



T H E Menorah

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A Message From Our Rabbi

by Rabbi Debra Orenstein

DEAR TEENS

Dear CBI Teens,
I was going through some of my father's papers and came across a memory book that was made for him when he had been at his congregation for 25 years. It consisted exclusively of letters from Bar and Bat Mitzvah students, including pictures of "then" (age 13) and "now" (ranging in age from 13 to 38), with reflections on what studying with their rabbi had meant to each of them, as they came of age.



What a beautiful record of gratitude and Torah!

I often heard my father talk about – and with – his B'nai Mitzvah students. He helped most young people write their speeches in our living room, rather than at his office. And that's why I know that the impact went two ways. My father gained many insights into life and Torah from young people, and was always pleased to quote them, giving them full credit and attribution. Therefore, I was not surprised, when I became a rabbi, that I learned so much from students – including kids of all ages.

Rabbi Hanina is quoted in the Talmud as saying: "I have learned much from my teachers and even more from my friends, but I have learned the most from my students."

I make it a point to spend some time with each Hebrew School class, and I teach every grade that meets on Tuesdays for at least half the school year. With each teen and your parents, I spend intensive

time leading up to the Bar and Bat Mitzvah. We talk about your Jewish future, your Torah portion, your mitzvah project, your interests, and the meaning of Bar and Bat Mitzvah as a life passage. Then, after months and even years of preparation, you have the glorious ceremony – and, usually, I see a lot less of you.

No guilt; I get it. Life is very busy. Teens today generally have more commitments, more homework, and less free time than their parents did. You are devoting enormous energy to High School (including the Bergen County Jewish Community High School/BCHSJS), clubs (including BBYO), travel (including to Israel), summer camps (including Jewish camps), and community service (including Federation's Mitzvah Day and mitzvah opportunities at CBI, the Jewish Home for Assisted Living, and elsewhere). There are sports (Maccabiah games?) and music (Thurnauer School of Music at the JCC?), not to mention dance, theater, visual arts, and so many other creative outlets. You are busy learning to drive, and then busy driving. First you do AP classes and college prep and then, very soon, you'll head off to college.

I am delighted that, even with all your activities, opportunities, and pressures, so many teens come to CBI on a Shabbat or Sunday to join in the minyan – or even to lead a minyan. You volunteer in the office, tutor in the Hebrew School, read Torah on High Holidays and/or on the anniversary of your Bar or Bat Mitzvah, bake rugelach, schlep chairs, form shiva minyanim, and help organize the blood drive. Obviously, no one does all of this, but I hope that all of you will participate in at least some Jewish communal activities that reflect your Jewish values and refine your Jewish soul.

Because your teen years are so full, it's even more important that you reserve time to relax and have fun while socializing with your community. By "socialize" I do *not* mean "connect on social media." Socializing means connecting with real people in real time – something that people of all generations are doing less than they used to and less than they need to – to the detriment of their friendships, their communities, and even their health.

That is why I am so pleased that the year's first CBI social event organized by, and for, Jewish teens will take place on **February 9 at 7:30 pm** in the private room of Ray's Traditional Pizza in Hillsdale. There is no fee, and you are welcome to invite Jewish friends who are not members of CBI to join you and other teens from our synagogue. (Thank you to CBI member and mom Debbie Maron for serving as our teen adviser!)

CANTOR'S CORNER

by Cantor Lenny Mandel

Welcome to 2019! Yeah, I know that we're a month in already and I'm willing to bet that most of your new year's resolutions have already gone the way of the wild goose (ya know-faggedaboutit).



Here's a resolution I've been asking y'all to take to heart, and I'm asking once again; we want to get each of you to take an active part in your community, and become members of The Congregation B'nai Israel Shiva Squad.

I wrote a letter about this in December of 2008, and, if memory serves, I wrote a similar letter in early 2015.

Here's what we're asking--

Pick a month, any month from September to June; twenty members each month for ten months, are on the "squad."

In this way we guarantee that every mourner has a minyan every night that they sit shiva. If, G-d Forbid, there are three in the same week we'll have to work something else out.

The twenty people on the list will work out what nights they are available to ensure the minyan and a board member or I will co-ordinate it.

It's ONE MONTH--ONE MONTH--and if (G-D Willing) there are no deaths at CBI, you may not have to do anything.

You wouldn't have to lead the service, we've got a bunch of members who can, but if you want to lead, you can learn the service in no time, and, if necessary, I'll teach a class.

Y'all are a part of The B'nai Israel community, and thank G-D for that, because when you need us, we'll be there for you, and you can take that to the bank!

The excuses I hear are: "we don't even know them," or, "this isn't the time

to meet new people." That may be the case, but this is the time when we are obligated to comfort people in mourning, and comforting mourners is one of the biggest Mitzvot one can perform.

