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**Menorah**  
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## Cantor's Corner

by Rabbi Cantor Lenny Mandel

Our dear friends, Allen and Teri Litman threw a party for their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at the end of January (I know them since 1966 and they were at our wedding), and I asked if any of their old Manhattan Beach crowd was invited (Allen and Teri were both raised in Manhattan Beach).



Teri's crowd, the boys and girls she hung out with, friends since kindergarten, included a few guys with whom I sang and played music in my early 20s. Frank, Andy and Michael (who we call Eggy) played in a band together for years. Frank was the lead guitarist and did a lot of the writing, Andy played keyboard and back up guitar and Eggy was an amazing electric bass player; all three had wonderful voices.

I was really looking forward to seeing Andy and Eggy (Frank passed away some two years ago), as we were very close, but time and distance have a way of separating people, and who knows if your paths would cross again?

Andy teaches up in the Boston area and has a band: Wildest Dreams, and Eggy taught in the NYC public school system for a time, retired and found G-D; he's a Lubavitcher Hasid now with a beard down to his belly button.

How do I describe them? Andy has the softest way about him, with an all-encompassing smile, and he really embodies the lyrics of "To Know Him is to Love Him." Truly a kind, sweet and gentle soul who loved to laugh, still does, and touches you with his heart.

Eggy, was really "out there" in the late 60s (most of us were – and that includes me). He wore a tuxedo jacket with an ascot to our wedding, began dancing and spinning in the middle of the room, pulled off the jacket, and the ascot to reveal a Mickey Mouse T-Shirt in blazing color.

Shelly, along with her friends and family stood there their mouths agape, and, truth be told, she reminded me about how CRAZY my friends were for decades after.

We drove into NYC for the party, and I had a huge smile on my face. Both Shelly and I were looking forward to celebrating with Allen and Teri, their family and their friends because we know most of them, but I couldn't contain my excitement at the possibility of Andy and Eggy being there.

Shelly, watching my hands move as I drove, asked who I was speaking to and what was I saying. I shared my excitement about the possibility of seeing my old friends and she laughed at me.

Eggy walked in, saw us, and lit up like the lights on Broadway. A huge smile crossed his lips and we grabbed each other, and held on for a minute or so.

Andy was late driving in from Boston, but we stood there just staring at each other before the hugs and kisses started, and because y'all know me so well, I'd be lying if I didn't tell you that tears flowed down my cheeks.

It was an amazing party that took me back 50 years, reliving a world that will never be again (we still can't believe that we have contemporaries who've been married for half a century).

Two songs filled my head the whole ride home.

### "FRIENDS,"

Written by Frank & Andy, while we all lived in Barcelona, Spain—in 1969

*"Travel on, and in peace my brother. Warm the faces not yet seen,  
 leaving places, liking others, living somewhere in between.  
 Be a stream a-gently flowing, weave your patterns 'cross the land.  
 Then stop that dream 'cause you know it's growing,  
 ever upward as you stand.  
 'Cause it's only to make a life for you, only to wake you up to your life.  
 Picking a road following it on down to the end,  
 meeting new neighbors, greeting new friends.*

# The President's Pen

by Nancy Passow, President

*"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?"*

—Pirkei Avot 1:14

Thank goodness it is March and we are in the month of Adar, a time of joy and merriment! Sunday, March 12 is Purim – and what a Purim we are going to have this year! We will spend the whole morning celebrating! After a brief Sunday morning Minyan, Rabbi Cantor Lenny will take us right into the Purim Spiel/Megillah reading. And as soon as we're done, it's time for the Purim Carnival!!! If you have grandkids, nieces, nephews, friends with kids, invite them to come and celebrate with us. I guarantee you will feel happier after spending your morning at CBI, reliving the story of Purim. As I said last year, "There isn't much fun in the Purim story itself. Up until almost the end, when King Ahasuerus holds out his scepter to Esther, allowing her to speak in his presence so that he learns about Haman's evil plans, things look pretty grim. A lesson that Purim teaches is never give up hope – even when it seems really bad, things will be okay."

