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*Happy Purim!*

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**HELP US TO HELP YOU. PLEASE MAKE  
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# 3 CALENDAR

# Save the Date

**SUNDAY  
MORNING  
MINYAN**

Please join our Sunday Morning Minyan - with light breakfast afterwards!!

Kaddish ourselves, to help create vibrant, collective and spiritual experience. We will make every effort to help each person feel comfortable and grow in this experience. Tallitot and extra tefillin will be available!!

**SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 7  
9:15-9:45 am**

Please join us - to participate in the spiritual practice of daily prayer, to connect to community, to learn and grow as a Jewish seeker, to support mourners saying Kaddish, to say

**SHIRA CHADASHA  
KABBALAT  
SHABBAT**

Led by Rabbi Justin David with David Weidenfeld on guitar

We'll enjoy a beautiful, spirited and musical celebration of Shabbat each month together!

**FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 12  
6:00 pm**

Join us for a very special Kabbalat Shabbat service.

All are welcome!  
Held in the CBI Library.



**CBI  
SALON**

**"BETWEEN OURSELVES AND INFINITY: EXPLORING THE ZOHAR"**

studied the Zohar before or if this is your first time, you will find the texts we share to be compelling and provocative.

**THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 25  
7:30 pm**

Please join us for this engaging salon on studying the Zohar at the home of Jane Brodwyn on February 25.

RSVP would be very helpful to:

The Zohar invites us to see ourselves as part of an infinite, constantly changing universe in which our souls are essential and our actions meaningful beyond all estimation. Whether you have

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**J  
STREET**

J Street, a new national voice of the pro-Israel, pro-peace movement, will officially launch at a public event to be held at Congregation B'nai Israat on Feb. 4 at 7:00 pm, sponsored by the local J Street chapter.

Valley since 2002 has merged with the J Street national. Local co-chairs of the new J Street chapter (formerly Brit Tzedek) are CBI members, Nancy Felton and Carolyn Toll Oppenheim. The Local J Street chapter is under the educational arm of the national J Street organization. The goal of the local chapters is to create the space for a vibrant discussion of how to best secure Israel's future as a democratic homeland for the Jewish people according to J Street.

**THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 4  
7:00 pm**

The launch will take place simultaneously with other locals of J Street's national grassroots field program, with feeds of simulcast remarks by J Street's executive director, Jeremy Ben-Ami who has been highlighted in the national news.

For more information contact: Nancy Felton at [nancyfelton@verizon.net](mailto:nancyfelton@verizon.net), or 584-1299 or Carolyn Toll Oppenheim at [ctollopp@gmail.com](mailto:ctollopp@gmail.com) or 584-0722

The local chapter of Brit Tzedek v'Shalom (Jewish Alliance of Justice and Peace) that has been active in the

## 4 CALENDAR

## Shabbat Programming

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### FEBRUARY 6 TOT SHABBAT

11:00 am

A lively Saturday morning program for 3 to 5 year-olds and their families, celebrating the beautiful aspects of Shabbat through songs, stories, dance and creative movement. Led by Peggy Walker. Held in CBI Library

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### FEBRUARY 6 SHABBAT FAMILY MINYAN

11:00 am

Led by Ari Reis . Join us for a creative interactive service featuring prayers, songs and stories geared towards school-aged children and their parents! Held at LGA.

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### FEBRUARY 6 EMBODIED PRAYER SHABBAT SERVICE

9:30 am

Led by Deborah Jacobson and Deliah Rosel, D. Min. Joyfully enhance our connection with Infinite Divine Energy through enthusiastic chanting of traditional prayers, a twenty minute Shema/Amidah comprised of the gentle meditative movements and prayerful visualizations of *L'Chaim Qigong* and Torah reading with aliyah --- deepening our personal experience with God and our experience of YHVH as healing energy.

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### FEBRUARY 6 SING!! WITH MARLA BB

10:00 am

Group singing for all with a focus on dynamics and rounds. This group will prepare some songs to present at a Friday evening service. For more information contact Alison Morse, Education Director at [cbi.edudir@verizon.net](mailto:cbi.edudir@verizon.net) or 584-3593 x 203

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### FEBRUARY 13 SHABBAT SING

11:00 am

Adults and children are welcome to sing a wide array of Jewish songs, from child-friendly melodies to complicated rounds. Led by Pam Schwartz and Joel Feldman. Held in CBI Library

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### FEBRUARY 27 LEV CHADASH (NEW HEART) MINYAN

9:45 am

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

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### FEBRUARY 27 JUNIOR CONGREGATION

11:00 am

Monthly program with two concurrent groups. K-2nd grade led by Deborah Bromberg-Seltzer and 3rd-5th grade led by Ari Reis.

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# Save the Date

## PURIM EVENTS

## PURIM SIMCHA - JOY TZEDAKA - JUSTICE & YOU

## PURIM CARNIVAL

### MEGILLA READING AND CELEBRATION

Megilla Reading and  
Celebration - All Welcome!

SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 27  
6:30 pm

Puppet Show for Families with  
Young Children

Happenin' Hamans Garage Band

Costume Parade

Teen Activities

Face painting... fun... food...  
prizes...arts and craft...music...fun  
for the whole family...  
costumes...NEW GAMES!!

Who: Games are most appropriate for  
children ages 3 to 10, but all are  
welcome to come and play.

Cost: \$2 per child (includes 2 game  
tickets) or \$7 for three or more  
children in a family (includes 2 game  
tickets per child). Extra game tickets  
are \$.25 each. Adults are free.

### PURIM CARNIVAL

SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 28  
11:30 am-1:00 pm

Purim Justice Jewpardy & Tzedaka  
(4th-6th Grade)

Mishloach Manot

Havdalah & Hamantashen

All profits from this Teen-Run event  
go to Tzedakah!!

