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**FIRM DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15**

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

Submit entries in person or via email.

Pictures and ads should be submitted in .jpg format

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## A Community of Hesed

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Once the High Holidays have ended, I feel as if the floodgates open, and the creative possibilities of the year ahead begin to emerge. As I write these words in the middle of the month of Heshvan, two important questions occupy my thinking.

I have been thinking a lot about prayer over the past couple of years. I always think about how our services, with their customs both contemporary and ancient, speak to individuals both familiar with traditional prayer as well as those encountering it for the first time. Wrestling with these questions has created what I will call a “dialectic” of prayer, both for me as a rabbi as well as for our community. When I lead a Shabbat service, I try to draw on the best of what we already know in order to engage those of us who are searching for their place in Jewish tradition. And so, I have gradually changed our practice over time to include more moments to pause and reflect, more time for niggunim (accessible, prayerful melodies without words) and experimentation with singing, silent reflection and meditation. The flowering of the Lev Chadash minyan, led by Rabbi Nancy Flam, is also part of our “dialectic of prayer,” and has created new spiritual possibilities for many of us.

I believe that we are at a moment in the life of our community when we need to embrace the need for the continual development and change of our customs and practices around prayer. At this point, I don't know what these changes would look like. But on **Shabbat morning, November 13**, we will have an opportunity to try something new. On **November 13**, as part of our **In Home Shabbaton**, I will lead Shabbat morning services with **Rabbi Nancy Flam**. I urge us all to arrive early, at the beginning of services at 9:30, so that we can experience a new way of praying on Shabbat. The service will be shorter, so as to allow extended time for an extended conversation on the meaning of Shabbat in our lives, and will include some innovative approaches while preserving what we all find most vibrant and compelling. Perhaps our service on **November 13** will set a precedent for how we approach services in the future.

In addition to thinking about the life of prayer, I am also devoting time and energy to creating a sense of our congregation as a **community of hesed**, or “caring.” In fact, I will work with our Board of Directors throughout the year to make our **hesed (caring)** projects more known and more robust. To be sure, we have a number of initiatives - some organized, some more informal - that provide companionship to people facing trying circumstances. But I would like to see us articulate our capacity for **hesed (caring)** as a defining feature of our community. There are many things that can make our congregation welcoming and relevant in our day, but a focus on **hesed (caring)** preserves the soul of our community.

On a practical level, this means making our initiatives, be they visiting the sick, providing meals, companionship with seniors, supporting anyone going through a tough time, preparing the deceased for burial or attending shiva, more visible and therefore more accessible to those who need them. It also means expanding what we do, and boiling down the opportunities to discrete acts that each of us can accomplish at some point throughout the year. Often, we discover that an act of **hesed** is more compelling and meaningful than we could have anticipated.

Of course, on a deep level, the **life of prayer** and the **life of hesed (caring)** are interconnected. We pray, I believe, to prepare ourselves for the moments of facing another human being with humility and awe, recognizing that s/he is created in the image of God. And so, I invite us to participate in both - to engage in the ongoing dialogue of prayer, and to join ourselves to the work of supporting each other. In this way, we help each other to create sacred community.

B'shalom, Rabbi Justin David

### MAKE A HESED CALL To Rabbi Justin David

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

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

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

*The world is built on hesed (kindness).*

# CBI AT-HOME SHABBATON

JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY SHABBAT CELEBRATION  
EXPERIENCE SHABBAT FROM START TO FINISH...

Many of us do not regularly celebrate Shabbat for a full 25 hours. What would it be like to set aside the complete day for just "being" rather than "doing," for gathering with community members for meals, worship, study, and celebration of the natural world?

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 &  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

## Friday Evening Events:

- 6:00 pm Shira Chadasha Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
7:00 pm Potluck Dinner at LGA  
8:15 pm Joyous singing led by Felicia Sloin  
9:00 pm Laila Tov!

## Saturday Events:

- 9:30 am Join us in the main sanctuary for Shabbat Morning Services led by Rabbi Justin David and Rabbi Nancy Flam  
9:45 am Family Minyan led by in the library  
10:00 am Relax and renew yourself with Shabbat Yoga led by Sheila Weinberg at LGA  
11:00 am Teen Event led by our new Youth Group Advisor Aaron Kagan:  
11:30 am All will join together in the sanctuary for teaching and discussion  
12:15 pm Kiddush together in the Social Hall at CBI  
1:00 pm Torah & Movement Workshop with Andrea Hobos, Torah and dance educator  
2:00 pm Fabulous Array of Family Activities: Family sports with Joel Feldmam, Nature Walk led by Max Page, Torah discussion and study with Rabbi David Seidenberg, and more!  
4:45 pm Seudah Shleesheet (a light, third meal) and singing in the social hall  
5:45 pm Havdalah with Rabbi Justin David

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**SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE OR CALL (413) 584-3593 BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

**Participant Names: (PRINT)** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Friday Evening Potluck Info: (By last name, what will you be bringing)**

- \_\_\_A - D Hor's d'oeuvres (cheese, crackers, chips, dips, salsa)  
\_\_\_E - J Salads (green and otherwise)  
\_\_\_K - R Main Dishes (Dairy/vegetarian)  
\_\_\_S - V Side Dishes (vegetables, grains, etc.)  
\_\_\_W - Z Desserts

How many will be attending the Seudah Shleesheet on Saturday afternoon? \_\_\_\_\_

A contribution of \$5 per person or \$18 per family will help toward costs  
and reserve space for the different programs and meals.

What Happens When We Disagree: Skillful Conversations

Several years ago while serving on the CBI Board of Directors, I participated in a discussion about having a certain speaker here at CBI whose views were controversial and with whom I disagreed. Initially I objected to having the speaker here and spoke against the motion. There was a lot of heated debate about this issue. Then one of the Board members spoke passionately and articulately about free speech. I felt like a window had been opened in a stuffy room and that a rush of fresh air came in. I changed my mind and voted in favor of the motion and in favor of having the speaker.

President

Ellen Kaufman

Many things happened during that transition, one of which was a sense of embarrassment and shame that I had been wrong initially. But that was outweighed by a sense of relief that I had been disabused of an incorrect position and that now I was a bit wiser. I also felt tremendous gratitude toward the speaker (our very own Larry Hott) for showing me the way to that wiser position.

