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A Message From Our Rabbi

by Rabbi Debra Orenstein

WHERE CAN YOU GO FOR LIGHT, DARKNESS—AND CONVERSATIONS ABOUT BOTH?

Recently, a friend asked me to edit a letter about anti-Semitism that was to be released by a non-Jewish institution. In it, he had written “these are dark times.” I suggested that he change that phrase, as I am wary of equating “dark” with evil or foreboding. Too many bigots have associated darker (vs. lighter) skin with wrongness or wickedness.



Religion finds holiness in the dark and the light. Jews pray to the God who “brings on the evening and rolls light away from darkness and darkness away from light.” In the words of Thiele and Weiss, who wrote “Wonderful World,” we see “the bright, blessed day and the dark, sacred night.” God created both.

Hanukah is a time of year when we particularly notice the dark. We begin the holiday at the darkest time of year, when the sun, with its comfort and warmth, is most scarce. Hanukah is the only Jewish holiday which begins at a time of the month when the moon is not visible in the sky. Then, over the course of the Festival of Lights, the moon appears and slowly grows larger and brighter. On earth, as in heaven, light

increases. We light the Hanukah candles – one more each night, to bring light, and then more light, and then still more light.

Light symbolizes enlightenment, hope (the end of that tunnel), and even redemption. But it was only under the protective cover of darkness that the Maccabees could hide in caves. It is only against a backdrop of darkness that we can see the flame of the Hanukah candles and publicize the miracles of this season.

I share this meditation on Light and Darkness because words, metaphors, and symbols matter. Today, public discourse is full of name-calling, ad hominem attacks, and even racial epithets. A lone gunman in Pittsburgh said, “All Jews must die.” Right here in Bergen County five swastikas have been etched into walls and partitions in one of our High Schools – just since September.

Now more than ever, we must practice and promote disagreeing civilly, reaching out inclusively, rejecting prejudice, and embracing kindness. Let the “Torah of love be on [our] tongues” (Proverbs 31:26), even – and perhaps especially – when we speak out against hate. “Hate speech” can be effectively addressed with “love speech.”

“Love” in Judaism is not just a warm, fuzzy feeling. It is a commitment and call to action. Veahavta. “Love God” – not casually, but “with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.” “Love your neighbor as yourself” requires you to do something - and to refrain from acting on baser impulses. Love is compassionate and unwavering in its demand for accountability, safety, equality, and justice.

Where words, symbols, and acts of hate are present, it’s there that words, symbols, and acts of love become even more important.

A few years back, CBI brought the Catskills Puppet Theater to our social hall, and they used oversized puppets to tell a true story captured in the children’s book by Janice Cohn, *The Christmas Menorahs: How a Town Fought Hate*. In 1993, Billings, Montana suffered dozens of acts of racism and anti-Semitism. White supremacists organized hate mail, death threats, and vandalism against Native Americans, African-Americans, Hispanics, and Jews.

On December 2, a brick was thrown through the bedroom window of a 5-year-old boy, Isaac Schnitzer, narrowly missing him. He was targeted because his bedroom had displayed a Hanukiah (Hanukah Menorah).

In response, residents of Billings placed Menorahs or pictures of Menorahs in their windows. Wayne Inman, then chief of police, told residents: “Yes, there’s a risk [in putting up a Menorah]. But there’s a greater risk in not doing it.”

When the Jewish symbol first appeared in Christian windows, the problem escalated. Glass panes on the doors of the Evangelical United

CANTOR'S CORNER

by Cantor Lenny Mandel

Sometime before the end of each month we get a note from our (fantastic) Menorah editor, Ellen Michelson. "It's that time of the month,"



she writes, and I can't help but wonder why she's telling me that: T-M-I as far as I'm concerned. Of course she means that it's time to send her our articles for the upcoming issue of the Menorah.

This time, however, November 5th, her e-mail read: "I know we're all going to be singularly focused on Election Day tomorrow, and all the results tomorrow night but this is a reminder..."

She's right, I was focused on the election and results, but I'm focused on so much more now.

I continue to be more than focused on the slaughter in Squirrel Hill, and how easily that could have been any synagogue, anywhere. I'm focused on the faces of those 'martyrs', and focused on the screams, cries and tears of their families, of their friends and the outcry from strangers.

I am focused on calls from gentile friends of mine, asking how I was doing and if there was anything they could do to help?

I am focused on our Solidarity Shabbat morning service, with clergy of other faiths and with Christians, Catholics and Muslims participating in our service, and even leading various prayers.

I'm focused on the tears that fell

shamelessly from so many faces in our sanctuary that day.

I'm focused on both of my families.

The Mandels, Shelly, Wayne, Stacie, Dylan, Ari and Spencer— who have given me, and still give me, the promise of the future, who light up my days, and, Thank G-D, allow me peaceful sleep.

Congregation B'nai Israel, you also give me a promise of the future, and you show me your love in more ways than you'll ever know.

We all need to stand strong together, to show the world that we are a brotherhood,

and echo the words of Peter Yarrow in his Chanukah song: Light One Candle, a song that pertains to what our world needs today.

What is the memory that's valued so highly That we keep it alive in that flame?

What's the commitment to those who have died

That we cry out they've not died in vain?

We have come this far always believing That justice would somehow prevail This is the burden, this is the promise This is why we CAN not fail!

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 hope and our tears.

Don't let the light go out!

Don't let the light go out!

