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## A Message From Our Rabbi

by Rabbi Debra Orenstein

### ALL TOGETHER

Knowing that the deadline for the Menorah is the fifth of the month, I nevertheless risked the patience of our fabulous editor, Ellen Michelson, and waited to write this column until after “All Together on an Autumn Night,” which was held on November 5. I didn’t know much about the plans for that evening, but I knew it would, literally, be worth writing home about.



There were so many wonderful surprises! The room was transformed with lovely fall décor, fabulous music, and CBI members and guests who “cleaned up nicely.” The auction items included something for everyone. Not only were the baskets full of useful and fun prizes, their titles added joy to the occasion. I laughed out loud when I saw that a basket with coupons for babysitting services, a pizza restaurant, and a gaming store was dubbed “Lose the Children.”

Here were my three favorite surprises: The Cantor took it way too easy on me in his clever “roast/toast.” Six of my closest friends from college traveled to join us and support CBI. And I received farewell cards and letters from our Hebrew School students.

I am taking my time reading through the notes from our kids, savoring each one. One message, in

particular, stopped me in my tracks, because it was not just a “sabbatical send-off” but great sabbatical advice. “I hope that you will have some very cool experiences and opportunities in Israel. Thank you for teaching me lots of things, and hopefully you will be able to teach me more when you get back, if it was a great time.” My new personal measure of success for this sabbatical is now exactly that: it has to be great time that enables me to teach more and better. As Rabbi Chanina taught, “I have learned much from my teachers, more from my colleagues, and most from my students” (Talmud Ta’anit 7a).

As Rabbi/Cantor Lenny Mandel said so beautifully on November 5, the biggest gift of the night, though it was no surprise, was the sense of community. We really were *All Together* on an autumn night. There was a spirit of fellowship and unity. The air was thick with good will. My “outsider” college friends commented on it to me. So many people approached them, welcomed them, were (to use Naomi Weinberg’s famous phrase) “warm and wonderful” to them.

The size and cohesion of the committee set the example for *All-Together*. I would like to thank the following people for taking leadership roles in making the night so special: Cantor Lenny Mandel, Meryl Rosenthal, Sharon Alessi, Tobi Breslaw, Ellie Fischbein, Scott Hayden, Eve Klein, Renee Kuperinsky, Warren Kuperinsky, Emily Perlman, Rashella Roznitsky, Amy Shein, Jonathan Shein, Patty Siegel, Michelle Silver and Andrea Wasserman.

Of course, the committee, spearheaded by Meryl Rosenthal, had the goal in mind of raising money. But fundraising in and of itself is just a numbers game; it can become mercenary or crass or greedy. *All-Together on an Autumn Night* was successful not just financially, but spiritually and communally. Every person on the committee and, I dare say, every person present and every member who could not be with us that night, all knew the reason why we were gathered. It was not for money as an end in itself or for securing funds for CBI for the mere sake of continuity. We are *All Together*, *all in* on a vision of community, Jewish learning, and ancestral heritage with contemporary relevance. We are *All Together* on the value of sharing a spiritual path and home – *all together*.

The Sim Shalom prayer, at the end of the Amidah says: “Bless us, our Father, *all of us as one* in the light of Your countenance. For in the light of Your countenance You have given us, Adonai our God, the living Torah

# CANTOR'S CORNER

by Cantor Lenny Mandel

**O H, WHAT A NIGHT!** I'm not talking about OY, What A Night- from installation many years ago, nor am I referring to the melody we sang on Jersey Boys' Shabbat for Sh'ma Yisrael; it was Peter, Paul & Mary Shabbat, but it was unequivocally Peter Yarrow, and all of you!



<b>OH, WHAT A NIGHT!!</b>	Oh, what a night
Late October in two - o - sixteen	Late December, back in '63
Could it be that it was just a dream	What a very special time for me
No, it was one special night	As I remember, what a night
<b>OH, WHAT A NIGHT!!</b>	Oh, what a night
Picked him up about six fifteen	You know, I didn't even know her name
Traffic really made me wanna scream	But I was never gonna be the same
Heck with traffic what a night	What a lady, what a night
Oh I	Oh, I
Knew just what would happen when he walked into Shul	Got a funny feeling when she walked in the room
It was	Hey, my
A moment	As I recall,
That was so much more than cool	it ended much too soon
Oh, what a night	Oh, what a night
Soft and spiritual	Why'd it take so long
Beyond any word	to see the light?
Reaching out	Seemed so wrong
To all, and all there heard	but now it seems so right
What a mensch and what a night	What a lady, what a night

With the softest voice, Peter spoke of his life, & the origins of the songs we used that night to enhance our erev Shabbat service. There wasn't a sound in the congregation except for reactions to his humor when he spoke.

The first question during our Q & A was (of course) what is Puff The Magic Dragon about. I laughed, because when he got into our car Shelly had a question for him and before she could ask it he said: "no, Puff... has nothing to do with drugs."

We both cracked up because I told her that it really was a song about a little boy with a toy dragon, and because that WAS her question.

Sitting on a chair in the center of our Bimah, guitar in hand (Peter never goes anywhere without his guitar) he smiled and said that when he wrote Puff... he didn't have any of the data necessary to make it about drugs. On the other hand, he continued, had he written Puff... a year or so later, it would have been a different story because he had lots of data by then. His answer was sweet and kind, and everything he did and said that night was with sweetness, and warmth, and there was no pretense; Peter is the genuine article, he is the real deal.

If you believe that a synagogue is supposed to create a warm, spiritual community, and community is the operative word, you're right. CBI certainly strives for it, and Rabbi Debra and I (patting myself on the back, albeit softly) hope that we get you there from time to time. That night you were in that zone- you were a community, one community, 200+ voices strong, yet soft, together as one.

Since I've been at CBI, Peter, Paul & Mary Shabbat was the greatest night I've ever experienced, and many of the 'old-timers' told me that it might be the greatest night since our shul was founded.

