the balance of empathy, resilience and realism in the midst of conflict!

All are welcome!!

At the home of Maxine Stein & Henry Simkin

Address: 15 Fifth Street, Northampton

Phone: (413) 584-9374

Email: hsimkin@vmgma.com or maxexedir@aol.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!!

LIMUD MINYAN

Please join us for this time of prayer and learning designed to gain a deeper knowledge of and appreciation for the Shabbat morning service.

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 5
9:30-11:00 am

The Limud Minyan is designed for people of all levels, and particularly for those just gaining familiarity with Jewish prayer.

Held in the CBI Library.

Led by Rabbi Bruce Bromberg Seltzer
We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Dates:
March 12 & April 19



SHIRA CHADASHA KABBALAT

Join us for a very special, monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service.

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 11
6:00 pm

Led by Rabbi Justin David with David Weidenfeld on guitar!

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

All are welcome!

Held in the CBI Library.



Jewishness in the 21st Century

A DIALOGUE FOR OUR COMMUNITY
WITH RABBI ED FELD
& MODERATED BY RABBI JUSTIN DAVID



February 13, 2011

7:30 pm

In a distinguished career of nearly 40 years, Rabbi Ed Feld has served the Jewish people as a Hillel Director, congregational rabbi, scholar and writer, teacher of future rabbis and Jewish leaders, and most recently, as Editor in Chief of Machzor Lev Shalem, the visionary High Holiday prayerbook published by the Rabbinical Assembly and introduced at CBI. He is a sought after scholar and speaker, and is a long standing member of both CBI and the JCA.

Judaism's traditional criteria for belonging sometimes seem at odds with a rapidly changing Jewish world. How do we foster an inclusive and pluralistic community while holding on to what is ancient and meaningful?

What do we struggle with, and what do we accept? Which customs and practices must we keep, and what can we change?

Please join us for this thoughtful and reflective dialogue, the first in a series over the next several months.

~All are welcome.~

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Group Goings— On

CBI YOUTH GROUP ICE SKATING

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 6
TIME 3:00-6:00 pm

10th -12th Graders on February 6th join together for a wonderful time of ice cream and ice skating

We will meet at CBI then car pool. For rsvp and more information contact Aaron Kagan, your youth group advisor, at aaronwkagan@gmail.com or (617) 447-0504. Car poolers are greatly needed!



HEVREI MITZVOT MEN'S CLUB

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 27
9:30 am

The next meeting of the Men's Club will be February 27 at LGA.

Aryeh Wineman will share a parable and delicacies of conversation and food will be shared and blessed. Acts of gemilut chassadim will be explored.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

New members welcome.

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

VALLEY JEWISH SENIORS LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 16
12:30 pm

The next meeting of the Valley Jewish Seniors will be February 16!!

We are hosting Ralph Levi, who will be discussing the life of his grandfather, prominent 19th century Rabbi Morris Jacob Raphall.

Come and celebrate!

Make new friends!

Luncheon begins at 12:30 pm.

Please note that the children from LGA will not sing at the luncheons through June.

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



SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

MONDAY
FEBRUARY 28
7:30 pm

FEBRUARY BOOK:
Let the Great World Spin
By Colum McCann
Date/Time: Feb. 28 at 7:30 pm
at the home of Ellen Kaufman
20 Round Hill Road, Northampton
584-1188

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

Mar.: Little Bee by Chris Cleave;
April: The Help by Kathryn Stockett;
May: City of Thieves
by David Benioff

** CONTACT NANCY FELTON FOR FEB INFORMATION BY DEC 6 ****

The other titles for the year are:



Evening Hebrew Classes

Spring 2011 Schedule
With Henny Lewin

INTERMEDIATE MODERN HEBREW

This course is taught mostly "ivrit b'ivrit". It is intended for people who have studied some Modern Hebrew before, want a chance to hear and speak the language, improve their reading and writing skills, expand their vocabulary and have fun at the same time!

TIME: Monday evenings 7-8 p.m.

DATES: 10 sessions beginning Feb. 14 until May 9, except Feb. 21, Apr. 18 and Apr. 25

TEXT: Ivrit Min Ha'hatchalah (Hebrew from Scratch), New Edition and selections from Sichot Shel Yom Yom (Everyday Hebrew Dialogues).