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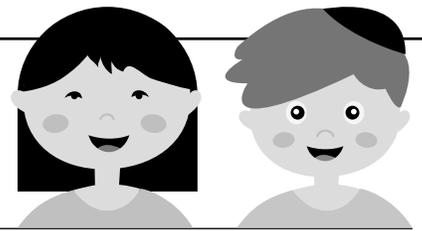
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The Principal's Pen

by Karen Weiss, Principal

Emily Perlman, & Karen Tenzer, Education Co-Chairs



Shalom! We want to thank all of our Hebrew School students who participated in the Fall FUNdraiser. It was great to see all the kids walking and talking with friends, teachers, parents, and members of CBI from all generations. One of the biggest highlights of the day was the opportunity to meet Raffi from United Hatzalah, an organization that helps save lives in Israel through quick responses to medical emergencies. Raffi brought a United Hatzalah ambucycle to CBI, which the children thoroughly enjoyed checking out. In addition, he brought a bullet-proof vest. The children were thrilled to find out that, through fundraising efforts at CBI, we helped to purchase a bullet-proof vest for United Hatzalah volunteers to wear when they respond to emergencies that involve missile, bomb, and suicide attacks. This vest helps save the life of the life-saving first responders! All in all, the kids learned a lot, and helped a lot, at our CBI Fall FUNdraiser.

We have some exciting activities coming up in the month of December. On **Saturday, December 1**, there will be Shabbat for Every Age and Stage services. This service is required for Dalet and Hey, but all are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Learning Service, 8-11 Service, and Family

Service for preschool - 6 year olds, are all tailored to that specific age group. They are a wonderful way to celebrate Shabbat at CBI, so please do come on December 1. Then, on **Sunday, December 2**, the magic of Chanukah will invade CBI with Seth Dale, a wonderful magician who is sure to delight and mesmerize children and adults alike. We will also have delicious sufganiyot following the magic show. Finally, on **Tuesday, December 4**, please join the Hebrew School children for a Night of Giving. This night is always a wonderful way for children to learn that Chanukah is not just a time for getting gifts, but giving gifts as well. They will participate in making a craft for others, and also donate goods to a charitable organization. Everyone will leave with the warm feeling that comes from giving tzedakah; so there you go, that's a special gift to take home on the 3rd night of Chanukah!

As you can see, there are great things going on at CBI's Hebrew School. We still have space in our classrooms, so if you have a friend with school age children looking for a warm and encouraging environment in which to learn about the Jewish religion and culture, please give the CBI office a call and ask to speak with our principal Karen Weiss, or either of our Education Co-Chairs, Emily Perlman and Karen Tenzer.

See you in the Hebrew School wing!

THE FUN(D)RUN

The Fun(d)Run on October 28th raised money for CBI, promoted health and community spirit, and enabled everyone present to see - and even take pictures with - the motorcycle and vest!

We learned more about Hatzalah from a guest speaker, who rode the motorcycle to our synagogue. The Rabbi addressed the mitzvah of 'pikuach nefesh', saving and preserving life, to which we all toasted "L'Chayim - To Life." There is a letter from Hatzalah printed on the right, attesting to 'pikuach nefesh'.

Thank you to Emily Perlman, Karen Tenzer, and Meredith Bernstein for organizing this exciting event for our Hebrew School and Temple, and to Ella Glastein for the pictures!

Dear Friends at Congregation B'nai Israel,

Your bulletproof helmet and vest is with Yechiel Cohen, the regional director of the United Hatzalah unit in Ashdod. He is a particularly active, dedicated medic, and as the regional director, he is always involved in major emergencies that arise - such as terror attacks. Your helmet and vest provide him with the security he needs to race out and save lives in times of danger.

A couple of weeks ago, a gentleman went swimming at the beach in Ashdod, got caught in a current and didn't resurface. Local beachgoers discovered the man



unconscious and rescued him from the choppy waters while panicked witnesses dialed the emergency hotline for help.

Yechiel was at a restaurant counter about to get takeout when his radio buzzed, alerting him to the emergency. He immediately turned on his heels and ran out as he called out to the restaurant worker to hold the food for him. The devoted volunteer dashed to his ambucycle and zoomed to the beach.

Yechiel quickly checked the unconscious man for a pulse, and finding none, immediately began CPR. Additional United Hatzalah volunteers arrived on scene, and together the team battled to save his life. A United Hatzalah ATV crew soon joined them on location, at the ready to assist with beachfront evacuation.

The EMTs toiled relentlessly in the heat, working to save the unconscious 50 year-old man. Beachgoers watched on in trepidation as the grim battle for life unfolded before their very eyes. After 20 minutes of intense chest compressions and artificial respirations, Yechiel and his colleagues managed to restore a steady pulse - the CPR was a success! The patient was stabilized, transferred to an awaiting ambulance and whisked off to the hospital for further definitive care.

Thank you for partnering with United Hatzalah and standing with Israel!



All the best,
Chana

RITUAL

by Audrey Bida & Judy Schoenfeld, Ritual Co-Chairs



We have just completed our Thanksgiving festivities, giving thanks for our families, friends, and all the good that we have been granted. The first days of December welcome in Hanukkah, when we again joyously give thanks to God, this time for giving strength to the Maccabees and the Jewish people, who stood up against the Syrians, and saved our Temple and our religious freedom.

We will all come together on **Saturday, December 1**, for our Every Age and Stage Shabbat program. We will celebrate Shabbat with our Young Family Service for families with children 7 and under. Our theme will be Hanukkah, told through story, song, and movement, including a fun craft. The service for the 8-11 Club (which is comprised of children from Aleph through Gimel), will include favorite prayers and a Torah play. Both the Young Family Service and the 8-11 Club meet from 10:30am-11:30am. There will be a Learning Service in the Sanctuary led by Rabbi Orenstein beginning at 10:00am, which includes all adults plus the Dalet and Hey families. This is a compulsory service for the Dalet and Hey classes. We will use Bibliodrama to explore the Torah Portion, and the Rabbi will field Q&A on any and every topic of Jewish interest.

After Services, at approximately 11:45 am, join us for pizza, salads, ice cream, and cookies. We will also be celebrating winter Birthdays. Be sure to RSVP to Marie in the office (201-265-2272) or office@bisrael.com. Let Marie know you are coming, and if you have a birthday to celebrate. Please also let her know the ages of your children and if there are any food

allergies. We always have dairy-free pizza and ice pops, and we are also nut free. When you RSVP, it helps us anticipate how much food and supplies for activities to purchase.