There are lots of other happy events at CBI this month. The very first Shabbat we celebrate Max Van Gyzen's Bar Mitzvah. The next day the Hey Class will be treating us to their Heritage Fair. Share and Care Shabbat this month is Saturday, March 18, and will feature our Aleph Class helping to lead (and enchanting the seniors at JHAL in the process). The following weekend, the Bet Class will lead the Erev Shabbat service (I got a preview – they are fantastic!) and the Gimmel Class (who are also great) will lead the Shabbat morning service (March 24 and 25). The month ends with the Sunday morning and Friday evening services leading into Max Dubin's



Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, April 1.

Saturday night, March 18, is COMEDY NIGHT!!! Luck of L'Chaim Comedy Night features three comedians (including my fave Bill Ervolino), signature green cocktails and beer, raffles, munchies, desserts, and more. It doesn't get much happier than that!!

You may have noticed that we've had a lot of Oneg, Kiddush, and Bagel Breakfast sponsors lately (thank you, Meryl Kutzin for your hard work!) This month is no exception, but they are all a little special. At either end of the month, our B'nai Mitzvah families (the Van Gyzens and the Dubins) are sponsoring the times when their sons are leading services. Don and Fern Segal are sponsoring both an Oneg and a Bagel Breakfast to celebrate 50 years of CBI membership – WOW!! (These are not their only sponsorships this year.) Ted and Barbara Glueck, also long-time CBI members, are sponsoring an Oneg, just one of the many sponsorships they are doing this year, simply to support CBI. Ellen and Dave Michelson are honoring their parents' Yahrzeits by co-sponsoring a Bagel Breakfast (just one of their sponsorships this year). And Harvey Meer, another "serial sponsorer", is co-sponsoring a Bagel Breakfast to celebrate the arrival of spring. Thank you to all of you for your support of our wonderful CBI community!

As is usual, sometimes events that are announced in the Menorah get rescheduled or even cancelled. Make sure to check the weekly Shul Shmooz for updates or go online to the CBI website to check the calendar (I do my best to keep it updated!) When in doubt, call the office to check.

And while we're busy being happy, remember what is going on around us. Join us on Sunday, March 19 at 2:00 pm for our next Interfaith Outreach program with Peace Islands. Be good to yourself, be good to others, spread love and happiness. See you at CBI!!

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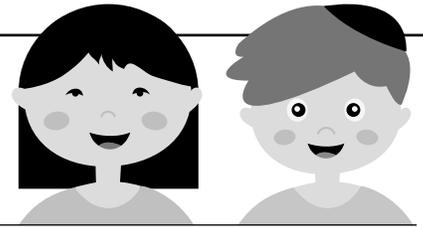
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# The Principal's Pen

by Karen Weiss, Principal

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



If it's March, it must be time for everyone's favorite holiday, Purim! The Hebrew School children have been busy getting ready for the reading of the Megillah, presenting the Purim Shpiel, and the highlight of the year—the Purim Carnival! Our entire Purim celebration will be wrapped up in one day, with the Megillah reading, the Shpiel, and Carnival all being held immediately following Minyan **on Sunday, March 12 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.** (Parents, please note there will **not** be the usual bagels for breakfast that morning). From cooking up knishes to manning the prize table, the Purim Carnival is an “all hands

on deck” event so please consider helping us out. Simply e-mail [education.chair@bisrael.com](mailto:education.chair@bisrael.com) and let us know that you want to be part of this special morning. We'll be sure to put you to good use. But, please know that the biggest part you can play is simply to attend this event. Bring the kids and the kids' friends, the grandkids, the cousins, and anyone

else who wants to have fun, dress in costume, and nosh on hamantaschen. This event is the Hebrew School's biggest fundraiser of the year, as well as a ton of fun for our children (of all ages).

Our sixth graders will be attending Kehillah on **March 19.** Because the Federation partially funds our participation, this program is mandatory for all Dalet students. Please remember that there is no Hebrew School class at CBI for those students who are attending Kehillah events. However, if you cannot attend for some reason, please be sure to call the office to report your absence. Other events in March include the Aleph Shabbat service on **March 18** at JHAL at 10:00 am, the Gimmel Service on **March 25** and a Passover workshop for all Hebrew School students on **March 26.**

Also important to note is that March is Mega Food Drive Month. Please bring in your non-perishable foods to the synagogue. There will be a drop off area in the lobby for donations.

March is a busy, busy month, so we're sure to see you in the Hebrew School wing.

