

THE Menorah

NEWSLETTER

January 2017 • www.bisrael.com • Tevet-Shevat 5777

Cantor's Corner

by Cantor Lenny Mandel

By the time you read this the Weisz-Orenstein crew will be, B"H, safely ensconced in their apartment in The Holy Land (no, not the home of our ancestors, Boca Raton, Florida), and I'm sure Rabbi Debra will have some fabulous stories to tell when they get back.



For me, as I told Rabbi Debra, the concept is that while the cat's away the mice will play, but between you and me (and don't let this cat out of the bag), that was just to needle her a bit and to make her think: "hmmm, I wonder what he's gonna change while I'm gone, and what I'm gonna have to fix when I get back?"

Even the remote possibility of her thinking that puts a big smile on my face, as she knows, and hopefully you do as well, that I'm not going to change much.

As always, I will try to help you out with any issues that might arise, and even though we live 35 minutes away, I will be available any hour, any day, and my phone will be on in case of emergencies.

As for casual Shabbatot in the spring, I was planning a Carol King, maybe a "Bruce," maybe an Annie, or a Dylan. Unlike Peter, Paul and Mary, I doubt that Carol, Bruce or Bob will show up, but you can be sure that I will ask. We can bring back sports Shabbat and Adon Olam Shabbat, as they are usually fun as well.

If you have suggestions for a casual Shabbat, let me know and I'll see if I can get it done (or if there's enough interest).

Erev Shabbat sermons will be discussions about various topics, and will certainly be of any major events that are taking place in the world, so come and take part. I'll even entertain congregants' ideas of topics to discuss, and we can go from there.

I will also be teaching a class one evening during the week on leading the Sunday morning minyan, leading a shiva minyan, and maybe even leading an erev Shabbat minyan. They are all very easy and no one out in our pews will be judging you (maybe), except for our Hebrew School Principal who wants to start classes on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. sharp.

Since I'm speaking about Sunday morning minyan, Hebrew School starts at 9 a.m. not 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning minyan is part of our Hebrew School curriculum. To that end we'd appreciate your kids being at shul and in the pews then.

Those services are a huge part of our kids' learning process, because the more they hear the prayers being chanted, the easier it will be for them when they lead both Sunday morning and Shabbat morning services. Even if they're just sitting there they'll learn our prayers and our melodies subliminally if nothing else.

I've said this many times but I'm going to say it again. Your kids are Judaism's future. I'm talking about being comfortable in any synagogue anywhere in the world when they get older and are on their own.

More than that, I LOVE watching all of our parents (and there are plenty of you and I THANK YOU) sitting with their children for Sunday morning services. Once again, it's teaching by example: by deed as well as by word.

The Dalet class service erev Shabbat Dec 2nd was incredible. Not only was our bimah graced with the faces, the voices, and yes, the smiles of our students, our pews were filled with you guys, their parents, and even a grandpa or two.

To quote the words of Michael Masser and the late Linda Creed, all the while hearing the voice of the late Whitney Houston singing "Greatest Love of All:"

"I believe the children are our future teach them well and let them lead the way..."

You're doing just that by bringing them here, and even more by staying with them during services. You're teaching them well, so that they may lead the way and let me tell you, that way comes much more quickly than you can ever imagine.

The President's Pen

by Nancy Passow, President

"Well I'll never be a stranger, And I'll never be alone, Wherever we're together, That's my home...Home could be the Pennsylvania turnpike, Indiana's early morning dew, High up in the hills of California, Home is just another word for you..."

– Billy Joel, "You're My Home"

"Make for Me a Sanctuary and I shall dwell among you."

– Exodus 25:8

We've just passed the winter solstice and the days are finally starting to get longer. But it's still a dark and cold and dreary winter. And the world around us has become darker and scarier. We need light and love and peace, we need a sanctuary. In her book *God Whispers: Stories of the Soul, Lessons of the Heart*, Rabbi Karyn D. Kedar says "We must create pockets of hope, safe places where pain is softened because love abounds, where God is invited to fill the void, where sparks of kind light banish the darkness. Once we find these places, we must surrender to their safety."



We have such a place – Congregation B'nai Israel. On a chilly Friday night, light streams from our sanctuary, we are surrounded by friends and warmth (it will be warm – Scott Hayden and Peter Silver adjusted the timers for the thermostats!). I've told Cantor Lenny that when he sings the final prayers on Friday night, I truly feel the weight of the week drop away. Saturday mornings we share the Torah portion for the week and think of how it relates to what's going on around us. And on Sunday mornings, CBI is often a place

of happy chaos – children everywhere, yummy food (who knows what treat Warren Kuperinsky has prepared for us), lots of laughing and shmoozing.

This month we have the opportunity to create some more "pockets of hope" at our annual Freedom Shabbat, **Friday, January 13**, when we celebrate the lives of Martin Luther King, Jr., and Abraham Joshua Heschel. We'll sing, we'll pray, there will be guests. There will also be ample opportunity to enjoy our children with Shabbat for Every Age and Stage on **Saturday, January 7**. Share and Care Shabbat at the Jewish Home for Assisted Living in River Vale is **Saturday, January 14**, an opportunity to bring some peace and light to our seniors.

In February, the Gimmel Class will lead the Erev Shabbat service on **Friday, February 10**.

At CBI, we try to help make the world a better place through social action. We've sponsored blood drives, participated in the Walk for Water, cooked meals for the homeless, participated in clean-ups in Emerson, and collected lots and lots of food and toiletries, among other things. Right now what we really need are a few people to step up and coordinate our Social Action activities. We have lots of people who want to be involved, we just need a leadership team to help keep us on track. Please let me know if this is something you could do (president@bisrael.com).

Quoting again from Rabbi Karyn D. Kedar, "In our sadness and fear of the future, we must find hope. We must be able to envision ourselves in a safer place, where we are loved for who we are and who we are meant to be." Wishing you all a hopeful January filled with love, peace, and compassion.

THE Menorah

NEWSLETTER
The Official News Bulletin of Congregation B'nai Israel

Temple Office: (201) 265-2272
Rabbi Debra Orenstein (201) 265-2272
Cantor Lenny Mandel (973) 325-1778
Cantor Emeritus Sidney Derner
Temple Fax (201) 265-0971
Temple Website www.bisrael.com
Temple E-Mail office@bisrael.com

MENORAH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Articles due 5th of preceding month. E-mail articles to Menorah@bisrael.com. Questions? Call 201-768-9661.

TEMPLE OFFICERS 2015-2016

Refer to www.bisrael.com for officer e-mails.