I can't say that all my positions are so easily modified or are modified with as little discomfort as that one. After all, there's a strong sense of self in my opinions. A big part of my identity is an amalgamation of my opinions and beliefs. When I change my opinion, there's always a certain unease, a feeling of being somewhat adrift on the sea, as in "who am I really?" But I find for myself that being less attached to my opinions opens me up to different ways of seeing things that often lead to greater wisdom and understanding. I also feel lighter and more easeful when I can just shrug and acknowledge "I changed my mind."

Being in conversation with intelligent, sincere and committed people was one of the inducements for me to return to the CBI Board. At last evening's Board meeting there were a few issues which sparked heated lively debate. The stakes were high and everyone participated with integrity and intelligence. In keeping with our Jewish tradition of actively grappling with difficult issues, people didn't hold their fire but also spoke respectfully. It was stressful, exhausting, and very gratifying to be a part of that.

I left the meeting a different person. My positions again were shaken up; I feel a bit out of balance and 'at sea.' But I also feel sure that this uncertainty is part of the path toward greater wisdom; and that the work that a group such as our Board accomplishes is so much better than what one individual can accomplish alone. I am grateful for everyone who has chosen to serve in this way, and look forward to other members of the Congregation joining the many conversations ahead.

B'shalom,  
Ellen Kaufman

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Diane Weiser & Laine Wilder,  
Benjamin, Molly and Jed

Andrea Fox & Maureen Carney  
and Zachary

OPEN COMMUNITY FORUM  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15 at 7:00 pm

Join us for an Open Community Forum on  
the new collaborative preschool  
Gan Keshet Jewish Community Preschool  
of the Pioneer Valley

The new Gan Keshet Governance  
Committee and leadership from both LGA  
and CBI will be there to answer questions.

## Engaging Teens in a Jewish Life

*"And the old shall dream dreams and the youth shall see visions" ~ Joel 3:2-3*

For many of us who are old, or perhaps young at heart, we remember our teen years having been stressful and busy. We were involved in sports, in music, in dance, not to mention difficult schoolwork trying to get into the best colleges. And today is no different. Or maybe it is. With three teenagers of my own, I know how busy and overwhelming their lives can get. The pressure is enormous. In my day, we had to fill out applications to get into college and now the kids fill out resumes. And those resumes need to have so much in them beyond grades in terms of extracurricular and community activities. Life for teenagers is difficult and we as parents want to make sure that it is balanced and enjoyable as well.

### Education Director

Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt

Here at CBI we are interested in helping to make Judaism and Jewish life at our synagogue part of that balance and a part that is enjoyable as well. There are many ways for our teens to connect to us this year. We have hired a new Youth Advisor who is already making a positive impact on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders as their teacher. Aaron Kagan has worked in the

past with such groups as BBYO, USY and NFTY to bring drama and fun to their programs. He has been teaching here for several weeks now and the kids are not only learning a lot, but are engaged and involved in laughter while doing so. He has many ideas about how to put on fun social programs for our teens, starting with an Ice Cream and Bowling Event on November 14<sup>th</sup> for any and all 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> graders. We are looking forward to going into Boston's Jewish neighborhood to take a tour and eat some good Jewish food, a program our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have requested, perhaps going snow tubing and other fun activities. If you have any suggestions for activities, questions or want to get involved in helping plan, either as a teen or as a parent, please feel free to contact our Youth Advisor Aaron Kagan at [aaronwkagan@gmail.com](mailto:aaronwkagan@gmail.com).

We are also in our second year of a collaborative program with JTOV, Jewish Teens of the Upper Valley. Last year we had many of our own teens participate in the events sponsored by JTOV. This year I would hope to see even more participation. JTOV's events are more social action in nature. Many of them include going Gleaning or working with the Amherst Survival Center. I am happy to report that beginning this winter we will be working to volunteer with a group here in Northampton, probably the Northampton Survival Center. Amy Mitrani has volunteered to be our lay liaison to JTOV and with her help we will hopefully be able to have more of our teens involved with teens from Beit Ahava, JCA and Temple Israel so that they can all feel a part of a larger Jewish community, doing good and committed to Judaism. For more information about JTOV you can find them on Facebook or you can email Rachael Goren-Watts at [jtovteens@gmail.com](mailto:jtovteens@gmail.com).

I look forward to seeing our young people involved in Jewish events here and all over the Upper Valley. Our first teen event is included in the CBI At-Home Shabbaton. At 11:00 Shabbat Morning Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> you can join Aaron in a discussion about times in our lives when we weren't sure if God was present. Then you can come back the next day for the Youth Group event. See you soon!

L'shalom,  
Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt

## CBI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES OF NOTE

**November 24, 25 & 28: NO SCHOOL**

### HAY CLASS:

November 9:

B'nai Mitzvah Meeting  
with Rabbi David & Rabbi Rachel  
7:30-8:30 pm

### ZAYIN CLASS

November 14:

Family Education Program  
10:30 am



Supporting Jewish Early Childhood Education

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004, Gan Keshet had the pleasure of honoring both Leonard and Bernice Alberts and Peggy Walker at a Spring Scholarship Event that we held at Look Park’s Garden House: The Alberts for their ongoing loyal support of the preschool (then in its 18<sup>th</sup> year), and Peggy in honor of her 15th anniversary teaching at Gan Keshet.



At that time I was nearing the end of my second year as Director. As I reflect back on that night, I recall stating at the event that “ I felt fortunate to not only meet Bernice & Leonard, but to also feast on Bernice’s delicious homemade cookies while in the comfort of their home.” From them I learned about the scholarship’s history and its intent. Bernice

shared with me that when she was CBI President, she initially thought that a preschool cooperative program would not be successful, and when approached about starting one, she gave her go ahead and stated but you are on your own. She had a big smile when telling me this story and wanted me to know how pleased she is with the school’s success!

Gan Keshet Director

Wendy Stein

Some year’s later, after the start of the preschool, in honor of Leonard & Bernice’s wedding anniversary, friends created, the Leonard and Bernice Scholarship Fund. The details of the fund state that there is a principal amount (\$10,000) that must be maintained; however, any additional donations and interest accrued can be used towards scholarships.

Historically, the fund started out as a private synagogue fund; however, after discussing the success of the program and the needs of the community, both Bernice and Leonard felt that they wanted to change the parameters to include providing support for the wider Jewish community. Effective September 2004, we amended the guidelines to state that priority would first be given to synagogue members and then according to available funds, the process would be opened to the wider Jewish community.