## SISTERS IN THE HOOD

by Beth Leipmann & Joan Zelman, Sisterhood Co-Chairs

What a fun time Sisterhood had at our Faux Time Design Winter Fundraiser in Closter. We want to thank all who came out on that cold winter night. We painted a few jeans, aprons, jean jackets and tote bags. We were all so creative and the results were all beautiful. Our next event may be at the end of April after comedy night and Passover. Check the Schmooz for details.



Children's puzzles, toys, stickers, costumes  
Coming to the CBI gift shop

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*Trains pull out just to leave you lonely,  
faces fade off down the track.*

*You wave your arms goodbye, your head is thinking  
only,  
wonderin' when you will be back.*

*So, take your time my brother and do your living, any  
way the next road goes.*

*For one thing found in tomorrow's giving, is that today  
just never knows.*

And “**The Way We Were,**”

written by Alan Bergman, Marilyn Bergman and Marvin  
Hamlisch—

*Mem'ries, Light the corners of my mind  
Misty water-colored memories--Of the way we were  
...Can it be that it was all so simple then?*

*Or has time re-written every line?*

*If we had the chance to do it all again*

*Tell me, would we? Could we?*

*...So it's the laughter We will remember*

*Whenever we remember...The way we were...*

# RITUAL

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



March ushers in much joy, both in the Jewish calendar, and in our CBI community.

We start the month with the **Bar Mitzvah** of Max Van Gyzen on **March 4**, at 4:15 pm.



Max will also be leading the Sunday Morning Minyan on **February 26**, at 9:00 am and the Erev Shabbat Service on **March 3**, at 8:00 pm. leading up to his Bar Mitzvah the next morning.



**Purim** will be joyously celebrated here at CBI on **March 12**, starting at 9:30 am directly after Minyan (which will start as usual at 9:00 am).

Each year we look forward to the enactment of the Megillah by our Hebrew School children.

Following the Megillah we will be led by our costume adorned children into the Social Hall for our Purim Carnival, replete with special games to keep our spirits high as we remember the courage of Queen Esther.

**Share and Care** at the Jewish Home for Assisted Living is always a wonderful experience. Join us as we celebrate

Shabbat with the residents on **March 18**, from 10:00 – 11:00 am in their new social hall / sanctuary. The Aleph Class will be helping Rabbi Cantor Mandel in leading this Service, which always brings a smile to the faces of the residents. As always, a lovely Kiddush will be offered by the Home after the Service.

**Erev Shabbat, March 24**, at 7:30 pm, we will enjoy Services led by our Bet Class. On **Shabbat** morning, **March 25**, we will kvel as we listen to the voices of our Gimmel class leading us in Services at 10:00 am with Rabbi Cantor Mandel. It is a heartwarming experience to watch our children grow, and listen to them daven the prayers so beautifully.

Max Dubin will lead us at Sunday Morning Minyan on **March 26**, at 9:00 am, and again at our Erev Shabbat Service on **March 31** at 8:00 pm. That will be the preview to Max's **Bar Mitzvah** on Shabbat morning, **April 1**.

Mazel tov to our two Bar Mitzvah families!

We hope to share many Shabbats and other special events with you this month.

See you in Shul!

## K-S SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Application Deadline is April 30

The K-S Scholarship Foundation, administered by Congregation B'nai Israel, will again award a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving student in 2017. The scholarship will be made to a Jewish high school senior, from either the Pascack Valley area or surrounding communities, who meets certain eligibility requirements that include demonstrating academic achievement and financial need.

Applicants must presently be Jewish high school seniors who graduated CBI's Hebrew School and/or attend the Bergen County High School for Jewish Studies and/or reside in Emerson, Westwood, Washington Township, Hillsdale, Closter, River Vale, Harrington Park, Norwood, Upper Saddle River, Oradell, or Woodcliff Lake.

To obtain an application, contact the temple's administrator at **201-265-2272** or **office@bisrael.com**. Applications must be submitted by **April 30**. The recipient will be notified on or about **May 31, 2017**.

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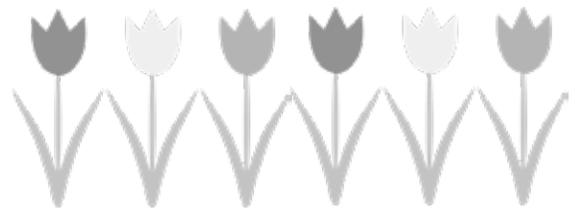
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## Fill out the form! It's time to get your order in! Volunteers Needed!