President	Nancy Passow
Immediate Past President	Jamie Kreiman
Vice Presidents	Bruce Kasper Linda Spatz
Financial Secretary	Peter Reiff
Treasurer	Jeff Siegel
Recording Secretary	Fred Pierce
Corresponding Secretary	Deborah Shapiro
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Coordinator	Jodi Paulen
Education Co-Chairs	Lori Cohen Emily Perlman Karen Tenzer
Ritual Co-Chairs	Audrey Bida Judy Schoenfeld Jay Weinstein
Membership Chair	Joyce Schreiber
The Menorah Editor	Ellen Michelson
House & Grounds	Scott Hayden Peter Silver
Facilities Co-Chairs	Renee Kuperinsky Warren Kuperinsky
Ways & Means Co-Chairs	Joseph Rosenthal Meryl Rosenthal
Men's Club Co-Presidents	Dave Bloom David Gordon
Sisterhood Co-Presidents	Beth Liepmann Joan Zelman
Trustees	Meryl Kutzin Gary Schwinder David Spatz Naomi Weinberg

To contact Board members go to www.bisrael.com



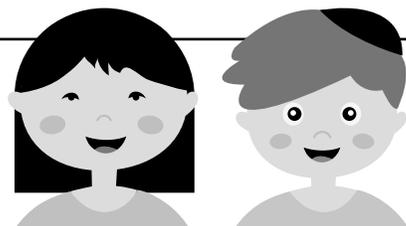
Please "LIKE" us on FACEBOOK.

Search on FACEBOOK for Congregation B'nai Israel, Emerson. Keep up to date on all the events and news of our shul!

The Principal's Pen

by Karen Weiss, Principal

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



Shalom from the Education Committee! We hope you enjoyed our very special Chanukah program, "A Confused Chanukah," as well as the donuts and cookies that followed. We also hope that you were able to shop and support CBI at the book fair. Thanks to all who helped with setting up, breaking down, and, of course, with shopping! Every penny earned from fundraisers like the book fair goes toward improving your child's CBI educational experience. Your support helps to bring special assemblies, to purchase new books, and to provide treats for holiday celebrations. And please know that we work

to ensure that every dollar earned is stretched to its fullest capacity. We will have another fundraiser in the spring - a Passover chocolate sale, and we hope you will participate in that fundraiser as well.

One lesson that we strive to impart at CBI is that Chanukah is not all about getting gifts. For several years now, we have been lucky to have Jill Hayden lead us in a Give/Get program. This year was no exception. On

December 20 we came together as a community to give a little love. Of course, when you give, you get too, and we got the opportunity to light the candles together, sing songs, and munch on delicious latkes! We'd like to give thanks to Jill for spearheading this important program.

Compared with the bustle of December, January is a quiet month for our Hebrew School, but there are still many opportunities for learning, such as the learning service on **January 7**. This service is the perfect opportunity for you and your children to enjoy Shabbat at CBI. We encourage you to come with the whole family as there is a service for every age, and a pizza and ice cream lunch after services. Of course, attending this service will help your children fulfill their requirement for attending Shabbat services over the course of the year. We hope to see you there.

Looking forward to seeing you in the Hebrew School wing!



Our Hebrew School students selected dreidels from this board to provide gifts for needy children of all ages as part of the Chanukah Give and Get program.

SISTERS IN THE HOOD

by Beth Liepmann & Joan Zelman, Sisterhood Co-Chairs

Hope everyone enjoyed their Chanukah Holiday. It is already 2017 – how did the time fly by so fast? We are having our annual Center for Hope and Safety (formerly called Shelter Our Sisters) cooking event on **Sunday, January 8th**.



We hope you can help with the shopping, cooking, or delivering of the meals to women who need our help. Look for the announcement in the Menorah as well as an e-mail for the event. Other programs are in the works.

Until next month...

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 **on Sunday, January 8, 2017** from **1pm-4pm** or help out another way (see below)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail (required): _____

I can (check all that apply)

- Shop for ingredients, and deliver to CBI on January 6th by 11am
- Prepare a salad, side dish or dessert at home and bring to CBI on January 8, by 11am
- Please specify _____
- Chop, stir, cook and kibitz from 1pm to 4pm on January 8th
- Help deliver the meal to Hope and Safety in Teaneck between 4:30pm and 5:30pm on January 8th

Are you available to drive? _____

Help pay for the meal by writing a check to Sisterhood Congregation B'nai Israel

Contributions \$ _____

Call or e-mail responses and questions to

Joan Zelman (201-265-0367) or email joan.zelman@bisrael.com
Beth Liepmann (201-666-3576) or email beth.liepmann@bisrael.com

RITUAL

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



Happy Secular New Year to all!
It is throughout our Rosh HaShanah/ Yom Kippur holidays, and again at this time of year, that we take meaningful time to reflect and make resolutions to improve ourselves - perhaps by either doing more good, or by behaving differently in some way...how we both act, and react, to events that we encounter in life can sometimes have long lasting effects. Join us on **Saturday, January 7**, for our “Many Ages and Stages” Shabbat, to discuss what the Torah reveals about the ability to forgive painful actions. Cantor Lenny will lead this Learning Service in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. with the

Dalet/Hey class and their families as we discuss this stirring Parashat. Please remember that this service is compulsory for both Dalet and Hey students and their families, and that we, as always, invite all the membership to participate. That same morning, the 8-11 Club will greet Aleph through Gimmel students, along with their families and friends, to share Prayers and Torah Study in the Hebrew School Wing from 10:30 am-11:30 am. Our Young Family Service will meet in the Library from 10:30 am -11:30 am welcoming families with children age 7 and under to enjoy Shabbat together with songs, prayers, and stories. We invite everyone to meet for an extended Kiddush of pizza, salads, ice-cream, and cookies after services. Please be sure to let us know if you will be part of the services and

Kiddush so we have adequate supplies, and food for all – just notify Ritual@bisrael.com.

On **Friday evening, January 13**, at 7:30 pm, Cantor Lenny will lead us in another beautiful and moving Freedom Shabbat service commemorating the lives of two exemplary men, Reverend Martin Luther King and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heshel, as we continue to strive to achieve equality for all.

Shabbat **Morning, January 14**, from 10:00 am – 11:00 am, we have the opportunity to share our services with the residents of the River Vale Home for Assisted Living (685 Westwood Avenue, River Vale, NJ) We call this service, “Share and Care” because it brings so much happiness to the residents, and also sparks a special warmth within the CBI participants as we extend ourselves to others. The children bring such joy to all the participants as they help recite the Shabbat morning prayers, and interact with the residents during the lovely Kiddush the Home provides.

On **Erev Shabbat, January 20**, join the Bet class at 7:30 pm as they and their families eagerly await receiving their B'nai Mitzvah dates during services. Also, looking ahead, an **Erev Shabbat services on February 10** will again start at 7:30 pm, and will be led by the Gimmel Class. Come share the pride we and the Gimmel families feel as these students demonstrate how beautifully they have learned the Erev Shabbat Service.

We will leave you with the words of a familiar song... “The more we get together, the happier we’ll be...”

See you in Shul!

GREETINGS FROM THE CBI MEN’S CLUB

by Dave Bloom & David Gordon, Men’s Club Co-Chairs

Thanks to everyone that helped put the ‘Nu?’ back in Chanukah by joining us at this year’s Chanukkah party, especially Warren Kuperinsky, chef extraordinaire, without whom it would have been a “Nu? You expect me to eat that?” party. The dreidels were spinning, the meidels were singing, and the latkes were enjoyed by everyone but Deng Xiaoping. (Didn’t see that coming did you?)