For more information, contact CBI  
Education Director, Alison Morse, at



## COMMUNITY SCHOLAR SERIES

### WISDOM IN TIMES OF CHANGE: FROM THE BIBLE TO THE RABBIS

Our Sages 2000 years ago witnessed  
and grappled with the destruction of  
their world. In an age without divine  
revelation, what do we do in order to  
find wisdom? Do we see ourselves in  
the struggles of the Rabbis?

Please join us as Rabbi Feld shows us  
how we can look to ancient texts as a  
mirror for our spiritual questions and  
struggles.

RABBI EDWARD  
FELD

FRIDAY &  
SATURDAY

MARCH 12 & 13

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Beginning at 8:00 pm after the Shira  
Hadashah Shabbat service which will  
begin at 7:00 pm for this week

SHABBAT, MARCH 13

Held in the Library during Kiddush

RABBI EDWARD FELD *is a noted  
teacher and author and is currently  
the editor of the new Rabbinical  
Assembly (Conservative) High Holy  
Day Mahzor to be published in 2010.*

*For the past seven years he has  
served as Rabbi-in-Residence at the  
Jewish Theological Seminary of  
America where he has been an  
advisor and mentor to rabbinical  
students.*

*Rabbi Feld stepped down recently as  
Educational Director of Rabbis for  
Human Rights—North America having  
developed a curriculum for teaching  
human rights and a new interactive  
web site.*

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# Save the Date

## VALLEY JEWISH SENIORS

### A Maggid is a Storyteller The Birth of Love and Other Stories

Come for Lunch and fall under Maggid DAVID ARFA'S spell as he breathes life into Jewish stories from the past four thousand years!

WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 17  
12:30 pm

David Arfa performs at prayer services, interfaith events, festivals and family programs. His ReStorying Judaism workshops deepen our relationship to Judaism's storytelling heritage. His CD "The Birth of Love: Tales for the Days of Awe", contains ancient mythology, old-world Yiddish tales (set in the Berkshire

foothills), and other surprises. David's newest performance is titled: "The Jar of Tears: A Memorial for the Rebbe of the Warsaw Ghetto", and was performed in Warsaw at the Polish Storytelling Festival.

Suggested donation for lunch is \$5. Reservations always appreciated. To RSVP or if you need a ride, please contact Jane Trigere or Ken Schoen at 413-665-0548

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

## SISTERHOOD MOVIE NIGHT

A Night at the Movies:

"MAKING TROUBLE -  
TO BE FUNNY, JEWISH AND FEMALE"

SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 20  
7:00 am

This documentary film tells the story of six of the greatest female performers of the last century, including Molly Picon, Fanny Brice, Gilda Radner, Wendy Wasserstein, and more.



All are welcome at this enjoyable event - women and men.

Snacks and chats to follow the movie.

## HEVREI MITZVOT MEN'S CLUB

SUNDAY MINYAN at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary with Rabbi Justin David.

HEVREI MITZVOT MEETING begins at 9:345 am and is held at Lander-Grin spoon Academy.

SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 28  
9:45 am

BREAKFAST with Bagels!

COME AND GIVE US A TRY!

New members always welcome!

This month, we will continue our very enjoyable and interesting discussion on how each of has been involved with social services, giving tzedakah, helping to improve humanity, and what we have learned from our parents and grandparents.

For more information, contact David Weinberg at 533-1129 or email [osprey@ospreylimited.com](mailto:osprey@ospreylimited.com)

## SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

### FEBRUARY MEETING

Book: Man in the White Sharkskin Suit by Lucette Lagnado

Date: Monday, February 22, 7:30pm  
Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Home of Cleo Gorman  
32 Winthrop St., Northampton  
(413) 584-4497

MONDAY  
FEBRUARY 22  
7:30 pm

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

### MARCH BOOK:

Book: Loving Frank by Nancy Horan  
Date: Monday, March 15, 7:30pm

## Purim Renewed

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The Book of Esther teaches us that Purim is to be a time of sending gifts (*mishloach manot*) one to another as well as sharing our bounty with the poor. It is also a day of rejoicing, giving rise in our day to the general atmosphere of pandemonium and mayhem. The overall effect, for me, is of a holiday that evokes a spirit of great joy and generosity, albeit with the edge of responding to a frightening and difficult story.

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**Rabbi Justin David**

This year at CBI, we want to involve our community in a familiar but renewed celebration of Purim (**Saturday evening, February 27 at 6:30 pm**). As in years past, we will have Purim be as lively and engaging with our Happenin' Hamans garage band, activities for young people of all ages, and reading the "whole Megilla," with all the requisite booing to blot out Haman's name, as well as funny voices and witty commentary.

But this year, we will do everything with a new, reinvigorated twist.

This year, we will take the opportunity to reach out to those most vulnerable as we reach out to each other through our *Mishloach Manot* for *Tzedakah*. The goal here is two-fold - to connect to each other while we take care of our community.

It's simple. Soon, you will receive a list of every member of the synagogue. For a small fee, you can send a box of *mishloach manot* of small Purim treats to anyone you wish, and to as many people as you wish. You pay a small fee for each name, as well as an \$18 to automatically reciprocate to those you send to you, and all proceeds will go to the **Northampton Survival Center**. Each person to whom you send *mishloach manot* will receive their basket at our Purim celebration, along with a "Happy Purim!" note with your name on it. In addition to sending to friends in the congregation, consider performing a "random act of friendship" by sending *mishloach manot* to someone you don't know or would like to get to know better.