Your user-friendly *Mishloach Manot* forms should have arrived, as the order deadline was **February 13th**. Sending Purim baskets of goodies is a wonderful tradition spelled out in the Book of Esther. There's still time though to ask your children to whom they would like to send a basket so they can take ownership of this mitzvah too. It's a great way to boost friendships and support the temple. Order for friends and family outside of CBI too. What a warm surprise on a cold March day!

Although the deadline has passed, there are always a few extra last minute baskets available, and we can still accommodate you if you want to send baskets to the membership. Every name you check off will receive a bag with your name on the card as a sender. If you don't want to deal with the form, you can just send a check to Congregation B'nai Israel for \$195 and your name will be on each bag to EVERYONE in our B'nai Israel family--members,

clergy and staff. It's that simple!

However you choose to do it, participation is the key. The *Mishloach Manot* program has become an important fundraiser for our synagogue, so please participate wholeheartedly.

The committee also needs lots of help putting things together so mark your calendars!

\*We're making trail mix after minyan/bagel breakfast **Sunday, February 26th**.

\*We're bagging hamentashen **Sunday, March 5th** after minyan/breakfast.

\*We're packing 300 bags (wow!) in the evenings of **March 6th and 7th**.

Watch for the times and possible changes.

**ANY amount of time you can volunteer will be helpful and fun.**

Contact Robin Pierce at [robin.pierce@bisrael.com](mailto:robin.pierce@bisrael.com) with any questions, and to say when you can help.

## A BIG THANK YOU

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

Ellen Kaufman	FRI	2/17/2017	In memory of her parents, Linda and Michael Wachs
Evan and Lauren Kutzin	SUN	2/19/2017	In honor of Lauren's Birthday
George and Beth Liepmann	SUN	2/26/2017	In honor of their granddaughter, Evie's, 3rd birthday
The Van Gyzen family	SUN	2/26/2017	In honor of Max's Bar Mitzvah
The Van Gyzen family	FRI	3/3/2017	In honor of Max's Bar Mitzvah
Don and Fern Segal	SUN	3/5/2017	Celebrating 50 years as members
Don and Fern Segal	FRI	3/10/2017	Celebrating 50 years as members
Ted & Barbara Glueck	FRI	3/17/2017	To support CBI
Harvey Meer	SUN	3/19/2017	To welcome Spring
Ellen & Dave Michelson	SUN	3/19/2017	In memory of our parents - Flo & Chuck Shustak, and Flo & Murray Michelson
The Dubin family	SUN	3/26/2017	In honor of Max's Bar Mitzvah
The Dubin family	FRI	3/31/2017	In honor of Max's Bar Mitzvah

*In 1972, Rabbi Jehiel Orenstein, Rabbi Debra Orenstein's father, wrote this column. Please enjoy and accept it as a reminder to send in the addresses of your college students and young adults, so they can receive CBI Mishloach Manot, and, we hope, stay connected with our synagogue and clergy.*



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## A Note from Your Rabbi

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### From the College Campus

I received this question from a college student: "Which is more important for the Jewish people, the Exodus from Egypt or the Sabbath? My professor flatly stated in class that the Exodus is the most important thing that ever happened to the Jewish people and I feel it is the Sabbath. Please comment."

What a delight! Graduates of the Beth El Hebrew School are arguing theology on the campuses of America. Our young people are going off to college and studying Judaism at a sophisticated level. This is great news for the future of American Judaism.

There are great advantages in teaching at this development level in the student's life. It takes a certain maturity and intellectual preparedness to understand a faith that is reaching its 4,000th year of refinement. Judaism is not for children. It is an intellectual discipline which challenges the most sophisticated of minds.

It is difficult to communicate to little children the wisdom of a tradition that has built up a life-style of intellectual pursuit. Albert Schweitzer, referring to a group of young children, once remarked, "There are only three ways to teach children: example, example, and example." Thus, our little ones must be brought to Synagogue on Saturday morning at 10:30 with their parents. Our little ones must see the Sabbath in the home, the candles being lit. They must see their parents praying if they are ever to learn what prayer is about. Our children know only what we show them.