Expired communists aside, come join us **Thursday, January 19th @ 7:30 pm** for that most capitalist of events, Poker Night! \$20 buys you a place at the table with half the proceeds going to the winners, the other half toward funding CBI activities. No experience necessary – in fact, no experience is preferred – and there will be plenty of snacks and drinks on hand as you play your hand.

For more information, to join or volunteer, contact David & Dave at mensclub.chair@bisrael.com



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

In this cold winter season, we give a warm welcome to our newest members:

Craig and Norah Rose from Hillsdale, and their three children, May (age 9), Benjamin (age 6), and Alayna (age 7 weeks). Rabbi Orenstein recently presided over Alayna’s joyous baby naming.



FOCUS ON ISRAEL

POLITICS AND ECONOMICS

This is being written on the birthday of Gary Becker (1930-2014) an American Professor who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1992, as well as the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2007. His life's work was all about applying economics to social issues. Though he dealt with many social issues over the course of his lifetime, the subjects of both the effects of discrimination, and the economics of politics, is why he is being mentioned in an article focusing on Israel.

France recently announced that it will implement the European Union's 2015 regulation requiring goods produced by Jewish businesses in the Golan Heights, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem to be labeled as such rather than "made in Israel". France is now the first country to do so. There are many territorial disputes throughout the world where products are manufactured and

exported, but the EU has chosen to single out Israel, once again showing their bigoted treatment of Jews. The French have a long history of anti-Semitism but this not only discriminates against Jews, it also hurts the many Druze and Palestinians who work for the Jewish owned companies which have become microcosms of a world of peace and cooperation.

Professor Becker would have had a field day with explaining human behavior and the motivating factors of the economic trend of exhibiting differential action toward Israel. He believed that economic policies were tools for achieving one's worldview and here we see the EU's politicians legislating the way discrimination manifests itself.

Perhaps instead of lifting a glass of Bordeaux to "*Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité*" we say "*L'chaim*" with a Golan Heights Syrah from the Tel Phares vineyard.

Interfaith Outreach

As President-Elect Trump begins to define his Cabinet choices and his policies for the next four years, there has been much written about how to react if his campaign promise to register Muslims is enacted. A number of religious organizations have come out protesting this idea, and that includes Christian and Jewish groups. Below are links to two websites – one details a recent 'Stand Up For The Other' rally held at Rutgers, and the other contains a petition presented by 'ALEPH – Alliance for Jewish Renewal' that can be signed to protest any actions of this nature.
<http://njewishnews.com/article/32510/students-and-faith-groups-pledge-to-stand-up-for-the-other#.WD302vkrI2w>
<https://www.change.org/p/donald-trump-thwarting-threatened-registration-of-muslims-with-u-s-government>

ADL CHAIR: IF TRUMP REGISTERS MUSLIMS, I'LL SIGN UP

Addressing reports that Donald Trump's transition team is considering creating a registry of Muslims in the United States, ADL chief Jonathan Greenblatt pledges that he would sign up as a Muslim.

Speaking at the opening of the Anti-Defamation League's conference on anti-Semitism in New York, Greenblatt mentions the apocryphal story about the king of Denmark promising to wear a yellow star if it would be required of the Scandinavian country's Jews.

"As Jews, we know what it means to be registered, or targeted, held out as different from our fellow citizens," Greenblatt says. "We as Jews know the right and just response. I pledge to you right here and now, because I'm committed to the fight against anti-Semitism, if one day American Muslims will be forced to register their identity, that is the day this proud Jew will register as a Muslim."

November 17, 2016, The Times of Israel



Our next event with Peace Islands will be held on **Sunday, March 19 at 2 pm**, when we will gather in the back of the sanctuary to view, and discuss, the documentary film '**BESA – The Promise**'. This film weaves together a story of WWII through the journey of two men. One is Norman Gershman, a renowned Jewish-American photographer determined to document first person accounts of the Albanian Muslims who rescued Jews during the Holocaust. The other is Rexhep Hoxha, a Muslim Albanian, who must fulfill the promise made to a Jewish family his father rescued during the Holocaust, and return to them a set of Hebrew books they had to leave behind.

Ellen Michelson

SAC EXCHANGE

by Judy Newell,
Renee Kuperinsky, Chair Emeritus

The Social Action Committee led a Toiletry Drive for Mitzvah Day. Through the generous contributions of many CBI members we were able to collect 6 shopping bags full of personal hygiene products to donate to the Hackensack Homeless Shelter. When the items were delivered, there was a sincere expression of appreciation for these donations by the individuals at the shelter.



FACILITIES NEWS

Facility Co-Chairs: Renee & Warren Kuperinsky

Facilities would like to take this opportunity to wish our CBI family a very Happy New Year, and to express our appreciation to all the Hebrew School families/volunteers who have pitched in since September to help set-up Sunday morning bagel breakfasts, as well as clean up afterwards. We are looking forward to meeting and working with our volunteers in the coming months. Many thanks to the Education committee co-chairs: Lori Cohen, Emily Perlman and Karen Tenzer for coordinating this effort, and to the following families as of this writing: Tenzer, Perlman, Glastein, Hayden, Berk, Babyatsky, Bloom, Breslaw, Brenner, Welter, Fischbein, Fodor, Hertzberg, B. Haber (DeMilia) and Klein families.

Also, many thanks to our dedicated "Kitchen Krew" - Arlene and Don Fultonberg, Bea Spitzer, and Robin Ingram for all your help and support on Sundays. We could not do this without our Krew and CBI community!

Any comments? We welcome your input, and if you would like to volunteer or join the "Kitchen Krew" contact us at facilities.chair@bisrael.com.

We need sponsors for Friday Oneg, Shabbat Kiddush and Sunday Minyan Breakfast for January and February.



January and February Sponsorship SALE!
Act fast, not many dates available!

**\$56.78 for ONE sponsorship
Or TWO for \$100.00**

Wow prices like this will never be seen again!

Contact Meryl.kutzin@bisrael.com to reserve your date

A BIG THANK YOU

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

Leslie Brunell	Friday	November 25	In memory of her dad
The Shapiro family	Sunday	December 17	In honor of Toby's one year Bat Mitzvah anniversary and her chanting her first Aliyot
Evan & Lauren Kutzin	Sunday	January 29	In honor of Lauren's birthday
Carol Aferiat	Sunday	January 29	In honor of Carol's birthday
Renee & Barry Schiffmann	Sunday	February 4	In honor of the Aufruf for their son, Seth's, upcoming Schiffmann's wedding to Jaime Cosloy (daughter of Steve Cosloy and Sisalee Hecht)

Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz, Rabbi Debra Orenstein's grandfather

This column is a selection from the chapter on Jerusalem in his book Reflections of a Rabbi, published in 1987. If you are interested in joining the rabbi in Jerusalem, be in touch with office@bisrael.com if your plans include a visit from January to June 2017, and be in touch with robin.pierce@bisrael.com if you are contemplating joining the CBI Inter-generational trip to Israel toward the end of June 2018 (following the school year).

