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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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## Sharing Compassion with Each Other

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On Kol Nidre, I shared a bit of my own rabbinic teshuvah for the New Year - that as much as I try, it is inevitable that there is someone who has not had my attention when they needed it. That is a painful reality for me as a rabbi, and each year, I strive to be more aware and more attentive.

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**Rabbi Justin David**

In these pages, and throughout this year, I would like to extend these efforts to include all of us in a community of **chesed**, or caring. Fortunately, we already have a number of systems in place to share our comfort and companionship with those in need. Our bikkur cholim committee regularly pays hospital visits and we coordinate visits to elders. We have a network of members ready to provide meals to those at home recovering from illness or getting used to life with a newborn. In times of loss, there is no shortage of people willing to perform the sacred tasks of a chevre kadisha, providing food or participating in a shiva minyan.

But as robust as our efforts have been, we can do more. There are those of us who would like to participate, but do not know how, and so we can make what we already do more accessible and visible. In addition, there are gestures of welcome and hospitality, such as inviting people into our homes for a Shabbat dinner, a Passover seder, or holiday meal, we have yet to organize. Perhaps most painfully, there are those of us who suffer in silence because well meaning friends simply don't know how to provide comfort in situations such as divorce, mental illness, or prolonged family challenges.

Over the course of this year, I look forward to working with the CBI board to publicize, develop and expand the ways in which we share our compassion with each other. But for the time being, there are some simple things we can all do.

**Notify the synagogue with a chesed (caring) call.** Often, we miss reaching out to those who need us because we don't know they are hurting. But for those of us who need help, it can be difficult to reach out. However, in a caring community, there is no need to feel embarrassed - it is expected that we all need support at some time. If you would like to speak to me, or would like some community support, simply call the synagogue at 584-3593, or me, at extension 208, and say that this is a "**chesed**" call. You do not need to leave any other explanation, and the word "**chesed**" will be our code to drop everything and make sure that we reach you in your time of need. Similarly, if you know of someone else who would like rabbinic or community support, please feel free to make a similar "**chesed**" call on their behalf.

**Look for, and respond to, "Chodesh Tov" e-mails.** I realize, too, that making myself more accessible for pastoral support can help us feel comfortable in reaching out. To that end, I am going to send e-mails to the congregation around Rosh Chodesh, the beginning of the new Jewish month, that reflect on the wide variety of situations and challenges we all face. Implicit in these e-mails will be the invitation to contact me at any time with a personal concern, but I will do my best to explicitly make that invitation as well.

As we are leaving the month of Tishrei, we leave a season of deep introspection and joyous celebration. May the season we leave behind continue to inspire us to cultivate a compassionate outlook toward each other, and continue to create a community built on kindness.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Justin David



# 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, reflection, conversation and celebration of the natural world? How might we find our souls truly renewed and refreshed for the week ahead? Here’s our chance to explore the gift of Shabbat as a sundown to stars-out experience.

**Friday, November 12 - Saturday, November 13**

Leave behind your computers and cell phones and come celebrate Shabbat with your CBI community, filled with:

- ◆ Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service with instruments, pot-luck dinner, and Shabbat singing with Felicia Sloin , with plenty of time to shmooze and just relax
- ◆ Shabbat morning service with Rabbis Justin David and Nancy Flam, along with concurrent, alternative ways to celebrate on Shabbat morning Shabbat morning yoga with Rabbi Sheila Weinberg, family service, and vibrant youth activities, as well as child-care for the very young
- ◆ Shabbat afternoon enjoyment, including a choice of family sports, hiking and Torah discussion (and comfortable nap space for those so inclined!)
- ◆ Concluding together with Havdalah, songs and *seudah shelishit* (a light, third meal at the time when the fullness of the Shabbat settles into body and soul)

**Sign up in the office by Friday, November 5**  
**A contribution of \$5 per person or \$18 per family will help toward the cost and reserve space for the different programs and meals**

An Historic Event for CBI and LGA

The most recent CBI Board meeting in September was remarkable for many reasons, not the least of which was that, for half the meeting the entire Lander Grinspoon Academy Board of Directors was invited to join us in the CBI Library to discuss the combined preschool. David Cohen, whom President Ellen Kaufman most of us know as a veteran lay leader of the CBI community, opened the combined meeting by recalling the dream of former CBI Rabbi Phil Graubart that the CBI campus evolve into a “big umbrella” that would embrace all denominations within the Jewish community as well as the activities that make up that community including a Jewish day school. The conception and eventual birth of the current LGA was anything but easy, but over many years with the skillful leadership and persistence from many members of our CBI community, the school came into being. The relationship between the two institutions likewise has not always been an easy one; but I think that most of us would agree that the presence of LGA has enhanced the lives of many of our congregants and their families and has provided an invaluable service for many Jewish families in our larger community. This all has to be for the good!

We have now taken another large step forward in working toward a harmonious relationship between two Jewish institutions by forming a combined preschool under the auspices of a Governance Committee composed of members of CBI, LGA, and Gan Keshet parents. The working documents are not perfect. However, as David reminded us in the remarkable combined Board meeting, an agreement is only as strong as the commitment between the partners to make it work. Members of our CBI Board had some concerns that may have technical merit. I suspect members of the LGA Board had some similar misgivings. What agreement is airtight and is sure to calm all our fears? What impressed me is that both Boards were able to put aside some technical concerns and move forward into a partnership which will surely enhance both institutions while avoiding needless duplication of services. This requires both courage and trust as well as a willingness to continue to work on our relationship. Can we expect anything less of ourselves when we’re asking ever so much more of our fellow Jews halfway around the world?

So at the beginning of a New Year, we had some dramatic beginnings here on our CBI Campus—the first coming together of the CBI and LGA Boards and the simultaneous approval of documents to bring into being a combined preschool. Our beloved Gan Keshet will be the same and yet different—as each of us in this New Year is the same and yet different. I feel this was an auspicious beginning to our new year and I hope to see our Jewish institutions continue to move forward to collaborate with openness and good will. That can only serve to enhance our Jewish life here in the Valley.

Wishing you all a sweet and happy New Year and Hag Sameach,  
Ellen Kaufman



## A New Season, A New Year

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The leaves are beginning to turn, the nights are cooler, the days are shorter, and we are preparing for what lies ahead, establishing new routines, gathering and providing nourishment, and settling in for the new season and the new year.

Gan Keshet Director

Wendy Stein

During the Days of Awe, (which aligned nicely with our anniversary) my husband, Freeman and I went on a reflective walk (with our dog Samba) to the top of Mount Tom. Since we are both educators, we are about reflection, process, and practice.