In addition, Alison Morse has been working hard to make sure that we have the most engaging variety of activities for our young people. In addition to being vibrant, thoughtful and expertly run, our activities will be organized around the theme of *tzedek*, justice, that is so central to this holiday.

Finally, toward the end of the evening, we will all gather for a brief *havdalah*, which promises to be a beautiful moment before we enjoy each other's company over *hamentaschen*.

Let me close with some last minute tips for getting the most joy and justice out of Purim:

- ◆ For groggers (noisemakers to blot out Haman's name), consider bringing boxes of pasta, which we can then collect and distribute to the Survival Center.
- ◆ Use this day to familiarize yourself with Jewish organizations, such as Mazon, Jewish Funds for Justice, and Hazon, which seek to alleviate poverty in the US.
- ◆ Join us Sunday morning, February 28, at 9:15 am, for morning *minyan* and *Megillah* reading, after which we can have a Purim "brunch" and exchange our favorite Jewish humor!

As we prepare to welcome the month of Adar, I wish everyone the most of joy,

Rabbi Justin David

# 8 WORDS

# From the Education Director

## Four Worlds

World Name	Element	Character	Direction	Season	Fruit (or Nuts)	Mixture of wine flowers in Israel)
<i>Assiyah</i> - the world of doing and making. עשייה	Earth	Physical	West	Winter	Hard (inedible) outer shell with a soft inner part. e.g. pomegranate, banana, walnut	White Wine (white squill, Narcissus, Sand Lillies)
<i>Yetzirah</i> - the world of formation or crafting one thing from another. יצירה	Water	Emotional	South	Spring	Soft out part with hard (inedible) inner part. e.g. Peach, olive, avocado, cherries, dates	White with a drop of red wine. (white and pink cyclamen)
<i>B'riyah</i> - the world of creation or creating something from nothing בריה	Air	Cerebral	East	Summer	All is edible: soft throughout. e.g. strawberry, fig, pear, grapes	Half red and half white wine. (red buds on fig tree)
<i>Atzilut</i> - the world of emanation, being next to God. אצילות	Fire	Spiritual	North	Autumn	Beyond a physical fruit, an essence. e.g. sweet smells or tastes like bay leaf, cinnamon. (doing <i>Torah &amp; mitzvot</i> )	Red wine with a drop of white wine. (Poppies, red Buttercups)

Shoshana Zonderman (CBI member and family educator) compiled this chart in preparation for a Tu B'Shevat family program for 7th and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents, with the following preface: According to Kabbalah, creation and divine energy are channeled through each of four worlds. At a Kabbalistic Tu B'Shevat seder, fruits and wine are eaten with special blessings in order to renew the divine flow of sustaining energy into the world. To understand the chart and its deeper meaning, families were divided into four groups and given additional information about one of the "worlds". The

Education Director  
Alison Morse

groups were then asked to create imaginative presentations to share with the other families, based on information culled from their study sheets. Following the presentations, students remained with their groups to depict the "worlds" on canvas under the direction of local artist and teacher Donna Estabrooks. If you are unfamiliar with the

name, then perhaps you might recognize Donna's work displayed in a tax office on Main Street in Florence adjacent to the Pizza Factory. Donna's work is colorful, upbeat, heart felt and prolific. We hope to display this student work - 4 panels- in the social hall in the coming weeks. While students were painting, Shoshana engaged parents in a Tu B'Shevat food tasting and study followed by a closing circle and blessings for parents and students. To create a fully animated and text based experience for our families, teacher and Family Minyan leader Ari Reis began the morning with "green" stories from the Baal Shem Tov as an entryway into Kabbalah. When it is time to sit together for the CBI Passover Seder, we hope that you will enjoy the fruit of this programs' labor in the form of the 4 panels.

## Preschool Education

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### FIRST LETTERF

To the CBI Community and Gan Keshet Parents:

We are writing to you as a committee that has been formed to explore the possibility of expanding the opportunities for parents of preschoolers by adding options to CBI's Gan Keshet preschool program.

You may have heard that the Lander Grinspoon Academy (LGA) announced their intention to open a pre-kindergarten program that might have competed with Gan Keshet for some children. They now have decided not to open their program this fall.

After LGA's original announcement, the five of us began to discuss ways LGA and CBI might collaborate. We have been meeting with the Head of Gan Keshet as well as its Parent Advisory Committee, and also with LGA's President and Head of School. We expect the meetings to continue.

We want to share with you our excitement about how such collaboration might strengthen both CBI and LGA. We believe that by enriching the high quality preschool education program already offered by Gan Keshet, we can encourage more local families to take advantage of the strong Jewish educational programs available in our community, including both the CBI Religious School and the LGA Jewish Day School.

We invite our members and the families of Gan Keshet to offer their insight and comments.

### FOLLOW UP LETTER

To the CBI Community and Gan Keshet Parents:

Earlier this week we sent you a letter to let you know about an exciting opportunity to work collaboratively with Lander Grinspoon Academy (LGA) to expand and enhance our preschool program. We want to clarify that it was never the intent of LGA to compete with or in any way weaken Gan Keshet, our existing preschool. Rather, LGA's goal was - and is - to create a menu of options that will serve a larger part of our community.

LGA was receptive to the concerns expressed by some CBI members this fall and voluntarily proposed to CBI that it postpone opening its new junior kindergarten program so as to allow additional talks to take place with the goal of broader collaboration between our institutions.

We very much appreciate LGA's generosity in putting its program on hold to allow us to investigate collaborative possibilities. We regret that there have been misunderstandings, but are optimistic that the result of this collaboration will strengthen both institutions as well as the larger Jewish community.

Susan Mosler and Larry Hott

*Co-Presidents, CBI*

David and Doris Cohen

*Past Co-Presidents, CBI*

Linda Minoff

*Past President, CBI and Past President, LGA*

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Prepare for  
blast off!!



