

THE Menorah

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A Message From Our Rabbi

by Rabbi Debra Orenstein

UNRESOLVED RESOLUTIONS

A year ago at this time, I was headed to Jerusalem for a six month Sabbatical. The experience was one of the most precious of my life – as a Jew, as a rabbi, as a mom, and as a wife. I studied with two extraordinary teachers regularly, and I attended dozens of lectures and tours. I had a date with Craig every single week. (Since our return, we have hardly had any; we'll get to it, honey.) I marveled and coached as my children adapted to Israeli schools, full days in Hebrew, new friends, new teachers, new subjects, new (to them) cousins, lots of travel around the State, and – to say the least – a new neighborhood. Most of all, I soaked up the atmosphere of Israel and was open to surprises.



I went to countless places I had not been before: Kibbutz Kinneret Archives, DeKarina Chocolate Factory, Museum of the Arava, Mazkeret Batya, and many more. I met with dozens of relatives whom I hadn't seen since childhood, and got to know about 15 of them more deeply. Through coincidence and Jewish geography, I reunited with my best friend from 4th grade, an Israeli exchange student whom I had not seen in over 40 years.

Craig and I spent time with Christian and Muslim Palestinians in Bethlehem, Ultra-Orthodox Jews in Rehovot, and Mormons in Jerusalem. During the Passover vacation, we traveled the entire country as a family – from the heights of Mt. Hermon to the depths

of the Dead Sea, from Rosh Hanikra in the north to Eilat in the south - and so many places in between. A few of my favorite discoveries – including Beit Guvrin, Yad Lakashish, and Hatzalah Headquarters – are on our itinerary for our upcoming trip to Israel!

I can't wait to go back, and I hope to take as many of you as possible with me to see this amazing country. If you are interested in our CBI Family & Friends trip to Israel this summer, please contact Robin Pierce at robin.pierce@bisrael.com as soon as possible, so she can fill you in on all the details and opportunities.

When I was headed to Jerusalem a year ago, I had certain intentions, goals, and dreams. Let's call them - for want of a better word at this time of year - resolutions. I wanted to study Talmud, to refresh my Hebrew and speak like a native Israeli, to walk or exercise daily, to write most or all of a book draft on Positive Religion, to enlist 30 more Passover Partner organizations to help free slaves, to spend lots of time with my family, to get to know Jerusalem like the back of my hand, and to see the entire country.

Well, let's see...

I didn't study Talmud, because none of the classes at my yeshiva of choice met while my kids were in school. Instead I studied Bible with two of the best minds in the field: Aviva Zorenberg and Mordecai Sabato.

My Hebrew didn't improve very much, because I wanted to include Craig in conversation, and he is not fluent. My children also craved English after a long day at school.

I enlisted 20 more Passover Partners, not 30.

I walked and exercised more than I do here, but less than I meant to.

I wrote a chapter, not a book.

Craig did most of the navigating when we were together, so I don't know Jerusalem like the back of my hand.

As to seeing the whole country, I saw a great deal and can better fathom how much history, beauty, and controversy there is per square inch in our Holy Land. There is too much to cover even, perhaps, in a lifetime of living there.

Why do I tell you all this? It's not just nostalgia or true confessions. I am reporting on all my partial successes to send a spiritual message: Partial success is not failure; it's the norm.

If our resolutions are right-sized, then we don't usually meet them – at least not at the first go. A dream and vision has to be big enough to draw us forward. We can complete tasks on a “to do” list easily enough. But resolutions? Life goals? It will take many months or years and a lot of renewed discipline (plus occasional backsliding) to get there.

Sometimes, with grace, we can easily achieve what may initially seem

CANTOR'S CORNER

by Cantor Lenny Mandel

January 2018, it's hard to believe that it's only another 28 ¾ years 'till my 100th birthday B"H (Be'ezrat HaShem-with God's Help).



Trust me, that when I get close (staying REAL positive here), I'll be adding years to my possible timeline here on this Earth.

When Deb Mazon's dad passed away at 93, she said: "He had a great run." "When you're 60, 93 seems like a good run." I replied, "but when you're 92, 93 isn't that great of a run."

Whatever your run happens to be I hope that you leave the positive energy and the positive values as a legacy I'dor va dor from generation to generation. I hope you leave a legacy of forgiveness and reconciliation, because those will enhance the relationships of the generations yet to come.

Fights and animosity fester and become wounds that will never heal. The Hatfields and The McCoys, are two American Appalachian mountaineer families who, with their "kinfolk" and neighbors, engaged in a legendary feud for decades and nobody really knows how it started.