I found myself thinking back to the origins of Gan Keshet, how much it has grown over time and during my tenure. At this year's Parent Information Night, I shared with our current families the history of our growth: We started as a parent cooperative; soon to become a one room combined class in what is now the Library. An addition to the synagogue was built, and one room was specifically designed for use as a preschool classroom. As interest grew, the program options adjusted, and a second class was added. Days and hours increased over the years, and NOW we are growing again entering a collaboration agreement with LGA!

We are excited about our next growth spurt, the possibilities, and having the ongoing support and interest of the community. As you can imagine, since our vision involves expanding and serving a greater number of families, we will need to modify existing space and purchase equipment/supplies...hence grant writing and "fun" raisers.

As we look back and now forward, the staff and I would like to take a moment to say .....Thank you! To those who have participated and/or supported Gan Keshet over the past 25 years, thank you for your contribution to our growth. To those who are currently in our program, we appreciate your kind words of support and encouragement. To those who will be joining in the future, we look forward to serving you, and welcoming you as part of the Gan Keshet family.

Like the change of the season, Gan Keshet will be familiar.

L'hitrahot,

Wendy

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## People of the Book

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“What we need more than anything else is not more text books but text people. It is the personality of the teacher that the pupils read, the text they will never forget.”

Abraham Joshua Heschel

Education Director

Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt

As I sit in my office I am surrounded by books. I have in fact brought in two extra bookcases from home in order to contain all the books and resources that I have brought with me from all the years I have spent in Jewish education. And believe me when I tell you that this does not put even a dent in the number of books I have left back in my home office

and in the numerous boxes in storage. Not to mention the textbooks sitting on the floor of my synagogue office waiting to be placed in classrooms, looked at by teachers, explored by students. We are, of course, known as “the people of the book.” Yes, books are important to us.

But if I were to ask you about your educational experiences, Jewish or otherwise, my guess is that you would not actually remember much about your books. What we connect to as human beings is the interpersonal relationships we develop, especially with our teachers. If they are good, we remember them because they themselves become the subjects that they teach.

I am excited this year because of the group of teachers, Madrichim and education committee members that are truly “text people.” Our Gan/Aleph teacher, Shayna Gilman is a graduate student at UMass working towards a career as a reading specialist and ESL teacher. We first met her when she stepped into our sanctuary one Shabbat this summer. The thing that is most appealing about Shayna is the first thing you notice about her, she never stops smiling. Marisha Marks, our Bet teacher, may be familiar to many of you, as she not only taught here last year, but has also led many of our Junior Congregation experiences. She brings an innovative eye for curriculum, having worked for several years for Mad Science, and a love of young children, as you can tell from the way she interacts with her own two children. The combined Gimel/Dalet class has the privilege of having the teacher who has been at connected to CBI the longest. This will be Jennifer Luddy’s fourth year as a teacher here and many years more as a member. She brings with her a love of Judaism, children and most importantly this community. We are most privileged to have her continuing with us. Misha Clebaner brings his excitement and talents to the Hay/Vav class. He comes from the south and the west having taught in religious schools and as a tutor for at-risk youth. Presently he works for AmeriCorps creating programming for afterschool students. Aaron Kagan is our new Zayin and Chet teacher and Youth Advisor. Aaron attended Brandeis University and has worked over the years doing workshops in drama with Jewish teens across the country. We are very excited that he will bring his enthusiasm to our teens and teen programming. We also have Jane Kaufman, long time member and religious school stalwart joining us as our tutor during the week adding her voice to our ranks. These teachers will bring a combined sense of commitment, joy and warmth to our classrooms and to our children.

I don’t want to miss out on mentioning that this year, as always, we have an amazing group of teens who not only help our teachers, but also add to the experience of the students as well. Returning as Madrichim are Maya Berkman, Isaiah Feldman-Schwartz, Jonah Kudler-Flam, Rachel Leader, Leela Riesz, Noah Siegel and Eliana Zimmerman. And new to our group are Danny Deitz, Simon Ever-Hale, Koko Jaeger and Sara Moss-Horowitz.

And finally, there is a wonderful and hard-working education committee led by Lisa Barondes and Shelley Schieffelin. These people have worked over the summer and into the fall on programming, visioning, and curriculum, among other things. They are always looking for other people to join them to help shape the present and future of CBI education.

I am thrilled to be working with all of these talented people and hope that you will get the chance to know them as I do, as the “text people” that they are.

L’shalom,

Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt

# 8 CALENDAR

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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 OCTOBER 2: 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 OCTOBER 9: 11:00-12:00 noon

### 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 OCTOBER 16: 11:00-12:00 noon

### JUNIOR CONGREGATION SESSION

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

THIS MONTH ON OCTOBER 23: 11:00-12:00 noon

### LEV CHADASH (NEW HEART) MINYAN

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

THIS MONTH ON OCTOBER 23: 9:45- 12:00 noon

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## 9 CALENDAR

## Save the Date

### SHIRA CHADASHA KABBALAT SHABBAT

FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 8  
6:00 pm

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SPECIAL EVENT:  
FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 29  
\*\*7:00 pm\*\*

Led by Rabbi Justin David with David Weidenfeld on guitar.

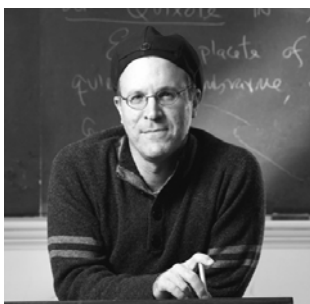
Join us for a very special Kabbalat Shabbat service.

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

### Conversation with Ilan Stavans

**ILAN STAVANS**, born Ilan Stavchansky in Mexico City, is a Mexican-American, essayist, lexicographer, cultural commentator, translator, short-story author, TV personality, CBI member and teacher known for his insights into American, Hispanic, and Jewish cultures.

With a Master's degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary and a Doctorate in Letters from Columbia University, Ilan is currently the Lewis-Sebring Professor in Latin American and Latino Culture at Amherst College where he has taught since 1993.

A prolific and widely-published writer of non-fiction, anthologies, translations, fiction, collected stories, Ilan has received numerous international awards and honors including a National Jewish Book Award, the Latino Hall of Fame, the Presidential Medal of Honor from Chile, fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, The Littauer Foundation, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and a Guggenheim Fellowship. He has collaborated with musicians, opera librettists, cartoonists, actors, filmmakers, educators, and politicians in a variety of projects, and he was nominated for an Emmy as a Best Talk-Show Host for his long-running series on PBS.

Most recently, Ilan is author of Resurrecting Hebrew, Spanglish, Gabriel Garcia Marquez: The Early Years, and now this September, after 13 years of writing and serving as general editor, his "lifelong dream", the Norton Anthology of Latino Literature has been published.

