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## A Message From Our Rabbi

by Rabbi Debra Orenstein

### READING ALOUD

**W**hen I was growing up my family had some traditional – and some unusual – Shabbat practices. On the traditional side: we attended synagogue almost every week; had special meals with blessings around the table on Friday night and Shabbat lunchtime; refrained from work and spending money; invited guests to share our unhurried conversations and Shabbat sing-alongs. On the innovative side: we had silly customs and inside jokes; we hosted a Torah readers' club, chess club, and Talmud club in rotation; and – most precious to me – my dad used to read aloud to us at the Shabbat table, so that we all shared and discussed a series of books over the years.



The books usually did not have specific Jewish content, but we approached them from a Shabbat perspective and read them through a Jewish lens. Among the most memorable titles: *The Denial of Death* and *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*. This explains a lot about my dad's parenting style; he never talked down to kids and was unconventional. He also believed – and demonstrated to us – that every topic is a Jewish topic, because our tradition embraces and addresses all of life.

With our kids, Craig and I do shorter form reading at the Shabbat table. We have been slowly making our way through Telushkin's *Book of Jewish Values: A Day-by-Day Guide to Ethical Living*, which includes 1-2 page bite-sized readings. I highly recommend it,

though I do expurgate from time to time. When we discovered letters from Craig's great-grandfather, who wrote home about his travels to the West Coast in 1934 and to Russia and Israel in 1935, we read through his amazing travel journals. Recently, we have begun to read a collection of my grandmother, Libby's, columns. She wrote a monthly column for the Sisterhood of her synagogue for over four decades. I came across one that I would like to share with you, below, as Pesach ends and you read *this* column. I hope that it inspires you.

The column below is the sort of thing you can read aloud and then discuss and debate with your kids. (It reflects its era in some ways, and is very up-to-date in others.) Next Shabbat might be a great time to read it aloud and get everyone's feedback. Or choose another text that will lead to deep and holy Shabbat conversations. You will be amazed at the family togetherness, Jewish spirit, and lifelong memories you will foster.

#### *The North Wind*

*By Libby Mowshowitz*

*Originally published in April 1967*

*I remember Pesach when we would start to prepare for it weeks in advance; when we had to be thoroughly and completely exhausted in order to achieve it. If we didn't feel that we were literally dropping off our feet before we sat down to the Seder, we felt guilty. Now most of us have liberated ourselves both from the work and for the guilt. Psychiatrists keep warning us against guilt feelings to such an extent that we feel guilty about feeling guilty. Now, however, there is something else that bothers us about Pesach. We cannot enjoy it because we hardly give up anything for it. There is even Pesachdige [kosher for Passover] tuna fish and potato chips these days. It doesn't seem right.*

*At Pesach time it is traditional to ask "kashes" (questions). Let me ask an outrageous one: Is complete freedom desirable? Pesach itself gives us the answer to this. Even though Pesach is the symbol for freedom, it has its restrictions. We have to work for it, and we have to give up something because of it. No matter how we try to get around it, we still cannot eat bread on Pesach. Freedom cannot be unbridled.*

*If you still have young children to bring up, please bear this in mind. (I have already made my mistakes. Therefore, I know it all now.) To prepare them for life, children should be given responsibilities and restrictions. To be a better runner, an athlete has to be disciplined; he has to be trained to run an obstacle course. Life, too, is an obstacle course, and only those who are trained to run it can do it well. Children who are encouraged to*

# CANTOR'S CORNER

by Cantor Lenny Mandel

There have been shootings at schools (grades k-12) since the mid 1700s, but the massacre of 15 students at Columbine High School in 1999 led to a huge outcry for gun control.



When 28 first graders were killed at The Sandy Hook elementary school shooting in 2012, you could hear the screams, and tears poured down all of our faces. This last shooting mid-February at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida (where seventeen people were killed and sixteen injured), was horrifying. I can't write the words that screamed through my head in this column. It's unthinkable, unimaginable, scary as hell, and I know that the thought racing through every parent's mind was: "There but for the grace of G-d go I!"