How wonderful you'll make them feel, and how incredible you'll feel when you realize what you've done for someone in his darkest hours.

No question that the old timers, the regulars, the "boys" if you will, will always have a minyan, but what about the newcomers? What about the families who aren't active in the Shul, who are quiet and not in the middle of the action?

I'm not amazed that there are times when there is no minyan; I am ashamed. I know how you'd feel if you were the family in need of the minyan and nobody showed up.

We make phone calls and get the people there, but that's not the way a community, a family, acts.

I implore you to pick a month. I implore you to put yourselves in the position of those in pain. This is something you've really gotta do!

I'm on sabbatical for a few months later this Spring, but Shelly and I will be around for most of that time, and y'all know that if you need me, I'll be there.

Marie will have an excel spreadsheet, so please, PLEASE, pick a month and put your names down.

You don't want to be a "regular Shul go-er?" We'd rather that you were, but we understand.

You don't want to be involved in everyday Shul "stuff?"

We'd rather that you were, too, but we understand.

You don't want to be there when a member is in his greatest time of need?

That, I will never understand.



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The President's Pen

by Barry Bluestein, President

Marian and I recently returned from a trip to New Zealand and Australia, and it was well worth the nearly 20 hours of flying time each way! New Zealand is a magical place with gorgeous topography, and greenery everywhere you look.



It's now completely understandable to me why so many filmmakers journey there to scope out landscapes and backdrops for movies like the Lord of the Rings Trilogy, the Hobbit Trilogy, Wolverine, and the Chronicles of Narnia. We saw fascinating things, including a Glow Worm Cave, where these creatures light up the top of the cave in a way that's equivalent to a star show at the Hayden Planetarium; geo-thermal pools so hot that native tribes use for them cooking and bathing; breathtaking vistas and lush terrain filled with thousands of sheep overlooking the Pacific Ocean; and the awe inspiring Fjords of Southwest New Zealand with snow-capped mountains and cascading waterfalls.

In Australia, we spent our time in Sydney and the surrounding area. There we had a few equally amazing experiences, including climbing to the top of the Harbour Bridge, which offers the fearless climbers who ascend it a magnificent view of the city and its environs (beware if you have acrophobia though, it's a long way down from the top); touring and seeing a show in the World famous Sydney Opera House which is an architectural and structural work of genius,

and a cultural destination for artists, performers and tourists from around the world; visiting the Taronga Zoo, inhabited by Koala bears, Kangaroos, Wallabies, and many other indigenous wildlife found only in that area of the world; but the most incredulous experience of all may have been the unplanned chance encounter right in front of our Hotel with Danny and Amy Michelson, who were there (unbeknown to us) on their Honeymoon! Small world isn't it!

Well, it's already been an active January since I've returned with many initiatives being planned and undertaken. Shortly, we will be installing video streaming in our sanctuary, allowing members to watch services remotely if they can't get to Shul or are traveling. Additionally, families will be able to request a digital file of their milestone event, and CBI will benefit by generating content for our Website and Social Media Platforms. More info will be forthcoming on this technology soon.

I'm very excited to announce that Deb Maron will be taking an active role in teen programming and initiatives, starting out with an upcoming Pizza night for teens on **Sunday, February 9th** at Ray's Pizza from 7pm to 8:30pm. Please contact Deb at dmaron13@hotmail.com. for more information.

Also, please try to attend the CBI General Membership meeting on **Sunday, February 3rd** at 10am. What better way to start off your Super Bowl Sunday than to get an update on the Temple's Financial picture, learn about present and future initiatives, and maybe you can even buy a box in the Temple's Super Bowl fundraising pool!

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In her book on Jewish teens, Joanne Doades quotes a governmental report on at-risk children, which states that "this crisis [among youth] is caused by a lack of connectedness. We mean two kinds of connectedness – close connections to other people and deep connections to moral and spiritual meaning." That is not a quote from your rabbi or from a Jewish author, but from social scientists hired by the government to figure out why some kids drop out of school or fall into crime, drugs, or gangs. Connecting with other people and with your values is that important.

CBI is – and will always be – a place where you can connect in both those ways. In Hebrew, the word "connect" is חִבַּר. The word for a group or ensemble is רֵבָה. The word for friend is חֵרֵב. The same word, חֵרֵב, means member, as in member of a synagogue. In Aramaic,

the word חֵבְרֻתָא means both study partner and friendship. I think you get the idea: Jews connect (pun intended) all these words to one another in language because we first connect them as ideas and ideals.

Rabbi Max Kadushin coined the term "value-concept" to convey that certain concepts contain messages of moral meaning. Embedded in the word "tzedakah" is the idea that we give money to support people in need and organizations that do good as a matter of justice ("tzedek"). Embedded in synagogue membership (חֵבְרֻת) is the idea that we are friends, study partners, and a powerful ensemble, forever connected.

So let's stay in touch.