I can't begin to explain what was going through my body up on the Bimah as you sang, no, chanted, each prayer, softly, beautifully, with ONE VOICE. The air in the shul was electric and the spirituality lifted all of you as if you were floating above the pews.

For me, a folk singer since the late 50s, sharing the pulpit with Peter Yarrow was incredible, but sharing that night with each of you, your souls right on the Bimah with us that night was beyond mystical, beyond magical, and beyond Woodstock (and I was there).

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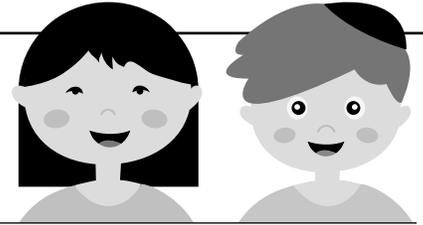
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# The Principal's Pen

by Karen Weiss, Principal

Lori Cohen, Emily Perlman, & Karen Tenzer, Education Co-Chairs



Shalom from the Education Committee! It is hard to believe that we are entering the month of December. We hope you will mark your calendars for our Hebrew School Chanukah event, *A Confused Chanukah* based on the book by John Koons, plus our book fair, on **Sunday, December 18** from 9:00-11:30 am. Every child in Hebrew School will have the opportunity to visit the book fair and shop for Jewish themed books and games. We hope you will visit, too. This is a fundraiser for the Hebrew School. Your purchase helps to offset the cost of programs like our annual Chanukah event so we encourage all to shop and spend some gelt. Who knows? You may find the perfect gift for someone in your family. After all, Chanukah begins just a few days later on December 24. As part of our Chanukah celebration, the Hebrew School students will participate in a Give/Get program on **Tuesday, December 20** at 5:30 pm. We want to give a special thanks to Jill Hayden for leading this program which reinforces the age-old adage that it is “better to give than receive.”

While the High Holidays seem like an event of the distant past, we wanted to share a few thoughts from the Hebrew School students on Yom Kippur. When asked to write

about the meaning behind Yom Kippur, one of our students commented on the significance of wearing white. She said, “Snow is pure white and in winter, the earth is resting. On Yom Kippur, you rest, and start over, like the ground does in winter.” Another student wrote, “You want to wear white because it’s like a big canvas and you want to paint your new year on it.” Wow! Didn’t they just perfectly encapsulate the ideas behind Yom Kippur? These thoughts show you how deeply our children are learning about the holidays, our religion, and our culture. Let’s try to keep these thoughts in our mind all through the year, particularly as we begin this season of getting and giving.

A gentle reminder that Hebrew School begins at **9:00 am** with the Sunday minyan service. We ask that you escort your children into the sanctuary and stay for minyan, even if you arrive a little late. With so many young children there, it is important that there is adult supervision during the service. When minyan is over (by 9:35—promise!), you can grab a bagel and coffee and stay to schmooz, or rush off to do your Sunday errands.

Finally, parents of Dalet and Hey students: please send in your check for the Kehillah Program. The cost is \$40 for Hey students and \$60 for Dalet. Thank you!

We want to thank you for your support of the Hebrew School and all its programs. As always, feel free to reach out.

## SISTERS IN THE HOOD

by Beth Leipmann & Joan Zelman, Sisterhood Co-Chairs

Even though it was miserable weather outside, the loyal sisters made it to Charming Charlie for our first fundraiser of the year. We shopped and browsed and shared a little refreshment. Even a few brave husbands joined us!

Sisterhood has a number of events that are still in the planning stages, and which include painting, a game night, and making floral arrangements. Then, of course, we will be having our Center for Hope and Safety (Shelter our Sisters) cooking event in January. Until next month, we wish you all a Happy Chanukah!



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and lovingkindness and righteousness and blessing and mercy and life and peace.” In the light of the candles set out at CBI on November 5, in all the care and love that was taken to produce that evening of camaraderie and music, in the faces of every one I encountered, I saw heavenly, blessed Light.

Israel is our homeland, and for the next six months it will be my home. It is a place –my students have reminded me in their letters – of great interest, opportunity, yearning, history, and sea mud that is good for the skin. Let me remind you, in turn, that the Orenstein-Weisz family will be keeping a guest room open for the next few months and that we will return to Israel, after the end of the school year in June, in the summer of 2018 for the next CBI Trip to Israel. We hope that you can join us, and we look forward to the next time when we will be *All Together*.

# RITUAL

by Audrey Bida, Judy Schoenfeld & Jay Weinstein, Ritual Co-Chairs



We open this article with heartfelt appreciation to Cantor Mandel for the awe inspiring, incredible evening he was able to bring to us at CBI on Friday evening, October 28, as he presented Peter Yarrow as guest artist during our Erev Shabbat Services. The “old familiar camp songs” took on even more emotional meanings as Peter Yarrow spoke of their history, how the lyrics relate to the history of our country, as well as the yearning Peter, Paul and Mary had to encompass the special qualities of our country and the need for every person to stand up for what is right and just. It was, indeed, an unforgettable experience.

We have just completed our Thanksgiving gatherings and are now ushering in December, which brings us the onset of winter. Though cold and wind might prevail outdoors, we are always fortunate to spread warmth and joy within our CBI home. We look forward to praying together during our Erev Shabbat and Shabbat Morning Services and then schmoozing afterwards at our Onegs and Kiddushes.

Join us on **Friday, December 2**, when we are proud to have the Dalet Class lead us in prayer. Reminder Hey families – please remember that you are also expected to be at these Services.

On **Saturday, December 3**, we invite you to participate in our “Torah Town Hall” as we discuss “Christmas and Chanukah”: Do you experience a conflict or struggle at this time of year **and/or a positive sense of “good will toward all”**? Later this Shabbat

afternoon, as day turns into evening and we say goodbye to Shabbat, we welcome in the new week as we join Rabbi at 5:00 pm for Pajama Havdalah. What fun to dress in PJs for Shul and hear special stories with Rabbi Debra! This event is open to all PJ Library families, Prozdor families, the public, and all other guests as well.