Six years later.....the fund continues to support many families who choose Early Childhood Jewish Education for their children. Traditionally scholarships have ranged from \$200 - \$500 per child (depending upon the number of applicants for a given school year). This school year the fund granted 5 scholarships!



Because interest rates have been so low, we are having difficulty replenishing our resources. Two years ago, in an effort to combat this loss, we created a Scholarship Fundraiser. Please join us this year and **SHOW SUPPORT FOR JEWISH PRESCHOOL EDUCATION. Shop at BROADSIDE Bookshop between November 7<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup> and mention you wish to support Gan Keshet and 15% of your purchases will be donated to the Alberts Scholarship Fund.**

We are expecting that as an outcome of CBI’s joint effort with LGA to expand our school that even more families will apply! During my tenure, 30 families have received assistance. Gan Keshet feels fortunate to have been recipients of Leonard and Bernice’s generosity. We hope you will join in by either attending our fundraiser or by making a donation to the Alberts’ fund in support of families with young children.

With appreciation,  
Wendy & the GK Staff



# Joint Effort to Expand Preschool



The Boards of Directors of Congregation B'nai Israel and Lander-Grinspoon Academy are pleased to announce their new collaboration to expand Gan Keshet Preschool for the 2011-2012 school year. Gan Keshet, which is now celebrating its twenty-fifth year, will offer in addition to its traditional part-time options, full-day hours Monday through Friday. An additional three year old classroom will be added to maintain the current low staff-child ratio and to provide space for welcoming new students. The school will officially be named *Gan Keshet Jewish Community Preschool of the Pioneer Valley*!

Gan Keshet is licensed by the MA Department of Early Childhood Education and Care and provides a highly qualified teaching staff with degrees in early childhood education, a play-based secular and Judaic curriculum, and ample indoor and outdoor space. The preschool continues to value diversity and welcome families from all backgrounds.

"So much of our preschool curriculum supports a child's ability and natural interest in being a member of a community," says Wendy Stein, Director of Gan Keshet, "and here we are, with two educational institutions collaborating to create an expanded preschool community. What a great example and opportunity for our children!"



Gan Keshet will be accepting applications in November  
for the 2011-2012 school year.

## **JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE EVENT!!!**

Parents and children are invited to an open house on  
Monday, December 6th, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
to meet the staff and visit classrooms.

Interested families should ask about the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's Right Start Grant - a \$500-\$1000 non-need based grant towards tuition for eligible families.

For more information, contact Wendy Stein at (413) 584-3593, ext. 204  
or e-mail her at [director.gankeshet@verizon.net](mailto:director.gankeshet@verizon.net).

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## Save the Date

### SHIRA CHADASHA KABBALAT SHABBAT

FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 5  
6:00 pm

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SPECIAL EVENT:  
FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 3  
\*\*7:00 pm\*\*

Led by Rabbi Justin David with David Weidenfeld on guitar.

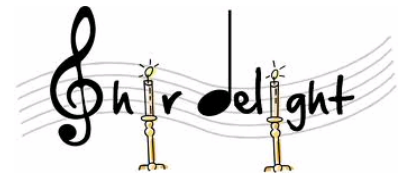
Join us for a very special Kabbalat Shabbat service.

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

All are welcome!

Held in the CBI Library.

October features a second Shira Chadasha to coincide with a new series, Judaism and the Creative Mind. Rabbi David and David Weidenfeld will lead this special Shira Chadasha before our debut event!! Join us!!



## JUDAISM AND THE CREATIVE MIND

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

FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 3  
8:00 pm

After Shira  
Chadasha Service  
and Oneg  
beginning at  
7:00 pm

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

Merle Feld's poetry and prose can be found in numerous anthologies and prayer books and in her memoir *A Spiritual Life: Exploring the Heart and Jewish Tradition* (SUNY Press, revised 2007).

She is the author of several award-winning plays, including *The Gates are Closing*. Her latest poetry collection, *Finding Words*, explores the complexities and stark challenges of family, of adult friendships, and the struggle to center a life on what is meaningful and nourishing.

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

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

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## Join us for these monthly Shabbat Services

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### 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 NOVEMBER 6: 11:00 - 11:45 am

### SHABBAT FAMILY MINYAN

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

THIS MONTH ON NOVEMBER 13 DURING AT-HOME SHABBATON: 9:45 am

### SHABBAT SING

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

THIS MONTH ON NOVEMBER 20: 11:00-12:00 noon (to be held at LGA)

### JUNIOR CONGREGATION

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)

NO SESSIONS THIS MONTH

### LEV CHADASH (NEW HEART) MINYAN

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

THIS MONTH ON NOVEMBER 20: 9:45- 12:00 noon in the CBI Library

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# 11 CALENDAR

# Save the Date

## HOST A SALON WITH RABBI JUSTIN DAVID

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](mailto:cbirabbi@verizon.net) or call (413)584-3593, ext. 208.

We look forward to seeing you!!

## UPCOMING CBI SALON

### CBI SALON with Rabbi Justin David

"Judaism and Science"

THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 11  
7:30 - 9:00 pm

At the home of  
Joan Schaffer and Alan Berkenwald

Address: 14 Cloverdale St. in Florence  
Phone: 413-586-7440  
Email: [joanjrs@comcast.net](mailto:joanjrs@comcast.net)

Take this opportunity to reflect together in the comfort of Joan and Alan's home as we explore Judaism and science and share our own experiences.

**WE LOOK FORWARD  
TO SEEING YOU  
AT THIS UPCOMING SALON  
AND AT FUTURE SALONS!**

## SISTERHOOD FALL BRUNCH

Please join Sisterhood  
for our Fall Brunch!!

At the home of Michelle Kaskey  
130 Prospect Ave, Northampton  
(413) 586-6128

SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 7  
9:30 - 11:30 am

Come join a wonderful community of Jewish women of all ages. Our informal discussion topic will be:  
**WHAT KEEPS US IN BALANCE?**

Join us to socialize, eat,  
share, and schmooze.



## SUPPORT JEWISH EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Please join Gan Keshet Preschool this year and

SHOW SUPPORT FOR JEWISH EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.  
(Plus get some early Hannukah/birthday present shopping in!!)