TUITION: \$100.00 payable to CBI, (memo: Adult Ed, Hebrew Classes Spring 2011)

BEGINNING HEBREW FOR PRAYER & TORAH II

This course is your key to Biblical Hebrew. It will provide students with the basic tools to continue their journey toward the study of Hebrew of the Siddur and the Torah. We will concentrate on the key ideas and vocabulary of Jewish life and ritual, with an emphasis on the Friday evening and Shabbat morning services. Selections from the Megillah before Purim and from the Haggadah before Passover will be included. This class is a second step for the beginner, or a refresher course for those who have taken a beginning Hebrew class in the past.

TIME: Monday evenings 6-7 p.m.

DATES: 10 sessions beginning Feb. 14 until May 9, except Feb. 21, Apr. 18 and Apr. 25

TEXT: Siddur and materials supplied by the instructor.

TUITION: \$100.00, payable to CBI, (memo: Adult Ed, Hebrew Classes Spring 2011)

BEGINNING MODERN HEBREW II

The aim of this course is to learn Hebrew as it is spoken in Israel today. The emphasis will be on communication and we will practice in all four language skills areas: understanding, speaking, reading and writing. Students are expected to be familiar with Hebrew script, hopefully, before classes begin!

TIME: Monday evenings 8-9 p.m.

DATES: 10 sessions from Feb. 14 to May 9, Except Feb. 21, Apr. 14 and Apr. 25

TEXT: Ivrit min Ha'hatchalah (Hebrew from Scratch), New Edition

TUITION: \$100.00, made payable to CBI (memo: Adult Ed, Hebrew Classes Spring 2011)

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*Our instructor is Henia Lewin, a national award-winning Jewish educator!
She can be reached at (413)253-8836 or hennylewin1@verizon.net for further information.*

To sign up, please email bnai.israel@verizon.net with your name, address, phone number and indicate which class you want to enroll in. You can also call the CBI office at (413) 584-3593, extension 0. Checks payable to CBI (memo: Adult Ed, Hebrew Classes Spring 2011) can be mailed to: CBI, 253 Prospect St., Northampton, MA 01060

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Month of February

TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 1	12:15PM	TUESDAY STUDY GROUP WITH RABBI JUSTIN DAVID
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 2	7:30PM	ERETZ YISRAEL COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 3	8:00AM	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam & Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 4	4:50PM	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
		6:00PM	KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 5	9:30AM	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE <i>Parashat T'rumah</i>
		9:30AM	LIMUD MINYAN - Led by Rabbi Bruce Bromberg Seltzer (see page 10 for more information)
		11:00AM	TOT SHABBAT - Led by Peggy Walker
		5:50PM	SHABBAT ENDS
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 6	10:30AM	GIMEL SPECIAL SIDUR CELEBRATION WITH PARENTS
		3:00PM	10TH - 12TH GRADERS ICE SKATING & ICE CREAM (see page 12 for more information)
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 8	12:15PM	TUESDAY STUDY GROUP WITH RABBI JUSTIN DAVID
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 10	8:00AM	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam & Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg
		7:30PM	SALON LED BY JUSTIN DAVID (see page 9 for more information)
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 11	4:59PM	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
		6:00PM	SHIRA CHADASHA KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE Led by Rabbi Justin David with David Weidenfeld on guitar (see page 10 for more information)
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 12	9:30AM	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE <i>Parashat T'tzavveh</i>
			COMMUNITY SPONSORED KIDDUSH
		11:00AM	SHABBAT FAMILY MINYAN (see page 8 for more information)
		5:59AM	SHABBAT ENDS

SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 13	7:30PM	A DIALOGUE FOR OUR COMMUNITY WITH RABBI ED FELD 'JEWISHNESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY & MODERATED BY RABBI JUSTIN DAVID (see page 11 for more information)
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 15	12:15PM	TUESDAY STUDY GROUP WITH RABBI JUSTIN DAVID
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 16	12:30PM	VALLEY JEWISH SENIORS LUNCHEON (see page 12 for more information)
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 17	8:00AM	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam & Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 18	5:08PM	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
		6:00PM	KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 19	9:30AM	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE <i>Parachat Ki Tissa</i>
		6:08PM	SHABBAT ENDS
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 21		CBI OFFICE CLOSE FOR PRESIDENTS DAY GAN KESHET CLOSED
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 22		NO TUESDAY STUDY GROUP GAN KESHET CLOSED
			GAN KESHET CLOSED
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 23		GAN KESHET CLOSED
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 24		GAN KESHET CLOSED
		8:00AM	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam & Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 25		GAN KESHET CLOSED
		5:17PM	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
		6:00PM	KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 26	9:30AM	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE <i>Va-yak-hel</i>
		6:17PM	SHABBAT ENDS
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 27	9:00AM	HEVREI MITZVOT MEN'S GROUP (LGA) (see page 12 for more information)
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 28		GAN KESHET REOPENS