**Shabbat morning, December 10**, from 10:00 am – 11:00 am we will again join our friends at the Jewish Home for Assisted Living in River Vale (685 Westwood Avenue). The residents are always so appreciative of our company and the presence of our children. A lovely Kiddush, compliments of the Home is always provided.

That same afternoon, at 3:00 p.m. on **December 10**, Daniel DeMilia will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Please join him and his family in celebrating this special milestone.

As daylight wanes earlier, we are eager to celebrate the Festival of Lights. **Friday evening, December 16**, at 6:30 pm we will be treated to the Men’s Club Chanukah Dinner. We will offer special activities for Young Families during the dinner. Hey classes will lead us in services that evening at 7:30 p.m. and Dalet families are required to attend.

**Shabbat morning, December 17**, we will celebrate One Wonderful Hour together from 10:00 am – 11:00 am with a Kiddush and optional Torah discussion to follow.

We will celebrate Shabbat at Home on **December 24** to await the lighting of the first Chanukah candle at the end of Shabbat. **December 31** will also be Shabbat at Home. We pray that the miracles of the season, and the warmth and glow of the menorah, encompasses us all.

## HELP WANTED! PARENTS NEEDED!

Parents of 6th-8th grader needed to help with sending emails and coordinating calendars with Youth Group liaison, Naomi Weinberg.

Get involved in your pre-teen’s involvement with Kadima!

If you have questions or if you have someone to recommend, contact Naomi at [naomi.weinberg@bisrael.com](mailto:naomi.weinberg@bisrael.com) or 201-454-1450

## ATTENTION 6TH-8TH GRADERS!

### PIZZA & A MOVIE AT CBI!

**Sunday, December 4th from 5pm-7pm**

Movie options will be emailed out and group will choose.  
Cost: Free to CBI members and Kadima members

ALL ARE WELCOME -- BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

RSVP by **December 2nd** so enough pizza can be ordered.

Contact: **Shira at [sgoldstein621@gmail.com](mailto:sgoldstein621@gmail.com) or [naomi.weinberg@bisrael.com](mailto:naomi.weinberg@bisrael.com)** and say you can make it!

## ATTENTION 6TH-8TH GRADERS!

### HANUKKAH PARTY at the JCC of Paramus!

When: Sunday, December 18th from  
1:30pm-3:00pm

Where: 304 East Midland Avenue in Paramus

Cost: Only \$5 for non-Kadima members &  
Free for Kadima members

More details to follow.

Questions or to RSVP:

Contact Shira at [sgoldstein621@gmail.com](mailto:sgoldstein621@gmail.com)



## Get Well Soon!

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# The President's Pen

by Nancy Passow, President

*"Don't let the light go out, It's lasted for so many years! Don't let the light go out! Let it shine through our love and our tears."*

"Light One Candle" by Peter Yarrow (Peter, Paul, & Mary)

Yes, this was the quote I used for my December, 2015, President's Letter. But...I am writing this just after our incredible, wonderful, Peter, Paul, & Mary Casual Shabbat, so I can't help but use it again. It was truly a magical evening – Peter Yarrow sang with us, told us stories about the songs we were singing, and shared some wonderful new songs. A very big thank you to Cantor Lenny for bringing Peter Yarrow to CBI.



So how do we keep the light from going out? How do we keep the Jewish people going? We're doing a good job of it here at CBI. Come to one of the class services (Dalet/Hey Learning Service, 8-11 Service, Young Family Service, or individual class services) on a Friday night or Saturday morning. Watch our children leading services, singing songs, asking and answering questions. Look at the light in their eyes. Or join us at one of our B'nai Mitzvah services (Sunday Minyan, Friday night, or Shabbat morning or afternoon) and marvel at how beautifully our children lead the services.

Besides the children in Hebrew School, we often have even younger kids at services, all the way down to babies. Sometimes, as babies do, they cry or make other noise. And the usual reaction at CBI is a smile. It's not a disruption – it's the sound of life and love. At some synagogues I've been to, this is frowned upon. The decorum of the service is more important.

Yes, you might want to take the kids out during the sermon or during a Yizkor service, but the rest of the time – let them be.

The best way to keep children coming to synagogue is to make them feel comfortable there. I love watching some of our younger kids come into a service – they stop to pick out a snuggly stuffed animal and maybe a book. They find a seat. They interact with the Rabbi and the Cantor. They feel at home at CBI. And that's how I want them to feel. I've been watching our CBI children grow up – kids I remember as little are now celebrating their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Many of our post-B'nai Mitzvah teens can be found at CBI, particularly on Sunday mornings. They help with Hebrew School classes. They help move chairs and tables and other stuff. They are part of the CBI community.

A huge THANK YOU to Meryl Rosenthal and her fabulous committees who put together a truly wonderful evening on November 5 – we schmoozed, we ate and drank, we celebrated Rabbi Debra and her family, and we shopped. We had fun and raised money for CBI. But the absolute best part was seeing so many members of the CBI community "All Together on an Autumn Evening"! And I am still amazed at how CBI was transformed (in just a few hours) into a wondrous place. And then, in an even shorter time, it was back to "business as usual". Thank you again to everyone who worked on this great event, who attended this event, or who just supported the event.

At the end of the month, we will be saying goodbye to Rabbi Debra, Craig, Emmett, and Hannah Matilda for six months. We are very happy for their opportunity to spend the next six months in Israel, although we will miss seeing them here at CBI. We know they'll have a wonderful time and will stay in touch. May the Orenstein-Weisz family go in peace, and reach their destination in life, joy, and peace, and return to us in peace.

## Interfaith Outreach

Sunday morning, November 13, was a busy one as our Peace Island friends shared a special Minyan service with us. On a morning dedicated to their exploring synagogue observances, they were able to participate with us in two significant life cycle events - a service led by a Bar Mitzvah student, along with the simcha of a baby naming! Sharing bagel breakfast after Minyan provided an opportunity to observe some of the rhythms of a typical Sunday at CBI. That was followed by a tour of the sanctuary led by the Rabbi, who provided explanations for the significance of the Bimah, the Ark, and the Torah, and other items around the



sanctuary. She also answered our guests' questions about Judaism in general, and observances at CBI in particular.