15% of your purchases will be donated to the Alberts Scholarship Fund which helps support families who choose Jewish Early Childhood Education by attending Gan Keshet Preschool!!

For more info on the fund and it's history, check out Wendy Stein's Column on page 7!!

SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 7  
through  
THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 11

Simply shop at BROADSIDE BOOKS between November 7 and November 11 in downtown Northampton and mention that you wish to support GAN KESHET.

Broadside is located at 247 Main St., Northampton. Store hours are: Sun 11:00-6:00, Mon-Weds 9:30-6:00, Thurs 9:30-9:00!

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# Save the Date

## TEEN EVENTS IN NOVEMBER!!

CALLING ALL TEENS!! CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH!!



### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13th @ 11:00 am

Join Aaron Kagan, Youth Group Advisor, for a teen discussion about times in your life when you weren't sure if God was present. Held during the At Home Shabbaton Event (lots going on today!)

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH @ 4:00 pm

6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Graders CBI Youth Group Presents: Ice Cream, Pizza & Bowling!! Meet at the synagogue at 4:00 for ice cream, then car pool to the bowling alley for pizza and bowling. To RSVP and for more information contact Aaron Kagan, your new youth group advisor, at aaronwkagan@gmail.com or 617-447-0504.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST @ 12:00 noon

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders from all congregations of the Upper and Lower Valleys, including CBI, will be coming together for a wonderful program about how to handle issues about Israel when you attend college. The program will be held on the U. Mass campus on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:30-3:00. Carpooling will be available at 12:00 from the CBI parking lot. Lunch is included. If you are interested in attending and/or offering to carpool, please contact Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt for RSVP at cbieducation@verizon.net.

## VALLEY JEWISH SENIORS LUNCHEON

Join us at the next meeting of the Valley Jewish Seniors!

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

Our guest will be Vincent Dowling, an internationally acclaimed theatre director and actor, and former Artistic Director of The National Theatre of Ireland, the Abbey Theatre. He will offer a performance for us as well as speak about his lifetime's work. This is an event not to be missed!

New members welcome. If you need a ride, please contact Ken Schoen at (413) 665-0548.

WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 17

UPCOMING DATE:  
December 15th  
when we are  
hosting local poet  
Henry Lyman

SINGING 12:00 pm  
LUNCH 12:30 pm



## SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

### NOVEMBER BOOK:

Whistling Season by Ivan Doig  
Date/Time: Mon., Nov. 15, 7:30 pm  
Place: Home of Lois Siegel  
55 Roe Ave., Northampton  
(413) 584-0094

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

MONDAY  
NOVEMBER 15

7:30 pm

### DECEMBER BOOK:

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

The other titles for the year are:  
Jan.: Yocheved by Maggie Anton;  
Feb.: Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann;  
Mar.: Little Bee by Chris Cleave;  
April: The Help by Kathryn Stockett;  
May: City of Thieves by David Benioff



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# Save the Date

## POTLUCK DINNER & HAVDALAH TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join us on Saturday, Nov. 20 at 5:15 pm to warmly welcome new CBI Members and celebrate and learn about Havdalah!!

Children welcome!

RSVP to Amy Shatz at [amyschlossbergshatz@gmail.com](mailto:amyschlossbergshatz@gmail.com)

Vegetarian Potluck Dinner to follow  
Location: Lander Grinspoon Academy



SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 20  
5:15pm  
HELD AT LGA

Havdalah Candles Provided!

Bring Your Own Kiddush Cup!

Make Your Own Spice Mix and Spice Box!!!

## SISTERHOOD HANNUKAH SALE

Time to get ready for Hannukah!!

We welcome special orders.

Don't miss the Sisterhood Judaica Shop Hannukah Sale!

Remember, the Judaica Shop is the Sisterhood's major fundraising activity!

SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 21  
9:00-Noon

We'll have a wide assortment of Menorahs, dreidels, Hannukah gelt, gifts, toys, beautiful jewelry from Israel, ritual items, and more.

As always there will be lots of bargains.



## HEVREI MITZVOT MEN'S CLUB

Join us at the next meeting of the Hevrei Mitzvot Men's Club held at LGA

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Plans for the coming year and tzedakah projects will be discussed. New members welcome.

SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 21  
9:30 am

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

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

## CBI HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

Join us for our annual Hannukah Family Congregational Celebration!!

Be part of an interactive puppet show with Anna Sobel!

Bring your own Hannukah menorah to share the lighting with everyone.

All are welcome to join us in celebrating this Festival of Lights.

SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 5  
5:00-7:00 pm

Singing and dancing!

Play dreidle together!

Latkes galore!



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# Month of November

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MONDAY	November 1	7:00 pm	SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY	November 2	12:15 pm	TUESDAY TEXT STUDY WITH RABBI DAVID
THURSDAY	November 4	8:00 am	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam & Rabbi Sheila Pelz Weinberg
FRIDAY	November 5	5:22 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
		6:00 pm	SHIRA CHADASHA KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE See page 9 for more information
SATURDAY	November 6	9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE LIOR DAVID BAR MITZVAH <i>Parashat Tol'dot</i>
		11:00 am	TOT SHABBAT WITH PEGGY WALKER
		6:22 pm	SHABBAT ENDS
SUNDAY	November 7	2:00 am	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME Turn your clock back one hour!
		9:30 am	SISTERHOOD BRUNCH See page 11 for more information
TUESDAY	November 9	12:15 pm	TUESDAY TEXT STUDY WITH RABBI DAVID
		7:30 pm	HAY CLASS B'NAI MITZVAH MEETING
THURSDAY	November 11		VETERAN'S DAY GAN KESHET CLOSED/CBI OFFICE OPEN
		8:00 am	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam & Rabbi Sheila Pelz Weinberg
		7:30 pm	CBI SALON: JUDAISM & SCIENCE At the home of Joan Schaffer & Alan Berkenwald See page 11 for more information
FRIDAY	November 12	4:14 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
		6:00 pm	CBI AT HOME SHABBATON BEGINS! Kabbalat Shabbat & Singing Led by Rabbi David, David Weidenfeld and Felicia Sloin See page 4 for more information
		7:00 pm	CBI AT HOME SHABBATON POTLUCK DINNER AT LGA
SATURDAY	November 13	9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES LED BY RABBI JUSTIN DAVID AND RABBI NANCY FLAM <i>Parashat Va-yetzei</i>
			CBI AT HOME SHABBATON: SHABBAT EVENTS ALL DAY See page 4 for more information
		9:45 am	SHABBAT FAMILY MINYAN
		11:00 am	TEEN DISCUSSION LED BY AARON KAGAN
		5:15 pm	SHABBAT ENDS