CBI's Conversation with Ilan Stavans over Shabbat at the end of October will be a fascinating, stimulating and not-to-be-missed event. For just a taste of what awaits us, check out this recent interview with Ilan on line at [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/joshua-kors/ilan-stavans-magnum-opus\\_b\\_738568.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/joshua-kors/ilan-stavans-magnum-opus_b_738568.html)

FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 29  
8:00 pm  
(after Shira  
Chadasha Service)

&

SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 30  
During Kiddush

THE FIRST  
CONVERSATION  
IN OUR SERIES  
FOR 2010-2011

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# 10 CALENDAR

# Save the Date

## SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE & FAMILY PROGRAM

THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 30  
&  
FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 1

### THURSDAY EVENING

6:30 - 8:30 pm

SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY WITH  
CELEBRATION OF STUDENTS NEW TO  
THEIR JEWISH EDUCATION

STORIES WITH ARI REIS AND DANCING  
WITH IRIS BERKMAN

CELEBRATION OF THE TORAH



### FRIDAY MORNING

9:30 am

SERVICE BEGINS FOR ALL  
IN THE SANCTUARY

10:30 am

SERVICE CONTINUES WITH SINGING AND  
DANCING FOR ALL AGES

11:15 am

GROUP ALIYAH FOR EVERYONE AND A  
SPECIAL ALIYAH FOR CHILDREN

11:30 am - 12:00 noon

STORIES AND SNACKS WITH RABBI RACHEL  
REMBRANDT IN THE LIBRARY

## HEVREI MITZVOT MEN'S CLUB

SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 17  
9:30 am

The next meeting of the Hevrei  
Mitzvot Men's Club will be October  
17th at LGA.

Breakfast meeting begins at 9:30 am.

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

New members welcome.

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

## VALLEY JEWISH SENIORS LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 20  
12:30 pm

The next meeting of the Valley Jewish  
Seniors will be October 20th!!

Rabbi Yechiael Lander will be in  
conversation with Ken Schoen about  
his life and friendships.

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

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

UPCOMING DATES:  
November 17th and December 15th  
when we are hosting local poet Henry  
Lyman

## SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

MONDAY  
OCTOBER 18  
7:30 pm

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

Home of Shirley Cohen  
ADDRESS  
PHONE

The other titles for the year are:  
Nov.: Whistling Season by Ivan Doig;  
Dec.: Olive Kitteridge  
by Elizabeth Strout;  
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

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



# 11 CALENDAR

# Save the Date

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## CBI SALON

### CBI SALON with Rabbi Justin David

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.

**TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 19  
7:30 - 9:00 pm**

at the home of Veronica Darmon who lives at 25 Ice Pond Drive in Florence. Phone: 413-586-8737  
Email: [veronicadarmon@yahoo.com](mailto:veronicadarmon@yahoo.com).

Take this opportunity to reflect together in the comfort of Veronica's home as we explore interpretations of Genesis throughout our tradition and share our own experience.

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

## RAYS OF HOPE BREAST CANCER WALK

**BE A WALKER. BE A DONOR.  
OR BOTH!**

Be sure to send her your email address and phone and indicate if you want to walk two or five miles. Then go to the link below and register.

**SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 24  
10:00 am**

Sisterhood is creating a RAYS OF HOPE TEAM to walk and raise money for breast cancer research and support services in Western MA.

**Walkers**  
Join us for an amazing experience by registering to walk a two or five mile route. Contact Elaine Ulman: (413) 268-7896 or email: [lenahamp@earthlink.net](mailto:lenahamp@earthlink.net).

**Donors**  
Send a check made out to "Rays of Hope" to CBI c/o Sisterhood or go to our CBI Sisterhood team page with the following link:

[http://  
foundation.baystatehealth.org/  
netcommunity/cbisisterhood](http://foundation.baystatehealth.org/netcommunity/cbisisterhood)

## 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.



**MINA BOND  
BAT MITZVAH  
OCT. 2, 2010**



Daughter of  
Howie Bond & Sydna  
Budnick

Hello everyone my name is Mina Bond and I am very excited to become an adult member of the community. From kindergarten, I have always admired the children who decided to have a bar/bat mitzvah. Through the weeks leading up to my bat mitzvah, I have found myself having to find a balance of studying, school work, and time to spend with my friends and family but in the grand scheme of things I know it will be worth it.

In school my favorite subjects are writing and reading. I also love to act and take part in all the multi arts. So I hope that my bat mitzvah project, still in progress, will incorporate this. As well as acting, I really enjoy playing sports such as soccer, lacrosse, and track.

I would like to thank you, Congregation B'nai Israel, my tutor Elaine Whitlock, Rabbi Justin David, my friends, my siblings Isaac Jessi and Noah, my dog, Annie, and my dad, Howie. Without their support and knowledge of everything imaginable, I would never be able to do all of this.

**JONATHAN  
MINOFF  
BAR MITZVAH  
OCT. 9, 2010**



Son of Linda & Keith  
Minoff

Hi. My name is Jonathan. I am 12 years old and am in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Bement middle school in Deerfield. I went to LGA from K-6<sup>th</sup> grade and I also went to Gan Keshet for preschool.

My favorite subjects are math and science. I spend my time sleeping, eating, school, piano and guitar, and TV. I have a dog named Tova.

For my bar mitzvah project, I wanted to incorporate my love of music, so I decided to go around the area playing piano at nursing homes. The residents really enjoy it when someone comes because they don't have many visitors. It feels really good to know that I made them happier. 'll see you all at my bar mitzvah!

**ALEX  
EISENTHAL  
BAR MITZVAH  
OCT. 23, 2010**



Son of  
Talya Westbrook  
& David Eisenthal

My name is Alex Eisenthal. I'm 13 years old and I live in West Brookfield with my parents and my brother, Jack. I'm a student at Quabbin Middle School in Barre, Massachusetts. I graduated from LGA Schechter in June. I went from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade at LGA. Before that, I went to The Bement School in Deerfield.

This summer, I went to different camps, including two at Old Sturbridge Village. I learned a lot about how kids lived almost 200 years ago.

My Bar Mitzvah project is volunteering a few days a week at the Brookhaven Assisted Care Facility in West Brookfield. I think that working with the elderly is a good way to repair the world - to make "Tikkun Olam."

I really like Star Wars; and I like to read.

I'm really looking forward to my family and friends helping me celebrate my Bar Mitzvah.

## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS



If you were born on October 10th, 1910, and you got to live to 100 years, you'd be celebrating on 10-10-10.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TONI SCHACHTER!!!**

(Becky Schachter's mother; Rachel and Amalyah Leader's grandmother)

In honor of Toni's long and illustrious life, we wanted to invite everyone who is so inspired (even if you never met Toni) to give to tzedakah, with a specific request to give to Congregation B'nai Israel (any fund).

While Toni lives in New York City, she made it to both Rachel and Amalyah's Bat Mitzvah's at CBI, and while she may have not been able to tell you what the specific occasions were, she sat in the congregation and stood on the bima with such a sense of awe and engagement, that her presence reminded us of the blessings of being held in our Jewish traditions and community.

On one of our visits to Toni, we spent time with her at one of her favorite hang-outs, an uptown branch of the public library, all of us sitting around the table reading the newspaper. Out of the blue, Toni quietly leaned over and kissed one of us on the cheek, and whispered "share the love." This is the essence of Toni Schachter. We invite you all, as Toni turns 100 years old, to take a pause in your own precious life, and share your love.

Becky, Emmett, Rachel and Amalyah

### 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 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES OF NOTE

October 10: NO SCHOOL

#### All School Event:

October 24: 9:40 Parent Focus Group  
All Parents welcome  
Meet the Teachers  
10:45 Parents observe  
11:00 Teachers present curriculum

#### Gan/Aleph & Bet:

October 17: Family Education Program  
with Rabbi David, 9:40-10:00 am



# 14 CALENDAR

# Month of October

FRIDAY	October 1	9:30 am	SIMCHAT TORAH MORNING SERVICES
		10:30 am	SIMCHAT TORAH: SPECIAL SERVICES/ACTIVITIES <i>See page 10 for more information</i>
		6:00 pm	KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
		6:15 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
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SATURDAY	October 2	9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES MINA BOND BAT MITZVAH <i>Parashat B'reishit</i>
		11:00 am	TOT SHABBAT WITH PEGGY WALKER
		7:13 pm	SHABBAT ENDS
MONDAY	October 4	7:00 pm	BEGINNING MODERN HEBREW
		8:00 pm	BEGINNING HEBREW FOR PRAYER & TORAH
TUESDAY	October 5	12:15 pm	TUESDAY TEXT STUDY WITH RABBI DAVID
		7:30 pm	BOOK READING: "WHEREVER YOU GO" BY J. ELEGANT
THURSDAY	October 7	8:00 am	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam & Rabbi Sheila Pelz Weinberg
		7:00 pm	INTERMEDIATE MODERN HEBREW
FRIDAY	October 8	6:00 pm	SHIRA CHADASHA WITH RABBI DAVID See page 9 for more information
		6:03 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
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SATURDAY	October 9	9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES JONATHAN MINOFF BAR MITZVAH <i>Parashat Noah</i>
		11:00 am	SHABBAT FAMILY MINYAN
		7:01 pm	SHABBAT ENDS
MONDAY	October 11	7:00 pm	BEGINNING MODERN HEBREW
		8:00 pm	BEGINNING HEBREW FOR PRAYER & TORAH
TUESDAY	October 12	12:15	TUESDAY TEXT STUDY WITH RABBI DAVID
THURSDAY	October 14	8:00 am	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam & Rabbi Sheila Pelz Weinberg
		7:00 pm	INTERMEDIATE MODERN HEBREW
FRIDAY	October 15	6:00 pm	KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
		5:52 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
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SATURDAY	October 16	9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE LULU KLINE BAT MITZVAH <i>Parashat Lekh-L'kha</i>
		11:00 am	SHABBAT SING
		6:50 pm	SHABBAT ENDS

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SUNDAY	October 17	9:30 am	HEVREI MITZVOT MEN'S CLUB MEETING <i>See page 10 for more information</i>
MONDAY	October 18	7:00 pm	BEGINNING MODERN HEBREW
		8:00 pm	BEGINNING HEBREW FOR PRAYER & TORAH
TUESDAY	October 19	12:15 am	TUESDAY TEXT STUDY WITH RABBI DAVID
		7:30 pm	CBI SALON WITH RABBI JUSTIN DAVID At home of Veronica Darmon (see page 11 for more info)
WEDNESDAY	October 20	12:00 Noon	VALLEY JEWISH SENIORS LUNCHEON <i>See page 10 for more info</i>
THURSDAY	October 21	8:00 am	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam & Rabbi Sheila Pelz Weinberg
		7:00 pm	INTERMEDIATE MODERN HEBREW
FRIDAY	October 22	6:00 pm	KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
		5:41 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
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SATURDAY	October 23	9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE ALEX EISENTHAL BAR MITZVAH <i>Parashat Va-yera</i>
		9:45 am	LEV CHADASH (NEW HEART) MINYAN LED BY RABBI NANCY FLAM
		11:00 am	JUNIOR CONGREGATION
		6:40 pm	SHABBAT ENDS
SUNDAY	October 24	10:00 am	SISTERHOOD: RAYS OF HOPE BREAST CANCER WALK <i>See page 11 for more information</i>
MONDAY	October 25	7:00 pm	BEGINNING MODERN HEBREW
		8:00 pm	BEGINNING HEBREW FOR PRAYER & TORAH
TUESDAY	October 26	12:15 am	TUESDAY TEXT STUDY WITH RABBI DAVID
THURSDAY	October 28	8:00 am	LECHA DUMIYAH TEHILLA Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam & Rabbi Sheila Pelz Weinberg
		7:00 pm	INTERMEDIATE MODERN HEBREW
FRIDAY	October 29	6:00 pm	KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY
		5:31 pm	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
		7:00 pm	SHIRA CHADASHA WITH RABBI DAVID
		8:00 pm	JUDAISM AND CREATIVE MIND WITH ILAN STAVANS <i>See page 9 for more information</i>
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SATURDAY	October 30	9:30 am	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE <i>Parashat Hayyei Sarah</i>
			JUDAISM AND CREATIVE MIND WITH ILAN STAVANS <i>See page 9 for more information</i>
		6:30 pm	SHABBAT ENDS

## HADASSAH OPENING MEETING

HADASSAH MEMBERS: PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, OCT. 17, 2:30 P.M. Held at Congregation B'nai Israel Social Hall, Northampton, MA. Our Opening Meeting will honor all Hadassah Gems (That means YOU!!).

In HONOR of all our "Gems" the Silverscape Jewelry Store will bring some real gems to display and talk about. You will have a chance to see Precious and Semi-precious stones up close.

You will also learn how to evaluate the characteristics of different stones. Please join us for a very interesting afternoon. Dessert, Coffee and Tea will be served.