It was a wonderful and informative morning that underscored what Interfaith Outreach represents at its core.

Our next event will be sharing a fascinating movie, with popcorn during, and discussion following. This will be scheduled for a date in January, so watch for specifics in next month's Menorah, Shmooz, and the President's announcements from the Bimah. Hope you can join us then!

*Ellen Michelson, Carolyn Ginsburg & Linda Spatz*

# All Together on an Autumn Night



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

It is our pleasure to recognize the following individuals and Pascack Valley businesses, who so generously donated their time, goods, and services to our 11/5/16 "All Together on an Autumn Night" fundraiser, honoring Rabbi Orenstein and her family on their upcoming sabbatical. We so appreciate your support!

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And the 'behind the scenes' herculean efforts of Jon Shein, Scott Hayden, Warren Kuperinsky, & Marie Shust that made our event such a success.

Meryl Rosenthal and committee

# All Together on an Autumn Night



## *Mazel Tov*

### **ON ZEVED HABAT, THE GIFT OF DAUGHTERS**

To the entire Yellin family on the naming of Taylee Sage Yellin

To the entire Rose family on the naming of Alayna Michelle Rose

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## CONDOLENCES

*Robin and Melani Wexler on the loss of their beloved husband and father, David Wexler*



*"Go in peace and  
come in peace"*

to Rabbi Debra, Craig,  
Emmett, and Hannah-Matilde  
on their journey to Israel.



### **THANK YOU!**

Meryl Rosenthal, Ways & Means Co-Chair and Committee: Sharon Alessi, Tobi Breslaw, Ellie Fischbein, Eve Klein, Emily Perlman, Rashella Roznitsky, Patty Siegel, Amy Shein, Michelle Silver, Andrea Wasserman.

## **A BIG THANK YOU**

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

Schreiber Family	Sunday	November 20	Co-sponsor in honor of Joyce's grandmother's Yahrzeit
Carol & Daniel Aferiat	Sunday	November 20	Co-sponsor in honor of their son, Jake's, 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday
DeMilia Family	Sunday	December 4	In honor of Daniel's Bar Mitzvah
DeMilia Family	Friday	December 9	In honor of Daniel's Bar Mitzvah
Michelson Family	Sunday	December 11	In honor of Ellen's birthday
Rosenthal family	Sunday	December 18	In honor of their anniversary



# FOCUS ON ISRAEL

## ANOTHER REASON TO U.N.FRIEND

If you had any question about anti-Zionism being just a different form of anti-Semitism, then the resolution adopted by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) should clear that up for you. On October 13th, the UN passed a resolution, 33 votes in favor, 6 against and 17 abstentions, that disregards Judaism's connection to the Temple Mount and the Western Wall, and states that the site is only sacred to Muslims. It refers to our *Har-HaBayit* (Temple Mount) only by the Muslim names Al-Aqsa Mosque and Haram al-Sharif.

This vote is significant and is not only anti-Israel but targets the Jewish people in a pointed campaign of anti-Semitism. PM Benjamin Netanyahu stated, "To say that Israel has no connection to the Temple Mount and the Western Wall is like saying that China has no connection to the Great Wall of China and that Egypt has no connection to the Pyramids." Apparently truth not longer matters to UNESCO.

The vote was not about who controls the Temple Mount (the Israeli government has allowed the Muslim clerics to pray there while denying the same right to Jews) but was a blatant attempt to distort history and wipe out the Jewish connection to it. UNESCO helps provide educational material for Gaza. If their belief is that Israel has no claim to the Temple Mount then that is what will be taught to the students. This further attempt at the delegitimization of Israel and Jewish heritage continues to hamper Israel's trust for the member states of the United Nations to be a broker for peaceful negotiations.

## SOME JUNE 2018 ISRAEL TRIP FACTS

- 2018 school calendars are being consulted for exact end dates so we can adjust the start of the trip.
- Our amazing tour guide, David, fully understands all the needs of a group with various ages.
- We have singles, couples and families interested and everyone will have a great time.
- You can fly with the group or fly on your own.
- You can arrive early to see family and friends or extend your trip after the touring ends.
- The ITC travel agency has point people in the US for all of your concerns.
- If you're at all interested let Rabbi Orenstein know and/or contact [robin.pierce@bisrael.com](mailto:robin.pierce@bisrael.com) so we can add you to our email list for updates.

The Men's Club thank all the below for their help in schlepping, building, and then taking down this year's Sukkah. Ike would be proud!

David Gordon	Warren Kuperinsky	Les Kaufman
Dave Bloom	Peter Cohen	Andy Weinstein
David Spatz	Jeremy Shapiro	Craig Aisenman
Scott Hayden		Peter Reiff



## PHONE MESSAGES FROM CBI

*Nancy Passow, President*

Whenever we have really important information to share with the CBI community, in addition to sending out an email, we also send out a phone message. Unfortunately, this is often sad news with information about a funeral. Sometimes it's cancellation information due to weather conditions, or updates on Emerson road construction. And sometimes we send out reminders about upcoming events.



We want to be sure you are receiving these phone messages. We also want to be sure they are going to your preferred phone number – maybe you'd like to get them on your cell phone rather than your home phone. Please let me know if you are NOT receiving phone messages but would like to get them (and give me your phone number). And if you are receiving the messages but would rather they come to a different phone number, also please let me know. Send an email me to [president@bisrael.com](mailto:president@bisrael.com) or leave a message with Marie in the office at 201-265-2272. Thanks!

# Facts about Jewish Pirates

Some Jews turned to piracy as a way to fight against Spain and Portugal, the hosts of the brutal Inquisition.