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# Month of November

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SUNDAY	November 14	4:00 pm	YOUTH GROUP EVENT FOR 6TH-9TH GRADERS ICE CREAM & BOWLING EVENT See page 12 for more information
MONDAY	November 15	7:00 pm	NEW PRESCHOOL OPEN COMMUNITY FORUM See page 5 for more information
TUESDAY	November 16	12:15 pm	TUESDAY TEXT STUDY WITH RABBI DAVID
WEDNESDAY	November 17	12:00 pm	VALLEY JEWISH SENIORS SINGING & LUNCHEON See page 12 for more information
THURSDAY	November 18	8:00 am	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam & Rabbi Sheila Pelz Weinberg
		7:30 pm	CBI BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY	November 19	4:08 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
		6:00 pm	KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
SATURDAY	November 20	9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES ELLIE LEVINE BAT MITZVAH <i>Parashat Va-yishlah</i>
		9:45 am	LEV CHADASH MINYAN LED BY RABBI NANCY FLAM
		11:00 am	SHABBAT SING (HELD THIS WEEK AT LGA)
		5:10 pm	SHABBAT ENDS
		5:15 pm	POTLUCK DINNER & HAVDALAH TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS OF CBI See page 13 for more information
SUNDAY	November 21	9:00 am	SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP HANNUKAH SALE See page 13 for more information
		9:30 am	HEVREI MITZVOT MEN'S CLUB MEETING WITH SPEAKER, ARYEH WINEMAN All are welcome!! See page 13 for more information
		Noon	11TH & 12TH GRADE TEEN PROGRAM AT UMASS See page 12 for more information
TUESDAY	November 23	12:15 pm	TUESDAY TEXT STUDY WITH RABBI DAVID
THURSDAY	November 25		THANKSGIVING DAY CBI OFFICE & GAN KESHET CLOSED
FRIDAY	November 26	4:03 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
		6:00 pm	KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
SATURDAY	November 27	9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES <i>Parashat Va-yeishev</i>
TUESDAY	November 30	12:15 pm	TUESDAY TEXT STUDY WITH RABBI DAVID
WEDNESDAY	December 1		HANNUKAH BEGINS - FIRST CANDLE

**FREE  
MEMBERSHIP  
OFFER TO JOIN  
B'NAI TZEDEK**

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

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

**GLOBAL DAY OF  
JEWISH  
LEARNING**

In case you haven't heard, the Lower Valley Rabbis (Max Davis, Amy Katz, & Mark Shapiro) are having an event for the **Global Day of Jewish Learning on Saturday, November 6 at 7 pm at the Springfield JCC.**

The study topic: **Arguing With God: A Jewish National Pastime.** Call the JCC for more info: 413-739-4715.

**J STREET  
W.MASS  
PRESENTS  
Yael DAYAN**

J Street Western Mass presents **Yael Dayan: "Israel's Future and the Urgency of Two States."** Held **Monday, November 8, 7pm at Congregation B'nai Israel, 253 Prospect Street, Northampton, MA.** Former Knesset member and current chair of the Tel Aviv-Yafo City Council Yael Dayan will discuss the necessity of American leadership in bringing about a two-state solution, which she calls the "best and only option" for peace. Dayan is the daughter of the late General Moshe Dayan, and has worked tirelessly as a peace activist, joining the leadership of Peace Now and calling for an end to the occupation, evacuation of settlements, and active dialogue with the Palestinian Authority.

**NEW JEWISH  
COOKING CLASS**

Jewish Family Service offers a cooking class with the experts, international "culinary artist" Dawn LaRoche and Culinary Institute of America Chef Jim Lambert, make "Jewish comfort foods." The duo will demonstrate food preparation techniques and share their secrets for creating delectable dishes. Jewish educator Shoshana Zonderman provides the historical background for the dishes. This hands-on class is recommended for both the novice cook and the experienced chef interested in learning about Jewish culture through its cuisine. **Date: Monday, November 8, 2010, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Location: Bangs Community Center, 70 Boltwood Walk, Amherst, MA. Cost: A donation to cover the cost of ingredients is requested (\$10 per person, \$15 for a teen and parent). Registration: Pre-registration is required. Space is limited. To register, please contact Jewish Family Service at 413-737-2601 or [JewishLife@jfswm.org](mailto:JewishLife@jfswm.org).**

**JCA SCHOLAR IN  
RESIDENCE  
WEEKEND  
RABBI ARTHUR  
GREEN**

**JEWISH COMMUNITY OF AMHERST SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE COMMITTEE PRESENTS: RABBI ARTHUR GREEN Dec 10-12, 2010.** Rabbi Green is a noted teacher and scholar on Jewish thought and spirituality, in particular Jewish mysticism. In addition, he has been instrumental in the Jewish Renewal and Chavurah movements. Wide array of scheduled events on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, ranging from text studies and teaching, services with D'var Torah from Rabbi Green, dinner on Friday evening and luncheon on Saturday. For a more specific schedule of events and to register, visit the [j-c-a.org/scholar-reg.pdf](http://j-c-a.org/scholar-reg.pdf). Cost for the weekend teaching, (Sat. & Sun.) is \$40 for members of any synagogue, \$55 for unaffiliated guests, \$18 for students. Meals available for separate cost. \*Fee for dinner (\$18pp) and lunch (\$10pp). Deadline for meal registration 12/3/10.

**LIOR DAVID  
BAR MITZVAH  
NOV. 6, 2010**



Son of Rabbi Justin David & Judith Wolf

I am Lior David and I am about to become a Bar-Mitzvah. Being the rabbi's son, I spend a lot of time with him preparing for the day of my Bar Mitzvah. Even though Bar Mitzvah prep is very time consuming, I can still find a lot of meaning in it. Being a Bar Mitzvah is very important to me because after my Bar Mitzvah I know that I will be a member of the Jewish community. For my Bar Mitzvah project I will play piano at a nursing home. I am planning to do this throughout the year. I love playing piano for people and enjoy the company of seniors.