## JEWISH FAMILY JAM

Wednesdays, October 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2010,  
Held from 10:30-11:45 a.m. at LGA

Jewish Family Service presents this popular program for infants, toddlers and their caregivers. Appropriate for ages 0-3. Together we will sing, drum and dance our way through the Jewish cycles and explore musical play and rituals that your family can enjoy together. Led by Felicia Sloin, \$25 registration fee. Pre-registration is strongly recommended, contact [JewishLife@jfswm.org](mailto:JewishLife@jfswm.org) or (413) 737-2601. Location: Lander Grinspoon Academy, 257 Prospect Street, Northampton.

## NEW EXHIBIT A STITCH IN JEWISH TIME: PROVOCATIVE TEXTILES

A Stitch in Jewish Time: Provocative Textiles, September 7, 2010 - June 30, 2011. Opening Reception: Wednesday, October 13, 2010, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. RSVP and photo ID required: [aglazer@huc.edu](mailto:aglazer@huc.edu) or (212) 824-2293. Significant international textile artists explore issues of Jewish history, culture, social justice, ritual, and sacred texts. Forty-one artists include Yaacov Agam, Andi Arnovitz, Helene Aylon, Judy Chicago, Adam Cohen, Laurie Gross, Greg Lauren, Peachy Levy, Norma Minkowitz, Mark Podwal, Elaine Reichek, Lisa Rosowsky, Miriam Schapiro, Laurie Wohl, and Estelle Yarinsky. **And CBI's own Jane Trigere!** Location: One West 4th Street (between Broadway and Mercer Street), Manhattan. Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm; Select Sundays (September 26, October 31, November 7, November 21, December 5, December 19, January 9, January 23, February 13, March 27, April 10), 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Admission: FREE. Photo ID required. Group Tours and Information: [aglazer@huc.edu](mailto:aglazer@huc.edu) or (212) 824-2293. [www.huc.edu/museum/ny](http://www.huc.edu/museum/ny).

## ZINA SCHIFF, VIOLINIST, TO PERFORM AT SMITH

Zina Schiff, protégée of legendary Jascha Heifetz will perform in a free concert on Sunday, October 31, 4 pm at Sweeney Concert Hall at Smith College. The concert will include works by Brahms, Sarasate, Gershwin and a special tribute to Henrietta Szold, founder of Hadassah on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her birth. This tribute will feature compositions by Ben Haim and Kirman, prominent Jewish composers. This concert is supported by the Ernst Wallfisch memorial fund of Smith College. The accompanist will be Grant Cameron, pianist with the New York City Ballet.

Violinist Zina Schiff has been described by the New York Times as an instrumentalist of "luscious high voltage...vintage Heifetz". Heifetz was one of the great violinists of the 20 century. She was an outstanding student of Ivan Galamian and Jascha Heifetz.

## 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!!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TAKE DOWN CBI SUKKAH

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3**  
**9:30 am**

**HELP IS NEEDED TO DISMANTLE**

**THE CBI SUKKAH**

**MORE HANDS - LESS TIME!**

**THANK YOU!**

### TUESDAY TEXT STUDY With Rabbi Justin David

Join us weekly, or as often as you can, for an 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

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**CBI Board Meeting Minutes, August 12, 2010**


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**Attendees:** Ellen Kaufman, Erin Nunes Cooper, Janet W. Chevan, Lois Dubin, Norbert Goldfield, Jane Trigere, Dorothy Nemetz, Ellen Bernstein, Lauren Weinsier, Jim Sagalyn, Jeff Caplan, Bruce Finke, Henry Simkin, Janis Levy, Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt. Guest: Amy Wolpin

**Geetings, Introductions:**

President Ellen Kaufman welcomed all attendees. Board members and guests introduced themselves. Janis Levy distributed binders to new board members and inserts to continuing board members.

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

Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt gave a D'Var Torah in Rabbi Justin David's absence. She encouraged all board members to find the gifts that they bring to CBI and to offer them as members of the board and to everyone who walks through the door.

**Review minutes of previous meetings (June, June special meeting):**

Norbert Goldfield moved to accept the meeting minutes from the June 15, 2009 Board Meeting. Second. Minutes are approved by show of hands, subject to clarification by David Cohen via E-mail regarding the groups listed in item 2. Henry Simkin moved to approve the June Special Meeting Minutes. Second. Approved by show of hands.

**Membership:**

Executive Director Jan isLevy presented the following new membership applications to the board:

- ◆ 1 New member family: Judith Mazel-Stoloff & Jeffrey Stoloff

Janet Chevan moved to approve new members. Second. Approved by show of hands.

Change in Membership: Rachel Valitt married. There are number of inquiries for new memberships, and Jan expects to bring more membership applications to future meetings.

**High Holiday Sign Up:**

Jan passed around a sign up sheet for all board members to sign up for half hour slots to serve as High Holiday ushers. Ushers are needed to welcome and greet members and guests, to offer honors, and to maintain decorum. Noise disruptions do not come from just children, but from adults and children. Anyone asked to be quiet should be asked in a way that makes people feel welcomed. Unfilled time slots will be filled by other members of the community. Jan will ask for additional volunteers via E-mail.

**Kol Nidre Appeal:**

Jan asked for a sense of the board on providing Kol Nidre Appeal information on seats in the sanctuary. Last year, the information was placed on seats, and the appeal was the largest, bringing in \$20,000. In prior years it was available in the hallway or mailed. She has devised a method that does not require writing. The board agrees with this approach by verbal agreement.

**SCRIP:**

Jan distributed new SCRIP brochures to all attendees. Brochures describe the program and will be mailed to the membership. Jim Sagalyn described the three ways to purchase scrip:

- ◆ Walk-in purchases in the office
- ◆ Credit card purchases for amounts over \$300
- ◆ ACH debit transactions for monthly subscriptions.

Note: ACH / debit transactions are also available for dues and tuition

**Committee Reports:**

(See reports attached at the end of these minutes).

Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt described some activities of the Education Committee.

- ◆ Ellen Kaufman distributed a copy of the Education Committee Report to attendees.
- ◆ Jim Sagalyn presented a Financial Oversight Committee Report.
- ◆ Dorothy Nemetz presented a L'Dor V'Dor Committee Report.

# 19 MINUTES

# August 2010

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## **Committee Appointments:**

President Ellen Kaufman reviewed existing CBI committees and their roles and encouraged all board members to participate in or play a leadership role in committees. The House and Properties and Ritual Committees have vacancies and require chairs.

President Ellen Kaufman reappointed the Personnel Committee, to continue with their current charge. Tasks include updating the personnel manual, reviewing and or revising job descriptions, and conducting employee evaluations.