On **Sunday morning, December 2** at 10:00am, there will be a special Magic Show that you won't want to miss! Master Magician, Seth Dale will bring the Magic of Hanukkah to our congregation. This show will be enjoyable for all ages. Please invite and bring guests!

Other Hanukkah events will include the Men's Club Hanukkah Dinner on **Friday Night, December 6** at 6:30pm, followed by a Bet class Erev Shabbat Service at 7:30pm. Following the Hanukkah theme, join us for the CBI Night of Giving and Candle Lighting on **Tuesday, December 4** at 5:00pm. Come join our Hebrew School students to light candles, sing songs, and do a mitzvah. Bring your Hanukkah Menorah if you wish.

Also for Hanukkah, on **Saturday, December 8** at 10:00am, Sisterhood will be sponsoring a Shabbat Rosh Hodesh Experience. Men, women and children are welcome! Come learn about the special nature of Rosh Hodesh during Hanukkah.

On any given Shabbat, take a break from the rest of the week, and join us for Erev Shabbat and Shabbat morning services as often as you can. Learning the meaning of our Torah Portion through the unique reading of our Rabbi is indeed special. Your presence also contributes to our minyan, which is needed for those reciting Mourner's Kaddish.

Please note that we will be observing Shabbat at home on **Saturday, December 29**.

We are looking forward to sharing Shabbats with you. See you in Shul!

A SHABBAT EXPERIENCE

THE HANUKAH/ROSH HODESH CONNECTION
Rosh Hodesh Tevet, Shabbat morning, December 8th
10:00am- 11:40am service,
followed by a light luncheon

Shabbat Hanukkah is one of the richest, most joyous times of the year!



Every year, Hanukkah begins on the 25th of Kislev and ends on the 2nd of Tevet, so it's the only Jewish holiday that spans 2 Jewish months and includes a Rosh Hodesh! The Talmud states, "Women are obligated in the lighting of the Hanukkah candles, since they were also involved in the miracle". What women? Which miracle? Rabbi Debra will speak on the connection among women, Hanukkah, Rosh Hodesh,

and miracles. Congregants will speak about Jewish women who have brought miracles and light to the world. We will weave the themes of light and miracles into our prayers and Torah discussion.

Join Sisterhood, Rabbi Debra, and the men, women, and children of the CBI community, as we celebrate the New Moon, the New Month, the Festival of our Freedom, our Day of Rest, and Hanukkah!

FACILITIES NEWS

Facility Co-Chairs: Renee & Warren Kuperinsky

A big thank-you to the following volunteers who have helped with the set-up and clean-up of our Sunday morning Bagel Breakfasts! As of this writing they are: Ashley Berk, Ellie Fischbein Debbie Rothenberg, Karen Tenzer, Debra Mason, Carolyn Ginsberg, Bea Spitzer, Andrea Wasserman. A very special shout out to our steadfast Kitchen Krew - Arlene & Don Fultonberg and Robin Ingram.

If you lent a hand and your name was not mentioned, we apologize! Just know how much we appreciate all our helping hands!

We continue to seek out volunteers to join the newly formed "Facilities Committee". There are a wide variety of ways you can help, so whether you can only assist every now and then, or have more free time to offer, you would be a welcome addition. Please contact Renee or Warren at facilities@bisrael.com.

We wish our CBI family a very peaceful, healthy, and Happy Hanukkah!

The President's Pen

by Barry Bluestein, President

By the time most of you are reading this article my wife Marian and I will have spent almost 22 hours of flying time traveling to Auckland, New Zealand. We will be seeing New Zealand via boat and then disembarking in Sydney Australia for another five days of vacation and sightseeing. Hope to share a lot of great pictures and adventures when I return to CBI on December 20th.



On November 2nd and 3rd, many of us, still shaken from the horrific attack at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh the prior Saturday, attended Solidarity Shabbat services at CBI and at Synagogues all around the United States. For those attending, it was the perfect prescription toward healing the emotional devastation and accompanying anger that both Jews, and non-Jews alike, experienced as a result of the most violent act of antisemitism ever perpetrated on Unites States soil.

At CBI, Rabbi Orenstein conducted a compassionate and moving service on Friday evening that included a presentation by Robyn Abrams, a native of Squirrel Hill, Pennsylvania, who so eloquently talked about the wonderful diverse community she grew up in, and how this tragedy had impacted her family directly. Renee Kuperinsky also talked to us about the organization HIAS, the Hebrew Immigration Aid Society, which played a prominent role in helping her family emigrate to America from Poland when she was three years old. The perpetrator of the evil crime at

Tree of Life was in part motivated by his anti-immigration views, and apparently objected to a service conducted there one week earlier to celebrate refugees and the HIAS organization. Renee's perspective was both poignant and personal, and a reminder that we are a country made up of immigrants.

On Shabbat morning we were joined by Interfaith clergy and guests, from both the Christian and Muslim communities, as well as local politicians. They all rallied in defiance of this egregious terror in Pittsburgh, and in support of the Jewish Community in general, and our community in particular. It was another captivating and moving service, and thanks again to Rabbi Orenstein and to Cantor Mandel for orchestrating, leading, and inspiring, all in attendance that morning.

As a reaction to the events in Pittsburgh, Synagogues everywhere are re-assessing their security procedures, and trying to strike a reasonable balance between safety and practicality at our institutions. Though much has been done to upgrade security at CBI through The Department of Homeland Security grants and our own funding, our security committee is continuing to evaluate what additional measures and procedures we should establish going forward. Look for a communication coming out in the near future in regard to some of these procedures.

Finally, a very Happy Chanukah to everyone, and a wish for Peace, Health and Prosperity for all of CBI's members, families, and friends in 2019.