Besides Judaism, my interests include cooking, math, and classical piano. I go to school at the Greenfield Center School. After school, I will usually practice piano for hours, make dinner, do homework, and prepare for my Bar Mitzvah. Although this may seem like a busy life for someone my age, I enjoy my life in school and out of school.

**ELLIE LEVINE  
BAT MITZVAH  
NOV. 20, 2010**



Daughter of  
Fred Levine & Trisha  
Thompson

My name is Ellie Levine and I'm 14 years old. I go to PVPA in South Hadley, and have gone there since 7th grade. I play guitar and sing and write songs. I also make movies with my friends and dance a little. Last summer I was a CIT at Camp Shemesh, where I began as a camper at age 5.

For my Bat Mitzvah project I wanted to incorporate music, so I volunteered with a friend to play music (guitar, piano, and singing) one Sunday a month at The Arbors assisted living residence, in Amherst, where I live. The people there seem to enjoy it, and the music seems to make them happy.

I want to thank my parents, my Bat Mitzvah tutor Elaine Whitlock, and Rabbi Justin David for helping me accomplish this transition in my life—my Bat Mitzvah. I couldn't have done it without you.

## 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 2010-2011 schedule is Fridays, 1-2pm, October 8, November 5, December 3, January 7, and February 4. Friends are welcome to come early for a vegetarian brown bag lunch 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](http://www.pjlibrary.org)) is a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts.



**CBI Board Meeting Minutes, September 16, 2010**

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**Meeting Date / Time:** 9/16/2010 7:30 pm

**Location:** CBI Library

**Meeting No.:** 2010-02

**Minutes Dated:** 10/04/2010

**Attendees:**

Ellen Kaufman, Dorothy Nemetz, Jim Sagalyn, Erin Nunes Cooper, Ellen Bernstein, Jeff Caplan, Janet W. Chevan, David Cohen, Lou Davis, Lois Dubin, Bruce Finke, Norbert I. Goldfield, Hanneli Greenwald, Gillian Kendall, Jeff Schrenzel, Henry Simkin, Jane Trigere, Lauren Weinsier

**Staff:**

Rabbi Justin David, Janis Levy, Wendy Stein

**Guests:**

Ron Ackerman, Ken Schoen, Members of the LGA Board of Directors

**Meeting Called to order at 7:32pm**

**Items:**

**Greetings, Introductions:**

President Ellen Kaufman welcomed all attendees.

**1. Rabbi's D'Var Torah:**

Rabbi Justin David's opened the meeting with a D'var Torah.

**2. Meeting Minutes (Meeting 01 August):**

Meeting 01 minutes were corrected to add page numbers and to edit Item 01-11 Announcements: delete "for the second recording."

Henry Simkin moved to approve the August Meeting Minutes with the corrections. Second. Approved by show of hands.

**3. Board Retreat**

The board retreat will be held on Sunday, October 24, 2010 from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm (no lunch). Send any retreat topic suggestions to President Ellen Kaufman.

**4. Board meeting dates:**

CBI board meetings were originally scheduled on the second Thursday of the month to avoid LGA's board meetings, however we had incorrect information about LGA's board meeting schedule and the two groups have meeting conflicts. In the spirit of collaborative with LGA, we would like to move our meetings to a different week of the month.

Secretary Erin Cooper will send out a poll to CBI board members to determine the best week. [Post meeting note: the CBI Board will meet on the third Thursday of the month.]

**5. Membership:**

Executive Director, Janis Levy presented the following new membership applications to the board:

**New member families:**

- Robert Shycon & Linda Dell and David
- David and Clare Perry and Jonah, Sayde, and Nelia

Erin Cooper moved to approve the new member families. Second. Approved by show of hands.

**6. High Holiday ushering:**

There are three ushering slots with only 1 person scheduled to volunteer. Please let Jan know if you or your friends can usher during any of these slots.

**7. Joint meeting with LGA board:**

President Ellen Kaufman welcomed members of the LGA board, who joined the CBI meeting to present a proposal for the LGA / Gan Keshet joint preschool. The proposal was discussed jointly, then each board discussed the contents individually. This proposed collaboration is a giant step toward our vision of a Jewish campus serving the Jewish community in every aspect of the lives of members.

# 19 MINUTES

# September 2010

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David Cohen distributed summary notes of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU and support documents were distributed to board members in advance by email (attached).

Following the CBI board discussion in Executive Session: Norbert Goldfield moved to accept the proposal as it is currently written with the clear instruction to the committees working on the proposal to clarify issues that are not clear, including at a minimum:

- Clarify the supervision lines of authority between the Director of Gan Keshet and the other boards involved in hiring and firing.
- Clarify employment details such as how employees will be subject to CBI's personnel policy and if unemployment insurance will be included.

Second. Approved by show of hands.

## 8. Preschool - Community Involvement:

The Committee will plan a community presentation on the joint Preschool and write an announcement to be sent to all members by email.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Erin N. Cooper

## REPORTS SEPTEMBER 2010

Executive Director's report

Distributed by Janis Levy at board meeting 02

## MEMBERSHIP:

New members:

Robert Shycon & Linda Dell and David David & Clare Perry and Jonah, Sayde and Nelia  
No Resignations.

Deaths:

Frederick Nitkin  
Ethel Feldman

Currently: 388 memberships (more in the pipeline to be presented at next board meeting)

228 Family 30 Single-Parent Family 87  
Individual 32 Limited 6 Honorary 3 Student

## HIGH HOLIDAYS:

Usher concerns:

Kol Nidre at 5:45 -6:15 pm to help Lauren Weinsier with arrivals

Yom Kippur at 8:30 - 9:00 am to help Henry Simkin with arrivals

Yom Kippur at 11:30 - 12:00 to help Steve Breslow (first time usher). Probably during Yizkor when extra quiet is needed.

## CHILDCARE:

Amy Wolpin reported seeing that children were unsupervised by parents in the LGA playground, and she observed some dangerous behavior (two older kids jumping from the top of a shed and climbing trees). The CBI program had not anticipated staffing to supervise the area surrounding the synagogue.

## ADMINISTRATION:

Part-time Office Assistant (3 hrs/week) hired to cover the Front Office on the Sunday mornings that Religious School is in session (25 Sundays) from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. Susan Adelson has accepted the position.