Jewish pirates? It's not a joke. Turns out, some of the most well-known and respected buccaneers in previous centuries were Jews. These captains were not the dreaded pirates of popular imagination; many worked in the employ of Britain, the Netherlands, and other maritime powers, protecting those nations' coasts and seas.

While many of the details of these captains' lives are mysterious, historians have pieced together some details of their lives, giving us a glimpse into the little-known world of Jewish pirates. Here are eight interesting facts about Jews and piracy.



## Abraham Henriques Cohen and the World's Biggest Heist

Abraham Henriques Cohen started life as a secret Jew living under the Inquisition in his native Portugal. One of the most prominent merchants in Lisbon, he was discovered to be a practicing Jew in 1605 and publicly tortured, along with 150 other hidden Jews. This experience apparently led Cohen to decide to work against Spain and Portugal, the hosts of the brutal Inquisition.

After escaping to Amsterdam, Cohen seemingly became a secret agent for the Dutch navy, and made his way to the New World, settling in Jamaica, which was then a haven for Jews. He worked on behalf of the Netherlands to attack Spanish ships and frustrate Spain's colonial designs in the New World.

Cohen teamed up with one of the most feared pirates of the time, Sir Henry Morgan, with the tacit backing of both the Dutch and British governments. In 1628, along with Dutch folk hero Admiral Piet Pieterszoon Hein, Cohen captured a Spanish treasure fleet off the coast of Cuba. The ships were carrying gold and silver worth 11,509,524 guilders, around \$1 billion today. It was the largest theft in the history of the Spanish fleet.

Cohen gave up piracy in old age when Sir Henry Morgan became Lieutenant Governor of Jamaica, and pardoned



his longtime friend. The two lived out their days in Jamaica, their pirate ways behind them for good.

## Jean Laffite, War Hero and Pirate

One of the most fabled and swashbuckling pirates of all time, Jean Laffite, was born in France in about 1780. He later wrote that his grandparents were Jews

who were tortured by the Inquisition. This sparked a lifelong disdain for Spain in young Jean, and inspired him to turn to piracy to attack Spanish holdings in the New World where the Inquisition held sway.

Moving to the French colony of New Orleans, Jean Laffite and his brother Pierre founded a blacksmith shop, but they had a second secret profession as well: they held commissions from the Republic of Cartagena (in modern day Colombia) to intercept Spanish boats. They carried on this secret activity from a secluded colony in Baratavia Bay, off the coast of New Orleans.

During the War of 1812, Laffite warned American troops of British invasion plans. He offered the help of his pirate gang to Gen. Andrew Jackson in the defense of New Orleans in exchange for a pardon for their pirate activities. Gen. Jackson agreed and Laffite's gang fought with distinction. Jackson later called Laffite "one of the ablest men" of the Battle of New Orleans.

A few years later, in 1817, Laffite once

again turned to piracy, taking nearly a thousand followers with him to the site of present-day Galveston, Texas. Until his death in about 1825, Jean Laffite remained one of the most feared pirates of the "Spanish Main," the eastern coast of Spain's holdings in the New World.

## "Brotherhood of the Black Flag" and Buried Treasure

Sudel Deul, a 16th Century Jewish physician, was an early explorer of the Americas and is credited with introducing the potato to Europeans. His son Subatol found fame in a very different route: becoming one of the most feared pirates in the world.

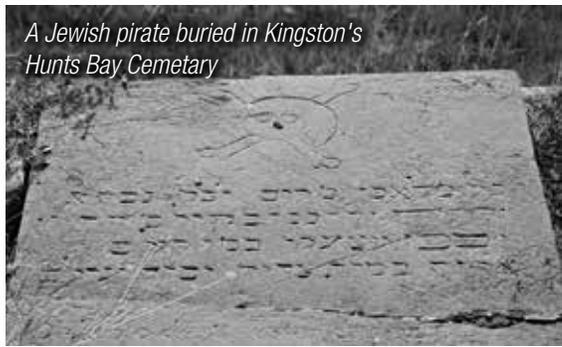
Subatol formed an alliance with another son of a famous explorer who'd also turned to piracy: Henry Drake, son of the great British explorer Sir Francis Drake. Together the two buccaneers formed the "Brotherhood of the Black Flag", leading a band of pirates in attacking Spanish ships off the coast of present-day Chile. It is said that the duo buried 6,000 pounds of Spanish gold and an even greater amount of silver near the Guayacan harbor in present-day Chile. No one has found the buried treasure yet, though seekers have discovered documents written partly in Hebrew, possibly written by Subatol.

## Pirate Gravestones in a Jewish Cemetery

The island nation of Jamaica was once crawling with pirates; it seems that some of these were Jews. Seven gravestones in

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*A Jewish pirate buried in Kingston's Hunts Bay Cemetery*

the old Hunt's Bay Cemetery in Kingston bear unusual markings above Hebrew writing can be seen the familiar skull and crossbones of the pirate insignia. Similarly marked graves have also been found in Bridgeport, in the Bahamas, and in the old Jewish cemetery of Curacao.

Those buried in Hunts Bay were carried across the Cagway Bay from Port Royal, once called the Wickedest City in the World. These seven Jewish denizens might have helped contribute to that fearsome reputation with their pirate activities.

## The Pirate Rabbi

Although Samuel Pallache trained as a rabbi in the late 1500s in Fez, Morocco, he preferred the seafaring life, eventually working as a privateer for both the Dutch government and for the Sultan of Barbary, in Morocco. Pallache negotiated one of the very first treaties between European and Middle Eastern nations: the 1610 agreement guaranteeing peace between the Netherlands and Morocco.

In 1614, Morocco and Spain were at war, and Pallache led a small Moroccan fleet that captured Spanish ships. Arrested by the Spanish ambassador, Pallache was tried for piracy. A letter to Dudley Carleton, British ambassador to Venice at the time, described the dashing Jewish buccaneer: "Here is a Jew Pirate arrested that brought three prizes of Spaniards into Plymouth . . . he shall likely pass out of here well enough for he has league and license under the King's hand for his free egress and regress which was not believed until he made proof of it."