IF I FORGET THEE

by Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz

Jerusalem is more than a city, more than a geographical point on a map. It is an evocation of history, of ancient faiths and of hallowed traditions. It is a word synonymous with holiness, sanctity and the human yearning for peace, for the good and for the beautiful. The Sages of the Talmud tell us: "Ten measures of beauty came down to the world. Jerusalem took for itself nine measures and the whole world took one."

During the first exile, the Children of Israel sat by the waters of Babylon and wept. They took an oath: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, may my right hand wither; may my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not hold thee, O Jerusalem, above my chiefest joy." Jews did not forget. At weddings, the moment of chiefest joy for the bride and groom, a glass is broken to remind them of the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and the need to rebuild the devastated city.

Wherever the Jew lived, he lived in holy and beautiful Jerusalem. Indeed, Jerusalem served as the spiritual home for all humankind. As Jerusalem's popular mayor observes: "Every person is a citizen of two cities – his own and Jerusalem. Regrettably, they don't all pay their taxes here."

The revered Hassidic teacher of the 18th century, Rabbi Levi Isaac of Berdichev, Poland, sent out the following invitation to his daughter's wedding: "The wedding will take place in Jerusalem, but if the Messiah will not come [by then], in Berdichev."

Jerusalem is mentioned in the Bible over 750 times. Zion, a synonym for Jerusalem, is mentioned 180 times.

Several hundred more times, Jerusalem is mentioned by terms of endearment, such as Holy City, City of David, the City of Peace, and the City of Justice. Taken all together, Jerusalem is mentioned some 2,000 times in the Bible.

Three times a day the Jew prays: "Do Thou in Thy mercy return to Thy city, Jerusalem, and do Thou dwell as Thou didst promise. Cause it to be restored for an enduring life and establish therein the ancient glory of David. Praised be Thou, O Lord, restorer of Jerusalem."

In the summer of 1956, when a delegation of the New York Board of Rabbis attended afternoon services in Odessa, Russia, Russian Jews were afraid to publicly express their love for the State of Israel or even to mention it during our conversations with them. We were wondering if they really were concerned about Israel. The cantor provided the answer when he came to this prayer.

He chanted it with unusual warmth, slowly and lovingly repeating it a number of times. He was telling us without words that for Russian Jews, as for us, Jerusalem and Israel were at the very heart of their hopes and yearnings.

When Jews pray, we face Jerusalem. In all synagogues, the Ark is situated in the direction of Jerusalem. A Jew is put to eternal rest facing Jerusalem. The great poet, Judah Halevi of 12th century Spain wrote an ode in praise of Jerusalem that expresses the sentiments of every Jew:

Would I might be wandering in the place where

God was revealed unto your seers and messengers

O, who will make me wings that I

may fly afar

And lay the ruins of my cleft heart among your broken cliffs?

I would fall, with my face upon your earth and take the light

In your stones and be tender to your dust

The life of souls is the air of your land...

In the Six Day War of June 1967, The Israel Defense Forces captured the Old City of Jerusalem, including the Temple Mount and the Western Wall. The announcement of this great historic event was made over Israeli radio through the reading of the 122nd Psalm:

"A song of ascent of David:

I was glad when they said to me,

'Let us go the House of the Lord!'

Our feet have been standing

Within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Jerusalem built as a city

That unites us together."

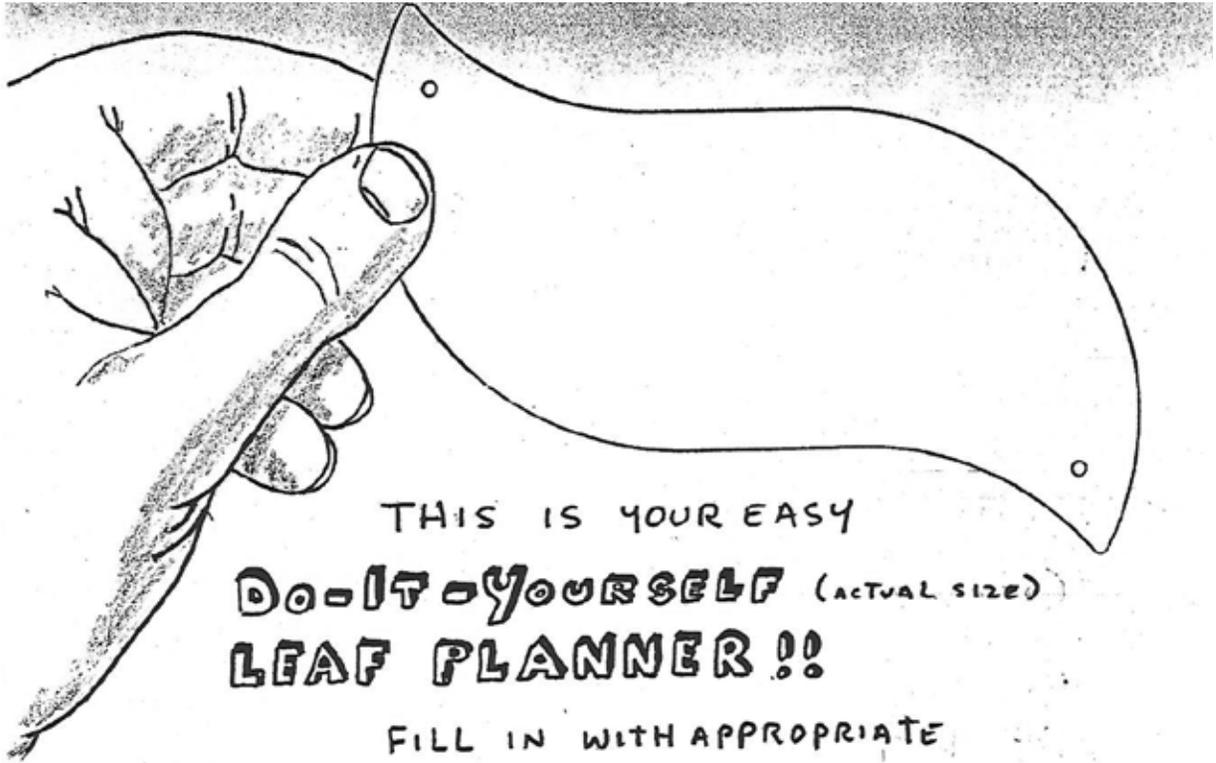
As the Jews of Israel heard this Psalm read, they wept for joy. To them it could mean only one thing: The old City was now in Israel's hands.

My family has a vested interest in Jerusalem. Our granddaughter, Aviva, was born there and my father-in-law of blessed memory, Rabbi Solomon Polacheck, has one of the Jerusalem streets named in his honor. This gives me additional reasons to visit "my city." I spent my two sabbatical there, and I visit Jerusalem whenever the opportunity presents itself.

When the opportunity does not present itself, I create the opportunity. May I recommend that you do the same?

BLASTS FROM THE PAST!

Another fun cartoon from Dan Kirschner



THIS IS YOUR EASY
Do-It-Yourself (ACTUAL SIZE)
LEAF PLANNER!!