Not so the college student. The college student can be brought back to his faith in the atmosphere of academic freedom. Judaism can withstand the severest scrutiny. Because the student no longer needs personal example as his guiding light, he or she can develop a personal inner

faith, based on intellectual study. The college campus offers a unique opportunity for a renaissance in Jewish life. College students can be reached and yet, sadly, only a handful of our members take the trouble to send in the campus addresses to us, so that letters between student and Rabbi can flow freely.

And now to this specific question: Dear P., I will give the classic Rabbinical response – you and your professor are both right. The Sabbath is the culmination of six days of creation. It is literally the climax of Genesis, "On the seventh day G-d ceased from work and rested." The implication is that man who is supposed to imitate G-d should also take one day off for creative prayer and thought. He should withdraw one day from the constant pressure to seek the meaning of his life. It should be a day of joy and he should surround himself with good food. It should be a family day.

Without the Exodus, however, without that freedom that came with the departure from Egypt, without the right to practice according to the dictates of one's conscience, *there would have been no Sabbath*. When the Jews were slaves in Egypt they could not observe the Sabbath. Indeed the whole confrontation between Moses and Pharaoh is Moses's request to "Let my people go," in order to celebrate a Sabbath in a proper manner. God works in history. Therefore, without the Exodus there could have been no Sabbath. As you can gather, I agree with you that the Sabbath is the most important of our holidays. Yom Kippur, whatever day it falls upon, is called the Sabbath of all Sabbaths. We are talking of two of the most basic institutions of the Jewish people. Your teacher has a right to his opinion (chronologically he is certainly right) but if I were you, I would continue to fight him every step of the way.



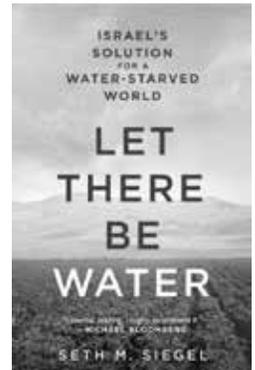
A dinner for CBI South (past and present) - From left to right: Bernie Weinberger, Lee & Barbara Mauriber, Joan & Nelson Sommers, Bill Lazarus, Stu & Fran Lieberman, Les and Donna Kaufman, Ruth Salas (non member), Phyllis Weinberger.

## A ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY EVENT Sunday, March 26, 2 pm - 4 pm

### Let There Be Water - in Israel and New Jersey

Do you know where our water comes from in northern NJ? How similar and different is it to Israel's water supply? How might climate changes affect water supply here and throughout the world?

Find out answers to these and other questions from Dr. Mike Passow, Congregation B'nai Israel member, Adjunct Associate Research Scientist at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, and a national leader in the field of Earth Science Education. He will discuss this year's OBOC book, *Let There Be Water* and how it compares with water supply and disposal here in New Jersey. See images of our region's water sources taken from a kayak. Even if you haven't read the book, you'll be glad you joined us.



**Refreshments will follow! Free and open the community!**  
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## ATTENTION 6TH-8TH GRADERS!

Join us for CHOCOLATE SEDER-  
a Kadima program at CBI!

Join us for a giant chocolate feast before Passover, with LOTS  
and LOTS of CHOCOLATE -  
chocolate covered matzah • four cups of chocolate milk  
chocolate-dipped fruit • dipping into chocolate syrup  
•and much more!

DATE: Sunday, March 26th, 2:00pm-3:30pm

COST: \$5 for non-Members, Free for Kadima members  
RSVP by 3/22 to the Kadima adviser, Shira Goldstein  
at: [sgoldstein621@gmail.com](mailto:sgoldstein621@gmail.com)  
or to Naomi at CBI at: [naomi.weinberg@bisrael.com](mailto:naomi.weinberg@bisrael.com)

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A KADIMA MEMBER TO ATTEND,  
SO BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

**Please RSVP no later than March 22nd**

We hope to see you!

[AND -- PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND B'NAI ISRAEL'S ONE  
BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY EVENT featuring Mike Passow's presentation  
connecting the book, *Let There Be Water* and the water supplies in  
NJ and Israel -- The program is free of charge and refreshments  
will be served!]