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. 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

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).
Psalms 89:3*

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

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!

facebook

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!

BUS TRIP TO NYC FOR TEXTILE EXHIBIT

A BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY... AND BACK! WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2011

The Springfield Jewish Community Center (JCC) is organizing a trip to see a major textile exhibit. "A Stitch in Jewish Time: Provocative Textiles" opened at Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion Museum near Washington Square, NYC in September. It closes at the end of June. This large exhibition features 41 international artists (some very well-known) who explore Jewish history, culture, prayer, rituals, mores, feminism, sexuality, social justice, war, and biblical texts—all through the textiles arts. You will be intrigued, delighted and challenged; hopefully your perception of what contemporary art is will be changed forever. Visit this website for info on the exhibit: www.huc.edu/museum/ny

Join one of the artists, our own JANE TRIGÈRE from South Deerfield, but NYC native, who will accompany the group on the bus, sharing information about what we will be seeing in the museum and information about local "must-see" sites.

Cost: \$70 general public or \$58 JCC members

Trip includes roundtrip transportation, driver gratuity, and a talk by the curator. After the exhibit tour, you'll have time on your own to explore NYC until departure time.

Bus departs Springfield/Longmeadow at 7:45 am and returns at 6:45pm. Reservations: call (413)739-4715 and pay by credit card. Or mail check to: JCC 1160 Dickinson St, Springfield. Call for details. Bus location: between the JCC & Heritage Academy in the large parking lot which is off Converse St, Longmeadow (exit 1 off 91). Carpooling between the Upper Valley towns and Springfield/Longmeadow can be arranged. Please indicate if you are interested.

FUN FOR PRESCHOOLERS & THEIR FAMILIES!

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.

THE NEXT PJ LIBRARY EVENT IS FEBRUARY 4!!

Friends are welcome to come early and bring a vegetarian brown bag lunch. They can eat together before the program and stay after for Kabbalat Shabbat with LGA students.

The program is free and takes place at Lander-Grinspoon Academy, 257 Prospect Street, N'ton. 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.



Please Help Us to Continue Weekly Shabbat Kiddushes at CBI!



What--no more manna from heaven?!

The kiddush fund is almost empty. The following dates are unsponsored and therefore there will be no kiddush unless someone funds them. Please consider sponsoring a kiddush light (\$450), a regular kiddush (\$750), or a 'do it yourself' kiddush. This can be to honor a special event or simply as an act of kindness toward our community. Thank you for helping support the special time we spend together enjoying the sweetness of Shabbat!

Contact Nanci Martine, our CBI Acting Administrator at cbiadministrator@verizon.net or 584-3593 x201

~Ellen Kaufman,
on behalf of the Board of Directors

**Available
Dates:**

**February 5, 19, 26
March 19, 26
April 2, 16, 23
May 28**

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
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- ▶ 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.



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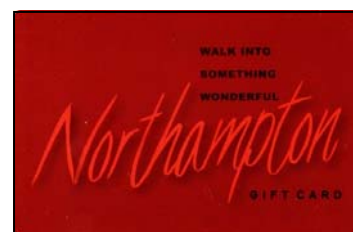
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20 MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 05 DATE: 12-16-10

In Attendance:

Ellen Kaufman, Dorothy Nemetz, Gillian Kendall, Erin Cooper, Jane Trigere, Hanneli Greenwald, Jeff Caplan, Lois Dubin, Lauren Weinsier, Barry Federman, Jim Sagalyn, Janet Chevan, Lou Davis, Rabbi Justin David, Norbert Goldfeld, Amy Wolpin, Neil Kudler and Dan Mason