It's time to sit down, get it all out, say whatever you think needs to be said, and move forward. There's enough B.S. in this world driving families apart, we need to pull it all together.

So as you pick up the first Menorah of the secular New Year and read this column, think!! Is there any situation that I can try to remedy? From whom do I have to ask

forgiveness (yup, just like Yom Kippur), and how do I go about letting them know how much I mean that (and that means asking for forgiveness even though you may feel that it should be the other way around)?

Ironically, I'm in that exact position as I write this column, but I'm weighing all the options, and waiting for the moment that feels right. I won't ask him for forgiveness, but I'll open the door for conversation.

To reiterate a quote by one of the Rabbis who ordained me - a Chasidic Rabbi, he was a man filled with knowledge, wisdom and love: "Hate is swallowing poison and waiting for the other person to die."

Well, in my eyes, forgiveness is a fabulous healer, and it heals the forgiver as much as the forgiven.

Remember, it's all perception, and perception isn't necessarily truth.

Many years ago I made the following statement to Rabbi Kiel, when there seemed to be a problem at CBI: "**We don't see things the way they are,**"

I said "**We see things the way we are.**"— He looked at me with absolute amazement in his eyes and asked: "Did you write that?"- "I

WISH," I replied. {it is attributed to Rabbi Shemuel ben Nachmani, as quoted in the Talmudic tractate Berakhot (55b)}.

As I said many years ago—"Looking in the rear view mirror won't get you to your destination," so stop looking at the past, it's not going to change, but you can certainly try to make the future one of love, trust and understanding.

HAPPY, HEALTHY, SWEET, PROSPEROUS and PEACEFUL NEW YEAR!!



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The President's Pen

by Barry Bluestein, President

Happy New Year everyone, and can it really be 2018 already?? I haven't even stopped writing 2016 on my 2017 checks and now I have to remember it's 2018, Oy!! Since the year ends in 18 - "Chai"- let's hope that this symbolically represents a year of good "luck" and a good "life" for all our Temple members and their families. As I glance at the January CBI calendar of events there are already so many scheduled activities as to get the New Year going. We celebrate Renee Alessi's Bat Mitzvah on **January 6th**, and Jessica Maron's Bat Mitzvah on **January 27th**. CBI hosts a Shalom Baby event on **January 7th** - this is a great way for young families to preview our wonderful congregation, so please invite your friends and family with children from newborns through age 3 years old to attend that day. There is also another incredible Freedom Shabbat service scheduled for Friday, **January 12th**, where we will worship along with other religious communities in celebration of the lives and works of both Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel.



This month I will begin to hold a series of Town Hall meetings to gain more insight into how our members believe CBI is meeting their expectations, and learn where we may need improvement. No fighting, kicking, screaming, scratching, or violence of any

kind will be allowed at these meetings, but I encourage robust and energetic discussions nonetheless! A sincere thank you to our CBI members who so graciously volunteered to host these events. If you have not yet signed up, there may still be opportunities to participate in one of these meetings, so please reach out to me if you're interested.

As we begin the New Year there will also be lots of meaningful initiatives at CBI for our members to become involved with. Our indomitable Membership Chair, Joyce Schreiber, is seeking assistance to help her with a whole host of strategic and tactical programs. These include acquisition ideas, development of a more robust membership directory, and retention efforts that seek to keep our existing members both engaged, and feeling good about being part of the CBI community. Dave Bloom can use someone with technology experience to help maintain and upgrade the CBI website, as well as develop and implement a social media strategy for the Temple. On **January 7th**, after Minyan, a meeting will take place about creating a more structured approach to youth programs for our Hebrew School, as well as our post B'nai Mitzvah, kids. Anyone with ideas, or just interested in this effort, is welcome to attend.

To conclude, whatever your New Year Resolutions may be, I hope that 2018 brings everyone in our CBI community peace, happiness, and good health.

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daunting or even impossible. Sometimes, it takes persistence, even doggedness. Sometimes, we have to fail first and learn how to succeed from our failures. Most often, a complex resolution (in contradistinction to a mere task) involves a combination of all these patterns. The expectation that we should do it right and do it all and do it swiftly can be a form of self-sabotage. If it's worth doing, it's worth investing in - for the long-term. You can give a worthy goal your full attention and full effort without demanding of yourself (or anyone else) a fully-realized result by an artificial deadline.