FILL IN WITH APPROPRIATE
MESSAGE, ATTACH CHECK IN AMOUNT OF....
\$25.00 AND SEND TO:

DAN. KIRSCHNER (262-1690)
10 DOGWOOD LANE
EMERSON, N. J. 07630

SHOULD YOU WISH AN ANNOUNCE-
MENT CARD SENT CONTAINING THE ABOVE
MESSAGE - PLEASE COMPLETE THE SECTION
BELOW:

CARD SENT TO: (PLEASE PRINT!)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Ask the Clergy

[aka Dear (R)Abbi]

This month answered by Rabbi Cantor Lenny Mandel

What is the origin of the tropes used to chant the Torah and Haftorah portions? When were these developed, and how did they gain universal acceptance?

Chanting from the Torah (as well as all the other books of the Old Testament) evolved from a solely oral tradition, to a formalized system of musical notation that we now call trope (Yiddish), ta'amim (Hebrew, which translates to tastes), or musical cantillation. This system indicates both how the words were to be sung during communal reading and how the sentences were to be punctuated.

Although some say that this tradition dates back to Moses, most scholars agree that Ezra began the practice after the destruction of the first Temple (about 510 B.C.E.).

He would read portions of the Torah wherever he could gather an audience, which normally meant on Shabbat or Holy Days, but he'd also go out to the marketplace on Mondays and Thursdays (they were market days) and read aloud while everybody was there. Because of this the Torah is still chanted every Monday and Thursday in Orthodox synagogues.

Over the centuries cantillation became more uniform and by about the 9th or 10th century CE a more precise system for cantillation, and even pronunciation, was worked out. This system is made up of 28 signs, and each sign stands for a specific musical pattern or melodic motif. These signs appear above and below the Hebrew text.

The musical cantillations can differ - community to community - that is - the way a Sephardi reads Torah is very different than the way an Ashkenazi Jew does (Ashkenazi trope can also differ depending on geographies), and the purpose of the cantillation signs is to punctuate, accentuate, and phrase the text to enhance our understanding of the text.

When Rabbi Debra chants Torah, she begins with the Hebrew, explains the passage in English and then interprets (called a Midrash or drash) the text: all in cantillation. This form of reading from the Torah is in the book of Nehemiah, Chapter 8 verse 8, where we read how the Torah was read and taught: *"And they read in the book, in the Law of G-d, distinctly; and they gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading."*

GOOD AND WELFARE HELPING HANDS

The Good and Welfare Committee was established to lend a hand to anyone in our membership when needed. The Ambassadors of **The Good and Welfare Committee** have made meal deliveries and phone calls to the sick or injured, given rides to doctor appointments and temple functions, visited members at home and in the hospital, and called to offer assistance whenever needed. This committee is funded solely by generous donations, but **The Good and Welfare Fund** can also be supported by sending a G & W Fund card to any member, or non-member, for a nominal fee. If you would like to send a G & W Fund card to express your sympathies, recognize an achievement,



extend get well wishes, wish a Mazel Tov, or just to say "I'm thinking of you", contact fundcards@bisrael.com. Your Fund card information will be noted in the Menorah, and any outright donation to, or fund card sent from, G & W is tax deductible. This is always a thoughtful way to support our shul, the work of this committee, and to let someone know how meaningful the good deeds of **Good and Welfare** can be. Helping hands need help too, so please consider **The Good and Welfare Committee** the next time you want to make a donation to the shul, or if you're look for a way of helping out. Contact goodandwelfare@bisrael.com for additional information.

WHAT IS KADIMA?

Kadima is a synagogue-based, international youth program for Jewish youth in grades 6-8. It is sponsored by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and offers programs locally through affiliated congregations. The Hagalil Region offers a variety of programs for synagogue Kadima groups throughout the year.

What kind of programs does my local Kadima chapter offer?

Kadima chapters throughout NJ meet about once a month. They offer a range of social, educational, religious, athletic, and social actions programs! Some of the programs that Kadima chapters have run in the past include scavenger hunts, game nights, arts and crafts activities, chocolate seders, Jewish Jeopardy, day trips, and Israel ice cream parties.

What programs does the Hagalil Region offer?

Each year the region holds a weeklong encampment at Pearlman Camp in Lake Como, PA where Kadima age children come from all over northern and central Jersey. Encampment is everything children experience at summer sleep away camp in seven special days! The campers sleep in bunks with indoor plumbing (including showers), and have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities including sports, arts and crafts, color war, and social action programs, as well as several educational classes during the week geared to their age and interest. Kadima-led religious services are held during the day at a variety of locations and with varying emphases. Encampment has become an integral part of the summer for thousands of Kadimaniks – you definitely don't want to miss it.

Throughout the year, Hagalil offers a number of day programs and overnight Shabbatonim for Kadimaniks. Day programs are often held at children's entertainment venues or synagogues. Shabbatonim are held as congregations where they spend the weekend learning, singing, dancing, eating, and meeting new/reconnecting with old friends. Kadimaniks are hosted by congregants over night and stay in small groups based on their own requests. Experienced chaperones and committed regional staff support the Kadimaniks on their journey through the organization and often watch them grow to become the best leaders our USY region (high school equivalent) offers. These day

programs and weekends away allow Kadimaniks to relive their moments at camp, create new memories, and even jump into the action for the first time. We constantly have new members joining us and they instantly feel a part of the Hagalil Kadima family!

Our weekends together always begin with ice breakers to instantly start bonding our attendees, they participate and lead their own energy infused Friday night services (always ending hand in hand dancing around the sanctuary), laugh over delicious Shabbat dinner, learn / lead ruach (spirited singing), and learn in our specifically designed educational curriculum. Saturday consists of morning services geared towards their growth and application of their knowledge, additional learning sessions, free time to relax and play games, as well as more meals and dynamic evening programming. In the Spring, our final convention of the year is held in a hotel to celebrate our moments together and throughout the year, 8th graders are invited to specialized programming to help transition them to USY as they graduate.

How can prayer be used to enhance the experience?

As part of the Conservative Movement, Kadima engages in prayer services specially planned and geared for the participants. Services may take place outdoors; involve food, or other special treats that break the boundaries of worship. Don't let this aspect of the program seem intimidating, participants often leave conventions with a newfound love for prayer and the willingness / knowledge to lead!

My child already has so many after school activities, why should my child become involved in Kadima?

Participation in Kadima will broaden your child's outlook by allowing him/her the opportunity to make Jewish friends, not only in your neighborhood and community, but also all over New Jersey. Kadima teaches leadership skills, and will enable your child to grow and develop in a unique way, while giving him/her the opportunity to embrace and more fully understand his/her Jewish heritage. AND IT'S FUN!

How can my child join Kadima?

To join or for more information about Kadima, contact Hagalil Kadima Regional Director, Josh Ull at ull@uscj.org.

LETTERS

Dear CBI family,

Thank you so much for your kind and generous donations in memory of my mother, Sue Cohen. Our CBI family has truly supported us and helped to hold us up. This means so much to us.

Sincerely,
Tobi and Seth Breslow

Dear CBI board,

Words truly fall short in expressing our heartfelt thanks for your support, caring, friendship, and love, during this very difficult time. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in planting a tree in David's memory through the Jewish National Fund. The beautiful basket of goodies was also delicious, and satisfied many of our 'sweet teeth' during Shiva. We were truly touched by

your generous expression of sympathy.