## ATTENTION 6TH-8TH GRADERS

Upcoming programs through  
Kadima Youth Group  
Save these dates - Emails to follow -  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**March 4th** from 7pm-9pm: 8th graders can  
spend an evening with 9th-12th graders to try  
out a USY group program at Fair Lawn Jewish  
Center. Event is free.  
Join area teens for havdallah and dinner.

**March 5th:** Kadima Day filled with activities,  
video games, etc. for all 6th-8th graders

**March 26th** from 2pm-3:30pm: CHOCOLATE  
SEDER HOSTED AT CBI, EMERSON!  
Open to all 6th-8th graders -  
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Cost: \$5 for non-Members, Free for Kadima  
members

**April 2nd:** SkyZone Trip  
And More!

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# PAY IT FORWARD CBI CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

April 1, 2017 – September 1, 2017

On April 5, 2017, Congregation B'nai Israel (CBI) will kick off a capital campaign to raise \$300,000 to pay off the temple's mortgage and have available funds to make vital CBI repairs and upgrades. With 2017 marking the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of CBI, we are reaching out to all 200 member families in this campaign to ask their support. The following Q&A has been prepared to provide context, our plans and answer questions.

**Q: How and why did this new campaign originate?**

**A:** A subcommittee of the Board convened to discuss the future of the temple. Specifically, what can be done so that we are in the position to make needed capital improvements and eliminate the monthly \$2,400/month mortgage payment.

**Q: What types of improvements need to be made?**

**A:** They include, but are not limited to: new HVAC system; parking lot maintenance; decking to access the social hall; new carpeting; new social hall chairs/tables; expanding classroom space and new digital message board at the temple entrance. These improvements are important not only to have CBI appeal to current and prospective members, but also equip it to be a venue to host celebrations and generate additional revenue.

**Q: You will hear mention of 'L'Dor Va'Dor' in the context of this campaign. Why?**

**A:** This term literally means "from generation to generation." CBI is a multi-generational temple. Our recent *All Together on an Autumn Night* event clearly demonstrated how congregants – irrespective of age, generation or tenure – joined together in a truly genuine and beautiful way. To keep the temple viable, more of the 'next generation' congregants need to become involved – financially and through volunteering, whether as Board members, committee chairs or single event volunteers. While this has been happening, we need to build upon this success, engaging more of the Hebrew school parents, extended families, those who have had recent Bar and Bat Mitzvah families, and new members.

**Q: Why are we not in better financial condition, given other fundraising efforts?**

**A:** There are two main reasons for this. First, we've used reserves built up over many years to upgrade the building as needed without any assessments to the membership. Secondly, while on occasion we receive donations to make specific improvements, CBI does

not have a large affluent membership base. Therefore, we have regularly subsidized events and services. Tuition covers just 60% of the total cost for each Hebrew school student. Shabbat Kiddush's, Sunday Minyan and Friday night Onegs are sponsored only about 50% each year. Other events, such as the Purim Carnival, and Chanukah dinner are priced minimally to encourage everyone to attend.

**Q: What is the total we will be matching?**

**A:** To date, we have secured pledges of close to \$100,000. We hope to see that number grow to \$150,000 before we reach out to the general membership for matching contributions to reach our goal of \$300,000.

**Q: How will this campaign be run?**

**A:** This campaign will be a matching campaign of monies from those who have generously pledged significant dollars with the caveat that their funds be matched. As in the past, for the temple to fully realize the money needed, we depend on our membership to make donations to meet the original amount being donated to the campaign. Committee members (listed below) will reach out to members to ask their support. There will be a display in our lobby showing payments received against our goal (donors will remain anonymous).

**Q: How and by whom can donations be made?**

**A:** They can be made in cash, check, credit card and PAYPAL. Donations can be made by or in honor of someone (grandparents, in-laws, siblings and other extended family/relatives), or an upcoming event.