Of course, there are real deadlines in life. There are emergencies. There is a need for speed and even perfection in some endeavors. But most of life is not like that. And we fool ourselves with an either/or picture. Either we fulfill the rigid January 1 resolutions for diets and exercise regimes and finances and study programs and meditation practices and ... and... and..., or we "fail" on February 1.

People may feel angry or disappointed in themselves, but this approach lets everyone off the hook very nicely! This understanding of "success" and "failure" encourages abdication.

The Rabbis have a different idea. They encourage realistic time management: "Don't say 'when I have time I will study,' for you may never have time." Begin now. Set aside *some* time now for what is most important to you, and treat it as sacrosanct - because it is.

The Rabbis likewise encourage realistic expectation management: "It is not incumbent on you to complete the work, and neither are you free to desist from it."

I completed part of what I set out to do last January, and I still believe in my resolutions. So I will keep at them - as I hope you will with yours. Please catch me in the hallways or make an appointment to come in and talk to me about them. We will never execute perfectly on our visions, but supporting CBI members in their resolutions is one of mine.

SAVE THE DATE

CBI Presents One Book
One Community
A fun and delicious exploration of
Israeli Cuisine

Sunday, March 18, 2018

2:00pm - 4:00pm at
Congregation B'nai Israel
53 Palisade Avenue, Emerson NJ
201 265 2272

- Cooking Demonstrations and Israeli snacks
- Discussion of personal experiences with Israeli food
- Clips from Solomonov's documentary, **In Search of Israeli Cuisine**



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ISRAELI SPEAKER SERIES

SHALVA HESSEL – Author of **Married to the Mossad**

January 10, 2018 @ 7:30 pm
JFNNJ

50 Eisenhower Drive, Paramus

Shalva Hessel tells her her incredible true story drawing from events and operations she took part in. When her husband, who served in the Mossad, was deployed on secret missions, she joined him as part of his cover.

RSVP to
www.jfnnj.org/shalvahessel

MAKE A PLEDGE IN JANUARY FOR A TRIPLE PLAY!

Make a pledge to Jewish Federation **anytime** in January 2018 and you will receive these benefits:

- If you are a new donor, CBI receives half of your donation.
- If you make an increase, CBI receives half that increase.
- If you pledge \$36 (or more) you will receive a free one-year subscription to The Jewish Standard.
- Become a partner with the umbrella Jewish charity and organization, supporting Israel, the Jewish community of Bergen County, and people in need around the world.
- Make your pledge this month, but take until December 31, 2018 to pay, if you wish.

Other benefits:

- Jewish Federation is the only organization in northern New Jersey that:
- Teaches teens how to combat anti-Israel and BDS issues on campus through its ican program (March 18)
- Helps CBI leadership gain skills through its Synagogue Leadership Initiative (SLI) to keep us strong and help us build our synagogue community
- Through its Kehillah Cooperative, helps CBI save money on anything from office supplies to electricity
- Has the flexibility to see a need in our community – like transportation for visually impaired seniors – and bring it to our community

How can you help? Make your pledge and/or donation at: www.jfnnj.org/supersunday. Don't forget to fill in CBI as your synagogue. Or call **Laurie Siegel** at (201) 820-3956 or email Lauries@jfnnj.org.

Hey Students On Hanukah Miracles and How We Can Continue Them Today

In my “Hot Topics” Class with the Tuesday Hey Class, we discussed various Hanukah miracles and their order of importance to students. Then, I asked students to name one small action they could take (or appreciate) that helps to create equivalent miracles today. The unedited results below were nothing short of miraculous!

– Rabbi Debra Orenstein

| One way to understand Hanukah Miracles | Corresponding ideas for modern-day miracles |
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| God refused to let the Jews die | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can pray and go to Hebrew School and have a Bar Mitzvah to inform people and keep the religion alive. • Let other people know what happened in the Jewish religion so our religion gets passed on. • We would have died during the Holocaust. Now we can choose life. • We can help support the IDF (Israel Defense Forces). • Have Jewish kids. • Marry a Jewish husband. |
| Your word broke their sword when our own strength failed us. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can try to break up a fight using words, not violence. |
| You instill us on the holiness of mitzvot | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can do a mitzvah to show how holy. • I can tell Jews to tell everyone mitzvahs are holy. |
| The selflessness of the Maccabees was a miracle | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can do mitzvahs so I can help other people |
| God gave the guilty into the hands of the innocent. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We can help people in jail get over their problems. I can work as someone in a jail to help people. |
| Joy and wonder are miracles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We can still celebrate the holidays, even in hard times. • We can admire the beauty of light. • I can bring hope to other people. |
| The oil lasted 8 nights | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the power of goes out, our generator may last a little longer than expected. We can share our power with other people. • Light is still a miracle today! |

STARBUCKS SHMOOZ

Thursday, January 18, 11:30am -12:30pm

at the **Starbucks in Westwood**. Get your morning drink of choice, and join her for a visit and conversation!