Parent  
involvement  
irresistible

The Dramatic Play Center provides a fun, safe way for children to try on different personas, negotiate roles, and apply their knowledge which includes incorporating new ideas that have been introduced! This month, in the Chamaniot Class, the center was turned into an Outer Space Extravaganza! The other day, I learned from their teacher, that while a group was readying for take off they were asked, *"Where are you heading?"* the children quickly responded, *"To Mars. We want to meet the Jewish Aliens!"* (How's that for integrating a secular and Judaic curriculum!)

A curriculum extension of the Space theme was presented to the children through a language/arts activity. The children were asked to draw/write (with assistance) a response to the question: *"If you grew up to be an Astronaut where would you like to explore?"* We thought you would enjoy reading some of the responses that the children gave:

*"I would go to the moon. I really like to draw circles and the moon has a lot of craters!"*

*"I would fly to probably Saturn. I want to figure out if there are fifty-five thousand rings around it (I actually already know.)"*

*"I would fly to Mars. I would like to go there because it is one of my favorite colors. It is reddish-orangish but today I wanted to draw it pink and brown!"*

*"I would go to Mars. I like the colors of Mars. It has two moons. I would like to float around in space."*



In the Parparim classroom this month, the children have been exploring concepts related to the Tu B'shevat holiday. They recently read the story *The Lorax by Dr. Seuss*, a whimsical cautionary tale about the importance of protecting trees and the environment. Inspired by the hopeful message for a clean, green future, the children went about creating their own Truffula Trees.  
L'hitrahot, Wendy

## BIKKUR HOLIM VISITATION PROGRAM

### NEW! CBI BIKKUR HOLIM HOME VISITATION PROGRAM

Bikkur Holim is an essential quality of good interpersonal relationships. It reflects the primary Biblical value, "And you shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). By fulfilling this role, we deeply enrich both our lives and the lives of those we visit. When we visit we attain a spiritual dimension that goes well beyond a simple personal expression of caring and links us with generations past, present and future. Indeed, we are linked not only to the entire Jewish people, but to all humanity, as well, emulating G-d's attributes of compassion and lovingkindness.

*"My experience has been that you will get so much joy, meaning and fulfillment from the experience, that you will feel that doing this mitzvah is simply a gift to yourself!"*

JOIN US! The visits can be once a month or once every two weeks, from 15 minutes to one hour. If you know someone that you would like us to check in with - to determine if they would like to be visited in their home, or if you would like to become one of our visitors, please contact:

Nisa Joy Zalta at 413-584-3842, or email at [nzalta@gmail.com](mailto:nzalta@gmail.com)

(P.S. We already have eight matches!)

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES OF NOTE



**FEBRUARY 5:** CBI & LGA Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner for Gimel-Hay families at 6:30-8:00 pm

**FEBRUARY 7:** Yom Shira- All parents invited to attend a morning sing at 9:40 am led by Pam and Joel, followed by a school assembly at 10:50 am. All classes will be presenting several songs. Zavin Students - Class visit to the Hatikvah Holocaust Education Center. Parents needed as escorts.

**FEBRUARY 14 - FEBRUARY 21:** NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**FEBRUARY 23:** Classes resume

**FEBRUARY 27:** Community Purim Celebration at 6:30 pm

**FEBRUARY 28:** Purim Carnival at 11:30-1:00 pm

## CBI ZEMIROT KIDDUSH

### JOIN US ON SHABBAT, FEBRUARY 6

Joyful melodies paired with ancient hymns have enlivened Shabbat celebrations for centuries. Join us in the library during Kiddush to continue this tradition, sharing old and new favorites. Songsters with transliteration provided

KIDDUSH SPONSORED BY  
ILANA & BILL SCHMITT

# 12 CALENDAR

# Month of February

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FEBRUARY 2	Tuesday	12:15 pm	TUESDAY TEXT STUDY WITH RABBI DAVID
FEBRUARY 4	Thursday	8:00 am	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam & Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg
		7:00 pm	J STREET LAUNCH GATHERING AT CBI See page 3 for more information
FEBRUARY 5	Friday	4:51 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
		6:00 pm	KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE GIMEL-HAY SERVICE AND DINNER
FEBRUARY 6	Saturday	9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE <i>Parashat Yitro</i> Kiddush sponsored by Ilana & Bill Schmitt
		9:45 am	EMBODIED PRAYER SERVICE WITH DELIAH ROSEL
		10:00 am	SING! WITH MARLA BB See page 4 for more information
		11:00 am	SHABBAT FAMILY MINYAN See page 4 for more information
		11:00 am	TOT SHABBAT LED BY PEGGY WALKER See page 4 for more information
		During Kiddush	CBI ZEMEROT KIDDUSH See page 11 for more information
		5:54 pm	SHABBAT ENDS
FEBRUARY 7	Sunday	9:15 am	SUNDAY MINYAN See page 3 for more information
FEBRUARY 9	Tuesday	12:15 pm	TUESDAY TEXT STUDY WITH RABBI DAVID
FEBRUARY 11	Thursday	8:00 am	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam & Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg
FEBRUARY 12	Friday	5:00 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
		6:00 pm	SHIRA CHADASHA KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE With Rabbi Justin David & David Weidenfeld See page 3 for more information
FEBRUARY 13	Saturday	9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES <i>Parashat Mishpatim</i> Kiddush sponsored by Stephan Wurmbrand & Judy Herrell and Hilda & Louis Greenbaum
		11:00 am	SHABBAT SING See page 4 for more information
		6:02 pm	SHABBAT ENDS