1. Call to order at 7:35
2. Rabbi David gave a d'var torah
3. Dan Mason was introduced as the new Board Secretary.

4. Review minutes of previous meetings (meeting 04 November)

The incorrect addendum in the November minutes was discussed. The following revisions to the minutes were presented: for the FOC report: \$19,000 is owed from the last fiscal year. Minor revisions from Lois Dubin were also emailed to Dan Mason. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made and the minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

5. Director Search Committee

Susan Sprung was announced as a member of the Director Search Committee

6. Committee Chairs

Amy Mitrani is now the Chair of B'nai Mitzvah Mentors

Ruth Ever will also be a B'nai Mitzvah mentor

Susan Mosler will be the Chair for the Committee for Jewish Living

7. Fundraising Committee Update

The date for the fundraising dinner for Leslie Fraidstern will be after Passover instead of the previous date in March. It will be held as a cocktail party, with programming, roasting and toasting. Three people will be needed for specific functions. One hosting coordinator--(invitations, food, ambience). Ada Arons has volunteered for this position; one programming coordinator (bidding for roast and toast, emcee, video, music). A roast may have to be "bid" on and remote roasts may be made available on a screen. Outside advertisers will not be included in the membership directory, so the third coordinator will handle a tribute ad book filled with anecdotes and pictures of Leslie. Jane Trigere will be that person and Sandy Sulsky will help. The committee is still looking for the programming volunteers.

The December fundraising appeal sent through the mail was discussed. Since December is a difficult month, and this was an additional appeal, one member felt it was burdensome and surprising. Others felt that the appeal was appropriate and well timed.

8. Amend Separation Agreement for Janis Levy

A motion was made to make a small adjustment in the compensation package to Janis Levy to honor the spirit of the Separation Agreement. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

9. L'Dor V'Dor

Letters of Intent for the L'Dor V'Dor Legacy for a planned gift to CBI were distributed to the Board by Dorothy Nemetz.

10. Sanctuary ReCarpeting- Erin Cooper

An individual in our community has offered to donate a sum of money to pay for a majority of the cost toward carpeting the sanctuary. The cost for recarpeting the sanctuary will be approximately \$6,000. The

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current plan is to remove the benches in the sanctuary and to purchase chairs. The flooring in the sanctuary is vinyl asbestos tile which would have to be abated if the tile is to be removed. This would increase costs to approximately \$50,000. Options being considered for recarpeting include: recarpeting just the bima and steps or recarpeting the bima, steps and isles. A temporary carpet in the isles is also under consideration. Regarding benches and chairs: they could be ordered, they would not be folding chairs but able to be stacked. They would be cushioned, comfortable, and most would not have arms. A small discussion by the Board conveyed that chairs with arms are desired by many, and firm seats would be desired by others.

Wood flooring for the sanctuary was once considered as an option. During the previous reflooring discussions carpet, not wood, was not decided on. Fundraising the amount necessary for full abatement of the asbestos tile was discussed as an option.

The timing of the carpet replacement has not been brought upon by the donation, however, the presence of funding has helped to move the process. The thought process has been discussed for over a year, and the ideal would be to do it all at once, but the reality is that it makes sense to get the process started and do the work in stages. The donation is to go toward the "carpet only." The amount of \$1,300 is currently in the aesthetics fund, this is nearly enough to pay for replacing the current carpet footprint. Estimates are being sought to do both replacing the current footprint and doing the whole sanctuary floor.

10. Kiddushim

The Kiddush fund has between \$1,200 and \$1,300 and is running out of money. The Kiddush committee is headed by Veronica Darmon. The idea of having a "Congregational Kiddush" with food prepared by member volunteers was presented. The Kiddush Coordinator (Sandy) would still purchase and serve the food. An appeal for money for the Kiddush Fund will be presented in the January Kehilah. The intention is to cut the cost of the Kiddushim in about half (to about \$250). A discussion proposed that Veronica could visit JCA and talk to them to find out how they organize their Kiddush. The idea that people could sign up to organize a Kiddush when they join was presented. The Board was reminded that a long time ago, the Sisterhood organized the kiddushim. A hybrid kiddush pattern will likely be the best path forward.

11. Congregation Communications - Board liaison with Kehila editor

The Board discussed that a communications coordinator would be very valuable to work with the Kehila editor and determine the best way to communicate Board discussions and decisions with the community.