Rabbi Debra Orenstein will hold “office hours” on several occasions at different friendly locations in the community throughout the year.

Music Talks Hanukkah Concert



We all enjoyed a fantastic Sunday morning Hanukkah program with "Music Talks"!



Interfaith Outreach

Join with our friends from Peace Islands Institutes for our first official interfaith event of the year, which will be held on the afternoon of **Sunday, February 11** (exact time tbd).

This program will be geared specifically towards teens from both CBI and Peace Islands (although adults are certainly welcome!) We invite you to participate in the conversation as we introduce some of the basic tenets of Judaism and Islam to one another. What is common in our beliefs, and what is different? How does our dress distinguish us, and where in our traditions do these practices originate from? What questions do we have for each other?

Please join us for this program, where you can ask your questions, and get your answers! Refreshments will be served, and dialogue will be encouraged.

Contact ellen.michelson@bisrael.com if you have any questions.



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montvale

KOL NIDRE APPEAL RAISES OVER \$35,000!

Thank you to all who participated this year!

Please send in the donations for your pledges as soon as possible. And, for those who have not yet participated, you can always send in a pledge and donation in support of CBI and the annual Kol Nidre Appeal.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A BIG THANK YOU

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

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----|------------|--|
| The Alessi family | SUN | 12/17/2017 | In honor of Renee's Bat Mitzvah |
| The Ginsberg family | FRI | 12/22/2017 | In Memory of Carolyn's mother's Yahrzeit |
| The Alessi family | FRI | 1/5/2018 | In honor of Renee's Bat Mitzvah |
| The Alessi family | SAT | 1/6/2018 | In honor of Renee's Bat Mitzvah |



Get Well Soon!

Barry Bluestein
Hal Abrams
Neila Cohen
Joyce Schreiber
Gloria & Martin Reinish
Seymour Turk

Congregation B'nai Israel presents

Comedy Night 2018

Come in from the cold for an Evening of Laughter!

Warm your heart with some laughs
plus signature red cocktails, beer, or BYO Kosher wine*
Munchies & desserts provided. Try your luck to win the 50/50 raffle!

Saturday, February 10, 2018*

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

- \$50pp by January 12th
- \$40pp for seniors by January 12th
- \$55pp after January 12th or at the door



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ACE Award Winner, plus cruises & casinos
throughout the USA

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- Drop off your check with Marie at the temple office: office@bisrael.com 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 2018

OPEN SEATING – OR, if you wish to RESERVE A TABLE OF 10 -- Request a Table Reservation Form from:
Karen Tenzer: karentenzer@gmail.com or Stacie Goldflam @ zeeley1@hotmail.com
Completed Form and Full Payment must be provided to reserve a table.

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

*Enjoy your drinks before the show or at your seat. (Cocktails cannot be served during the performance)



***Snow Date: Sunday, February 11th – same timing**

Please join us at the Oneg
Shabbat following services on
Friday evening, the fifth of
January in honor of our daughter

*Renee
Nicole*

Renee will be called to the
Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on
Saturday, the sixth of January
at nine-thirty in the morning



SHARON & RICH ALESSI

Please join us at the Oneg Shabbat
following services on Friday
evening, the 26th of January in
honor of our daughter

*Jessica
Lauren*

Jessica will be called to the
Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on
Saturday January 27th at
three-fifteen in the afternoon



DEBBIE AND STEVEN MARON

BAT/BAR MITZVAH MESSAGE

RENEE ALESSI

Shalom! My name is Renee Alessi and my Bat Mitzvah is January 6, 2018. For my Mitzvah project I will be collecting money to donate to Puerto Rico and the Caribbean Islands through the Hurricane Emergency Relief Fund of the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey. So many people are suffering from the tragic storms recently. It is terrible to even think that this could happen to such beautiful places and people. We should not sit here and just feel sorry. That is why I would like to collect money to donate specifically to these places that were so hard hit. My Torah portion, Sh'mot, has a lot of things to do with water—which is another reason why I would like to raise and donate the money to the people and places that are hurting from flooding disasters. Please help me by donating what you can by either donating at CBI, or going directly to <https://www.jfnj.org/hurricanerelief/> Thank you!