**Gun Control, Gun Control, Gun Control**—It was on every newscast, every newspaper, all over social media, and the arguments pro and con were very heated.

"**Ban assault weapons,**" they scream! Assault weapons are already banned. Congress passed the Federal Assault Weapons Ban in 1994, and New Jersey banned them four years earlier in 1990.

I don't believe that gun control will stop that kind of violence because the problem isn't the weapon (if you don't care about the law, you don't care about the consequences, and you can buy whatever weapon you want); the problem is the people who use them.

Here's a story in Reader's Digest that I implore you to read. (the entire article is—<https://www.rd.com/advice/parenting/stop-bullying-strategy/>)

It's about a teacher who looks for disenfranchised kids in her class. She believes, and I do too, that she will be saving worlds by saving lives. Remember, according to The Mishna—Whoever destroys a single life is considered to have destroyed the whole world, and whoever saves a single life is considered to have saved the whole world.

Here's an excerpt: "...Every Friday afternoon, she asks her students to take out a piece of paper and write down the names of four children with whom they'd

like to sit the following week....She looks for patterns. Who is not getting requested by anyone else? Who can't think of anyone to request? Who never gets noticed enough to be nominated? Who had a million friends last week and none this week? ... she is not looking for a new seating chart or "exceptional citizens." ... she is looking for lonely children. ... for children who are struggling to connect with other children. ... the little ones who are falling through the cracks of the class's social life.

This brilliant woman watched Columbine knowing that all violence begins with disconnection. All outward violence begins as inner loneliness. Who are our next mass shooters and how do we stop them? She watched that tragedy knowing that children who aren't being noticed may eventually resort to being noticed by any means necessary."

This is where we have to start; with our children. Speak to them, and listen when they speak to us. Let them know that we are there for them no matter what, teach them that sometimes we win and sometimes we lose, but every day we have to get out of bed and "put our uniforms on" (whatever we do every day).

I think that one of the biggest problems today is the lack of respect that kids show to their elders, their teachers, and even their peers.

Rabbi Orenstein's mom repeatedly told me to call her Sylvia, and I always replied: "Okay, Mrs. Orenstein." When I was growing up (ok, getting older) I'd never call an adult by their given name: it was always Mr. or Mrs. That's not true for the most part today, but in most cases it's not a big deal anymore.

Parents will have to teach by example. Do as I say and not as I do just doesn't cut it anymore. The two strongest words in the V'Ahavta prayer are –V'shinantem L'vanecha, and you shall teach these things to your children—and we do that verbally, but also by example.

If we succeed, we will have changed their worlds, and they will look at things from the perspective that what they want for themselves, they will show to others. Then, like the song We Are The World, they'll be able to make a brighter day, a brighter world, and maybe, just maybe, this insanity will stop!!!

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# The President's Pen

by Barry Bluestein, President

If there was ever a day in the life of our wonderful Shul that I wish prospective members could have gotten a glimpse of, it was Sunday March 4th.

The day started in typical style with facilities and their volunteers arriving at 8:15am to lovingly prepare bagel breakfast for our post Minyan attendees. Minyan began at 9am as usual - however, that morning, the Bimah was occupied by 16 Dalet & Hey students who confidently and masterfully led services. After Minyan the energy level in our Shul was palpable as committee meetings began and breakfast was being consumed. Harvey Meer sponsored breakfast in honor of his beautiful granddaughter's 3rd birthday, so we all enjoyed lox and a whole bunch of other goodies.

The various committee meetings briskly continued on, 10am arrived, and the Teen Heritage Fair started. As I and many others walked around the room, we were overwhelmed with pride and emotion as our Hey students exhibited presentations exploring how their respective families arrived in America. For many, the personal and often harrowing stories that accompanied their journeys here were fascinating and very moving. I applaud our



students for the devotion they put into learning about their families' histories, and kudos to our wonderful Hebrew School educators for motivating them to do it.