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Methodist Church were smashed. Someone fired shots into a Catholic school. Six cars parked in front of homes that displayed Menorahs had their windows kicked out. Each homeowner received a phone message saying, "Go look at your car, Jew-lover."

But once a certain critical mass was reached, love drove hate out of town. As Chief Inman put it, "The haters could attack a couple of Jewish homes. They could make a second wave of attacks on Christian homes and churches. But they could not target thousands of Menorahs." Vandalism decreased and hate messages dwindled down to nothing in Billings because white supremacists were met with widespread resistance.

More than that, these episodes brought people of diverse backgrounds together

and strengthened the local Human Rights Coalition. Neighbors talked to one another more. People discussed the prejudices that they had grown up with and the discrimination that persists in our society. Billings became a better place by overcoming hate with love – in word, symbol, and deed.

When rhetoric became inflamed as we approached the 2016 election, Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, Executive Vice-President of the New York Board of Rabbis, asked: "Where can you go to have a civil conversation about civics today?" And then he answered, "To a house of worship."

So many of the places where we used to gather to share community and discuss important issues have become fractious. At college campuses and town halls, in Congress, and around family holiday tables,

too many people choose an ideological stance and demonize those who differ. To keep the peace, some people simply opt out of meaningful discourse about issues of importance.

Thankfully, our synagogue is a safe place to explore significant topics in a setting of respect and caring. Here, we can discuss – and disagree about – policies, problems, and principles that really matter. In the grand Talmudic tradition, we will sometimes leave questions unresolved and sometimes come to decisions, with majority and minority opinions persisting. Always, we will move forward together. We will reach out to the wider community and spread love.

Think of CBI as your cozy, dark haven, or a sanctuary of Eternal Light. Either way, this is your spiritual home.



PITTSBURGH: SOME ISRAELI RESPONSES

From the government:

Israel's cabinet stood for a moment of silence on the Sunday following the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting to honor the 11 worshippers killed in the attack.

An image of Israeli and American flags with the wording,

"We are with you - Pittsburgh" was projected on the walls of Jerusalem's Old City, in solidarity with the victims of the synagogue shooting.



In an open letter to the Jewish community of Pittsburgh, Prime Minister Netanyahu voiced his "appreciation to President Trump for unequivocally condemning this heinous crime and for pledging to fight those who seek to destroy the Jewish people".

There was a major backlash when Israel's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi David Lau condemned the massacre by saying "any murder of any Jew in any part of the world for being Jewish is unforgivable" but he then called the Tree of Life "a place with a profound Jewish flavor" rather than a synagogue. The Orthodox communities do not recognize Reform and Conservative Judaism.

From people on the street:

"No calls for tikkun olam will prevent more incidents like this. The Jew haters must learn that Jews can and will defend themselves."

"Pikuach nefesh (the preservation of Jewish life) is one of Judaism's highest values. The

role of leadership is to recognize changing realities and to adapt accordingly to keep their constituencies safe."

"Every restaurant and store here has an armed guard."

"Isn't it time to call American Nazis what they are, "terrorists!"

"Self-defense has been the accepted norm in Israel since its beginning."

"Remember the Holocaust... all the way down to Tree of Life Synagogue. It is sad so many will not listen."

"We need to pull together now more than ever."

"Baruch dayan ha'emet." Blessed is the true judge. This is a traditional Jewish response to death and is also a way of saying I have no words for this.

Are You Considering A Jewish Camp?

Scholarships for Jewish sleep-away camp are available at onehappycamper.org AND at bunkconnect.org. You can save up to 60% off for a first-time camper.

Sociologists have studied the effects of attending Jewish summer camp on adult Jewish identity and participation. As adults, former campers at a Jewish camp are: 30% more likely to donate to a Jewish charity than their peers; 37% more likely to light Shabbat candles; 45% more likely to attend synagogue monthly or more; and 55% more likely to be very emotionally attached to Israel. All this comes along with hiking, swimming, meeting new friends, telling ghost stories

around the campfire, and everything else that camp entails.

There are many specialty Jewish summer camps (outdoor adventure, sports, special needs, travel, robotics, entrepreneurship, oceanography, theater, etc.), as well as generalist Jewish camps with various camp activities – from arts & crafts to radio to Israeli dancing to tennis, et al. There are over 40 local Jewish sleep-away camps and hundreds (of various lengths and approaches) across the country. If you would like help or input in choosing a Jewish camp, please contact Rabbi Orenstein at 201-265-2272 or rabbi@bisrael.com.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

From the depths of tragedy there are always beams of light that come through the darkness, and that has to give us hope.

Following the horrific shooting at the Tree of Light synagogue in Pittsburgh, CBI's clergy and members received the following words of support:

To all my friends from the Jewish community and to all members of our human family:

I cannot find words to express my sorrow and disappointment after the massacre in Pittsburgh.

How much lower will we humans go? How much more will I have to turn off the news so my kids can't get used to this, and that they don't grow with despair for their future? Why do we have to forsake our innate dignity and priceless value in exchange for something even beasts would despise?

These questions have always been here with us; yet one cannot help but think we should have covered some distance by now.

It is tough; but we need to find ways to keep our faith and hope fresh, to reaffirm our commitment to uphold our responsibilities as stewards of God to spread salam&shalom on earth and to realize once again that we humans are the best fruit of the Tree of Life, not a poisonous one. Let us water that tree, altogether.

Peace be with you.

*Hakan Yesilova
a heartbroken brother of yours
The Fountain Magazine*

**This letter was sent to Carolyn Ginsburg, who met Hakan Yesilova at the first Iftar she attended in Hasbrouck Heights a few years ago. The Fountain is a bi-monthly magazine of scientific and spiritual thought published by The Light Inc. As the English-language version of Sızıntı, it has been published since 1993 as a quarterly magazine till*

*2008. The Fountain is located in New Jersey with offices in Istanbul, Moscow, Cairo, Sydney and Kuala Lumpur**

Dear Ellen,

On behalf of Peace Islands Institute and myself, we strongly condemn the horrific shooting in Pittsburgh. We send our most sincere condolences and prayers to the families of those who have died. If there is anything we can do please never hesitate to ask.