JESSICA MARON

Shalom everyone! My name is Jessica Maron, and my family and I have been a part of the CBI family for nearly 8 years. I attend George White Middle School in Hillsdale where I enjoy sports, school, and especially enjoy dance. I dance 5 days a week in a variety of disciplines and compete against other dance teams from the tristate area.

My Torah portion is Yitro from the book of Exodus. It tells the story of how Moses is counseled to give up some of the burden he bears in ruling over the people of Israel. It talks about setting up a legal system, where honest, truthful judges can manage the disputes between the people, and set Moses apart from the daily

conflicts. It also talks about the people's first encounter with God at Mount Sinai. They heard a portion of the 10 commandments directly from God, but were terrified because the mountain shook, lighting flashed, and the noises scared the people. From then on, they looked to Moses to be the emissary to communicate with God, and pass along God's words to the people. Moses brought God's laws to the people of Israel so that they could establish a lawful society and build a new land for themselves. We all need laws to guide us - they separate right and wrong, allow us to interpret life, and how that should be lived.

About three years ago my family and I adopted a dog from Bonnie's Animal Rescue Kingdom (otherwise known as B.A.R.K.). This organization rescues dogs from kill shelters in North and South Carolina and drives them up to Bergen County, NJ for adoption. We met Maisy at a pet store where they were holding an adoption day, and fell in love with the cutest, most adorable, mixed lab puppy. We met with the staff and went through their screening process and were awarded Maisy for adoption. Adopting her has represented a huge change to me and my family. We are blessed to have her, and I wanted my project to give something back to the wonderful organization that is responsible for saving these lovable animals.

I am asking my friends and family to help by donating toys, treats, and food, for the adoption agency. Their foster families help nurture, heal, and train, the dogs while they are waiting for adoption, so the kindness you show will go a long way. I will be collecting donations at CBI over the next few weeks and on the day of my Bat Mitzvah.

Please join me and my family for Sunday Minyan on January 21st at 9am, Friday Erev Shabbat services on January 26th at 8pm. and for Havdalah Services on Saturday January 27th at 3:15pm.

JANUARY 2018

Candle Lighting Times: **5:** 4:24 **12:** 4:32 **19:** 4:40 **26:** 4:48

Tevet-Shevat 5778

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| 9am Hebrew School 7 9am Dalet Kehillah 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Shalom Baby | 8 | 4pm Hebrew School 9 | 7:30pm Israeli Speaker Series 10 | 11 | 7:30pm Freedom Shabbat service 12 | 10am Shabbat morning service 13 5pm Bet Class Havdalah Service, Required for Bet class Announcement of Bar/Bat Mitzvah dates |
| 9am Hebrew School 14 9am Minyan & Bagels | 15 | 4pm Hebrew School 16 | 17 | 11:30am Starbuck's Shmooz w/Rabbi in Westwood 18 | 7:30pm Aleph Class Erev Shabbat service, required for Aleph class 19 | 10am Hey Class Shabbat morning service w/ Dalet Class 20 10:30am 8-11 Service 10:30am Young Family Service |
| 9am Hebrew School 21 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Bkfst spon. by the Maron Family 10:30am Hebrew School Open House & Bagel Brunch | 22 | 4pm Hebrew School 23 | 24 | 25 | 8pm Erev Shabbat Service 26 9pm Oneg sponsored by the Maron Family | 3:15pm Jessica Maron Bat Mitzvah 27 |
| 9am Hebrew School 28 9am Minyan & Bagels JFNNY Super Sunday | 29 | 4pm Hebrew School 30 | 31 | | | |

FEBRUARY 2018

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Shevat-Adar | 5778

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 9am Hebrew School 4 9am Minyan & Bagels | 5 | 4pm Hebrew School 6 | 7:30pm Board meeting 7 | 8 | 7:30pm Gimel Class Erev Shabbat services, required for Gimel Class 9 | 10am Shabbat morning service 10 7:30pm An Evening of Love & Laughter |
| 9am Hebrew School 11 9am Minyan & Bagels 10:30am Parent's meeting 2pm Peace Islands at CBI | 12 | 4pm Hebrew School 13 | 14 | 15 | 8pm Erev Shabbat Service 16 | 10am No Shabbat morning service 17 |
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| 9am Hebrew School 25 9am Minyan & Bagels 10:30am Purim Carnival | 26 | 4pm Hebrew School 27 | 7pm Purim Shpiel & Megillah Reading required for all students 28 | | | |

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SIDDUR DEDICATION

Gillian, Asher and Mimi Weinberg have dedicated a Siddur in honor of Gertrude Hecht's 94th birthday.