Find each other at Ray's on February 9. Find me on my cell or in my office. I

want to be there for you when important things happen in your life – and on "ordinary" days, too. Do you need a new mitzvah project, a refresher on Torah reading or prayers, a letter of recommendation, advice on something you are going through, or just someone to connect with? Did you get your driver's license, an internship, or a summer job? Do you have any problems or concerns you want to talk over? Please call, email, or even text.

And if I may put in a plug for Shabbat, it is the ultimate unplugged-yet-connected experience. Join me for services, or a meal at my home. Again, just call – even if it's last-minute – and we'll get together.

Love and blessings,
Rabbi Debra

Rabbi Debra Orenstein and CBI Sisterhood invite you to join us for a special

YOGA SHABBAT

Saturday morning, February 2, 2019 • 10:00 am



Yoga Shabbat incorporates Yoga poses and Jewish mindfulness into a traditional Shabbat morning service. The weekly Torah portion is Mishpatim, which provides many laws following the Ten Commandments, to support good intentions and right actions. We will explore, physically and spiritually, how boundaries, frames, and strictures can provide flexibility, freedom, and creative engagement.

Please arrive in comfortable clothing. Bring a yoga mat, if you have one, or a big towel. No experience necessary. All ages welcome. Come stretch yourself and enjoy!

RSVP: **201-265-2272** or **Sisterhood.chair@bisrael.com**

Sisterhood Is Getting Ready To Cook Up Another Mitzvah!

Once again, we are going to prepare a meal for
The Center for Hope and Safety (Shelter Our Sisters)
Join us at Congregation B'nai Israel, **Sunday February 10, 2019, 10:30am - 12:30pm**



Or help in another way (see below)
RSVP, responses, and questions to : **201-265-2272** or **Sisterhood.chair@bisrael.com**

Name _____ Phone _____

e-mail (important) _____

I can (check all that apply)

- _____ Shop for ingredients, and deliver to CBI on Friday morning, February 8th
- _____ Prepare a salad, side dish or dessert at home and bring to CBI on February 10th
- _____ Stir, cook, and kibitz from 10:30am-12:30pm on February 10th
- _____ Help deliver to Hope and Safety in Teaneck between 1pm-2pm on Feb. 10th
- _____ Help pay for the meal write a check to Sisterhood, Congregation B'nai Israel, \$ _____

Send this form c/o **Sisterhood, Congregation B'nai Israel, P.O. Box 345, Emerson, NJ 07630**

THANK YOU!

Sweet Tastes of Torah

Saturday, February 2 • 6:30pm

This year's topic is "Conversations on Zionism Today." The keynote speaker is Stanley M. Davids, author of *The Fragile Dialogue: New Voices of Liberal Zionism*. Temple Beth Rishon in Wyckoff is hosting, and the snow date is Saturday, February 9.

Torah Town Hall—Ripped from the Headlines

Friday, February 22 • 8:00pm

Have you noticed that the news seems to be more and more turbulent, fast-changing, and, often, disturbing? Come to Friday night services on Friday night, February 22 at 8:00 pm to engage in a Torah Town Hall - discussion, from the perspective of Jewish values and traditions, of a current issue (controversy? outrage?) ripped from the headlines.

COMING UP IN MARCH

Family Service & Drumming Circle

Friday, March 1 • 6:30pm - 7:30pm

This is a fun service geared to children ages 2-7, with older and younger family members welcome. Childhood educators Judy Schoenfeld and Audrey Bida will co-lead with Rabbi Debra Orenstein.

Hebrew Reading Crash Course

Sundays, March 31, April 7 • 10:00am - 11:30am

Thursday, April 11 • 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Come and enjoy three sessions to learn (or refresh) Hebrew reading. Become more comfortable with reading and following the siddur; learn some of its key words and concepts. Just in time for Passover, practice a few key Haggadah passages and get ready to wow your family. While most of our focus will be on reading and following along with traditional texts, we will also master the most important phrases for travel to impress and delight American tourists and Israelis. Various levels can be accommodated!

There is no fee. If you are able, kindly bring new, wrapped underwear in any size for the charity "Undies for Everyone," which supplies underwear to people in areas struck by natural disasters.

If your Hebrew is good and you would like to assist with the class, please contact Rabbi Orenstein at rabbi@bisrael.com, or 201-265-2272.

COMING UP IN APRIL

Erev Shabbat Service

Friday, April 12 • 7:30pm

Save The Date for a special guest as part of Friday Night Services, who will discuss Freedom and Human Trafficking in honor of Shabbat Hagadol and Passover!

Varieties of Jewish Meditation

Tuesday, April 30, May 7, May 14 • 7:30pm-9:00pm

We will study a few key texts on Jewish meditation, and practice a variety of approaches to Jewish meditation.