A hubbub of activity continued even after the Heritage Fair ended at 11am, as meetings about upcoming events lingered. But CBI's volunteers weren't done yet! At 3:15pm, a cavalcade of volunteers met at Shul and then car pooled over to Hackensack to serve food to the needy at the Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services Center. Much gratitude to everyone who participated, and to the Men's Club and Sisterhood for organizing the event.

What an amazing day of activity, which embodies the enthusiasm, spirit, and sense of volunteerism, that makes our little CBI community such a special place. Now that we are in April, it will be a very busy month as we celebrate the **B'nai Mitzvot of Shane Feder on April 14th, Daniel Schwartz on April 21st, and Drew Rosenblum on April 28th.** Mazel Tov to the Feder, Schwartz, and Rosenthal families on these upcoming celebrations. And please join us on **Sunday April 22nd at 11am** as we celebrate Israel Independence Day with a Fun Run, Israeli music, and lots of delectable treats. Hope to see many of you at CBI this month and enjoy the rest of your Passover Holiday.

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*have complete freedom and no responsibility end up with long hair and short skirts [explain that reference to your kids!] – and bored with life.*

*On Pesach we read the beautiful Song of Songs, in which the author, King Solomon says, "Lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth." Then he adds significantly: "Awake O North Wind and come thou South." King Solomon, the wisest of all men, knew that just as flowers need the cold North Wind to toughen them, people too develop best not when they are completely lulled by freedom from responsibility, but rather when they are confronted by a bit of the "North Wind." Only after battling the "North Wind" are we ready to appreciate and enjoy the freedom, the warmth, and the beauty of Pesach.*

## CBI is 60 and going strong!

### Our Honoree Weekend is Coming!

Join us for a weekend of celebration honoring our Founding and current families, Temple Presidents, Hebrew School Children, and the 70th Birthday of the State of Israel

#### FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 18TH

Casual dinner 6:00PM

Followed by services and program at 6:45PM

#### SATURDAY MAY 19TH

Shabbat Services and program 9:30AM

Followed by Kiddush luncheon at 12:30PM

#### WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR THE INVITATION!

Volunteers are needed to plan and work that weekend. If interested please contact [Meryl.Kutzin@bisrael.com](mailto:Meryl.Kutzin@bisrael.com) or the Temple office at [office@bisrael.com](mailto:office@bisrael.com)

# Israeli Independence Day Fun Run

Sunday, April 22

Join CBI on Sunday morning (time TBD) to celebrate Israeli Independence Day! All members of the CBI community, from students to seniors, are invited to participate in a Fun Run and show their support for CBI and Israel! Move to Israeli music, munch on Israeli treats, and get in the Israeli groove in celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut. Details to follow!



## DAIRY QUEEN SHMOOZ

Saturday, April 7, 8:00pm - 8:45pm

Come eat an ice cream cone at the close of Passover (chametz!) with Rabbi Debra at the Dairy Queen on Kinderkamack Road in Emerson. Enjoy a treat and shmooz. Bring your appetite, and any questions or subjects you want to discuss.

## SUNDAY, MAY 6

### A Lag Ba'omer To Remember: Come Celebrate, Eat, Play, Shmooz

Save the date! After a Moving Up Ceremony with our Hebrew School, join us for a BBQ lunch and games, games, games in honor of Lag Ba'omer, a traditional time for outdoor play, cooking over a fire, and remembering great Jewish leaders. Get ready for surprises and special treats. Meet old friends and new ones. Invite your neighbors and prospective members.

## “Didn’t I tell you that this was a wonderful place?”

by Robin Pierce, Mishloach Manot Chairperson

Perhaps by now you have re-watched “Breakfast at Tiffany’s”. Or maybe your mishloach manot bag inspired you to see the movie for the first time. The 1961 drama based on Truman Capote’s novel starred the legendary Audrey Hepburn who graced your Purim cards. When a committee member suggested we do a breakfast theme, somewhere in the planning things fell into place with the iconic blue bag and the movie.