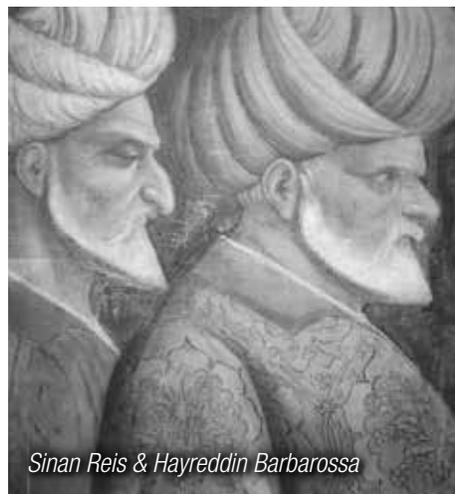
Indeed, Pallache was eventually acquitted of piracy and set free. When he died in 1616, he was given a hero's funeral. Every member of Amsterdam's Jewish community marched in his funeral procession and they were joined by city elders and Prince Maurice of Nassau.

## The "Great Jew"

Sinan Reis and his family fled the Spanish Inquisition in the early 1500s, settling in the city of Smyrna, in what is today Izmir, Turkey. There, Sinan became the right-hand man of one of the most famed pirates of all time, Hayreddin Barbarossa, who eventually became a sultan and commander in the Ottoman navy. The two sailed under a flag bearing a six-sided star, much like the Jewish Star of David.

The pair's greatest victory came in 1538, in the Battle of Preveza, off the coast of Greece, when Ottoman forces led by Reis and Barbarossa defeated a flotilla of armed ships from Christian countries assembled by Pope Paul III, ensuring Ottoman dominance on the Mediterranean for generations to come. Sinan's great bravery in that battle earned him the sobriquet "The Great Jew" from his Spanish enemies. The Ottoman Empire rewarded him by appointing him Supreme Naval Commander.

At the end of his life, Barbarossa dictated



*Sinan Reis & Hayreddin Barbarossa*

his memoirs to Sinan Reis, who created five hand-written volumes that are exhibited today in the Topkapi Palace in Istanbul and in the Istanbul University Library.

## Israel Connections in the Caribbean

The Jewish homeland was never far from the thoughts of some Jewish seafarers. Yaakov Koriel worked as a buccaneer in the Caribbean in the early 1600s, until he changed his ways, moved to Israel, and studied Torah and Kabbalah in the Israeli city of Safed. He'd buried in that city, near the grave of his the famous Rabbi Isaac Luria, whose works he studied.

Another Jewish seafarer in the Caribbean, David Abrabanel, shared his name with a famous rabbi, Isaac Abrabanel. After his family was murdered in South America in the early 1700s, David adopted the nickname "Captain Davis" and sailed with British privateers. He eventually commanded his own ship, which he named The Jerusalem.

## Israelis Fighting Pirates Today

The days of Jewish pirates on the high seas is over. Today instead, Israeli security teams are world leaders in opposing piracy and protecting cargo and passenger ships from modern-day pirates.

One such Israeli anti-piracy company, Mano International Security, gained international attention in 2009, when its Israeli guards fought off a daring attempt by Somali pirates to take over the Italian cruise ship *Melody*, which was sailing within a few hundred miles of the pirate-infested coast of Somalia with 1,500 passengers and crew on board. According to ship captain *Ciro Pinto*, Israeli guards fired shots over the heads of the bandits, eventually scaring them off.

"It was the first time we have encountered resistance" one of the Somali pirates was quoted as saying after the attack. "The guys acted exactly according to the regulations and I'm proud of them" *Mano Nik*, the company owner said.

## BAT/BAR MITZVAH MESSAGE

### DANIEL JOSEPH DE MILIA

Shalom! My name is Daniel Joseph De Milia and I am becoming a Bar Mitzvah on December 10, 2016. I will be leading services on Sunday, December 4 and Friday, December 9 as well. I hope you will support me as I lead these services.

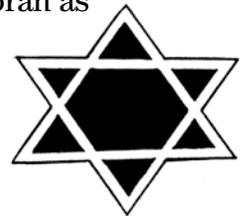
My Torah portion is Vayishlach, which teaches us about empowerment. In addition, it teaches us that people may be granted power, but may also have it stolen from them. Finally, it teaches us about forgiveness; perhaps more importantly, how to forgive.

My mitzvah project is to hold a Read-A-Thon in order to raise money for a worthy cause. For each book that I read over the next two months, I ask that you make a contribution. With the money pledged during the event, I will make a donation to Spectrum 360, a school dedicated to students with autism. The money donated will be used to enrich the learning experience of these children, thereby empowering them as they complete their education.

It is our pleasure to invite you to an  
Oneg Shabbat following services on  
Friday evening, the 9th of December in  
honor of our son,

# DANIEL JOSEPH

Danny will be called to the Torah as  
a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday,  
the 10th of December at  
three in the afternoon.



ALISA & JODY DE MILIA

## CBI's



**The laughs return on  
Saturday,  
March 18, 2017!**

**SAVE THE DATE!  
Mark Your Calendars NOW!**

### Laughs Will be Provided by:

**BILL ERVOLINO** Columnist & features writer since 1990 for The Record. Bill has appeared at Bananas, Don't Tell Mama's, The Producers Club, & opened for Pat Cooper at Bergen PAC. He's been on TV's Today.

**BUDDY FITZPATRICK** An actor & comedian who's appeared on Comedy Central's Stand & Deliver, A & E, and more. Buddy has opened in theaters for Joan Rivers many times, as well as The Doobie Brothers & The Beach Boys.

**TOM Mc TIERNAN** NY Newsday calls Tom "One of the sharpest comedians in NY." Tom's performed on Showtime Comedy Network, TV's Make Me Laugh, AXS TV, at AC's Borgata, and in Las Vegas. He's opened in theaters for Tom Jones, Engelbert Humperdinck, John Pinette & Blood, Sweat & Tears.