SUPER BOWL INFO

CBI will be running a fundraiser in conjunction with the Super Bowl this year. Please keep an eye out for an e-mail from The Men's Club with more details.

SIGNIFICANT SENIORS

Our Hanukkah meeting of the Significant Seniors was held on Tuesday, December 11, at the Emerson Hotel. We had a lively discussion of Jewish subjects, with participation by all who attended, and followed by a full course, prix-fixe, luncheon. By all counts it was a success!

Our next meeting was held in our CBI library on Tuesday, January 8, where we were greeted by the vocals of Frank Sinatra! We discussed the recent sale of his Yalmulke at Sotheby's Auction for \$10,000!

We look forward to seeing even more seniors at our next gathering on **Tuesday, February 12th** at 1:30 pm. We will once again be talking about current news of Jewish interest, and know it will undoubtedly be another forum for dialogue and conversation!

For more information, please contact Harriette Turk at 201-294-0327.

PURIM MISHLOACH MANOT ORDERS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 12!

Mark your calendars for volunteer opportunities!

- Find the forms in your email, download them from the Shul Shmooz, or sign into your Shul Cloud account. (Contact Susan Casper at shulcloud@bisrael.com if you have ShulCloud questions).
- Not in the mood to fill out the form? We have an easy solution - just sign up to send the cards/bags to ALL CBI members, clergy, and staff for \$195!. If everyone sent to everyone, CBI would have an additional \$38,000!!
- Order extras! Ask your children who they would like to give to, and also order for your friends and family outside of CBI.
- Pay by either charging your account on ShulCloud, sending in a check, or asking to be billed. Our aim is to make it as easy as possible.

This program has become an important fundraiser for our temple, and your participation is key. Sending Purim baskets of goodies is a wonderful tradition



as well as a Mitzvah. What a warm surprise on a cold March day for your friends and family to come home to - having a beautiful Purim bag waiting for them!

Remember to Save The Dates for helping to put the bags together.

On Sunday, March 3rd and Sunday, March 10th, we will pre-pack

some items after minyan and bagel breakfast. On Monday,

March 11th and **Tuesday, March 12th**

we will gather to assemble all the bags (Times tbd). Any amount of time that can volunteer for this will be helpful.

And don't forget - the Purim Carnival is **March 17th** and the Shpiel/Megilla Reading is **March 20th**. Those are great times to pick up your bags, and also grab some to deliver to your neighbors throughout the week.

For questions, or to sign up to volunteer, contact me at **robin.pierce@bisrael.com**.

Thanks so much!



A reminder to go to **bisrael.shulcloud.com** to check your billing, make a payment, or update family information. This will facilitate the consolidation of information to the appropriate Board members, as well as to Marie in the office.

If you need help, or to reset your password, please contact Susan Casper at **shulcloud@bisrael.com**

Purim Fun!



Did you know that it's almost time for Purim? If you have never attended the Purim Carnival, well, then, you are in for treat. Our "home-grown" Purim Carnival is tons of fun for the whole family, so we want to make sure that you save the date for it. The Purim Carnival will be on **March 17** from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. We encourage you to bring family and friends so they can celebrate Purim like you did—with carnival games, hula hoop contests, face painting, prizes, and refreshments. Of course, all the fun does not come easily and putting on this carnival takes a lot of work, so we ask for everyone to lend a hand! This year, we will be sending out a sign-up Genius so that you can pick your volunteer opportunity. More to come as the date gets closer.

And keeping in the Purim vein, Mishloach Manot (aka Purim baskets) are gifts of food or drink that are sent to family, friends, and others on Purim. The mitzvah of giving Mishloach Manot comes from the Book of Esther. The tradition began as a way to make sure that

everyone had enough food for the Purim feast held later in the day, and to increase love and friendship among Jews and their neighbors.

We still have this tradition today, as you might know from the fun and delicious Mishloach Manot bags that go out to everyone in the synagogue. But did you know that when you send a bag of treats to members of the CBI community, you are participating in fundraiser for CBI? In years past, we have raised almost \$10,000! It's a really special way to show your friends at CBI, our clergy, our staff, and our Hebrew School faculty, that you are thinking of them. Bags are priced very reasonably and by sending one or two (or as many as you would like), you are fulfilling both the mitzvah of giving Mishloach Manot, and the mitzvah of giving Tzedakah. It's a Win-win! Keep an eye out in your e-mail and snail mail for the Mishloach Manot order form, and don't delay in returning it to Robin Pierce who organizes the whole megillah (pun intended)!

TEEN TO TEEN PROGRAM

We are happy to announce that CBI has officially launched a Teen Program, which will be run by our own CBI teens (with a little help from Deb Maron, CBI member!)

The intention of this group is to form a tightly-knit, friendly, group of Jewish teens that get together throughout the year for both social, and socially minded/charitable events. The group spans ages 13-19, and all Jewish teens from CBI, as well as teens from Bergen/local towns, Temples, and Jewish Organizations, are welcomed.