President Ellen Kaufman reappointed the Administrative Task Force. The group will have a more limited role this year, with John Todd leading the group and Carol Katz creating a policy manual for ongoing operations. Ellen distributed a summary to all attendees.

President Ellen Kaufman appointed Bill Jolly to chair the Governance Committee, which will review the bylaws. Lauren Weinsier is the new chair of the Membership Committee.

## **Board Retreat:**

President Ellen Kaufman requested a response from all board members for an afternoon board retreat in October 2010. Secretary Erin Cooper will send out a poll with dates via E-mail.

## **Announcements:**

Mazel Tov to Ellen Kaufman, whose daughter was married this past weekend.

Janet Chevan's son, a musician with The Afro-Semitic Experience will be presenting and recording a concert of music of days of awe. The 3<sup>rd</sup> session will be at Temple Israel in Greenfield on Monday August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

CBI, Beit Ahavah, and the JCA will hold a joint Slichot service on September 4<sup>th</sup> at the JCA. Merl Feld's "The Gates Are Closing" will be performed by volunteer readers.

The Jewish Endowment Fund will be on site tomorrow to record video at CBI. The footage

will be used to make a promotional video for the L'DOR V'DOR program. CBI is being featured as a successful participant. The crew will be outside between 1:00 and 2:00 pm

**Meeting adjourned 8:55 pm. Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Erin N. Cooper**

## **REPORTS AUGUST 2010**

### **Executive Director's Report:**

Presented by Janis Levy at board meeting

High Holiday child care: In the past volunteer members oversaw High Holiday child care. Any suggestions for volunteers to oversee child care this year are welcome. Overseeing does not mean being in the childcare room at all times. It involves finding and scheduling providers and serving as the point of contact if people have questions.

Apples and Honey. Rabbi Justin David would like to have apples and honey available to community during Rosh Hashanah. Volunteers are needed to set up, clean up, and prepare apples and honey. Jan is asking the Sisterhood and Men's Club to take this on. Other volunteers are encouraged.

Building maintenance. CBI is now sharing a full time building manager with LGA. Maintenance staff now includes the full time position of building manager and 2 part time custodians, shared between both buildings and organizations. Costs are shared. New flooring is being installed in the copy room.

New office hours are Monday - Thursday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm; Friday, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm; Sunday when Religious School is in session, 9:00 am - 12 noon. There are now 2 part time office assistants in addition to Nanci Martine who is full time.

### **Education Director's Report:**

Presented by Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt at board meeting

Education parlor meetings will be set up for September 18<sup>th</sup> in Amherst and a date to be

announced in Northampton. A parlor meeting will be set up for families of teens. Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt is working on curriculum and manuals. Some classes will be combined because of registration numbers.

### **Secretary's report / Board Policy Manual:**

Presented by Erin N. Cooper at board meeting

Board members have requested a board policy manual for many years, and previously no such document existed. Bill Jolly has reviewed previous board minutes and collected policies through 2005. The collected policies are in hard copy, and will be translated into electronic form in the coming months.

Moving forward, the Secretary will maintain the Board Policy Manual and update it with any new policies created by the board throughout the year.

Carol Katz is currently assembling an Operations Manual that will contain many 'policies' that are applicable to day to day operations. This is a separate manual, which is designed for CBI staff. The two manuals will be reviewed by myself and Carol to coordinate any overlap.

In previous years, board meeting minutes were a narrative of decisions by the board as well as discussions. This presented numerous problems, particularly when meeting guests contributed to discussions, then did not have any opportunity to review or correct discussion items. This year, we will move toward a style of meeting minutes that more closely follows Robert's Rules of Order with minutes recording what is done at the meeting, not what is said. Committee reports and discussion items that should be published in the Kehila will be recorded in a report section following the minutes. This will also allow us to publish committee reports that are not presented at board meetings.

### **Education Committee Report:**

Distributed at board meeting

The Education Committee is not overseeing child care at this time. They may in the future.

### **Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) Report:**

Presented at Board Meeting 01 by Jim Sagalyn

FOC met on Tuesday evening. No formal financial report was presented at the board meeting, however the following summary was provided:

Last year ended with around \$16,000 of income over expenses. Some adjustments will be needed because payments for the land loan did not match what was collected from members. After adjustments there is an approximate net \$7,000 income. This is good, however we have accumulated about \$50,000 deficit from previous years, so we will not spend excess income.

FOC attributes the net income to strict cost cutting, a much needed dues increase, adjusting religious school expenses with enrollment, and rigorous collections of dues. Thanks to Jan, who has been scrupulous.

The year ended with roughly \$40,000 uncollected billed dues. We are attempting to collect the money under CBI's assessment procedure. (Members are contacted and asked to make arrangements with the office. Members who don't attempt to address uncollected billed dues will come to board for suspension of membership. They are free to rejoin.)

Delinquency this year was better than previous years. Last year we resigned only 2 memberships. This Issue for all synagogues and is not unique to CBI.

We are looking to recast financial statements to make read more like accounting statements and make them appear clearer.

FOC has a goal to budget money for a CPA review of records. This would cost around \$5-\$10,000 dollars. In the bylaws, we have a CPA every 5 years, however FOC recommends budgeting to do this more frequently.

The Kiddish Fund is off the operating budget. Jan has watched this carefully and we attempt to have donations match what we spend. In some summer months there is no Kiddush if

there are no funds.

**L'Dor V'Dor (Planned Giving) Report:**  
Presented at Board Meeting by Dorothy Nemetz

We had a successful year. Last year's goal was to obtain 20 commitments to make a planned gift to CBI, and we received 27. We then received \$10,000 from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation for meeting the goal. The first \$5,000 of the incentive money goes into the operating budget, and the remainder goes into the CBI endowment. This year's incentive from HGF is reduced to \$5,000. The committee is considering not participating in the program this year. The demand on the committee is great, requiring extensive quarterly reports, many meetings, and training sessions. The program requires that the money go to the Jewish Endowment Foundation (managed by them). Our own endowment fund is managed internally. We give up some control by participating in the program.

**Ritual Committee Report:**  
Presented at Board Meeting by Henry Simkin

The committee continues to ask the board for help and would like the board and membership to request aliyot. Please sign up for an aliyah. Reply to email [cbiritual@verizon.net](mailto:cbiritual@verizon.net) and state your preferences, or contact the office and Jan will forward the information to the appropriate person. Richard Fein is coordinating many requests. This year, ushers will be asked to handout cards for honors by distributing 3-4 cards during their half hour shift.

**Discussions:**  
Decorum during the High Holidays is also safety issue. One usher should patrol the hallways during each shift. Jan will distribute a one page description of ushers' responsibilities and instructions.