Once again, we were able to put the fun in fundraising!

Between the Shpiel and the carnival, Purim is always a crazy time at CBI. Putting together about

280 bags is part of the craziness. Member families get bags, many people order for friends and family outside of CBI, away members get packages to remind them that they remain part of the CBI family, and college students who are children of members also get to be reminded that we’re thinking about them.



Thank you to all who participated by buying bags, volunteering to pack goodies and making deliveries. Every aspect of this huge project is important.

A special shout-out to **Warren and Renee Kuperinsky** who donated the delicious hamentashen! A big thank you to **Harvey Meer** who donated all the Wissotzky tea bags so you can enjoy a cup of tea with your hamentashen. **Beth and George**

**Liepmann** asked their friends to donate the tins of fruit candies, and **Ellen and Bruce Sonkin** asked their friends to donate the wonderful oranges. If any

of you are close to businesses that would be willing to donate items, or if anyone is in a position to underwrite some of the items we need to purchase, please let me know now (robin.pierce@bisrael.com) and I’ll remind you next year. It’s only with your help that we make this amazing project successful for CBI.



On Sunday, March 4, after Minyan, the Hey Class proudly displayed their Heritage Fair projects. Each student researched their family’s history with pictures, documents, and stories. It was wonderful to see so many grandparents there, since they were interviewed, and asked many questions, by the students for this project.

# PURIM CARNIVAL



## A BIG THANK YOU

to the following for sponsoring a Friday Night Oneg, Shabbat Kiddush or a Sunday morning breakfast

Pesach	SUN	4/1/2018	
Pesach	FRI	4/6/2018	
Pesach	SAT	4/7/2018	
The Feder Family	SUN	4/8/2018	In honor of Shane's Bar Mitzvah
The Feder Family	FRI	4/13/2018	In honor of Shane's Bar Mitzvah
The Feder Family	SAT	4/14/2018	In honor of Shane's Bar Mitzvah
The Schwartz Family	FRI	4/20/2018	In honor of Daniel's Bar Mitzvah
The Schwartz Family	SAT	4/21/2018	In honor of Daniel's Bar Mitzvah
The Rosenblum Family	SUN	4/22/2018	In honor of Drew's Bar Mitzvah
The Rosenblum Family	FRI	4/27/2018	In honor of Drew's Bar Mitzvah
The Rosenblum Family	SAT	4/28/2018	In honor of Drew's Bar Mitzvah
The Roth Family	SUN	4/29/2018	In honor of Lindsey's Bat Mitzvah
The Roth Family	FRI	5/4/2018	In honor of Lindsey's Bat Mitzvah
The Roth Family	SAT	5/5/2018	In honor of Lindsey's Bat Mitzvah
The Nasjletti Family	SUN	5/6/2018	In honor of Noah's Bar Mitzvah
The Nasjletti Family	FRI	5/11/2018	In honor of Noah's Bar Mitzvah
The Nasjletti Family	SAT	5/12/2018	In honor of Noah's Bar Mitzvah

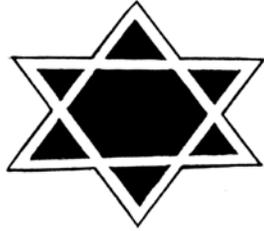


After 39½ years of wandering in the desert, Mrs. Moses secretly asks for directions.