Fondly,
Robin and Melani Wexler

To our CBI Family,

This comes to you with our heartfelt thanks for your thoughtful and delicious basket, your trees planted in Israel, your generous donations and your special visits following David's passing.

We appreciate your warmth, empathy and kindness more than you know. Thank you for all of your support during these very difficult days.

Looking forward to sharing happier times together.

Fondly,
Robin and Melani Wexler

CONDOLENCES

The Unger-Keleynerman family on the loss of Rakhil Keleynerman, Ella Kleynerman's mother

The Orenstein-Weisz family on the death of Ancie Orenstein, Rabbi Jehiel Orenstein's brother

Harvey Meer & his entire family on the loss of his mother Rashed Meer

Lori Yoselow & her entire family on the loss of her father Ronald Crowne

Richard Samuels and family on the passing of his father, Stuart George Samuels

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 18th!

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 No Hebrew School 1	2	4pm Hebrew School 3	7:30pm Board meeting 4	5	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 6	10am Shabbat morning service 10:30am 8-11 service 10:30am Young Family Service Parsha Vayigash 7
9am Minyan & Bagel Breakfast 9am Hebrew School 1pm Sisterhood cooking for Center for Hope and Safety 8	9	4pm Hebrew School 10	11	12	7:30pm Freedom Erev Shabbat Service 13	10am Share & Care Shabbat Service at JHAL Parsha Vayechi 14
9am Minyan & Bagels No Hebrew School 15	16	4pm Hebrew School 17	18	7:30pm Men's Club Poker 19	7:30pm Bet Class Erev Shabbat service 20	10am Shabbat morning service Parsha Shemot 21
9am Minyan & Bagel Breakfast 9am Hebrew School 9am Kehillah for 6th graders (Dalet) 22	23	4pm Hebrew School 24	25	26	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 27	10am Shabbat morning service Parsha Vaera 28
9am Minyan & Bagel Breakfast 9am Hebrew School 9:30am Bagel Bkfst sponsored by Evan & Lauren Kutzin & Carol Aferiat 9:30am HS Parents' Meeting 29	30	4pm Hebrew School 31				

FEBRUARY 2017

Candle Lighting Times: **3:** 4:58 **10:** 5:07 **17:** 5:15 **24:** 5:24

Shevat-Adar I 5777

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			7:30pm Board meeting 1	2	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 3	10am Hey Class Shabbat morning serv. 10:30am 8-11 service 10:30am Young Family Service Kiddush sponsored by Renee and Barry Schiffmann Parsha Bo 4
9am Minyan & Bagel Breakfast 9am Hebrew School 5	6	4pm Hebrew School 7	8	9	7:30pm Gimmel Class Erev Shabbat services 10	10am Share & Care Shabbat Service at JHAL 6:30pm Sweet Tastes of Torah Parsha Beshalach 11
9am Minyan & Bagel Breakfast 9am Hebrew School 12	13	4pm Hebrew School 14	15	16	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 17	10am Shabbat morning service Parsha Yitro 18
9am Minyan & Bagel Breakfast No Hebrew School 19	20	No Hebrew School 21	22	23	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 24	10am Bet Class Shabbat morning service Parsha Mishpatim 25
9am Minyan & Bagel Breakfast 9am Hebrew School 9:30am Bagel breakfast sponsored by the Van Gyzen family 26	27	4pm Hebrew School 28				

FUNDS

The following families contributed to the dinners sent to the Lazarus family, and to the Siddur dedicated in memory of Marcy from your friends at CBI

David and Linda Spatz
 Ellen and Dave Michelson
 Hanna Wechsler
 Judy and Bernie Schoenfeld
 Dave and Debbie Bloom
 Meryl and Larry Kutzin
 Rich and Amy Kargaurer
 Bruce and Ellen Sonkin
 David and Cathy Gordon
 Nancy and Mike Passow
 Sheryl and Dave Silver
 Fred and Robin Pierce
 Don and Fern Segal
 Jill Blum
 Jamie Kreiman
 Allen and Sharon Neuhaus
 Jackie and Allan Millstein
 Joyce and Ed Schreiber
 Gary and Idelle Schwinder
 Rabbi Orenstein and Craig Weisz

ETERNAL LIGHT FUND

TO: Harvey Meer & family
 Condolences on the passing of your beloved mother, Rashel Meer
 FROM: Joan & Steven Zelman, Marie Shust, Allen & Sharon Neuhaus

TO: Robin & Melani Wexler
 Condolences on the passing of your beloved husband & father, David Wexler
 FROM: Naomi & Bruce Weinberg, Phyllis & Bernard Weinberger, Hanna Wechsler, Lee & Barbara Mauriber

TO: Barbara Morris
 Condolences on the passing of your mother
 FROM: Linda & Marvin Rosengart

TO: Bill Lazarus & family
 Condolences on the passing of your beloved, Marcy Lazarus
 FROM: Linda & Marvin Rosengart

TO: Jean Rosenblum & family
 Condolences on the passing of your beloved Sandy Rosenblum
 FROM: Wally & Alice Krieger

TO: Richard Blumenthal & family
 Condolences on the passing of your beloved father
 FROM: Allen & Sharon Neuhaus

BERNICE'S KITCHEN FUND

TO: Robin & Melani Wexler
 Condolences on the passing of your beloved husband & father, David Wexler
 FROM: Beth & George Liepmann

GOOD & WELFARE FUND

TO: Harvey Meer & family
 Condolences on the passing of your beloved mother, Rashel Meer
 FROM: Meryl & Larry Kutzin, Susan & Marty Casper

TO: Lori Yoselow & family
 Condolences on the passing of your beloved father, Ronald Crowne
 FROM: Joan & Steven Zelman, Jayne Rubinfeld & Richard Waldron,

TO: Robin & Melani Wexler
 Condolences on the passing of your beloved husband & father, David Wexler
 FROM: David & Sheryl Silver, Ellen and Dave Michelson

TO: Scott & Jill Hayden
 Mazel Tov on Harlee's Bat Mitzvah
 FROM: Ellen & David Michelson

TO: Jared Kutzin
 Mazel Tov for being selected to the Society for Simulation in Healthcare Board of Directors Inaugural Group of Fellows for the new SSH Academy
 FROM: Mom & Dad

TO: Idelle & Gary Schwinder
 Congratulations on the marriage of Eric to Amanda
 FROM: Ellen & Bruce Sonkin, Ellen and Dave Michelson

TO: Don & Arlene Fultonberg
 Wishing you all the best in your new home
 FROM: Ellen & David Michelson

TO: Bruce Sonkin
 Wishing you a complete and speedy recovery
 FROM: David & Ellen Michelson

GENERAL FUND

TO: Harvey Meer & family
 Condolences on the passing of your beloved mother, Rashel Meer
 FROM: Jayne Rubinfeld & Richard Waldron