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# 13 CALENDAR

# Month of February

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FEBRUARY 14	Sunday		NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL THROUGH FEB. 21
FEBRUARY 15	Monday		CBI OFFICE CLOSED: PRESIDENT'S DAY
FEBRUARY 16	Tuesday	12:15 pm	TUESDAY TEXT STUDY WITH RABBI DAVID
FEBRUARY 17	Wednesday	12:30 pm	VALLEY JEWISH SENIORS LUNCH WITH DAVID ARFA See page 6 for more information
FEBRUARY 18	Thursday	8:00 am	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam & Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg
FEBRUARY 19	Friday	5:09 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
		6:00 pm	KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
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FEBRUARY 20	Saturday	9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE <i>Parashat T'rumah</i>
		6:11 pm	SHABBAT ENDS
		7:00 pm	SISTERHOOD MOVIE NIGHT See page 6 for more information
FEBRUARY 23	Tuesday	12:15 pm	TUESDAY TEXT STUDY WITH RABBI DAVID
		7:30 pm	CBI BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 25	Thursday	8:00 am	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam & Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg
		7:30 pm	CBI SALON AT THE HOME OF JANE BRODWYN See page 3 for more information
FEBRUARY 26	Friday	5:18 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
		6:00 pm	KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
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FEBRUARY 27	Saturday	9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE Parashat Tetzaveh
		10:00 am	LEV CHADASH MINYAN LED BY RABBI NANCY FLAM See page 4 for more information
		11:00 am	JUNIOR CONGREGATION See page 4 for more information
		6:19 pm	SHABBAT ENDS
		6:30 pm	MEGILLAH READING & PURIM CELEBRATION
FEBRUARY 28	Sunday	11:30 am	PURIM CARNIVAL See page 5 for more info

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**YOGA WITH A  
JEWISH TWIST**

February 21, and March 21, 9:45-11:15

Setting intentions for our yoga practice based on Jewish wisdom sources, we create an artful blend of yoga postures, contemplation and community. Led by Amy Reed, Anusara-Inspired™ yoga instructor, and Judi Wisch, Jewish Educator. Held at Lander Grinspoon Academy, 257 Prospect St., Northampton. Fee: \$10. Beginners are welcome! For info, call Rachel Valitt at (413) 658-5806. This event is co-sponsored by Hadassah, Congregation B'nai Israel, and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

**IN GOD'S IMAGE/  
B'TZELEM ELOHIM  
WORKSHOPS FOR  
PARENTS**

*Building Jewish Identify for Children with Special Needs: A Support and Education Group for Parents.* In God's Image/B'Tzelem Elohim workshops are aimed at parents of children with ADD/ADHD, Autism Spectrum, and other special needs which may cause learning, behavioral or emotional challenges. Parents have an opportunity to hear from each other and help to identify needs, problems and solutions. In particular, this group is to help families strengthen their Jewish experience at home and in our community and to give children a fuller Jewish identity. Note: Unfortunately, we cannot provide childcare at this time. Rhonda Shapiro-Rieser is a former special education teacher who has a Doctor of Ministry degree in Jewish Spiritual Direction. She is also a Licensed Mental Health Counselor with a graduate Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders. **Upcoming Meetings: Sundays, February 21, March 21, April 25, 2010, 10:15-11:30 am at the Jewish Community of Amherst, 742 Main Street, Amherst, MA. Cost: Free and open to the Jewish community.** For registration and further information contact: Jody Rosenbloom, Director of Life Long Learning, at 413-256-0160x203 or eddir@j-c-a.org.

**JEWISH WOMEN'S  
SONG CIRCLE**

Sundays: February 7, March 14, April TBA, May 16, and June 13, 7:00-8:30 pm. Song circles offer a place to experience joy, healing, self-expression, community and inspiration. Join us each month as we explore our Jewish connections through song, chant, and meditation. Sing experience and knowledge of Hebrew are not necessary. Led by Felicia Sloin. FREE. New location: CRADLE, Thorne's Marketplace, 3rd Floor, Northampton. Pre-registration required. To register, email JewishLife@jfswm.org, to register by telephone, call (413) 737-2601. Please visit our website at www.jfswm.org.

**PASSOVER COOKING  
FOR PARENTS &  
TEENS**

Wednesday, March 10th, 6:30-8:30 pm at Whole Foods Market, Rt 9 in Hadley, MA. Jewish educator Shoshana Zonderman and Berkshire Cuisine chefs Dawn LaRoche and Jim Lambert (of Apogee Catering and the Perigee Restaurant) team up again to teach about preparing delicious yet simple Passover foods. All adults are welcome, with or without a teen. Cost: \$10 per adult, \$15 for a parent and teen (13 yrs or older) Pre-register by March 8th by calling Jewish Family Service 413-737-2601. Rain date: March 11th. Major funding from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

**UPCOMING  
HADASSAH EVENT**

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR A SPECIAL HADASSAH EVENT on SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010. We can't disclose the details yet, but we will let you know as soon as everything is finalized.

## JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Save the Dates!  
**Pioneer Valley Jewish Film Festival**  
 March 11 - 24, 2010

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## LGA HOSTS PJ LIBRARY PALS

**FEBRUARY 26, 1:00-2:00 pm**

Puppets, music, art, theatre...PJ families are having fun all year! The PJ Library invites parents and preschoolers, 2-4 years old, to enjoy fun Jewish-themed stories and activities each month. Lots of friends come at 12:30pm to have a brown bag lunch together, too! More activities scheduled for 3/19 & 4/16. For info or to receive e-mail reminders contact Marla at [mshelasky@lgaschechter.org](mailto:mshelasky@lgaschechter.org) or 413-584-6622.