The need for a volunteer to help with our information technology needs was discussed. A desire to increase the content of the website was also expressed.

12. Director Search Committee report

A full job description and summary have been prepared and posted on Jewishjobs.com, circulated in MAASEM, idealist.org and the USCJ web site. Deadline for applications is mid January. The committee will review the candidates, obtain community input, and hopefully make an offer by April 1; and employment will begin by June 1. The offering annual salary is between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee

New member applications:

Linda, Jerome and Ethan Beck;
Julius Menn and Dianne Sagner; and
Rosemarie Karparis

New memberships were approved by unanimous vote

Resignations - None

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The Havdalah potluck was a big success and a spring event has yet to be determined. Fifteen welcome bags were distributed to the Board to be distributed by the Board members to recent new members. The bags should be distributed before December 24th. Pleasure was expressed on the content of the letter included with the new membership bags. The membership webpage was updated today and the Membership Application was also updated to be more welcoming to new members. The idea of CBI tote bags was presented, with the cost per bag at approximately \$10.

Lauren Weinsier's work was praised by Rabbi David and by all Board members.

Personnel Committee

Much time has been spent this fall on the Director transition. People are working in good spirit. The question is: can we get by working the way we are or do we need an interim Director? The current system seems to be working with Nanci working hard in her position. This helps to save cost. Review of Education Director is required in February. Review of Rabbi will be informally conducted this spring.

Health Insurance in the past was negotiated by the Executive Director. The Personnel Committee will be considering what is appropriate and the Employee Manual is also being updated.

FOC

From last fiscal year, 33 household still owe \$19,769.25. Of that amount 17 households made no payments last year.

In the current fiscal year almost 19% of our member households have received abatements amounting to \$79,501 while \$14,907 has been written off as uncorrectable. 144 households have paid their current year responsibility in full while 104 households have not yet made any dues payment at all.

On the Income side the significant drop in scrip revenue was noted along with the loss of the credit card rebate which yielded more than \$10,000 last year.

Also, the yield from the High Holiday Appeal was \$7,800 less than budgeted.

The YMCA director has offered his expertise for youth programming events.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 pm.

FROM THE CBI BOARD:

Our Online
Congregational
Survey
is almost ready!!

Our online congregational survey will be emailed to each CBI family in the next few weeks. We want to know what you think!

- *How are things going for you at CBI?*
- *What works for you currently at CBI?*
- *How does CBI need to change for you to become a more active participant in our community?*

Please take 15 minutes or so to fill out the survey. Let your voice be heard.

Thank you in advance from the Board of Directors!

Announcement

ANNUAL FUND

Edward & Barbara Levine

To Henry Rosenberg with heartfelt condolences for the recent loss of your sister. From Ellen Kaufman

To Ellie Rothman with condolences for your loss of Stanley. With love, Ellen Kaufman

To Dorothy Nemetz and family on the loss of your mother. From Barry & Ellen Nigrosh

To Rabbi Justin David in honor of your leadership of CBI. From Bonnie Sachs Gordon & Joel Gordon

BUILDING AND LAND FUND

In loving memory of Lillian Plotkin Gould. From Morris & Lillian Gould for a replacement carpet at CBI.

BIKKUR HOLIM FUND

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Bonnie Sachs Gordon &
Joel Gordon

DECEMBER APPEAL

Jonathan Ginzberg
Elizabeth & Mark Singer
Eileen Rutman
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Mark Gryska
Myron & Penina Glazer
Dorothy Nemetz &
John Todd
Julius Lester & Milan Sabatini
Serene Rubin
Diane Rubin
Edith Perman Allen
Henry & Adele Oppenheim
Carolyn & Stanley Greenberg
Blair Barondes
Lee Spector &
Rebecca Neimark
Barry Feingold & Marci Yoss
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Bennett & Lilly Gaev
Ronald & Eileen Burke
Neil Kudler & Nancy Flam
Adele Steinberg
Judith Bond & Eugene Pogany

Deborah Charren &
Timothy Diehl
Judith Mazel-Stoloff &
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Jeffrey Korff & Shelley Steuer
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In honor of the deeply important work of our Chevra Kadisha. From the Weinsier family

In memory of Dr. Ronald K. Burke. From Marion & Lee Slosberg

ENDOWMENT FUND

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Anne Werry & Eric Roth
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LIBRARY FUND