Part-time Kitchen & Catering Coordinator (3 hrs/week flexible) to oversee Kashrut in the use of the kitchen (Rabbi will be resource and guide), and coordinate volunteers and catering for CBI holidays and events. Bri Maier has accepted the position

## SECURITY:

More names needed for On-Call List for our security company. Currently, Joe Niedzwiecki, CBI Building Manager is first, Jim Sagalyn is next. Important to have a couple more people who are willing to be called in an emergency.

**ANNUAL FUND**

Joel Kaminsky & Jody  
Rosenbloom

In memory of Bernice Alberts  
from Big E's Supermarket

In memory of Fred Nitkin from  
the Lathrop Community

In memory of Bernice Alberts  
from Norman & Charlotte  
Winston

In memory of Bernice Alberts  
from Meg & Michael Sheketoff

In fond memory of Bernice  
Alberts from Sheron Rupp

In memory of Ron Burke with our  
deepest sympathy to the family.  
From Earl, Binese, Adam Moses  
(David) & Beth Goldberg

In memory of Dr. Ronald Burk,  
from Dr. & Mrs. Alan Gerstein &  
family

In memory of Bernice Alberts  
from the Lathrop Community

To Ellen Alberts & Louise  
DeSimone, in memory of your  
mother, Bernice. From Shirley &  
Alvin Cohen

For a memorial in honor of  
Bernice Alberts and of all her  
contributions to your  
community. From coworkers and  
friends of Louise at Aria Hospital

In memory of Bernice Alberts  
from Nancy Felton & Joel Dansky

To Eileen Burke in memory of  
your husband, Ron. He was a  
fine man and we have fond  
memories of him. From Suzanne  
Halberstadt & Max Chorowski

In memory of Dr. Ronald Burke  
from George Kittredge

**EDUCATION FUND**

Sky Vanderlinde

In memory of Elias Swing from  
Henry & Adele Oppenheim

**ENDOWMENT FUND**

To Nita Seaver, in honor of your  
receiving the HGF's Unsung Hero  
Award, from Doris & David  
Cohen

To Lois & Andy Seigel. Mazel tov  
on the birth of your newest  
grandchild, Charlotte, from Doris  
& David Cohen

To Adele Steinberg, wishing you  
blessings in your new home,  
from David & Doris Cohen

To Louise DeSimone, in loving  
memory of your mother, from  
Robert & Ruth Cohen

**HEVREI MITZVOT FUND**

Bruce Schwartz  
Sterling Hopkins

To Eileen Burke with our  
heartfelt condolences on your  
loss. From Ron Ackerman & Cleo  
Gorman

In memory of Ron Burke (Chaim  
Ben Moshe) from Ken Schoen &  
Jane Trigere

In honor of Ron Ackerman and  
your kindness, from Ken Schoen  
& Jane Trigere

In honor of David & Doris Cohen  
and your community endeavors,  
from Ken Schoen & Jane Trigere

To Eric Roth, Anne Werry &  
Family with our condolences on  
your father's death. From Ron  
Ackerman & Cleo Gorman

To Barry & Deena Sarvet &  
family with our condolences on  
your loss. From Ron Ackerman &  
Cleo Gorman

**JEWISH LIVING FUND**

In memory of Dr. Ronald Burke  
from Janice & Eugene Cantor

**KOL NIDRE APPEAL**

Eva Riber Trager  
Scott & Elana Zimmerman  
Les & Carole May  
Gary Felder  
Rob & Virginia Rechtschaffen  
The Fishman Family  
Steve, Sue & Danny Kates  
David & Jodi Kaufman  
Bradley & Carol Katz  
Sandy Goldstein  
Debra Sheiner  
Betsy Eisendrath  
Abraham Ravett  
Joel Feldman & Pamela Schwartz  
Dorothy Nemetz & John Todd  
Joanne Levin & John Joelson  
Edith Perman Allen  
Michael & Gail Perlman

In memory of Robyn L Konovitch,  
from Jonathan & Doris Konovitch

**KURIAN KIDDUSH FUND**

To Eileen Burke with heartfelt  
condolences on the loss of your  
beloved husband, Ron. From  
Eileen Rutman

To Roslyn Nitkin & Lynn Vesely  
with deepest sympathy on the  
death of your beloved husband/  
father, Frederick Nitkin, from  
Sheron Rupp

**KURIAN KIDDUSH FUND**

In memory of Bernice Alberts. Her memory is for a blessing, from Jan Hackman

To Cleo Gorman & Ron Ackerman with gratitude for all that you do. From Eileen Rutman

To Ellen Kaufman. Mazel Tov on the marriage of your daughter! From Randi Klein & Scott Barton

To Louise DeSimone with our sincere sympathy for your loss. Your mother was a fine lady. From Edward & Joyce Allen

To Ellen Alberts. We are very sorry for your loss. Your mother was a fine lady. From Edward & Joyce Allen

**LEONARD & BERNICE ALBERTS PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

To Ellen Alberts in loving memory of a Grand Lady, Bernice, and with great respect for a loving and caring daughter. From Ron Ackerman & Cleo Gorman

In memory of Bernice & Leonard from Stephen & Carolyn Dashef

To Ellen Alberts and Louise DeSimone & Family, with condolences on Bernice's passing. She, along with Leonard, leave a gaping hole in our community. From David & Doris Cohen

In loving memory of Bernice Alberts, from Ron Ackerman & Cleo Gorman

In memory of Bernice Alberts from Susan Adelson

In memory of Bernice Alberts from Katie Hicks & Henry Rosenberg

To Ellen Alberts & Louise DeSimone & family. In loving memory of Bernice, who was friend, mentor, and "mom" to us all. From Marcia Burick & Ed McColgan

In memory of Bernice Alberts from Adele & Henry Oppenheim

To the Family of Bernice Alberts & the CBI Community. In memory of Bernice Alberts, from Randi Klein, Scott Barton and Jonah Klein-Barton

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**  
Sharon Charney

We are deeply saddened by the loss of our good friend, Ron Burke. From Mark & Laurie Sirulnik

In honor of Toni Schachter's 100th birthday from Becky Schachter, Abby Waxman & Sally Swanson

In loving memory of my Dad, Irving Kessler. From Deena & Barry Sarvet

In memory of our father, Harry Schachter, from Becky Schachter, Abby Waxman & Sally Swanson