**Q: If I have questions about giving, who should I talk with?**

**A:** The committee members driving the campaign are as follows: **David Bloom** at [dave.bloom@bisrael.com](mailto:dave.bloom@bisrael.com); **Les Kaufman** at [les\\_kaufman@yahoo.com](mailto:les_kaufman@yahoo.com); **Jaime Kreiman** at [jamie.kreiman@bisrael.com](mailto:jamie.kreiman@bisrael.com); **Meryl Kutzin** at [meryl.kutzin@bisrael.com](mailto:meryl.kutzin@bisrael.com); **Harvey Meer** at [ehmeer@aol.com](mailto:ehmeer@aol.com); **Joe Rosenthal** at [joe.rosenthal@bisrael.com](mailto:joe.rosenthal@bisrael.com); **Meryl Rosenthal** at [meryl.rosenthal@bisrael.com](mailto:meryl.rosenthal@bisrael.com), and **David Spatz** at [david.spatz@bisrael.com](mailto:david.spatz@bisrael.com). We will also have a suggestion box in the CBI lobby should you want to anonymously provide feedback or suggestions so that we make this campaign a success and meet our goals.

*-The Capital Campaign Committee*



## **FOCUS ON ISRAEL**

### **CAN WE SETTLE IT?**

As the 50th Anniversary of the Six-Day War Approaches in June of this year, there are a number of issues and terms that have evolved from that war. On June 4, 1967, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Iraq declared their joint goal “to wipe Israel off the map.” In just six days, from June 5th to June 10<sup>th</sup>, the Israeli army won a decisive victory, and with that conquered a land mass – the Sinai, Gaza Strip, and the West Bank – which was many times its former size. Israel’s territory before the Six-Day War was known as ‘inside the Green Line’ (because of Israel’s land being green from vegetation) and the newly acquired land was ‘outside the Green Line’. Rightly or wrongly, for many, the ‘Green Line’ has evolved into a permanent boundary.

In 1967, Israel immediately annexed East Jerusalem as well (which had been a divided city before the Six-Day War) while at the same time expecting to negotiate a peace agreement for the rest of the city. This happened slowly and in stages, and continues to this day. Once Egypt agreed to a peace treaty with Israel in 1979, all of the Sinai was returned to Egypt. At that time, the settlement city of Yamit and other communities built by Israelis were forced to dismantle. The peace treaty with Egypt has proven to be a success, and a peace treaty with Jordan followed. Egypt did not demand the return of the Gaza Strip to them, nor did the Jordanians demand the return the West Bank to that country.

In 2005, the Israeli military unilaterally withdrew from the Gaza Strip, and 21 “settlements” were dismantled. The results

this time have proven to be disastrous, as this area has become a base both for thousands of missile launches against Israel, as well as for other terrorist activities.

The topic of “settlements” has once again received much attention over the past few months. The one remaining area under discussion containing Israeli settlements is the West Bank, which has 430,000 Israelis currently living in 131 officially authorized settlements. For the vast majority of Israelis, Jerusalem is not considered part of this conversation, and is not part of these numbers. Drawing from our ancient history, the Hebrew name for the West Bank area south of Jerusalem is ‘Judaea’ and the area north of Jerusalem is ‘Samaria’; hence we often hear the West Bank referred to as ‘Judaea and Samaria’.

There are a number of ways to look at settlements: 1) they can be major areas built up with tens of thousands of people which are assumed to be within a “bloc” of land generally expected to remain part of Israel after a final agreement); 2) they can be smaller outposts, more like one’s view of a traditional ‘settlement’, and often built on land near Jewish holy sites, which may, or may not, be included in Israel during a final agreement; or 3) they can even theoretically include the major cities of Tel Aviv and Haifa according to the Palestinian media, who say there should be no differentiation between areas before, and after, the Green Line.

Any two-state solution, whenever it may be negotiated, will ultimately have to resolve these vastly different viewpoints in order to find a path towards peace and reconciliation.

## **‘Luck of L’chaim’ Comedy Night**

**Saturday, March 18, 2017**

**53 Palisade Avenue, Emerson, NJ**

**Doors open at 7:30pm - Laughs Begin at 8:30pm**

Get into the St. Patrick’s spirit! Signature green cocktails, beer, munchies & desserts provided.

BYO Kosher wine. 50/50 raffle also available!

**COST: \$50/pp** before February 19th; **\$55/pp** after February 20; **\$40/pp** for seniors (age 65) at all times



### **Tom McTiernan**

Tom has opened for Tom Jones, Sweat and Tears, and more! He has appeared on Showtime, Comedy Network, TV’s Make a Laugh, AXS TV, and at AC’s Borgata and in Las Vegas.