ETERNAL LIGHT FUND

TO: Weinstein family
So sorry to hear of your loss of your beloved mother, Marion
FROM: Linda & Marvin Rosengart; Ann Klein

TO: Abrams family
Condolences on the passing of your beloved wife and mother, Judy Abrams
FROM: Marie Shust; Bruce & Ellen Sonkin,

TO: Hal Abrams & family
Condolences on the passing of your beloved wife, Judy Abrams
FROM: Don & Fern Segal; Walter & Alice Krieger; Len & Deanna Feingold; Allen & Sharon Neuhaus

TO: Michael & Robyn Abrams
Condolences on the passing of your beloved mother, Judy Abrams
FROM: Judy & Howard Newell; Jayne Rubinfeld Waldron & Richard Waldron

FREIDA FUND

TO: Hal Abrams & family
Condolences on the passing of your beloved wife and mother, Judy Abrams.
FROM: Phyllis Kirschner

GET WELL FUND

TO: Barbara Field
Wishing you a full and speedy recovery
FROM: Gus & Joan Eben

TO: Barry Bluestein
Wishing you a speedy recovery
FROM: Members of Sisterhood; Bruce & Ellen Sonkin

TO: Susan Casper
Wishing you a speedy recovery
FROM: Mahjong Friends; Bruce & Ellen Sonkin

GENERAL FUND

Stanley & Sondra Nemeroff have made a general donation to CBI

GOOD & WELFARE

TO: Hal Abrams
Condolences on the passing of your great lady
FROM: Dave & Ellen Michelson

TO: Michael & Robyn Abrams
So sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved mother, Judy Abrams
FROM: Ellen & Dave Michelson; Susan & Marty Casper

TO: Rabbi Debra
Thank you so much for the caring and spiritual guidance you gave to our friends. We know it was a comfort to them, as well as to us, to know that you were there and able to guide them during this difficult time of sorrow and illness. We are lucky to have you in our lives.
FROM: Meryl & Larry Kutzin, Allan & Sharon Neuhaus, Ellen & Dave Michelson, Hanna Wechsler

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Dear CBI Community,

Thanks so much for the all the Get Well wishes after my foot surgery and a special thanks to Good and Welfare for the highly caloric but delicious Gift Basket.

*With much appreciation,
Barry Bluestein*

CBI sincerely thanks Alan Schwalbe, the son of longtime Temple members Stan & Pat Schwalbe, for the donation of the Midrash sculpture by artist David Kaplan in memory of his mother. This is currently displayed on the shelf on the left side of the Bimah.

Thanks from all of us at CBI.

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| Edgar Seymour Zorn | 15 Tevet | 01/02/18 |
| Lena Silverberg | 16 Tevet | 01/03/18 |
| Louis Jaffe | 17 Tevet | 01/04/18 |
| Aron Garth Abrams | 18 Tevet | 01/05/18 |
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| Samuel Steinberg | 24 Tevet | 01/11/18 |
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| Samuel Schwalbe | 25 Tevet | 01/12/18 |
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| Jerome Kornfeld | 27 Tevet | 01/14/18 |
| Marjorie Anne Nelkin | 27 Tevet | 01/14/18 |
| Mark Terr Radin | 27 Tevet | 01/14/18 |
| Kalman Sadowsky | 28 Tevet | 01/15/18 |
| Bernard Fabricant | 29 Tevet | 01/16/18 |
| Aaron Kihn | 29 Tevet | 01/16/18 |
| Isaac Saad | 1 Shevat | 01/17/18 |
| Edith Stein | 1 Shevat | 01/17/18 |
| Carl Boltuch | 2 Shevat | 01/18/18 |
| Pearl Ganbarg | 3 Shevat | 01/19/18 |
| William Siegel | 3 Shevat | 01/19/18 |
| Fred Weinberg | 3 Shevat | 01/19/18 |
| Samuel Silbert | 4 Shevat | 01/20/18 |
| Samuel Kuklin | 5 Shevat | 01/21/18 |
| Anshel Fishman | 6 Shevat | 01/22/18 |
| Rose Heller | 6 Shevat | 01/22/18 |
| Melvin Kreiman | 7 Shevat | 01/23/18 |
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