In memory of our sister, Eleanor Waxman Passager, from Becky Schachter, Abby Waxman & Sally Swanson

To Louise DeSimone & Ellen Alberts with our sincerest condolences on the loss of your mother - a wonderful lady. From Phil & Joy Allen

In honor of Rabbi Justin David and Adam Fishman from Robert & Mary Anne Fishman

To Becky Schachter & Family. In honor of Toni's 100 years, auspicious birth-date, and beautiful spirit! From Randi, Scott & Jonah

In honor of Toni Schachter's 100th birthday. We're sharing the love! From John Joelson & Joanne Levin

For Iris Berkman and family, with love and support in this difficult time. From John Joelson & Joanne Levin

Wishing Susan Mosler a very happy birthday! From John Joelson & Joanne Levin

**SISTERHOOD ALL OCCASION FUND**

To Roz Nitkin & Lynn Vesely in memory of Fred Nitkin, from Phyllis Miller & Rosie Karparis

To Louise DeSimone & Ellen Alberts. In memory of a very special woman, your mother Bernice Alberts. From Phyllis Miller & Rosie Karparis

To Eleanor Bernstein with our deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved mother, from Joyce August, Debra & Jonathan

To Ellen Alberts & Louise DeSimone & family with our deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved mother. From Dutchie & Morris

To Ellen Alberts & Louise DeSimone & family. May you find peace and comfort at this time of sorrow, from Sari Merrill

**TIKKUN OLAM FUND**

In honor of Larry Hott from Rachel Hott & Steven Leeds

In honor of Tori Schachter's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday from Rena Blumenthal

In honor of Tori's long and illustrious life, from Daniel & Winifred Brand

In honor of Tori Schachter from Benjamin Barnes

To the Minoff Family. Mazel tov to Jonathan and the Minoff family! Awesome D'var Torah. From David & Joan Fradkin

In honor of Rachel Valitt's recent wedding to Robert Vigderman from Ruth & Don Katzner

In honor of Tori Schachter's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday from Joel Feldman & Pamela Schwartz

To Deena Sarvet. We extend our sincere sympathy on your father's death, and hope time will help heal the pain of your loss. From Carol & Bill Jolly

In honor of my Aunt Tori Schachter's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, from Carolyn Fredericks

In honor of my Aunt and Rebecca Schachter's mother, Toni Schachter, on her 100th birthday. From Bonnee Richer

**TZEDAKAH FUND**

In honor of Judy Wolf upon completing the MSW program. From Ruth & Don Katzner

**YOUTH FUND**

In honor of Mina Bond's Bat Mitzvah. Mazal Tov to you and your family on your special simcha. From Randi, Scott & Jonah.

**WOMEN'S FUND**

In memory of Ruth Krosnow from Jeff & Judy Stoloff

2010 JEWISH OVERNIGHT CAMP FAIR   
Sponsored by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation

The HGF Annual Camp Fair will be held on Sunday, November 21, 2010 at the Lander-Grinspoon Academy, 237 Prospect Street, Northampton.

The Fair will be open from 9:30-11:30 m. Directors and representatives from dozens of Jewish overnight camps throughout the United States, representing all religious affiliations, will be available to share videos of their camp grounds, discuss their unique programs, variety of activities, the qualifications of their counselors, and the Judaic components of their camps. This is a rare opportunity for parents considering camp for their children to learn about the camps other children in Western MA and throughout the country attend, to ask questions about facilities and procedures and individual needs.

Campers already registered at camp are most welcome and all children who attend the fair have the opportunity to learn about the HGF Camper Incentive Program and are eligible to enter the RAFFLE! Winner will receive a check for to be used for Camp enrollment. For more information, please contact Jenna Parzivand at [jenna@hgf.org](mailto:jenna@hgf.org).

*Domestic Abuse*  
*It Hurts!*

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

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

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

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

*Some signs of partner abuse can involve:*

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

## BECOME INVOLVED: NORTHAMPTON COT SHELTER

Social Action is an important and integral cornerstone upon which Judaism stands. There are homeless families and individuals in Northampton and surrounding communities. Each year, from November through April, CBI is responsible for one meal a month at the local homeless shelter— The Cot Shelter. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to cook part of a meal for 25 guests of The Cot Shelter.

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

WHEN: Fourth Wednesday of each month, November-April  
 WHERE: The Cot Shelter, 40 Center Street, Northampton  
 TIME: 5:45-7:15 pm

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

Cheese & Crackers	Whole wheat bread (2 loaves)
Juice (2 gallons)	Milk (1 gallon)
Vegetable dishes (2)	Main Dish of chicken or meat
Salad	Potatoes
Fruit	Dessert

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

### 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](mailto:cbirabbi@verizon.net) or call 584-3593 ext. 208

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED TAKE DOWN THE CBI SUKKAH THIS YEAR!

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## Center for New Americans

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

### VOLUNTEER TUTORS WANTED

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

For more information or to register for the next orientation, contact CNA Volunteer Coordinator Peg Thibbitts at 587-0084, [volunteer@cnam.org](mailto:volunteer@cnam.org), or CAN Board Chair Ed Wiseman at [ed\\_wiseman@yahoo.com](mailto:ed_wiseman@yahoo.com), 341-3472. Learn more at [www.cnam.org](http://www.cnam.org).

## Camp Ramah in New England

Elevate Your Summer!!

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

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



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Sara Miller

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**NOVEMBER 7/ HESHVAN 30**

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**NOVEMBER 8/ KISLEV 1**

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**AESTHETICS FUND**

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

**ANNUAL FUND**

Funds will be used for Synagogue operating, building and programming needs. This fund accepts donations as well as enhanced dues. *Please send donations to CBI.*

**BIKKUR HOLIM FUND**

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

**DANIEL & SHIRLEY LEVIN EDUCATION FUND**

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

**DIVINE FUND**

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

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE**

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

**EDUCATION FUND**

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

**ENDOWMENT FUND**

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

**HEVREI MITZVOT FUND**

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

**THE ISRAEL FUND**

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

**JEWISH LIVING FUND**

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

**KITCHEN FUND**

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

**LANDSCAPE FUND**

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

**LEONARD AND BERNICE ALBERTS PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

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

**LIBRARY FUND**

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

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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.*

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**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.*

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

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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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