Lander-Grinspoon Academy is accepting applications for all grades, K-6. Apply to our Kindergarten by our January 29 deadline and meet other parents and applicants at our Kindergarten Visit Day, Feb. 8. \$2500 Grinspoon Tuition Incentive, Amherst van, financial aid, and afterschool programs are available. Call to schedule a tour today or visit our website to download application materials: (413) 584-6622, [www.LGASchechter.org](http://www.LGASchechter.org).

## NORTHAMPTON COT SHELTER

Once again it is winter and this means CBI is responsible for providing one meal a month for our fellow Northampton residents who are homeless. In November, the miracle Thanksgiving meal was provided by the following people:

Cleo Gorman  
 Ron Ackerman  
 Lesley Fraidstern  
 Randi Klein  
 Judy Blaustein and her family  
 Laura Katz and her parents from Vermont: Phyllis and Arnold Katz

The December Christmas Eve meal was a great success with the help of the following people:

Jennifer Einhorn	Marci Yoss	Abbie Steiner	Shelley Schieffelin
Linda Sopp	Cathy Cohen	Elizabeth Tavel	Dorothy Goldstone
Sheron Rupp	Diane Garey	Larry Hott	Joan Schaffer
Sara Weinberger	Erica Kates	Jacqui Kates	Leo Fish
Ron Ackerman	Cleo Gorman	Joel Dansky	

Board Meeting  
December 15, 2009

Present: , Jeff Caplan, Janet W. Chevan, Erin Nunes Cooper, John Eckstein, Barry Federman, Norbert Goldfield, Larry Hott, John Joelson, Susan Mosler, Deborah Penzias, Jim Sagalyn, Shelley Schieffelin, Jane Trigere, Rabbi Justin David, Janis Levy, Mark Brumberg, Neil Kudler

Regrets: Lou Davis, Robin Maltz, Bruce Coates-Finke, Tami Fields, Dorothy Nemetz, David Cohen, Tom Arnold

**Rabbi's D'var Torah:**

Rabbi Justin David led Chanukah candle lighting.

**Minutes:**

**Motion:** Approve minutes from the meeting dated 17 November 2009. All in favor. Passed.

**Synagogue Director's Report:**

Janis Levy reports:

**Membership**

One member resignation

New memberships: No new memberships this month. There are several inquiries from interested potential members. There are 391 total memberships. This is healthy for this time of year

**Kol Nidre Appeal**

The Kol Nidre appeal was very successful with \$22,000.00 received.

**Mahzor Lev Shalem**

The drive has been very successful so far. There are some large donations for 30 & 60 units We expect to be able to raise sufficient funds, and we may not need to transfer funds after fundraiser

**Education Director Search:**

John reports:

John worked with Rabbi Justin David to identify listing locations. The position is starting to be posted online at JTSA, craigslist, and Hebrew college. There is no paid advertising We should begin to receive resumes next week The closing date to receive resumes will be at the end of the first week of January

Discussion:

The position should also be posted on the CBI

website. The job description postings should also include a link to the job description on the CBI website. John will send Jan the info to post on the website

**Demographic and Attitudinal Surveys:**

Lou Davis reports: Lou apologizes for his absence (due to illness) and the resulting delays in developing the survey. He has a working outline of what will be included and is working on the actual draft. There are still 2 separate surveys: one demographic, the other attitudinal.

Revised working schedule:

January 2010: Lou will circulate the draft to the board for review and comment

January 2010: Send out to the membership at the end of January

March 7, 2010: Deadline for analysis of data

Discussion: The Education committee feels someone from their committee should be involved. Lou suggested that the committee review the draft when it is circulated to the board. If additional involvement is needed, the members of the committee can E-mail Lou with questions.

**Sanctuary Reconfiguration:**

There is interest in establishing a committee to look at options for reconfiguring the sanctuary. The reconfiguration could occur in the near future, without being tied in to a longer schedule for a larger scale renovation and addition to the building.

Discussion:

Jane Trigere is interested in taking this on. Erin Cooper will assist.

The Building and Grounds, Ritual, and Aesthetics committees should also play an active role.

This Group should come up with proposal to present to board within the next several months.

Any immediate sanctuary reconfiguration should be accomplished with a modest budget and should not preclude any future renovations.

Jane Trigere volunteered to make a physical model of the sanctuary and the furniture. The model can be used to rearrange the existing furniture and review options. Jane is well versed in the history of synagogue interiors.

**Ritual committee:**

Ron Ackerman has pulled back from leading this committee. He has temporarily resigned as chair.

The Ritual Committee will meet soon and discuss having someone currently on the committee step forward as a temporary chair

### Beit Ahavah Collaboration

Norbert is taking more proactive steps to work with Beit Ahavah. He spoke with Bill Zimmer, Beit Ahavah's President, and discussed ideas for joint events. Suggested events include:  
 Holiday events around Tu b'Shvat  
 Joint education / classes taught by Rabbis Justin David and Riqi Kosovske

Discussion: Jan suggested working with Beit Ahavah on the Passover Community Seder. This CBI event has always been open to the broader community, but could easily evolve into a formal collaborative effort with Beit Ahavah, hosted by CBI. Mark Brumberg will communicate this suggestion to the committee

### Consolidating Facilities Management

Carol Katz, Mark Brumberg, David Cohen, and Caryn Brause have been looking into reorganizing the building and grounds roles and responsibilities at LGA and CBI.

Goals include:

Having staff available during hours when the building is in use.

Improving communication

Potential sharing of responsibilities between the two buildings.

Having a single point of contact that has hands on experience dealing with plumbing and electricity.

Streamlining communication for facilities staff members

Developing a plan that will be in place for the next budget cycle.