Please join our family and friends  
at the Oneg Shabbat following services  
on Friday evening, the 13th of April,  
in honor of our son

# SHANE

Shane will be called to the Torah  
as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday,  
the 14th of April  
at nine-thirty  
in the morning

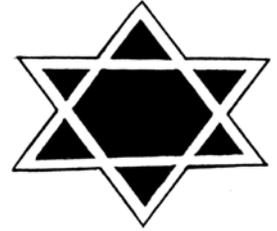


RACHEL & GREG FEDER

Please join us at the Oneg Shabbat  
following services on Friday  
evening, the 20th of April,  
in honor of our son

# DANNY JOSEPH

Danny will be called to the Torah  
as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday,  
the 21th of April  
at nine-thirty  
in the morning

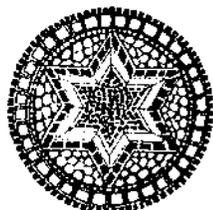


ANIA & BRIAN SCHWARTZ

Please join our family and friends  
at the Oneg Shabbat following services  
on Friday evening, the 27th of April,  
in honor of our son

# DREW

Drew will be called to the Torah  
as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday,  
the 28th of April  
at nine-thirty  
in the morning



CRISSY AND PETER ROSENBLUM



*On March 4, the Men's Club and Sisterhood organized an afternoon to assist Family Promise in preparing and serving dinner to almost 100 men and women in need. The volunteers included David, Sarah, & Mollie Gordon; Dave, Debbie, Elizabeth, & Shana Bloom (plus family friend Kattie Kudlacik); David, Linda, & Alex Spatz; Carolyn & George Ginsberg; Warren & Renee Kuperinsky; Dave & Ellen Michelson, and last but not least, our Chef Supreme, Ross Goldflam!*

# BAT/BAR MITZVAH MESSAGE

## SHANE FEDER

Shalom! My name is Shane Feder, and I am excited to become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday April 14, 2018. I will be leading the morning Minyan on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, and the Shabbat evening service on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. My Torah portion is Shimini and it's all about sacrifice. It describes how Aaron and his sons were in the desert and sacrificed many animals including a calf, ram, and ox, to get closer to God. It tells how Moses instructs Aaron to live a pure life, and then teach the Israelites to do the same. It also describes how God's presence came to the portable Temple and the mysterious deaths of Aaron's sons that took place there. My Torah portion includes kosher laws and the famous priestly blessing.

As for my mitzvah service project, I am organizing a 'used sports equipment' drive that helps less fortunate children get out and play! Most kids in our area are fortunate to have newer sports equipment that we may grow too big for, and, at the same time, it feels wasteful to throw it away. Sports plays a big part in my life, and it's hard to think that there are children in surrounding areas that can't buy the necessary equipment needed to play. With the help of my family and friends, I am running a town-wide fundraiser, with a goal of collecting a minimum of 350 pieces of equipment that I will organize and deliver to *Let's Play It Forward*, a not-for-profit started by kids, for kids, headquartered in Westchester, NY. If you have gently used sports equipment, please place it in the collection box in the CBI lobby.

Let me tell you a little about myself. I'm in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and live in River Vale, NJ. My favorite hobby is playing (and watching) sports. I play club soccer, basketball, baseball, and tennis in the summer. My favorite place in the world is Camp Winadu. For the last five summers, I've been privileged to spend seven fantastic weeks spending time with friends and playing sports all day. It's an all-boys camp and I have made such good friends over the years. I like to try diverse types of food, but my favorites include sushi and tacos. Finally, I love to travel around the world with my family.

Please join us at the Oneg Shabbat following services on Friday evening, the 13<sup>th</sup> of April.

I will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, the April 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in the morning.

Thank you,  
Shane Feder

## DANNY SCHWARTZ

Shalom! My name is Danny Schwartz, and my Bar Mitzvah is on April 21, 2018. My family and I have been members at CBI for 4 years. I attend Holdrum Middle School in River Vale, and my favorite subject is Spanish. I love to play a variety of sports, especially basketball, baseball, and tennis.