**Ushering.** The board discussed broadcasting service into hallway, which would have a quieting effect and push conversations further out. Jan will investigate.

The board discussed positive ways to encourage decorum and maintain a feeling of welcoming.

Suggestions included using buttons instead of carnations or flowers, using gentle humor when appropriate, and directing people to locations in the building where they can hold conversations away from the sanctuary doors and corridors.



**Thank you to the volunteers  
who assembled the Lulav for Sukkot**

John Martine  
Ada Medina Arons  
Ron Ackerman  
Peggy Besht

**Thank you to the Sukkah Builders**

Bill Jolly  
Stephan Wurmbrand  
Henry Simkin  
Shlomo Barnoon  
Art Hyman  
Nick Fleisher  
Alan Singer  
Kelsea Singer  
Deborah Brumberg-Seltzer  
Bruce Brumberg-Seltzer  
Jane Kaufman  
Tilli Friedrich  
Ron Ackerman  
Robert Shycon  
Dana Zeller

**AESTHETICS FUND**

To Judy Wolf - Mazel Tov on your most recent accomplishment, your Master's in Social Work. From Cleo Gorman and Ron Ackerman with respect and admiration

**ANNUAL FUND**

Norbert Goldfield & Sandra Matthews

Laura Arbeitman & Laurie Herzog

In memory of Fred Nitkin from Barry & Sandra Neufeld

To Roslyn Nitkin in memory of Fred Nitkin, from Thelma Neufeld

To Bob & Marianne Fishman, with sympathy for the loss of Bob's father, from Carol & Brad Katz

To Lynn, Jaxon and Elexis Vesely and Roslyn Nitkin with condolences on the loss of your beloved father, grandfather, spouse. From Ellen Kaufman

To Jane Herzenberg and Jim Sagalyn. Mazel tov on the birth of your new grand-daughter! With love from Ellen Kaufman

To David Cohen, with gratitude for your hard work and wise guidance in seeing through the creation of the new joint pre-school, from Ellen Kaufman

To Ellen Bernstein with heartfelt condolences over the loss of your mother, from Ellen Kaufman

**BIKKUR HOLIM FUND**

In honor of carrying the Torah during Yom Kippur, from Jeffrey Stoloff

**DANIEL & SHIRLEY LEVIN****EDUCATION FUND**

In memory of Ethel Feldman from Henry Rosenberg & Katherine Hicks

**ENDOWMENT FUND**

In honor of the engagement of my granddaughter, Bonnie, to Bradley Braufman from Rose Cohen

To Ken Schoen & Jane Trigere with thanks for all the many ways you enrich our community, from Doris & David Cohen

L'Shanah Tova to Alison Morse with thanks for a beautiful chanting of the Haftarah. From Doris & David Cohen

**HEVREI MITZVOT FUND**

Joel Feldman  
Ron Ackerman

**KOL NIDRE APPEAL**

In honor of Jonah Kline-Barton's participation in this year's High Holy Day Services, from Randi Klein & Scott Barton.

For the privilege of worshipping at B'nai Israel during the High Holy Days, from Janet & Herbert Hodos

In honor of Joel Greenbaum's Yom Kippur Aliyah from Hilda & Louis Greenbaum

Thank you for your hospitality at the Kol Nidre service, from Helen Ratner

Wishing L'Shana Tova to all at B'nai Israel, together with my children, Scott & Amy Siegel, Claire, Ben and Owen. From Marion Wolk

Jeff & Ann Caplan

Debbie Charren & Tim Diehl

Minda Goss

Cathy & Joseph Cohen

Olga & Aron Futer

Jan Hackman

Bill & Carol Jolly

Barbara Lerner

Robert Astor & Vicki Goldlust

Beatrice P. Schwartz

Linda Tropp

Gerald Epstein & Francine Deutsch

Eva & Norman Brown

Paul & Betty Koss

Paula Parsky

Ellen Koteen & Diane Palladino

Larry Hott & Diane Garey

Robert Brick & Janet Sheppard

Jane Goldfield

Roslyn Nitkin

Rose Karparis

Scott & Lisa Chasan-Taber

Debra Sperling

Nancy Felton & Joel Dansky

Barry & Julie Federman

Howard & Libbie Parad

**KURIAN KIDDUSH FUND**

Norbert Goldfield & Sandra Matthews

Anne Werry & Eric Roth

**In memory of Fred Nitkin**

Henry Rosenberg & Katherine Hicks

Rae & Dan Berger

Ralph Nitkin & Camilla Day

Paula Kristovich and Phyllis Press

In honor of Fred Nitkin from the Oxford Valley School Staff

To Roz Nitkin, Lynn Vesely & Family with our deepest sympathy on the loss of your dear husband and father. From Doris & David Cohen

To Roslyn Nitkin, in loving memory of your dear Frederick, from Esther Budgar

To Elenore Bernstein & Richard Feldman with our sincere condolences on the loss of your mother. From Edward & Joyce Allen

To Roslyn Nitkin. The Nitkins are solid wonderful people and Fred will be missed, from Bob Malikin

To Adele Steinberg with all good wishes on your new home. We will miss you in the neighborhood, from Susan Mosler

In honor of the marriage of Rachel & Robert Vigderman from Hilda & Louis Greenbaum

#### **PULPIT FUND**

Sanford & Louise Bloomberg  
Leslie & Carole May

In memory of my parents from Jane H. Goldfield

#### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Roslyn Nitkin  
Sam & Cathy Topal  
Jordan & Carol Levitin  
Norman D. & Eva M. Brown  
John M. Joelson & Joanne Levin  
Robert Goodman & Stephanie Levin  
Ethel A. Feldman, Eleanor R. Bernstein & Ronald Bernstein

In memory of Etta Bernstein from Ellen Bernstein

In honor of our wedding from Rachel Valitt & Robert Vigderman

#### **SANDRA GOLDSMITH ENDOWMENT FUND**

In honor of Louise Bloomberg's birthday, from Seth Goldsmith

#### **SHABBAT CHILD CARE FUND**

Serene Rubin

#### **SISTERHOOD ALL OCCASION FUND**

To Roslyn Nitkin with our condolences on the loss of your beloved husband, Fred. You were always there for him. From Cleo Gorman & Ron Ackerman

To Lynn Vesely with our heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your father, Fred. From Cleo Gorman & Ron Ackerman

To Roslyn Nitkin with my deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved husband, Fred. From Sari Merrill

To Lynn Vesely with my heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your father, Fred. From Sari Merrill

To Roslyn Nitkin. May you find peace and comfort at this time of sorrow on the loss of your husband, Fred. From Harriet Weinroth