More Details to Follow

**As you turn to 2017, make sure you note Comedy Night on March 18<sup>th</sup>!**

# DECEMBER 2016

Candle Lighting Times: **2:** 4:10 **9:** 4:10 **16:** 4:11 **23:** 4:14  
**30:** 4:19

Kislev-Tevet 5777

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b>	8pm Dalet Erev Shabbat Service <b>2</b>	10am Torah Town Hall Shabbat morning service 5pm Prozdor/Pajama Havdallah Parsha Toldot <b>3</b>
9am Minyan & Bagels <b>4</b> 9am Hebrew School 9am Dalet Kehillah for 6th graders 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by De Melia family 6pm Kadima movie & dinner	<b>5</b>	4pm Hebrew School <b>6</b>	7:30pm Board meeting <b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	8pm Erev Shabbat Service <b>9</b> 9pm Oneg Sponsored by the DeMilia family	10am Share & Care Shabbat Service at JHAL 3pm Daniel DeMilia Bar Mitzvah Parsha Vayetzei <b>10</b>
9am Minyan & Bagels <b>11</b> 9am Bagel Bkfst sponsored by the Michelson family 9am Hebrew School 9:30am HS Parents Visitation	<b>12</b>	4pm Hebrew School <b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	6:30pm Men's Club Chanukah Dinner <b>16</b> 7:30pm Dalet/Hey Class Erev Shabbat service	10am One Wonderful Hour Shabbat morning service Parsha Vayishlach <b>17</b>
9am Minyan & Bagels <b>18</b> 9am Hebrew School 9:30am Book Fair 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by Rosenthal Family 10:30am Chanukah Program 1:30pm Kadima Chanukah Program at JCC Paramus	<b>19</b>	4pm Hebrew School <b>20</b> 5:30pm HS Give/Get Program	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	8pm Erev Shabbat Service <b>23</b>	No Shabbat morning service <b>24</b> Shabbat at Home Parsha Vayeshev Chanukah: 1 Candle
9am Minyan & Bagel Breakfast <b>25</b> No Hebrew School Chanukah: 2 Candle	Chanukah: 3 Candle <b>26</b>	No Hebrew School <b>27</b> Chanukah: 4 Candle	Chanukah: 5 Candle <b>28</b>	Chanukah: 6 Candle <b>29</b>	8pm Erev Shabbat Service <b>30</b> Chanukah: 7 Candle	10am Shabbat morning service <b>31</b> Shabbat at Home Parsha Miketz Chanukah: 8 Candle

# JANUARY 2017

Candle Lighting Times: **6:** 4:26 **13:** 4:33 **20:** 4:41 **27:** 4:50

Tevet-Shevat 5777

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9am Minyan & Bagel Breakfast <b>1</b> No Hebrew School	<b>2</b>	4pm 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 <b>7</b> 10:30am 8-11 service 10:30am Young Family Service Parsha Vayigash
9am Minyan & Bagel Breakfast <b>8</b> 9am Hebrew School	<b>9</b>	4pm Hebrew School <b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	7:30pm Freedom Shabbat Service <b>13</b>	10am Share & Care Shabbat Service at JHAL Parsha Vayechi <b>14</b>
9am Minyan & Bagels <b>15</b> No Hebrew School	<b>16</b>	4pm Hebrew School <b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	7:30pm Bet Class Erev Shabbat service <b>20</b>	10am Shabbat morning service <b>21</b> Parsha Shemot
9am Minyan & Bagel Breakfast <b>22</b> 9am Hebrew School 9am Kehillah for 6th graders (Dalet)	<b>23</b>	4pm Hebrew School <b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	7:30pm Gimmel Class Erev Shabbat Service <b>27</b>	10am Shabbat morning service <b>28</b> Parsha Vaera
9am Minyan & Bagel Breakfast <b>29</b> 9am Hebrew School 9:30am HS Parents' Meeting	<b>30</b>	4pm Hebrew School <b>31</b>				

# FUNDS

## ETERNAL LIGHT FUND

TO: Bill Lazarus & family  
With deep condolences on the passing of your beloved Marcy  
FROM: Maurice & Robin Rosenberg, Sandy & Francine Kaplan, Carol Saperstein,

TO: David, Brian & Debra Schnitzer  
Sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved Mom, Ina Schnitzer  
FROM: Bob & Ruth Bressler

TO: Maurice Plaut & family  
Condolences on the passing of your beloved Mother, Meta  
FROM: Allen & Sharon Neuhaus, Walter & Alice Krieger, Richard & Laurie Zorn,

TO: Robin & Melanie Wexler  
Condolences on the passing of your beloved, David  
FROM: Goni & David Vardi, Joan & Steve Zelman

## FREYDA FUND

TO: Bill Lazarus & family  
Congratulations on the birth of your twins.  
Good luck to all  
FROM: Allen & Sharon Neuhaus

## GOOD & WELFARE FUND

TO: Bill Lazarus & family  
With deep condolences on the passing of your beloved Marcy  
FROM: Bob & Bonnie Greenblatt

TO: Maurice Plaut & family  
Condolences on the passing your beloved Mother, Meta  
FROM: Don & Arlene Fultonberg,

TO: Robin & Melanie Wexler  
Condolences on the passing of your beloved, David  
FROM: Ellen & David Michelson, Larry &

Meryl Kutzin, Marty & Susan Casper, Allen & Sharon Neuhaus,

## GET WELL FUND

TO: Cherylin Clark  
Best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery  
FROM: Naomi & Bruce Weinberg

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To: Cantor Mandel  
In honor of your 70<sup>th</sup> birthday  
FROM: Louise & Robert Herz

## RABBI JEHIEL ORENSTEIN EDUCATIONAL FUND

TO: CBI  
With thanks to all the wonderful people at CBI. What a warm and welcoming congregation. May the new year be one of good health, joy, peace & lots of simchas for all.  
FROM: Sylvia Orenstein

## YAHREZIT DONATIONS

Bruce & Ellen Sonkin in loving memory of Bruce's beloved father, Jack Sonkin  
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Pam & Robert Zisner as a Yiskor donation

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Peter wrote me a note 3 a.m. that morning:  
*Dear Lenny,*  
*It was a joy to be with you and your congregation that rightly adores you. You are such a sensitive heart and a wholly dedicated leader of some wonderful folks. Thank you for the privilege of being with you, singing with you and meeting your open, embracing and so respectful and welcoming congregation. Love to you... Your dragon brother, Peter*

P.S. Your check for \$xxxx.xx that will go to Operation Respect was totally unexpected and very generous. That was a lovely "cherry on top" surprise.