To Ellie Rothman in memory of Stan Rothman. From Adele Steinberg

MAHZOR LEV SHALEM FUND

In honor of my father Albert Chevan for his 80th Birthday. From Julienne & David Chevan

PULPIT FUND

A donation of 3 prayer books in honor of the birth of Adam David Vigderman, our grandson. From Louis & Hilda Greenbaum

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of Joe Boucher who tutored Espy for her Bat Mitzvah. From Debra Berkovitz & Kris Thomson, for Nancy Flam's Service

With appreciation for Rabbi David's help at the time of the death of Stanley Rothman. From Eleanor Rothman

SANDRA GOLDSMITH ENDOWMENT FUND

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SAM & MILDRED WOLFE BAR/BAT MITZVAH FUND

Bruce M. Fogel

SISTERHOOD ALL OCCASION FUND

To Ellie Rothman, our deepest condolences on the loss of your beloved husband, Stan, friend & life partner. From Cleo Gorman & Ron Ackerman

To Ellie Rothman, our deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved husband Stanley. From Margo & Bill Cooley

SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND

To Patricia Jung & Julia Chevan & Nava & Saadya Chevan, in honor of Hans Joergen Jung. From Ruth & Irv Kaufman

To Patricia Jung, we mourn with you as you work things through on the passing of your dear father. From Janet & Albert Chevan

To Saadya & Nava Chevan in memory of your grandfather Hans Joergen Jung. From Grandma & Grandpa

In memory of Hans Joergen Jung, father of Patricia Jung, father-in-law to Julia Chevan, & grandfather of Saadya & Nava Chevan. From Charlotte & Larry Freeman

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YAHREZIT (MEMORIAL) PLAQUE

For Nathan Gutmann from Leslie Steven May & Carole May

FEBRUARY 1 / SHEVAT 27
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Sophie Cohen

FEBRUARY 2 / SHEVAT 28
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FEBRUARY 4 / SHEVAT 30
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Samuel Feldman*
Dorothy Herman

FEBRUARY 5 / ADAR 1
Doris Schwartz

FEBRUARY 6 / ADAR 2
Ted Gottesman
Reuven Kramer

FEBRUARY 7 / ADAR 3
George S. August*
Ghita Eisengart

FEBRUARY 8 / ADAR 4
Pauline Berkman
Ben Zion Brodsky
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FEBRUARY 9 / ADAR 5
Zelda Ross

FEBRUARY 10 / ADAR 6
Ruth Gottesman

FEBRUARY 11 / ADAR 7
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Gershon Ze'ez Braude
Cheryl Bleiman Schwartz

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Larry Joseph Herman
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Minnie Lipshires*

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Max Mendelson
Cathy Peterfreund
Robert Silver

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Herta Dembinsky

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Max Gelfer

FEBRUARY 23 / ADAR 19
Shirley August*
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Samuel Rost

FEBRUARY 24 / ADAR 20
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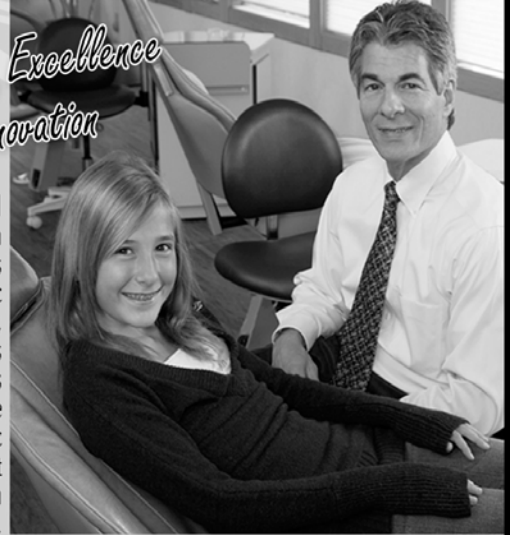
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COT SHELTER

The holiday meal at the Cot Shelter received high praise from all the guests and staff.

The CBI Community at large thank the following people for their time, effort, concern and empathy.

Thank you!

Ron Ackerman
Lesley Freidstern
Barbara Black
Nancy Flam
Sue Kurian
Deborah Bromberg
and her students at LGA
Jori Ross

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John Schieffelin
Shelley Schieffelin
Lisa Harvey
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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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