To Lynn Vesely. Although these words are few, may you understand the sympathy on the loss of your father, Fred. From Harriet Weinroth

To Leslie Fraidstern with heartfelt congratulations on your article in the Northampton Hampshire Gazette regarding pictures of past notables. From Harriet Weinroth

To Lois & Andy Siegel. Congratulations to two proud grandparents on your latest arrival! From Esther Budgar

To my favorite sister-in-law Sylvia. Happy Birthday and to our memories of our early friendship as girlfriends! From Esther Budgar

To Mrs. Saul Lipnick with my deepest condolences upon the loss of your sister-in-law. From Esther Budgar

To Bernyce & Gerald Grant with condolences on the loss of your sister-in-law. From Esther Budgar

#### **TIKKUN OLAM FUND**

Ruth & Don Katzner  
Janet Bowdan

To Esther Bean - El na refanala - sending wishes for continued strength and healing. We've missed you. Fondly, Cleo and Ron

To Corrie Trattner & Henry Hasenbush. In memory of your granddaughter Shoshana, from Ruth & Don Katzner

In honor of Sadie Alexandra and Ethan Benjamin from Ruth & Don Katzner

#### **VALLEY JEWISH SENIORS**

Janet Bowdan

To Nitza Seaver - Mazel Tov on receiving the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's Unsung Hero Award. From Ron and Cleo

#### **WOMEN'S FUND**

To Ellen Bernstein who sees the "Splendor of Creation" with our condolences on the loss of your mother. She must have been very special. With loving sympathy, Cleo & Ron

To Shannon Fitzgerald Mehlman, Melissa Mehlman and Family with our condolences on your father's passing. We wish you a New Year of peace and healing, from Ron and Cleo

**OCTOBER 1/ TISHREI 23**

Howard August \*  
 Estelle Diamond  
 Albert Goldfield  
 Lillian Saltzman Roth \*

**OCTOBER 2/ TISHREI 24**

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 Samuel Gould \*  
 Fannie Keehn  
 Ruth Rubel

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 Adele Fishman  
 Sarah Lehrfeld  
 Elias Swing \*  
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Lewis Cohen  
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 William Stern

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Arnold Bleiman  
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 Sydney Berzoff  
 Ethel Brody  
 Elliot Cohen  
 Marcus I. Cohn \*  
 Ethel Shabman

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 Bertha Fox  
 Paul Perman

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William Rechtschaffen

**OCTOBER 10/ HESHVAN 2**

Benjamin Ackerman  
 Ernst Schwarz

**OCTOBER 11/ HESHVAN 3**

Rita Hirsch \*  
 Lena Nitkin  
 Leo Schlinsky

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Fanny Gruszecki  
 Loren Smith  
 George Steinberg \*

**OCTOBER 14/ HESHVAN 6**

Herbert Werth

**OCTOBER 15/ HESHVAN 7**

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 Rose Tarshus \*

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 Lester Fine  
 Jack Levine  
 Michael Lipman  
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**OCTOBER 22/ HESHVAN 14**

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**OCTOBER 23/ HESHVAN 15**

Ruth Friedberg Cohen  
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**OCTOBER 25/ HESHVAN 17**

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**OCTOBER 26/ HESHVAN 18**

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**OCTOBER 31/ HESHVAN 23**

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## Center for New Americans

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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).

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October 3, 2010

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#### **TO VOLUNTEER**

Please call Wendy at 582-9508 or email [volunteer@northamptonsheltersunday.org](mailto:volunteer@northamptonsheltersunday.org).

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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

**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**

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 with Alberts Fund in the memo line.*

**LIBRARY FUND**

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

**MAHZOR LEV SHALEM FUND**

Funds will be used to purchase the new High Holiday Mahzor from the Rabbinical Assembly. Contributions of \$25 for each Mahzor. *Please send donations to CBI with "New Mahzor" in the memo line.*

**PRESCHOOL EDUCATION FUND**

Money from this fund will go to the preschool for equipment and teaching materials. *Make checks payable to CBI with Preschool Fund in the memo line.*

**PULPIT FUND**

Funds used to procure necessary items that are not covered by the operating budget. These funds will be used to enhance our services. *Please send donations to CBI.*

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND** *Please send donations to CBI.***SANDRA GOLDSMITH ENDOWMENT FUND**

Donations are used to endow activities for Tikkun Olam. *Please send donations to CBI.*

**SAM & MILDRED WOLFE BAR/BAT  
MITZVAH FUND**

All students studying for Bar/Bat Mitzvah require a private tutor. This fund offsets tutoring costs for families. We encourage all families, friends, and relatives to contribute. *Minimum contribution is \$3.00. Make checks payable to CBI with Wolfe Fund in the memo line.*

**SHABBAT CHILD CARE FUND**

Money from this fund will go towards providing quality child care to all who need it (at no charge) during Shabbat services. *Please send donations to CBI.*

**SISTERHOOD ALL OCCASION FUND**

Minimum contribution is \$5.00. Money is used for specific synagogue needs voted upon by the Sisterhood membership. Mail checks made payable to CBI Sisterhood to *Harriet Weinroth, 100 Bassett Brook Dr. Apt 102 Easthampton, MA 01027 (527-3613)*. A card will be mailed for any occasion.

**SUE KURIAN KIDDUSH FUND**

Donations will be used to enhance our Shabbat services with festive Kiddushim. *Please send donations to CBI.*

**TIKKUN OLAM FUND**

Funds are used to benefit programs that help people in need, in the Northampton - Amherst area, in Israel, and occasionally when catastrophes strike in other parts of the world. *Please send donations to CBI.*

**TORAH CHAI FUND**

Donations to this fund assist the restoration and repair of Congregation B'nai Israel's existing Torah scrolls, and have made possible the purchase of a new Torah. *Please send donations to CBI.*

**TZEDAKAH FUND**

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

**VALLEY JEWISH SENIORS**

Fund to help support seniors' activities through CBI. *Please send donations to CBI.*

**WOMEN'S FUND**

The CBI Women's Fund is for the purpose of helping CBI Women Members who are in dire financial need. To make a donation to the CBI Women's Fund, make your check out to B'nai Israel Sisterhood and indicate that it is for the Women's Fund. Mail the check to Harriet Weinroth, 100 Bassett Brook Dr. Apt 102 Easthampton, MA 01027 (527-3613). *Minimum donation of \$5.00.*

**YOUTH FUND**

Donations will be used to help fund activities for our youth programs. *Please send donations to CBI.*

**YAHREZIT (MEMORIAL) PLAQUE**

\$200 donation for each name. *Please make checks payable to CBI Cemetery Fund and mail to CBI.*

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