Our first event will be a "getting to know you dinner", which will be held at Ray's Pizza in Hillsdale, NJ on **February 9th from 7:00 -8:30 pm**, free of charge!

RSVPs should be sent to **dmaron13@hotmail.com** as early as possible, but no later than January 29th please.

Any questions? - feel free to reach out to me at **dmaron13@hotmail.com**.

We hope to see your teen there!

Deb Maron



Put Some Spring in Your Step Comedy Night 2019!

Features munchies, beer/signature cocktail (BYO Kosher wine) & desserts
Try your luck to win the 50/50 raffle!

Saturday, March 9, 2019

Doors open at 7:30pm – Hilarity begins at 8:30pm

\$50pp by February 8, \$40pp for seniors | \$55pp for all after February 8



CHRIS ROACH

CBS Sitcom Kevin Can
Wait, Comedy Central
and the Borgata Hotel.



MARION GRODIN

Daughter of Charles
Grodin. Featured on Late
Night with Conan.



JON FISCH

David Letterman, NBC's
Last Comic Standing and
Comedy Central and The
Late Show with Stephen
Colbert.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & GET READY TO LAUGH!

Drop off your check with Marie at the temple office: office@bisrael.com - 201.265.2272 OR
Mail your check (payable to Congregation B'nai Israel) to: Congregation B'nai Israel, P.O. Box 345,
Emerson, NJ 07630, Attn: Comedy Night 2019

If you wish to RESERVE A TABLE OF 10 – See the Schmooz or request a Table Reservation Form
from Meryl Rosenthal at meryl.rosenthal@bisrael.com. Form and full payment must be made to
reserve a table.

TEMPLE ADDRESS: 53 Palisade Avenue in Emerson (near the Emerson Public Library)

RAFFLE INFORMATION: 1 ticket for \$5, 5 tickets for \$20, best value 18 tickets for \$50.

Raffles will be available for purchase before at night of the event.

Third Annual Big Bag

BINGO

Ladies Night Fundraiser

Play BINGO for a CHANCE TO WIN A NEW HANDBAG

Before Games Begin, Munch/Mingle & Buy
Raffles for Tricky Tray Items

When: **Thursday, April 4, 2019**, Doors open at 7:00pm,
Games begin at 8:00pm

Where: **Congregation B'nai Israel**, 53 Palisade Avenue,
Emerson (near Emerson Public Library)

Cost: **\$40/pp** before March 10th; \$36/pp for seniors (age 65+)
\$45/pp on or after March 11th for all

Includes 10 games of bingo, munchies, and soft drinks (BYO
Kosher Wine)

Lots of tricky tray baskets including gift certificates for
local restaurants, salons, kitchenware, handbags, clothing/
accessories and much more!

ORGANIZE A TABLE, INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, GET READY
FOR A FUN EVENING!

Make your check payable to **Congregation B'nai Israel**
Drop off your check with **Marie Shust** at the temple office
or mail your check to: Congregation B'nai Israel, P.O. Box
345, Emerson, NJ 07630, Attn: Big Bag Bingo 2019

To reserve a table or for more information, contact Marina
Schwartz at mgkdance@aol.com



ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY

Congregation B'nai Israel

53 Palisade Avenue, Emerson, NJ

Sunday, March 24, 2019

10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Among the Living/Among the Refugees:

Learning from the Past, Rising to the Moment

Discussion of what HIAS did in the past, what they are doing now, and plans for the future. Event is free. Refreshments will be served.

Keynote Speaker

Rabbi Rachel Grant Meyer, Education Director/
Community Engagement, HIAS

Other Speakers:

- Renee Kuperinsky, B'nai Israel congregant whose family was brought to the U.S. by HIAS
- Heather Ciociola, CoLeader, NJ Refugee Advocacy Coalition
- Rabbi Debra Orenstein, Congregation B'nai Israel

RSVP to Carolyn Ginsberg at: sisterhood.chair@bisrael.com

or call the temple office at 201-265-2272.



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INTERFAITH OUTREACH

The CBI Membership is invited by PEACE ISLANDS, and IMAM ARAS KONIHODZIC of the Boshniak American Community Center, to tour their Mosque at 1 Locust Place, Elmwood Park, NJ on **Sunday, March 3 at 1:30 pm.**

This will be a uniquely informative and interesting opportunity to learn more about aspects of Islamic prayer, their symbols, and their significance. Come with your questions, as we explore our fellow Abrahamic faith, and stay for refreshments afterwards provided by the Mosque community.

Out of respect for their traditions, while sitting please avoid pointing your feet in the direction of the Qibla- the primary wall inside the Mosque indicating the direction of Mecca.

Please also dress modestly – men and women should both cover as much skin as possible, and women are required to cover their heads.