Discussion: Jan suggested involving the current staff. The plan should address which organization (LGA or CBI) is responsible for employing staff

### Parking & Grounds:

A parking issue has come up: Cars are frequently parked along the perimeter of the CBI lot near the entrance / exit to the street. This could be a hazard to pedestrians and other vehicles. The exterior entrance light is out.

Discussion: This issue is ongoing and has been discussed in past. This occurs not only during busy times, but it seems that people prefer to park in these locations even when other spaces are available.

Jan will work on addressing this. Mark will look into the entrance light. The bulb may be out.

### Exterior Menorah:

CBI purchased as new exterior menorah with much excitement! Unfortunately, it is not working and will be returned to the vendor. The Ritual Committee authorized the purchase and put it in place. The menorah was erected by the custodians, and immediately it had problems with it's stability, freezing fuel, and general reliability.

### LGA and Gan Keshet:

David Cohen was involved in these discussions. He is not present to report. Larry reports:

- ◆ LGA has approved the formation of Ganeinu, an age 4-5 kindergarten program
- ◆ CBI's Gan Keshet program goes up to age 4.9, so there is some overlap.
- ◆ There are questions about how this program was proposed and will it threaten the viability of Gan Keshet. There are questions about why CBI and LGA did not work out in advance.
- ◆ There is technically no violation of the lease with the formation of this program, as it is a full day program.
- ◆ Currently, CBI and LGA are interested in working together from this point onward. There have been several recent meetings, and the two groups are working in positive direction.
- ◆ The meetings have highlighted general communication issues between LGA and CBI, and more meetings are coming up. There is a larger issue of how each organization can identify actions that will effect the other organization.
- ◆ This is one reason why the executive committee is suggesting a partial combined retreat. This could alternatively be addressed in a long combined meeting if not at a retreat.

Discussion: Janet Chevan brought up that many schools in the area have vacancies. This information may be useful in attempting to anticipate the populations in both programs.

Questions:

Age overlap: Is there competition, and how will it affect Gan Keshet?

Can we combine forces, and what would that mean?

When would it happen?

Are we duplicating services and why would we do it?

Is there a gap in services?

**Religious School:**

At the community meeting, a comment and suggestion was made to provide free Religious School for the first several years. The suggestion was based on another congregation's initiative that offered three years of free religious school. The initiative tripled attendance and increased overall membership of the congregation.

Jeff Caplan is looking into this plan and other examples. He will report back to the board when he has additional data. We will table discussion on this as a possible CBI initiative until Jeff has concrete data and examples of other congregations' initiatives.

**Gan Keshet - CBI Relationship:**

The Gan Keshet - CBI relationship was clarified for the board:

Gan Keshet is a part of CBI and falls under this board. Gan Keshet has no financial impact on CBI in that it has an independent budget. We do not put in any funds from the CBI budget towards the operation of Gan Keshet.

CBI does provide the building, facilities, and utilities. Gan Keshet has it's own committee that develops pay structure, manages personnel, and evaluations.

Discussion: The existing relationship works in many levels but in light of recent communication between LGA and CBI, the relationship needs to be examined further.

**CBI Benefits:**

Jan renegotiated health insurance coverage for CBI employees and reported to the Financial Oversight Committee. Coverage is also relevant to Gan Keshet employees

**New member bags**

Welcome bags for new member were distributed to board members. Board members are responsible for meeting with the new members to formally welcome them. Giving the bag in person is preferred.

Discussion: Suggestion for board members to invite new members to their homes for Shabbat dinner. Jane Trigere suggested that we also prepare packages for new births.

**Nominations:**

Mark Brumberg reports: Board members should notify Richard Fein if you want to re-run for a board position if your term is expiring Notify Richard by the

first week in January

**Chanukah party**

Feedback on the CBI Hanukah party was "fabulous." Alison and the committee did an extraordinary job developing a program that was appealing to young children, families, teens, and older members. Highlights include:

8 hours of baking latkes and applesauce!  
Volunteers had a positive experience and noted that the time spent together is valuable.  
Food was composted at cleanup, and attendees responded positively.  
Dancing led by Iris Berkman - Young children and adults danced around tables of menorahs. It was intergenerational  
20 adults attended the study

**Bread from the Earth:**

9:30 - 11:30 at CBI next Sunday morning. Challah baking

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Erin Nunes Cooper

**WELCOME !**

We are pleased to welcome  
new and returning members  
to Congregation B'nai Israel

**MICHAEL KNAPP**

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**ANNUAL FUND**

To Leslie Fraidstern. In memory of your mother, Minnie Bitter, from Sherry & Arthur Hyman

To Louis Greenbaum. Grandpa, we wish you a very special 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. We love you, from Jenna, David and Ava Greenbaum.

To Leslie Fraidstern, with deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved Mother, Minnie Bitter, from Harriet Weinroth

To Leslie and Janet Fraidstern. Our sympathies on the passing of Leslie's mother, from Carol & Brad Katz

To Leslie Fraidstern with our sincere condolences on the death of your mother, from Jeff Korff, Shelley Steuer and Dorothy Steuer.

To Leslie & Janet Fraidstern. So sorry to hear about your mother. We are sending you our warmest condolences. Our hearts are with you, from Esta & Frederick Busi.

To Leslie Fraidstern. We are so sorry for your loss, from Nancy Felton & Joel Dansky

To Leslie Fraidstern. In memory of Minnie Bitter, from Rachel Theilheimer & Jonathan Beard

**BIKKUR HOLIM FUND**

To Leslie & Janet Fraidstern. Our condolences on your loss of Leslie's mother, Minnie Bitter. From Joe & Cathy Cohen.