*Peace and Grace.
Esra Tozan M.Ed*

Ellen Michelson received this note. Peace Islands Institute; Interfaith Affairs Representative. We have shared a number of Interfaith programs with our Muslim friends at Peace Islands over recent years.

Dear Rabbi Debra,

My heart broke this morning after I saw the news of the horrific attack against Tree of Life and the other Jewish congregations housed in that building in Pittsburgh. Antisemitism and white supremacy have no place in our communities. We will continue to hold Tree of Life and all Jewish congregations in our prayers. I will also continue to do whatever I can to denounce and actively oppose this kind of hatred. To the members of the Upper Pascack Valley Clergy Council who are Jewish, we will always support and be with you. If I and my congregation can be helpful, we will be. We'll be at any vigil, joint worship, or prayer service if our presence will be a comfort.

*Love to each of you,
Marc*

From Reverend Marc Stuzel of Christ Lutheran Church, Woodcliff Lake, who delivered the main address at CBI at our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on November 18

MEMBER'S MUSINGS

When I heard the news about Squirrel Hill I immediately felt that the place that I wanted to be was in the sanctuary at CBI. Sanctuary — a place of holiness where people find safety, comfort and community. I realized that to the people of Squirrel Hill the Tree of Life Synagogue was their sanctuary, their spiritual home, the place where they felt a sense of community, the place where they would want to be to share sadness and to share joy.

The eleven senseless deaths felt very personal to almost every Jewish person that I know because we share a sense of belonging with every Jewish community. When we are at CBI we are also in Jerusalem & Tel Aviv, in London & Paris, in Boston & Pittsburgh, and every sanctuary around the world where Jews are gathering to pray as a community.

It was very emotional to be a part of the Sunday minyan on the following day. Every prayer felt especially meaningful. Reciting the words of the Shema, the Kaddish, Oseh Shalom and L'dor V'dor felt very emotional. Every prayer felt like a tribute to the people who died, and a celebration of all the Jews who have survived. When the Hebrew school students went up on the bimah there were no dry eyes...

It was a perfect day for the run/walk fundraiser. It showed the Hebrew school students that they are part of a resilient community and, that even in the midst of sadness, there are moments of joy.

Thank you for sharing the letters sent to you from other clergy. We know that there are many people in this world who are kind, compassionate and caring, but it's always nice to actually see it in print...

Thanks to our Rabbi and Cantor for being the leaders of our wonderful congregation- our wonderful community.

May we continue to be part of a community that confronts hate with prayer, love and acts of kindness.

Susan Kushner

A BIG THANK YOU

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

Donna & Les Kaufman	SUN	12/2/2018	'Bruce's Breakfast' in memory of Bruce Sonkin
Donna & Les Kaufman	SUN	12/9/2018	'Bruce's Breakfast' in memory of Bruce Sonkin
The Glueck Family	SUN	12/9/2018	To save the lox!
Donna & Les Kaufman	SUN	12/16/2018	'Bruce's Breakfast' in memory of Bruce Sonkin
Carolyn & George Ginsberg	SUN	12/16/2018	In memory of Carolyn's mother, Louise Kaplan
Donna & Les Kaufman	SUN	12/23/2018	'Bruce's Breakfast' in memory of Bruce Sonkin
Donna & Les Kaufman	SUN	12/30/2018	'Bruce's Breakfast' in memory of Bruce Sonkin
Donna & Les Kaufman	SUN	1/6/2019	'Bruce's Breakfast' in memory of Bruce Sonkin
The Pierce family	SUN	1/6/2019	Wishing everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year
Donna & Les Kaufman	SUN	1/13/2019	'Bruce's Breakfast' in memory of Bruce Sonkin
Andrea & Paul Wasserman	FRI	1/18/2019	In honor of Shabbat
Donna & Les Kaufman	SUN	1/20/2019	'Bruce's Breakfast' in memory of Bruce Sonkin
Donna & Les Kaufman	SUN	1/27/2019	'Bruce's Breakfast' in memory of Bruce Sonkin

SIGNIFICANT SENIORS

The Significant Seniors held their first meeting of the year in November to greet one another and discuss the contributions that our CBI seniors might make to one another, and other members of CBI. Over the munching of cookies, we each expressed the things we are most grateful for as Thanksgiving approaches. We will keep the dialogue going as we bring in articles of Jewish interest to read, share, and discuss.

The next meeting will be a Chanukah luncheon to be held on **Tuesday, December 11 at 12:30pm** at The Emerson Hotel (in Emerson). Please join us as we share ideas for staying engaged and staying in touch, and kindly RSVP to Harriette at the number below.

Harriette Turk
201-294-0322

2018 "NIGHT OF GIVING" PROGRAM AND TOY DRIVE

Join us on Tuesday, December 4
5:00pm-6:00pm



for
Lighting Chanukah candles
Singing Chanukah songs
Eating latkes and apple sauce
Participating in a kid-friendly service project!



This year we will draw pictures and write short notes of love and support for the New York City people who the non-profit organization Coalition for the Homeless delivers meals to.

ALSO

Please BRING A NEW, UNWRAPPED GIFT for Coalition for the Homeless' 2018 Holiday Toy Drive by **Tuesday, December 11** or visit their Amazon Wishlist by **December 14:**
<http://www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/event/2018-holiday-toy-drive/>

Congregation B'nai Israel Keyless FOB Access Entry System

All CBI Members share in the responsibility to assure safety and security for all members and our property. To achieve this goal please note the following information regarding our new door locking policy and keyless entry system for all members.