Please let contact ellen.michelson@bisrael.com with any questions, and to let me know if you will be joining us on March 3.



A BIG THANK YOU

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

Donna & Les Kaufman	SUN	2/3/2019	'Bruce's Breakfast' in memory of Bruce Sonkin
Paul & Andrea Wasserman	SAT	2/9/2019	In honor of Shabbat
Donna & Les Kaufman	SUN	2/10/2019	'Bruce's Breakfast' in memory of Bruce Sonkin
Don & Fern Segal	SUN	2/10/2019	In honor of 52 years of CBI Membership
Donna & Les Kaufman	SUN	2/17/2019	'Bruce's Breakfast' in memory of Bruce Sonkin
Ellen Sonkin	FRI	2/22/2019	In honor of Layla's birthday
The Bernstein family	SUN	2/24/2019	In honor of Carson's Bar Mitzvah
The Bernstein Family	FRI	3/1/2019	In honor of Carson's Bar Mitzvah
The Bernstein Family	SAT	3/2/2019	In honor of Carson's Bar Mitzvah
Kristin & Dave Colin	SUN	3/3/2019	To welcome their new baby, Zachary
Ted and Barbara Glueck	SUN	3/3/2019	To Save the Lox
Donna & Les Kaufman	SUN	3/10/2019	'Bruce's Breakfast' in memory of Bruce Sonkin
Donna & Les Kaufman	SUN	3/17/2019	'Bruce's Breakfast' in memory of Bruce Sonkin
Donna & Les Kaufman	SUN	3/24/2019	'Bruce's Breakfast' in memory of Bruce Sonkin
The Fodor family	SUN	3/31/2019	In honor of Phylcia's Bat Mitvah

FUNDS

Please note the following correction to last month's contributions to the Schwinder family, as two names were inadvertently omitted: Vivian Holtzer, and Bob & Bonnie Greenblatt

SIDDURS

The following Siddurs have been dedicated: Ellen Sonkin in memory of Bruce I. Sonkin

Friends of Gary and Idelle Schwinder at CBI in memory of Rose Kraft Schwinder

GOOD AND WELFARE

The following families contributed to Good and Welfare for a Get-Well basket sent to Cantor Lenny:

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GOOD AND WELFARE

TO: Gary Schwinder and Family
We are so sorry for the loss of your dear mother, Rose Schwinder. May her memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Arlene and Don Fultonberg

TO: Gary Schwinder and family
With support and friendship
FROM: Naomi and Bruce Weinberg

TO: Gary Schwinder and family
Our sympathy to you and your family on the passing of your dear mother, Rose Schwinder.
FROM: Bonnie and Bob Greenblatt

TO: Cantor Lenny
Looking forward to your rapid recovery and to seeing you (and hearing you!) back

on the Bimah very soon.
FROM: Ellen and Dave Michelson

TO: The Zlotolow Family
Sincere condolences on the passing of your beloved mother. May her memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Ellen and Andrew Kaufman

TO: Ed Schreiber and Family
Our sincerest condolences on the passing of your mom, Miryam Schreiber. May her memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Ellen and Dave Michelson

TO: The Schreiber Family
My sincere condolences on the passing of your beloved mother and grandmother, Miryam Schreiber.
FROM: Jayne Rubenfeld Waldron

TO: The Zlotolow Family
We are so sorry for your loss. Sending comfort and condolences to your family during this difficult time.
FROM: Meryl, Joe, Maddie, and Jayden Rosenthal

ETERNAL LIGHT FUND

TO: Gary Schwinder and family,
My deepest condolences on the loss of Rose, dear mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.
FROM: Ruth Hirschel

TO: Gary Schwinder and family,
Our sincere sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Rose Kraft Schwinder. May sweet memories bring you comfort.
FROM: Marilyn and David Weinstein

TO: Gary Schwinder and family
With support and friendship
FROM: Naomi and Bruce Weinberg

TO: Gary Schwinder and family
Sending condolences to you and your family on the loss of Rose, your beloved mother.
FROM: Gloria and Cubby Cohen

TO: Gary Schwinder and Family
Our sincere condolences on the passing of your beloved mother Rose Kraft Schwinder.
FROM: Connie and Ken Klein

TO: Gary Schwinder and family
Our condolences to you and your family on the passing of Rose, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. May her memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Ruth and Bob Bressler

TO: Gary Schwinder and family
My sincere condolences on the passing of your dear mother, Rose. May her memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Carol Saperstein

TO: Gary and Idelle Schwinder
Our deepest sympathy to you and your family on the passing of your loving mother, Rose.
FROM: Rilly and Louis Miron

TO: Ellen Zlotolow and family
With support and friendship
FROM: Naomi and Bruce Weinberg

TO: Ellen Zlotolow and family
With sincere sympathy on the passing of your beloved mother.
FROM: Marie Shust