GET WELL FUND

TO: Jayne Rubinfeld
 Wishing you a speedy recovery
 FROM: Steven & Joan Zelman

RABBI ORENSTEIN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

TO: Fern & Donald Segal
 In honor of your grandson Jacob's Bar Mitzvah
 FROM: Sherrie & Jerrold Ratner

YAHARZEIT DONATIONS

Steven Zelman in loving memory of Sylvia Zelman
 Laura Richman in loving memory of Betty Richman
 Phyllis Kirschner in loving memory of Herman Kirschner
 Don & Fern Segal in loving memory of Moe Segal
 Barbara Glueck in loving memory of Celia Echtman
 Edward & Sheila Faerber in loving memory of Samuel R. Krakow
 Marilyn & David Weinstein in loving memory of Yetta Weinstein
 Les & Donna Kaufman in loving memory of Moses Kaufman
 Walter Krieger in loving memory of Irving Krieger
 Frances & Bernard Silverberg in loving memory of Joseph Kuklin
 Frances & Bernard Silverberg in loving memory of Henry Silverberg
 Pam & Robert Zisner have made a Yiskor Donation in memory of their deceased relatives
 Muriel Zirkin has made a Yiskor Donation in memory of her deceased relatives



SIDDUR DEDICATION

A Siddur was dedicated in loving memory of David Michael Wexler by Sharon and Allen Neuhaus.

Mazel Tov

Gary and Idelle Schwinder on the recent marriage of their son Eric to Amanda

Don and Arlene Fultonberg on moving to their new home

Jodi Siegel on her dance performance benefitting Oasis: A Haven for Women



Get Well Soon!

Bruce Sonkin
 Cherry Clarke
 Phyllis Kirschner

Daniel Schreiber
 Joyce Schreiber
 Warren Kuperinsky

FEBRUARY YAHRZEITS

Louise Harriet Kaplan	3 Tevet	01/01/17
Irving J Kratchman	3 Tevet	01/01/17
Adam Jonathan Braverman	4 Tevet	01/02/17
Hadassah Eckstein	5 Tevet	01/03/17
Mordechai Kleiner	6 Tevet	01/04/17
Mordechai Zahavi	6 Tevet	01/04/17
Helen S. Lanceit	7 Tevet	01/05/17
Robert Kargauer	8 Tevet	01/06/17
Emil Eben	9 Tevet	01/07/17
Meyer Federman	9 Tevet	01/07/17
Lawrence S Greenberg	9 Tevet	01/07/17
Isidore Parnes	9 Tevet	01/07/17
Joseph Simkins	9 Tevet	01/07/17
Morris Cohen	11 Tevet	01/09/17
Judith Kuklin	11 Tevet	01/09/17
Sophia Ross	11 Tevet	01/09/17
Seymour "Cy" Blank	12 Tevet	01/10/17
Shirley Greenblatt	12 Tevet	01/10/17
Edward Nelkin	12 Tevet	01/10/17
Milton Cohen	13 Tevet	01/11/17
Irma Fultonberg	13 Tevet	01/11/17
Michael R. Nanus	13 Tevet	01/11/17
Mary Wigotsky	13 Tevet	01/11/17
Edgar Seymour Zorn	15 Tevet	01/13/17
Lena Silverberg	16 Tevet	01/14/17
Louis Jaffe	17 Tevet	01/15/17
Aron Garth Abrams	18 Tevet	01/16/17
Max L Tauber	18 Tevet	01/16/17
Rose Weitzman	18 Tevet	01/16/17
William Matuson	19 Tevet	01/17/17
Murray Hecht	20 Tevet	01/18/17
Julius Jena	21 Tevet	01/19/17
Claire Reigelhaupt	21 Tevet	01/19/17
Natalie Friedman	22 Tevet	01/20/17
Samuel Steinberg	24 Tevet	01/22/17
Robyn L. Bonadonna	24 Tevet	01/22/17
Esta Falkin	25 Tevet	01/23/17
Stanley Kater	25 Tevet	01/23/17
Samuel Schwalbe	25 Tevet	01/23/17
Ernst Brunell	27 Tevet	01/25/17
Jerome Kornfeld	27 Tevet	01/25/17
Marjorie Anne Nelkin	27 Tevet	01/25/17
Mark Terr Radin	27 Tevet	01/25/17
Kalman Sadowsky	28 Tevet	01/26/17
Bernard Fabricant	29 Tevet	01/27/17
Aaron Kihn	29 Tevet	01/27/17
Isaac Saad	1 Shevat	01/28/17
Edith Stein	1 Shevat	01/28/17
Carl Boltuch	2 Shevat	01/29/17
Pearl Ganbarg	3 Shevat	01/30/17
William Siegel	3 Shevat	01/30/17
Fred Weinberg	3 Shevat	01/30/17
Samuel Silbert	4 Shevat	01/31/17

TEMPLE SERVICES

YAHRZEIT/MEMORIAL PLAQUES

A reminder card is mailed every year prior to the yahrzeit anniversary. Plaques are displayed on the sanctuary walls.

\$240

Email Lynn Reiff at memorial.coordinator@bisrael.com

TREE OF LIFE LEAVES

Commemorate special occasions or honor someone special with a leaf displayed on our lobby walls.

\$180

Call Bob Greenblatt at 201-265-5777

SENTIMENT CARDS

We'll send a beautiful card to express your sentiments. Choose from one of the following funds:

\$10.00 minimum

Call Bruce & Ellen Sonkin at 201-358-0129 or e-mail fundcards@bisrael.com

- **FREYDA FUND** for all occasions, in memory of the good deeds of Freyda "Fran" Klein

- **ETERNAL LIGHT FUND** for memorials

- **IRVING RIEKES MEMORIAL**

- **GARDEN FUND** for all occasions.

- Funds used to maintain garden behind temple.

- **GET WELL FUND**

- **CANTOR SID DERNER BUILDING**

- FUND for all occasions. Funds used for existing building needs.

- **GOOD & WELFARE FUND**

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

- **BERNICE'S KITCHEN FUND** for all occasions, in memory of Bernice Kuperinsky. Funds used for kitchen equipment.

- **THE RABBI JEHIEL ORENSTEIN EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT FUND**

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

- **RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND**

- Contributions made will benefit organizations, members, causes, and/or purchases at the discretion of the Rabbi

- **CANTOR DISCRETIONARY FUND**

- Contributions made will benefit organizations, members, causes, and/or purchases at the discretion of the Cantor

PRAYER BOOK FUND

Book plate dedications for all occasions.

Contact Barry Bluestein at 201-782-0969

JUDAICA GIFT SHOP

Located in the temple lobby.

Contact Meryl Kutzin at meryl.kutzin@bisrael.com

SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS

A major fundraiser that can be used at any Fairway, Shop Rite, Stop and Shop. Temple earns \$5 on every \$100 gift card.

May be purchased in \$50 increments.

Contact Idelle Schwinder at 201-265-7281

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Let your neighbors know about our shul.

Contact Joyce Schreiber at membership.chair@bisrael.com

FACILITIES RENTAL

Available for private parties

Contact for rates at facilities.chair@bisrael.com

MENORAH NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

For rates email Ellen Michelson menorah@bisrael.com

SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsor a Kiddush, an Oneg Shabbat, or Sunday bagel breakfast.