The doors to CBI will be locked at all times. We are using the FOB keyless entry system for admittance to the building. Each adult temple member in good standing will be given a FOB that will be programmed to open the front right glass door and ramp door for access to the building when the building alarm has already been disarmed. REMEMBER: If the temple's alarm system is armed/activated, your fob will NOT ALLOW you access to the building. Your FOB will only work if the alarm system has been disarmed already by an authorized person.

Please see Marie in the office to pick up and sign for your FOB. If you would like a demonstration how to use it please ask Marie or any security committee member. Members will need to sign for their FOB when picking it up. Please do not SEND your child(ren) to pick up your FOB. (Spouses and/or partners may sign for each other)

Due to the expense of the FOBS, if your FOB is lost or sto-

len, there will be a \$25.00 charge for a replacement. Please report a lost or stolen FOB to the temple office immediately so that we can deactivate that FOB.

If you have questions about the new policy for keyless entry please feel free to contact Barry Bluestein, President, a Security Committee member below, or the temple office at office@bisrael.com (201-265-2272).

SECURITY COMMITTEE:

Meryl Kutzin (meryl.kutzin@bisrael.com)
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Thanks again for your cooperation as we strive to make CBI the safest and most secure environment for all our members, children, and staff.



AED-CPR CLASS AT CBI

Sunday January 6th, 2019 at 11 AM

A New Year's Resolution: Learn to Save a Life!

NEED A MINIMUM OF 10 TO HOLD CLASS

Please contact Meryl Kutzin to sign up. Space is limited - do it now!

EMAIL: MERYL.KUTZIN@BISRAEL.COM

COST \$54.00/ PP

Class open to all 11 years and older.

Class held at: CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

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To Lox or Not To Lox? That is the annual question...



Among things we discuss at our monthly board meetings, and each May at the board's budget meeting, is to decide if we can continue to serve lox at bagel breakfasts on Sundays. Sounds trivial, doesn't it? But if you consider the cost to serve lox each week for 20 or 30 people, it adds up. And when our budget is lopsided – so starts the lox discussion. No Sponsor, No Lox! No smiling faces at Sunday Minyan!

Please put the smiles back on the faces of our Sunday "Minyaners": **SPONSOR** a breakfast, (or Oneg or Kiddush). You don't have to shop, slice, dice, set up, or clean up (although we would love your help). It's as easy as picking a day (or 2, or 3!) send a check, or be billed.

It's a proven fact the more you sponsor the happier you'll feel!

<i>select</i>	<i>and pay</i>
1 date	\$100.00 per date
2 dates	\$80.00 per date
3 dates	\$60.00 per date
4 or more	\$50.00 per date

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Contact meryl.kutzin@bisrael.com or the Temple office and pick your date(s).



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It will make us ALL SMILE!

FUNDS

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The following families contributed to Good and Welfare for Shiva dinners sent to the Reinish & Passow families:

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The following Siddurim have been donated by Harriette Turk in memory of Seymour Turk:

In memory of my beloved husband Seymour, the love of my life.

In memory of our beloved father Seymour Turk, the greatest, from Sons Wayne and Mindy Turk and Ron and Nancy Turk.

In memory of our beloved Pop-Pop and Grandpa from Alexandra, Samantha, Aryn, and Matthew Turk.

TO: Nancy Passow & Family
With support and friendship
FROM: Naomi and Bruce Weinberg

TO: The Passow Family
Our sincere condolences to you and your family on the loss of your beloved dad, Martin Reinish.
FROM: Bonnie and Bob Greenblatt

TO: Nancy Passow & Family
We are so sorry for the loss of your father. May his memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Susan and Marty Casper

TO: Idelle & Gary Schwinder
Mazel Tov on the birth of your new granddaughter, Eleanor June!
FROM: Sharon and Allen Neuhaus

TO: Idelle & Gary Schwinder
Mazel Tov on the birth of Eleanor June. Health and Happiness as you watch her grow.
FROM: Barbara and Lee Mauriber

TO: Idelle & Gary Schwinder
Welcome to the world of grandparenting! May you have much joy and nachos.
FROM: Harriette Turk

TO: Susan & Marty Pelavin
Mazel Tov on your daughter's wedding. May you always have joy from the new couple.
FROM: Ellen and Dave Michelson

TO: Rashella Roznitsky
Thank you for being an usher at Sarah and Abby's B'not Mitzvah
FROM: Debbie and Jeremy Shapiro

TO: Jonathan Shein
Thank you for being an usher at Sarah and Abby's B'not Mitzvah
FROM: Debbie and Jeremy Shapiro

TO: Jamie Kreiman
Thank you for being our Bimah representative and speaking so beautifully at the B'not Mitzvah.
FROM: Debbie and Jeremy Shapiro

TO: Goni & David Vardi
Mazel Tov on your new home (and its proximity to Asbury Park)! Wishing you lots of good times, good memories, and happy celebrations to come!
FROM: Ellen and Dave Michelson

TO: Rilly Miron
Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother. May her memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Susan and Marty Casper

TO: Barbara & Lee Mauriber
Mazel Tov on the arrival of your new grandson, Gus! May he always bring you joy.
FROM: Ellen and Dave Michelson

TO: Barbara & Lee Mauriber
Mazel Tov on the birth of your first grandson, Gus!
FROM: Sharon and Allen Neuhaus

TO: Ellen & Dave Michelson
Our congratulations on the wedding of Danny to Amy.
FROM: Susan and Marty Pelavin

ETERNAL LIGHT FUND

TO: Gloria Reinish & family
In memory of Martin Reinish, beloved husband, father, and grandfather.
FROM: Sheila and Ed Faerber

TO: Gloria, Nancy, Mike & the entire Passow family
Please accept our sincere condolences on Marin's passing. You are lucky to have so many good memories to warm your hearts.
FROM: Robin and Fred

TO: Nancy Passow & family
We are so sorry for your loss. May his memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Carolyn and George Ginsberg