My Torah portion is Tazria-Metzora. It talks about the different ways you can be ritually pure and impure. While this may seem difficult to relate to, there actually is a part of it that is easily relatable to kids: Gossip. The disease that is looked for when you are ritually pure or impure is called tzara'at. In English, this translates to leprosy. Leprosy causes lumps on the skin, discoloration of the skin, and deformation. It is also very contagious. Like leprosy, gossip can be very contagious. It spreads like wildfire from one ear to the next. Leprosy also eats away at your body. Your skin may crack and fall apart. Like leprosy, gossip eats away at your body and soul. If you hear something about yourself that someone else said, it can eat away at your mind and cause depression. If you spread gossip, it can eat away at you when think about the harm you may

cause someone else.

For my Bar Mitzvah project, I am raising money for the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City. All four of my great-grandparents survived the Holocaust, and my grandparents were born in Poland shortly after the war. They were thrown out twenty years later, simply for being Jewish. The Museum keeps the remembrance of the Holocaust alive. The generation of survivors is dying out, and when all the survivors pass, Holocaust deniers may possibly say that the Holocaust never happened. Even now, Poland just passed a law that forbids anyone from saying Poland was complicit with the Germans during the Holocaust. The Museum of Jewish Heritage plays a vital part in keeping Holocaust remembrance alive. Through the museum, my family and I were able to recently invite a Holocaust survivor to speak at CBI. We want the museum to be able to continue this important work.

In the CBI Lobby, there is a box and a poster explaining my Bar Mitzvah project. Please consider donating (you can leave cash in the box, or checks can be made out to The Museum of Jewish Heritage).

My family and I will be traveling to Poland for three weeks this summer. I'm very excited to see where my grandparents and great-grandparents were from before they immigrated to America. I'm looking forward to touring all of Poland, but I know the most important aspect will be when we visit Auschwitz. We will also be going to the Auschwitz Jewish Center which is affiliated with the Museum of Jewish Heritage, and part of the donation will be going there as well.

Please join me and my family for Sunday Minyan on March 25<sup>th</sup>, Friday Erev Shabbat services on April 20<sup>th</sup>, and my Bar Mitzvah service on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you,  
Danny Schwartz

## DREW ROSENBLUM

Shalom, my name is Drew Rosenblum and I have been a member of CBI since fourth grade. I am currently in 7th grade and in school, my favorite subjects are social studies and gym. In Hebrew school, I like learning about Jewish History. I play hockey and soccer and love playing games. Something unique about my family is that I'm the youngest of three Rosenblum boys and my two brothers go to the University of Michigan, and maybe someday I will too. GO BLUE! Also, everyone in my family plays hockey, except for my mother.

My Bar Mitzvah will take place on April 28. My Torah portion is Acharei-Mot Kedoshim from the book of Leviticus. Acharei-Mot is about Aaron's two sons and how they died after coming too close to the presence of the Lord. Aaron then had to make a confession for the sins of his family and the Jewish people by using a goat sacrifice for Azazel, and a goat sacrifice for the Lord. Kedoshim defines some of the Lord's most important laws given to the Jews. They are very important and meaningful to me because the laws given teach you how to be holy. This relates to my mitzvah project because I am doing different acts of kindness and holiness in the community. I delivered food to elders who are physically or mentally challenged, spent a school day with special needs children, helped special kids play soccer on the weekends, and lastly, packed snacks for poor children who can't afford them.

Please join me as I lead the congregation on Sunday, April 22, as well as Shabbat services on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28.

Thank you,  
Drew Rosenblum

# APRIL 2018

Candle Lighting Times: **6:** 7:07 **6:** 7:08 **13:** 7:16 **20:** 7:23 **27:** 7:31

Adar II-Nisan 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
No Hebrew School 9:30am Minyan and Matza <b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	No Hebrew School <b>3</b>	7:30pm Board meeting <b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	8pm Erev Shabbat Service <b>6</b>	10am Shabbat Morning Service 10am Yizkor service 8pm Dairy Queen with the Rabbi <b>7</b>
No Hebrew School 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by the Feder Family <b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	4pm Hebrew School <b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	Yom HaShoah <b>12</b>	8pm Erev Shabbat Service <b>13</b> 9pm Oneg Sponsored by the Feder Family	9:30am Shane Feder Bar Mitzvah <b>14</b>
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9am Hebrew School 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by the Rosenblum Family 11am Israel Independence Day Fun Run <b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	4pm Hebrew School <b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	8pm Erev Shabbat Service <b>27</b> 9pm Oneg Sponsored by the Rosenblum Family	9:30am Drew Rosenblum Bar Mitzvah <b>28</b>
9am Hebrew School 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by the Roth Family 11:30am Teacher's Year end meeting <b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