TO: Ellen and Stu Zlotolow
So glad you joined our CBI family, and sending you healing prayers regarding the loss of your dear mom.
FROM: Andrea and Jay Collier

TO: Ellen Sonkin
Our sincere condolences to you and your family on the passing of your beloved husband, Bruce.
FROM: Rilly and Louis Miron

TO: The Schreiber Family
Our sincere sympathy to the entire Schreiber family on the passing of Miryam, beloved mother and grandmother.
FROM: Lisa Pollack and Mark Milchman

TO: The Schreiber Family
My sincere condolences to all of you on the passing of Miryam, loving mother and grandmother.
FROM: Marie Shust

TO: The Schreiber Family
Sending love and support at this sad time. May her memory be for a blessing. We will miss her.
FROM: Judy and Bernard Schoenfeld

IRVING REIKES MEMORIAL GARDEN FUND

TO: Gary Schwinder and Family
Our condolences to you and your family on the loss of your beloved mother, Rose. May her memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Francine and Sandy Kaplan

GENERAL FUND

TO: The Steinfeld Family
A donation has been made to Congregation B'nai Israel in memory of Mark Steinfeld.
FROM: Sandy and Dave Springer

FUNDS

TO: All Congregation B'nai Israel Members,
I wish to thank all of you for the outpouring
of love and support during my sad loss
of my Mother. Thank you also for the gift
basket and planting a tree in her memory.
FROM: Marilyn Halprin

TO: Gary Schwinder and family
A donation has been made to Congregation B'nai
Israel in loving memory of Rose Schwinder.
FROM: Denise and Rich Kahn

TO: The Welter family
A donation was made to Congregation B'nai
Israel in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Mark Welter.
FROM: Carol and Marvin Medow

GET WELL FUND

TO: Cantor Lenny
Wishing you a speedy recovery!
FROM: Ellen Sonkin

TO: Eve Klein
Wishing you a complete and speedy recovery!
FROM: Marie Shust

TO: Gary Schwinder
A contribution has been made to our
synagogue in Memory of your beloved
mother, Rose Kraft Schwinder, to the Get
Well Fund.
FROM: Toby and Sidney Fleisher

TO: Cantor Lenny
We hope our wonderful Cantor has a
speedy recovery!
FROM: Goni and David Vardi

TO: Cantor Lenny
We hope you have a speedy recovery so
you can return to singing and laughing
again! Oh, and breathing, too!! LOL
FROM: Ellen Breger and David Meinhard

TO: Cantor Lenny
We are wishing you a very speedy recovery!
FROM: Shelly and Marc Saperstein

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

TO: Cantor Lenny
Hope you are feeling better very soon, and
back on the bimah!
FROM: Andrea and Jay Collier

FREYDA FUND

TO: Cantor Lenny
We are wishing you a speedy recovery and
hope you are up and about very soon!!
FROM: Francine and Sandy Kaplan

TO: Marla and Roy Klein
We are sending our annual donation to
honor the memory of Murry and Fran Klein.
FROM: Ronnie and Jerome Yates

YAHREZEITS

Peter Reiff to honor the memory of
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Tauber

LETTERS

Dear CBI Family,

*Thank you so much for the donation to
The Jewish National Fund. It means a
lot to know a tree planted in Israel will
help our our mom!*

Love,
Rilly & Louis Miron, and Val

Dear CBI,

*It feels good to only have a little bit of
pain today. Of course a lot of that is due
to time, much of it is because of your
thoughts and prayers, but a great big
part of it is the package of spoonful of
comfort (c'mon now, could anything
help more than 3 lbs of chicken noodle
soup?), and the basket of goodies that
appeared magically at our front door
last night.*

*CBI has always proven its menschlichkeit
in so many beautiful ways.*

*Thank you, thank you, thank you.
Lenny Mandel*

To our wonderful CBI Community,

*We appreciate your thinking of us and
wanted to say thank you for sending
us such a delicious meal. We are very
touched by your thoughtfulness.*