TO: Nancy Passow & family
Our sincere condolences to you and your family on the passing of your father.
FROM: Francine and Sandy Kaplan

TO: Gloria Reinish
Sincere condolences on the loss of your beloved husband. May his memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Susan and Evan Kushner

TO: Nancy Passow & family
Sincere condolences on the loss of your beloved father and grandfather. May his memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Susan and Evan Kushner

TO: Mrs. Toby Friedman & family
Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of your husband, Seymour. May his memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Alice and Wally Krieger

TO: Jerry Ratner & family
Our sincere condolences on the passing of your brother, Steven. May his memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Judy and Bernard Schoenfeld

TO: Jerry Ratner & Family
We are so sorry about the loss of your brother, Steven. May his memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Fern and Don Segal

TO: Jerry Ratner & Family
We are so sorry to learn of the passing of your brother, Steven. May his memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Francine and Sandy Kaplan

TO: Jerry Ratner & family
We send our deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your dear brother, Steven.
FROM: Ruth and Bob Bressler

TO: Rilly Miron
Our deepest sympathy on the passing of your mother, Marcia Levens.
FROM: Donna and Les Kaufman

TO: Rilly Miron
Our sincere condolences on the loss of your dear mother, Marcia Levens. May fond memories bring you comfort.
FROM: Judy and Howard Newell

GET WELL FUND

TO: Jerry Ratner
So sorry to hear about your fall. Hoping you will be up and about soon.
FROM: Judy and Bernard Schoenfeld

FUNDS

FREYDA FUND

TO: Bea Spitzer
Wishing you Mazel Tov, and much joy on the birth of your new granddaughter.
FROM: Arlene and Don Fultonberg

TO: Idelle & Gary Schwinder
Mazel Tov on the birth of your new granddaughter, Eleanor June. May she bring much joy to you and your family.
FROM: Arlene and Don Fultonberg

TO: Idelle & Gary Schwinder
Mazel Tov to you on the birth of Eleanor June. We are so happy for you.
FROM: Susan and Marty Casper

TO: Ellen & Dave Michelson
Mazel Tov on the wedding of Danny and Amy
FROM: Donna and Les Kaufman

TO: Ellen & Dave Michelson
Mazel Tov on the marriage of Dan to Amy. Wishing them a lifetime of health and happiness with dreams come true!
FROM: Judy and Bernard

TO: Idelle & Gary Schwinder
Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter!
FROM: Donna and Les Kaufman

TO: Barbara & Lee Mauriber
Mazel Tov on the birth of your new grandson. Wishing you joy as you watch him grow.
FROM: Judy and Bernard Schoenfeld

GENERAL FUND

TO: Gloria Reinish & Family
In memory of Martin Reinish. Our deepest Sympathy.
FROM: Doris and John Hannigan

TO: Gloria Reinish & Family
In loving memory of Martin Reinish.
FROM: Ruth and Albert Burstein

TO: Jim Reinish
A donation has been made to Congregation B'nai Israel in memory of Martin Reinish
FROM: Janice and Neil Greenberg

TO: Gloria Reinish
A contribution has been made to our Temple in Memory of Martin Reinish
FROM: Ian Harrington and Holly Lapp

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

TO: Cantor Mandel
Thank you for all the time you've spent with Sarah and Abby over the years encouraging them to "speak-up" and "slow-down" when on the Bimah.
FROM: Debbie and Jeremy Shapiro

TO: Cantor Mandel
Thank you for adding to our joy at Danny & Amy's wedding. It was so very special to have you under the Chuppah with us.
FROM: Ellen and Dave Michelson

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

TO: Rabbi Orenstein
Thank you for all the ways you worked with Sarah and Abby to prepare them for their Jewish present and Jewish future.
FROM: Debbie and Jeremy Shapiro

YARZEITS:

Steve Zelman to honor the memory of Jack Zelman
E. Harvey Meer to honor the memory of Rashel Y.S. Meer
Sherrie Ratner to honor the memory of her father, Albert Heller
Steve Zelman to honor the memory of Sylvia Zelman
Ellen Sonkin in loving memory of Bruce's grandmother, Lillie Wellins
Ellen Sonkin in loving memory of Bruce's father, Jack Sonkin
Les Kaufman in loving memory of Moses Kaufman
Ed Faerber in loving memory of Samuel R. Krakow
Lawrence Grapin in loving memory of Bernice Grapin
Bernard Silverberg in loving memory of Joseph Kuklin

LETTERS

*Dear Congregation B'nai Israel,
Thank you, thank you, thank you.*

Congregation B'nai Israel was one of 275 Jewish communities in 33 states around the United States and in Canada that observed National Refugee Shabbat on October 19-20. We have heard about the meaningful ways in which you infused your liturgy and sermons with pro-refugee messages, and the powerful advocacy you accomplished over this exciting Shabbat.

National Refugee Shabbat was an idea that you turned into a reality. Many thanks for your thoughtful participation and engagement. We look forward to starting to plan for next year in the coming months.

We are grateful to have such a strong network of congregations speaking up and taking action around the country.

*Onward,
Rabbi Rachel Grant Meyer*

To the CBI family,

Thank you so much for the donation to Jewish National Fund. It means a lot to know a tree was planted in Israel to honor our mom.