**EDUCATION FUND**

To Gerry Budgar, in memory of your dear mother, Sarah Budgar, from Sari Merrill

In memory of Minnie Blitter, mother of Leslie Fraidstern. In memory of the mother of Marcy Eisenberg.

Mazal Tov to Saadya Chevan on becoming a Bar Mitzvah. From Rabbi Saul Perlmutter & Shoshana Zonderman.

**ENDOWMENT FUND**

To Gerry and Larry Budgar. In remembrance of your wonderful mother, a lovely woman and friend, from Marcia Burick & Ed McColgan

To Leslie Fraidstern with sympathy on the loss of your dear mother, from Marcia Burick

To John Clayton. Happy Birthday and many more. May you go from strength to strength, from David & Doris Cohen

To Louis Greenbaum. Mazel Tov on your special birthday, from David & Doris Cohen

To Gerald Budgar and Family. Our sympathy on the passing of lovely and gracious S.arah Budgar. From David & Doris Cohen

To Barbara Fink and Family with our condolences on Larry's passing. May you take comfort in memories of better times, from David & Doris Cohen

To Leslie and Janet Fraidstern. Our condolences on the death of Leslie's mother. May you be comforted by good memories and the support of community, from David & Doris Cohen

To Monroe Rabin. Happy Birthday and Yasher Koach from David & Doris Cohen

To Marcy Eisenberg with sympathy on the loss of your mother. Our thoughts are with you, from David & Doris Cohen.

To Saadya Chevan and family. Congratulations on your Bar Mitzvah. We welcome you into the adult CBI community, from David & Doris Cohen

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To Heather & John Horwick. In memory of Donna Horwick, from Stephen & Carolyn Dashef

**PULPIT FUND**

To Leslie Fraidstern, in memory of your mother, from Richard Fein & Rhonda Frankel-Fein.

in memory of our father, William Fierstein, from Edward & Barbara Levine

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Jacob & Lucy Greenberg  
Kendra Fabry

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

To Leslie Fraidstern. Condolences on the loss of your beloved mother from Henry Rosenberg & Katie Hicks

**RABBI'S PRAYER FUND**

Phyllis Miller & Roe Karparis  
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**SISTERHOOD ALL OCCASION FUND**

To the Fink Family in memory of your loving husband and father, Larry. From Vera & Laurie Wishnow

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To Gerry Budgar and Larry Budgar. In memory of your mother, Sarah Budgar, from Ricki Kantrowitz & Alex Cohen

To Doris & David Cohen. Mazel Tov to you on the marriage of your daughter, from Barbara & Joe Goldstein

To Gerry and Larry Budgar and Family with our most sincere condolences on the passing of your beloved mother. As devoted friends all these past years, Seki and Sarah will now again enjoy each others company. From Edward & Joyce Allen.

To Al and Janet Chevan. In honor of your grandson becoming a Bar Mitzvah, from Barry & Julie Federman.

To Leslie Fraidstern. So sorry to learn of your mothers passing. You made her proud. From Edward & Joyce Allen

To Leslie Fraidstern with condolences on your loss, from Jan Hackman

To Leslie Fraidstern. We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved mother. Our thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace during this difficult time of grief. From Frances Hack, Bob Chabot, Jessica and Ethan.

In honor of Leslie Fraidstern. May you be comforted. From Rabbi Justin David & Judy Wolf

To Leslie & Janet Fraidstern. Our sincere sympathy for the death of Leslie's mother, Minnie Bitter. We are thinking of you and your family. From Bill & Carol Jolly

**TIKKUN OLAM FUND**

Janet Bowdan  
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In memory of my father, Leo Blau, from Carol Jolly

To Doris & David Cohen. Mazel Tov to you on the marriage of your daughter from Barbara and Joe Goldstein

To Gerald and Larry Budgar. In memory of Seki Budgar, my late aunt's BFF! From Susan Adelson

To Gerald Budgar with sincere condolences on the death of your mother amidst everything else that you have been going through in your neighborhood. From Gaby Riesz

To Leslie Fraidstern. Thinking of you and sending our sincere condolences on the death of your mother, from Gaby and the girls

To Leslie Fraidstern. In memory of your mother, Minnie Bitter, from Chaim & Chaya Marks.

To Leslie & Janet Fraidstern. In memory of Minnie Bitter, from Ron & Eileen Burke.

In memory of Leslie Fraidstern's mother, Minnie Bitter, from Bill Newman & Dale Melcher.

**TZEDAKAH FUND**

To Leslie Fraidstern. In memory of Minnie Bitter, mother of Leslie from Ruth & Don Katzner

**VALLEY JEWISH SENIORS**

To Leslie Fraidstern, with sincere condolences on the loss of your mother, from Adele Steinberg

To Leslie & Janet Fraidstern with deep sympathy to your family at the loss of your mother, Minnie Bitter, from Ed and Barbara Levine

To Leslie & Janet Fraidstern with our condolences on the passing of your mother, Minnie Bitter, from Ron and Cleo

To Leslie Fraidstern. In memory of your mother, Minnie Bitter, from Racheal Theilheimer & Jonathan Beard

In memory of Leslie Fraidstern's mother/Janet Fraidstern's mother-in-law, with sympathy for their loss. From Leslea Vazquez Newman

**WOMEN'S FUND**

To Bruce & Rita Bleiman with our condolences on your mother's passing, from Ron Ackerman & Cleo Gorman

**FEBRUARY 1/ SHEVAT 17**

Leo Dembinsky\*  
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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**

Established by the Marmor family. 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.*

**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 Gan Keshet and mail to CBI.*

**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 the Sam & Mildred Wolfe Fund, mail to Beth Goldstein, 43 Fort Hill Terrace, Northampton, MA 01060*

**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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