Contact Meryl Kutzin at meryl.kutzin@bisrael.com

MENORAH PATRONS

Harold & Judith Abrams,
Emerson
Elyse & Leonard Asch, Closter
Shelly, Richard, Marisa, & Elana
Birnbaum, Harrington Park
The Bluestein Family,
River Vale
Stephen Brody, Susan Hertzberg,
Michelle, & Derek, Haworth
Shirley Cook, Hackensack
Joan, Gus Eben and Family,
Emerson
Sheila & Ed Faerber, Emerson
Arlene Feinman, Cary, NC
Tracy, Peter, Peri and Julia
Ganbarg, Hillsdale
Nancy Kihn & Reed Glassman,
West New York
Sonia Glazer, San Diego, CA

Bob, Bonnie, Michelle &
Stephanie Greenblatt,
Emerson
Stanley & Marilyn Halprin,
Closter
Gertrude Hecht, New Milford
Ruth & Peter Hirschel, Haworth
Vivian Holzer & Mitchell
Ignatoff, Harrington Park
Belinda, Gillian, Andrew, &
Glenn Howard, Emerson
Francine, Sandy & Stephanie
Kaplan, Westwood
Les & Donna Kaufman,
Emerson
Ken & Connie Klein, Norwood
Bill, Marcy, Steven, & Allison
Lazarus, Boynton Beach, FL

Irwin & Vivienne Levenson,
River Vale
Beth, George, Jonathan, and
Neil Liepmann
David Meinhard & Ellen Breger,
Woodcliff Lake
Robert, Lisa, Alex & Spencer
Mendelson, Hillsdale
Allan, Jackie, Lisa & Zach
Millstein, Emerson
Sharon and Allen Neuhaus,
Woodland Park
Victoria Sonshine Pasher,
Hillsdale
Martin and Susan Pelavin,
Woodcliff Lake
The Passow Family, Englewood
The Pierce Family, Demarest

Ellen, Marcel, Wendy and Adam
Plaut, Washington Township
Lynn & Peter Reiff, River Vale
Robin & Maurice Rosenberg,
Lake Worth, FL
Shelly, Marc, Allison & Gregory
Saperstein, Alpine
Bernard, Judy, Melissa
Jocelyn, & Jeffrey
Schoenfeld, Emerson
Idelle, Gary, Eric, & Meredith
Schwinder, Emerson
Fern & Don Segal & Family,
Emerson
David, Sheryl, Ben & Matt
Silver, Paramus
Roberta, Martin Simon and
Family, Emerson

Bruce & Ellen Sonkin,
Washington Township
Gail, Michael & Rachel Starr,
River Vale
Harriette & Seymour Turk,
Emerson
Hanna Wechsler, Woodland Park
Phyllis and Bernard
Weinberger, Boynton Beach, FL
The Zamkoff Family, Upper
Gynedd, PA
Joan, Steven & Marcia Zelman,
Oradell
Robert & Pamela Zisner, Emerson

If you would like to become a
Menorah Patron, please e-mail
the editors at menorah@
bisrael.com



Elite Associates
Hanna Wechsler
Sales Associate
Committed to Excellence and Results.



305 W Grand, Suite 100
Montvale, New Jersey 07645
Office: (201) 476-0777
Fax: (201) 476-0888
Cell: (201) 925-4860
handhwech@aol.com



Each Office Independently Owned and Operated



SHERYL SILVER
Sales Associate

(201) 445-9400 EXT 153 BUSINESS
(201) 638-3775 CELL
(862) 345-2416 EFAX
Sheryl.Silver@cbmoves.com




COLDWELL BANKER

RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE
44 Franklin Ave, Suite 4
Ridgewood, NJ 07450
www.SherylSilver.net

Operated by a subsidiary of NRT LLC.

George is now in Nanuet!

George Liepmann
Sales Counselor
CELL 201-835-6465



P.C. RICHARD & SON
"THE APPLIANCE • ELECTRONICS • MATTRESS GIANT!"

845-623-1083
FAX: 631-843-8067
Email: str067ofm@PCRichard.com

293 W. Route 59
Nanuet, NY 10954

Richard IS Reliable Est.1909



Write for You
IN NEW JERSEY

freelance business and technical writing

Nancy Passow

296 Central Avenue
Englewood, NJ 07631
Tel./Fax. 201-541-9702
Cell. 201-362-3404
Email. nancy@write4unj.com

www.write4unj.com



MARILYN AMDUR
Broker Sales Associate

(201) 767-0550 OFFICE
(201) 803-7327 CELL
(201) 767-8246 RES.
(862) 345-2022 FAX
Mamdur@coldwellbankermoves.com




COLDWELL BANKER

RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE
15 Ver Valen St
Closter, NJ 07624

Operated by a subsidiary of NRT LLC.

www.marilynamdur.com

For generations, we've
made family, community
and tradition our promise to you.

GUTTERMAN AND MUSICANT
JEWISH FUNERAL DIRECTORS

WIEN & WIEN INC.
MEMORIAL CHAPELS

Alan L. Musicant, Mgr. N.J.Lic.No. 2890

Irving Kleinberg, N.J. Lic. No. 2517 Martin D. Kasdan, N.J. Lic. No. 4482

Ronald Bloom N.J.Lic.No.4545 Advanced Planning Director

1-800-522-0588 Fax: 201-489-2392 1-800-322-0533

402 Park Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601
Serving all of Florida
www.GuttermanMusicantWien.com




Congregation B'nai Israel
P.O. Box 345
Emerson, New Jersey 07630-1935

Change Service Requested

NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
PARAMUS, NJ
PERMIT NO. 250

Stacie Mandel
Independent Camp Specialist

FREE CAMP REFERRAL SERVICE

LIKE us on Facebook



The smart way to
choose the right camp.™

stacie@campspecialists.com
www.campspecialists.com

201-978-0930
800-443-6428

Printed Creations

A SHOP AT HOME SERVICE FOR:

- Invitations (Wedding, Bar/Bat Mitzvah)
- Birth Announcements
- Personalized Stationary For All Ages
- Gift Enclosures
- Personalized Holiday Cards

ALL ITEMS AT DISCOUNT PRICES

*Mention This Ad and Congregation B'Nai Israel's Sisterhood
Will Get a Donation Equal to 10% of Your Purchase*

BETH LIEPMANN 201-666-3576

ALLAN L. MILLSTEIN, CPA, LLC
TAX ACCOUNTANTS & CONSULTANTS

1172 East Ridgewood Avenue, Suite 6
Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450
Tel: (845) 294-6906
Fax: (845) 294-6280
E-mail: allan@millsteinco.com

Allan L. Millstein, CPA

TAX PREPARATION • TAX PLANNING • ACCOUNTING • AUDITING



Florence Lipson
Travel Advisor

phone: 201.847.2213
toll free: 800.299.0268
fax: 201.847.0102
email: flipson@dt.com

95 North State Rte. 17
Suite 105
Paramus, NJ 07652

An Independent Affiliate of Direct Travel

YOUR AD HERE!

YOUR AD HERE!