Let me end this Cantor's Corner by thanking you for allowing me the privilege of being there when all of us were one, united in prayer, united in community and united in love. It was a moment in time that I pray remain with you forever; it will certainly be with me for as long as I live.

# LETTERS

## Dear CBI family,

*I wish you all a very happy Chanukah. May the lighting of each candle bring back many good memories as well as create new ones.*

*I wish you all the best for the new (calendar) year, hope it is also "sweet".*  
Marie Shust

## To all my friends at Congregation B'nai Israel,

*Thank you so much for the lovely basket you sent to me. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thank you for all of your support. May we only share in many more happy times together with health and happiness.*

*Fondly,*  
Judy Jacobsen

## To the Board and our CBI family,

*We all know that good things come in threes. The Three Amigos! The Three Stooges! The Three Little Pigs! The Three-Ring Circus! And, of course, the Three Volunteers of the Year 5777 - recipients of the Cantor Sidney Derner Volunteer of the Year award!*  
*As volunteers we have partnered with many of you, and we thank you for making us look good. Yes, we all have various day jobs and busy lives. Yet, knowing that giving a little of our time and expertise has helped CBI stand firmer and grow larger (while developing wonderful personal relationships along the way) has been a great return on our investment.*

*We want to thank the Board for the honor of having our names added to the long list of dedicated people who have come before us. The first of whom was Cantor Sid Derner z"l who personified the spirit of volunteering and was dearly missed at this year's High Holiday services.*

*With love and appreciation,*  
Idelle Schwinder, Robin Pierce, and Allan Millstein

## Dear CBI Board,

*We would like to say thank you for the nice basket, tree planted in Israel, and the dinner a number of you sent after the passing of Laurie's Dad. He was an inspiration to us all and he will surely be missed. Laurie & I look forward to seeing you all at temple soon.*

*Sincerely,*  
Laurie & Dan Levine

# DECEMBER YAHRZEITS

George Garfinkel	1 Kislev	12/01/16
Jack Riegelhaupt	1 Kislev	12/01/16
Lillie Wellins	1 Kislev	12/01/16
Michael A Ludmer	1 Kislev	12/01/16
Moses Kaufman	2 Kislev	12/02/16
Richard J Fakoury	2 Kislev	12/02/16
Nathan Vogel	3 Kislev	12/03/16
Celia Echtman	3 Kislev	12/03/16
Harry Shustak	3 Kislev	12/03/16
Samuel R Krakow	3 Kislev	12/03/16
Bernice Grapin	4 Kislev	12/04/16
Bess Feingold	4 Kislev	12/04/16
Martin Neuhaus	5 Kislev	12/05/16
Abraham Goldstein	6 Kislev	12/06/16
Clara Parnes	6 Kislev	12/06/16
Lawrence J. Lievowitz	6 Kislev	12/06/16
Irving Fond	7 Kislev	12/07/16
Lena Stein	7 Kislev	12/07/16
Louis Parker	7 Kislev	12/07/16
William Harris	7 Kislev	12/07/16
Herman Kirschner	8 Kislev	12/08/16
Moe Segal	9 Kislev	12/09/16
Morris Leff	9 Kislev	12/09/16
Edward Herman	11 Kislev	12/11/16
Irving Krieger	11 Kislev	12/11/16
Sidney Pivar	11 Kislev	12/11/16
Blanche Silverberg	12 Kislev	12/12/16
Miron Kuts	13 Kislev	12/13/16
Bessie Slootsky	14 Kislev	12/14/16
Yetta Weinstein	15 Kislev	12/15/16
Gertrude Terr	16 Kislev	12/16/16
David Storm	17 Kislev	12/17/16
Eleanor Thaler	17 Kislev	12/17/16
Lila Schwartz	17 Kislev	12/17/16
Emma Wolfsie	18 Kislev	12/18/16
Irwin Echtman	18 Kislev	12/18/16
Ruth Beldner	19 Kislev	12/19/16
Anita Lois Lipshultz	19 Kislev	12/19/16
Ruth Rosch	20 Kislev	12/20/16
Murry Schwinder	21 Kislev	12/21/16
Rose Stahl	22 Kislev	12/22/16
Herbert J. Sperber	23 Kislev	12/23/16
David Kligman	24 Kislev	12/24/16
Shirley Margolies	24 Kislev	12/24/16
Stanley Kuttler	25 Kislev	12/25/16
Simon Gorfinkel	26 Kislev	12/26/16
Murray Siegel	26 Kislev	12/26/16
Lottie Rosenberg	28 Kislev	12/28/16
Morey E Wollin	28 Kislev	12/28/16
Jack Sender	28 Kislev	12/28/16
Harry Lipshultz	28 Kislev	12/28/16
Morris Meinhard	29 Kislev	12/29/16
Mollie Rockaway	30 Kislev	12/29/16
Alex Morris Pollack	30 Kislev	12/29/16
Michael Howard Blank	1 Tevet	12/30/16
Beatrice Reiff	1 Tevet	12/30/16
Joseph Wiener	2 Tevet	12/31/16
Louis Glatzer	2 Tevet	12/31/16
Elly Hirschel	2 Tevet	12/31/16
Richard Katz	2 Tevet	12/31/16

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In memory of Rabbi Jehiel. Funds scholars-in-residence, teacher development, and other educational needs of the synagogue.
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