Sincerely,
Sherrie and Jerry Ratner

Mazel Tov

Goni and David Vardi on the
marriage of their daughter Tali
to Matthew Friedman

Lynn Case on the marriage
of her daughter Arielle to
Brian Thomas

HAMAKOM YENACHEM Comfort for Your Loss

Ed Schrieber and family on the passing of
Ed's mom, Miryam Schreiber

Ellen Zlotolow and family on the passing
of Ellen's mom, Phyllis Kornhauser



Refuah Sheleyma
Prayers for Healing

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Jerry Ratner

FEBRUARY 2018

Candle Lighting Times: **1:** 4:55 **8:** 5:04 **15:** 5:12 **22:** 5:21

Shevat-Adar I 5779

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					7:30pm Gimel Class Erev Shabbat service 1	10am Sisterhood Yoga Shabbat 2 6:30pm Sweet Taste of Torah at Beth Rishon, Wyckoff
9am Hebrew School 3 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by Les & Donna Kaufman 10am General Membership Meeting	4	4pm Hebrew School 5	7:30pm Board Meeting 6	7	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 8	10am Aleph Class Shabbat Morning service (at JHAL) 9 11:30am Kiddush sponsored by Paul & Andrea Wasserman 7pm Teen to Teen Program
9am Hebrew School 10 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by Les & Donna Kaufman 11am Cooking for the Center for Hope & Safety with Sisterhood	11	1:30 Significant Seniors 12 4pm Hebrew School	13	14	8pm Torah Town 15 Hall 8pm Erev Shabbat Service 9pm Oneg sponsored by Ellen Sonkin	No Shabbat Service - Shabbat at Home 16
No Hebrew School 17 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by Les & Donna Kaufman	18	No Hebrew School 19	20	21	8pm Torah Town 22 Hall 8pm Erev Shabbat Service 9pm Oneg sponsored by Ellen Sonkin	10am Shabbat morning service 23
9am Hebrew School 24 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by the Bernstein Family 9:30am HS Parents Meeting	25	4pm Hebrew School 26	27	28		

MARCH 2018

Candle Lighting Times: **1:** 5:29 **8:** 5:37 **15:** 6:45 **22:** 6:52 **29:** 7:00

Adar I-Adar II 5779

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					6:30pm Young Family Drumming Service 1 8pm Erev Shabbat Service 9pm Oneg sponsored by the Bernstein Family	9:30am Carson Bernstein Bar Mitzvah 2
9am Hebrew School 3 9am Minyan & Bagels 10am Hey Class Heritage Fair 10am Mishloach Manot basket Help 1:30pm Peace Islands/ Visit Mosque	4	4pm Hebrew School 5	7:30pm Board Meeting 6	7	6:30pm Shabbat Across America & Dalet Class Service 8	10am Aleph Class Shabbat Morning service (at JHAL) 9 7:30pm Comedy Night
9am Hebrew School 10 9am Minyan & Bagels 10am Mishloach Manot basket Help	TBD Mishloach Manot basket Help 11	1:30 Significant Seniors 12 4pm Hebrew School TBD Mishloach Manot basket Help	13	14	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 15	10am Hey Class Shabbat morning service 16
9am Hebrew School 17 9am Minyan & Bagels 10:30am Purim Carnival	18	No Hebrew School 19	7:00pm Purim Shpiel & Megillah Reading required for all students 20	21	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 22	10am Bet Class Shabbat morning service 23
9am Hebrew School 24 9am Minyan & Bagels 9am Dalet Kehillah 10:30am One Book, One Comm.	25	4pm Hebrew School 26	27	28	7:30pm Aleph Class Erev Shabbat service 29	10am Shabbat morning service 30
9am Hebrew School 31 9am Minyan & Bagels 9am Bagel Bkfst sponsored by the Fodor family	10am Hebrew Reading Crash Course					

FEBRUARY YAHRZEITS

Phyllis Crowne	27 Shevat	2/2/2019
Theodore Stern	28 Shevat	2/3/2019
Murray Kuperinsky	30 Shevat	2/5/2019
Jeffrey Mark Cohen	30 Shevat	2/5/2019
Lawrence Trager	30 Shevat	2/5/2019
Milton Kutzin	2 Adar	2/7/2019
William Fultonberg	2 Adar	2/7/2019
Louis Buller	3 Adar	2/8/2019
Werner Spatz	4 Adar	2/9/2019
Benjamin Feinman	6 Adar	2/11/2019
Florence Fleischer	7 Adar	2/12/2019
Lynda Schachne	8 Adar	2/13/2019
Beti Kreiman	9 Adar	2/14/2019
Rebecca Swerlick	10 Adar	2/15/2019
Ann B. Kossar	10 Adar	2/15/2019
Anna Gobstein	12 Adar	2/17/2019
Jack Kaplan	13 Adar	2/18/2019
Benjamin Rosner	14 Adar	2/19/2019
Claire Lieberman	14 Adar	2/19/2019
Fannie Kirschner	14 Adar	2/19/2019
Barbara Levitt	15 Adar	2/20/2019
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Sheldon H. Lubitz	17 Adar	2/22/2019
Ben Ratner	17 Adar	2/22/2019
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Edward Birnbaum	19 Adar	2/24/2019
Martin Friedman	19 Adar	2/24/2019
Clara Shustak	19 Adar	2/24/2019
Dora Bein	19 Adar	2/24/2019
Eileen Saperstein	21 Adar	2/26/2019
Lillian Tauber	21 Adar	2/26/2019
Erica Lauren Lipson	22 Adar	2/27/2019
Alexander Rosenberg	22 Adar	2/27/2019
William Golub	22 Adar	2/27/2019

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