*Love,
Rilly & Louis Miron, and Val*

Mazel Tov

Barbara and Lee Mauriber on the birth of their grandson, Augustus (Gus) James Mauriber, son of Matt & Anah Mauriber

Cathy and Bob Brintz on the marriage of their son Gary to Lauren Howard

Jessica Brenner, daughter of Jeffrey & Stephanie Brenner, and granddaughter of Bob & Bonnie Greenblatt, on being acknowledged by Emerson schools for her math achievement



Refuah Sheleyma Prayers for Healing

Seth Breslaw	Bernie Silverberg
Karen Tenzer	Joyce Schreiber
Phyllis Kirschner	Jerry Ratner
Gert Hecht	David Schwartz
Hal Abrams	George Liepmann
Neila Cohen	

THANK YOU AND TODA KABAH TO:

Roznitsky Family for leading our October 8-11 Service

Koesterich Family for hosting our October Family Service

Judy Schoenfeld and **Audrey Bida** for leading the October Family Service

HAMAKOM YENACHEM Comfort for Your Loss

*Elysa Resnikoff and her family on the loss of
her mother, Ruth Rosenberg*

DECEMBER 2018

Candle Lighting Times: **7:** 4:09 **14:** 4:24 **21:** 4:18 **28:** 4:13

Kislev-Tevet 5779

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						10am Learning Service required for Dalet & Hey Classes 10:30am 8-11 Service 10:30am Young Family Service 1
9am Hebrew School 2 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by Les & Donna Kaufman 10am Chanukah Program Chanukah I Candles	Chanukah II Candles 3	4pm Hebrew School 4 5pm Hebrew School Night of Giving Program Chanukah III Candles	7:30pm Board Meeting Chanukah IV Candles 5	Chanukah V Candles 6	6:30pm Chanukah Dinner 7 7:30pm Bet Class Erev Shabbat Service Chanukah VI Candles	10am Sisterhood Rosh Hodesh Shabbat Chanukah VII Candles 8
9am Hebrew School 9 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by Les & Donna Kaufman and the Glueck family Chanukah VIII Candles	Chanukah VIII Day 10	12:30pm Significant Seniors 11 4pm Hebrew School	12	13	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 14	10am Shabbat morning service 15
9am Hebrew School 16 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by Les & Donna Kaufman and Carolyn Ginsburg	17	4pm Hebrew School 18	19	20	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 21	10am Shabbat morning service 22
No Hebrew School 23 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Brkfst sponsored by Les & Donna Kaufman	24	No Hebrew School 25	26	27	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 28	No Shabbat morning service Shabbat at Home 29
No Hebrew School 30 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Brkfst sponsored by Les & Donna Kaufman	31					

JANUARY 2018

Candle Lighting Times: **4:** 4:23 **11:** 4:30 **18:** 4:38 **25:** 4:46

Tevet-Shevat 5779

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		No Hebrew School 1	7:30pm Board Meeting 2	3	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 4	10am Shabbat morning service 5
9am Hebrew School 6 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by Les & Donna Kaufman and the Pierce family 11am AED/CPR Class	7	4pm Hebrew School 8	9	10	7:30pm Hey Class Erev Shabbat Service 11	10am Shabbat morning service 5pm Bet Class Havdalah Service 12
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DECEMBER YAHRZEITS

Herbert J. Sperber	23 Kislev	12/1/2018
David Kligman	24 Kislev	12/2/2018
Shirley Margolies	24 Kislev	12/2/2018
Stanley Kuttler	25 Kislev	12/3/2018
Simon Gorfinkiel	26 Kislev	12/4/2018
Murray Siegel	26 Kislev	12/4/2018
Jack Abraham Sender	28 Kislev	12/6/2018
Harry Lipshultz	28 Kislev	12/6/2018
Lottie Rosenberg	28 Kislev	12/6/2018
Morey E. Wollin	28 Kislev	12/6/2018
Morris Meinhard	29 Kislev	12/7/2018
Alex Morris Pollack	30 Kislev	12/8/2018
Mollie Rockaway	30 Kislev	12/8/2018
Michael Howard Blank	1 Tevet	12/9/2018
Beatrice Reiff	1 Tevet	12/9/2018
Joseph Wiener	2 Tevet	12/10/2018
Richard Katz	2 Tevet	12/10/2018
Louis Glatzer	2 Tevet	12/10/2018
Elly Hirschel	2 Tevet	12/10/2018
Louise Harriet Kaplan	3 Tevet	12/11/2018
Irving J. Kratchman	3 Tevet	12/11/2018
Adam Jonathan Braverman	4 Tevet	12/12/2018
Hadassah Eckstein	5 Tevet	12/13/2018
Mordechai Kleiner	6 Tevet	12/14/2018
Mordechai Zahavi	6 Tevet	12/14/2018
Helen S. Lanceit	7 Tevet	12/15/2018
Robert Kargauer	8 Tevet	12/16/2018
Lotte Mandel	8 Tevet	12/16/2018
Joseph Simkins	9 Tevet	12/17/2018
Isidore Parnes	9 Tevet	12/17/2018
Meyer Federman	9 Tevet	12/17/2018
Emil Eben	9 Tevet	12/17/2018
Lawrence Sheldon Greenberg	9 Tevet	12/17/2018
Sophia Ross	11 Tevet	12/19/2018
Judith Kuklin	11 Tevet	12/19/2018
Morris Cohen	11 Tevet	12/19/2018
Edward Nelkin	12 Tevet	12/20/2018
Seymour "Cy" Blank	12 Tevet	12/20/2018
Shirley Greenblatt	12 Tevet	12/20/2018
Mary Wigotsky	13 Tevet	12/21/2018
Michael R. Nanus	13 Tevet	12/21/2018
Milton Cohen	13 Tevet	12/21/2018
Irma Fultonberg	13 Tevet	12/21/2018
Edgar Seymour Zorn	15 Tevet	12/23/2018
Lena Silverberg	16 Tevet	12/24/2018
Louis Jaffe	17 Tevet	12/25/2018
Aron Garth Abrams	18 Tevet	12/26/2018
Rose Weitzman	18 Tevet	12/26/2018
Max L. Tauber	18 Tevet	12/26/2018
William Matuson	19 Tevet	12/27/2018
Murray Hecht	20 Tevet	12/28/2018
Julius Jena	21 Tevet	12/29/2018
Claire Riegelhaupt	21 Tevet	12/29/2018
Natalie Freedman	22 Tevet	12/30/2018

TEMPLE SERVICES

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- **SOCIAL ACTION FUND** to help those in need
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