# MAY 2018

Candle Lighting Times: **4:** 7:38 **11:** 7:45 **18:** 7:52 **25:** 7:58

Nisan-Iyar 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		4pm Hebrew School <b>1</b>	7:30pm Board meeting <b>2</b>	Lag B'Omer <b>3</b>	8pm Erev Shabbat Service <b>4</b> 9pm Oneg Sponsored by the Roth Family	9:30am Lindsey Roth Bat Mitzvah <b>5</b>
9am Hebrew School 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by the Nasjletti Family 10:30am Hebrew School Moving Up Ceremony 11:30am Lag Ba'omer BBQ Lunch & Celebration <b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	Yom HaShoah <b>10</b>	8pm Erev Shabbat Service <b>11</b> 9pm Oneg Sponsored by the Nasjletti Family	9:30am Noah Nasjletti Bar Mitzvah <b>12</b>
9am Minyan & Bagels <b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	7pm Big Bag Bingo Ladies' Night <b>17</b>	6pm CBI is 60 Dinner 6:45pm Services & Program 8pm Erev Shabbat Service <b>18</b>	9:30am CBI at 60 Shabbat service led by Bet Class & children of CBI 12:30pm Kiddush luncheon Erev Shavuot <b>19</b>
9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by the Breslaw Family Shavuot I <b>20</b>	7:30am Yizkor Service Shavuot II <b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	8pm Erev Shabbat Service <b>25</b>	10:00am Shabbat Morning Service <b>26</b>
9am Minyan & Bagels <b>27</b>	Memorial Day <b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

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*Best always,  
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*From,  
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Irving Swire	16 Nisan	04/01/18
Rosalie Meinhard	17 Nisan	04/02/18
Beverly Bloom	18 Nisan	04/03/18
Herbert Signal	18 Nisan	04/03/18
Max Thaler	18 Nisan	04/03/18
Arthur Hertzberg	19 Nisan	04/04/18
Charlotte Rubenfeld	19 Nisan	04/04/18
Frank Brenner	20 Nisan	04/05/18
Isidore Jaffe	20 Nisan	04/05/18
Harold Nagorsky	20 Nisan	04/05/18
John G Weisberg	20 Nisan	04/05/18
Bella Frost	21 Nisan	04/06/18
Norman S. Green	21 Nisan	04/06/18
Sigmund Horowytz	21 Nisan	04/06/18
Jesse Minikes	21 Nisan	04/06/18
Morris Zirl	21 Nisan	04/06/18
Abraham Anton	23 Nisan	04/08/18
Rose Yashpeh	23 Nisan	04/08/18
Hannah Mills	24 Nisan	04/09/18
Sidney Weil	24 Nisan	04/09/18
Helen D Wieder	25 Nisan	04/10/18
Blanche Halprin	26 Nisan	04/11/18
Ethel Jean Alpert	27 Nisan	04/12/18
Max Gavzy	27 Nisan	04/12/18
Becky Gluckstern	27 Nisan	04/12/18
Jack Rubenfeld	27 Nisan	04/12/18
Charles H Bressler	28 Nisan	04/13/18
Rose Kaplinsky Mirkin	28 Nisan	04/13/18
Milton Fiebach	30 Nisan	04/15/18
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Harry Gotfrid	1 Iyar	04/16/18
Alan S Kuperinsky	1 Iyar	04/16/18
David M Goodman	2 Iyar	04/17/18
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