### **Bill Ervolino**

Bill has opened for Pat Cooper and is the well-known Bergen Record Columnist and Features Writer. He has also appeared on Bananas, Don’t Tell Mamas, The Producer’s Club, and TV’s Today.



### **Buddy**

**Fitzpatrick**  
Buddy has opened for Joan Rivers, The Doobie Brothers, and The Beach Boys! He is an actor and comedian who has also appeared on Comedy Central’s Stand and Deliver and A&E!

Make your check payable to Congregation B’nai Israel and mail it to: Congregation B’nai Israel, P.O. Box 345, Emerson, NJ 07630; Attn: Comedy Night 2017 or call **201.265.2272** or email **office@bisrael.com** for more information.

# Give/Get Night at CBI

On December 20, 2016, CBI spent the evening celebrating the gift of giving to others. So many benefited from the event. A group of us, including the many children of the Hebrew School, decorated socks for the residents at the Jewish Home for Assisted Living. We also collected children's pajamas and books to donate to the Pajama Program.

For the socks we used puffy paints to decorate the bottom of the socks. This puffy paint makes the socks become non-skid which helps the residents at the JHAL from slipping while walking around the facility. The designs were creative and the messages were so nice for them to read. The residents loved them and were so appreciative that we spent the time to make them. CBI member Erika Shein and her friend Allison Schwartz were there for the Shabbat during Hanukkah to give them what we made. The recipients said they now had warm feet and the socks made them feel safe for walking.

In addition, the families of CBI were asked to donate pajamas and books to the Pajama Program.



These were given to children, from newborn to 18 years old, who may not have the opportunity to separate their day and night by getting into cozy pajamas and reading a bedtime story. Our donations will help make their transition better and night time sleeping more comfortable.

As a community we took our time for others. Every time we do this, whether individually or as a group, we are benefiting others and ourselves.

As an offshoot to coming together in December to do for others, we would like to highlight members of CBI when they do a Mitzvah by giving to others throughout the year. A new section of the Menorah will be called - "**A Moment for a Mitzvah.**" You can

write a little something about someone in CBI that has done a Mitzvah for others, or something which you have undertaken that was meaningful. We must all share and care, and recognize the amazing members of CBI and all they do, not just during Hanukkah, but also throughout the year. It is so rewarding to 'give' to others when we are so privileged to 'get' for ourselves.

*Jill Hayden*

## Ladies Night Big Bag

# BINGO



Play BINGO for a CHANCE TO WIN A NEW HANDBAG  
(SOME ARE NEW DESIGNER HANDBAGS!)

Emcee: None other than CBI's Cantor Lenny Mandel!

WHEN: **Thursday, April 20, 2017**, Doors open at 7:30pm -- Games begin at 8:00pm

WHERE: **Congregation B'nai Israel**, 53 Palisade Avenue, Emerson, NJ

COST: **\$40/pp** on or before March 27; **\$45/pp** after March 27; **\$36/pp** for seniors at all times

TICKET INCLUDES: **10 games of bingo (3 cards/game) dabber, Munchies & Soft Drinks - BYO Kosher Wine \* Tricky Tray**

**SUPPORT CBI, INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, CREATE A TABLE & GET READY FOR A FUN EVENING!**

Drop off your check with **Marie Shust** at the temple office OR

Mail your check (payable to Congregation B'nai Israel) to:

Congregation B'nai Israel, P.O. Box 345, Emerson, NJ 07630, Attn: Big Bag Bingo OR

MAKE A RESERVATION NOW with your payment at **office@bisrael.com** or **201.265.2272**

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

## LETTERS

Dear CBI family,

Thank you so much for your support, along with your generous donations during our difficult time. Your thoughts, prayers, and acts of kindness truly mean the world to us. We appreciate each and every one of you.

Very sincerely,  
Ellen and Andy Kaufman

Dear CBI,

Thank you so much for the thoughtful and generous basket of goodies! I heard the doorbell and knock on my door, but by the time I walked downstairs, my secret angel of mercy had vanished before I could thank her. Possibly saved me some embarrassment because I was unshowered, unshaven, in sweats and tee-shirt, and otherwise in complete disarray. I had a long discussion with a childhood friend of mine who is a chiropractor in Buffalo about my woeful back and how best to treat it. I am encouraged a bit... apparently I have an old back. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness! It brightened my day.

Sincerely,  
Jay Weinstein

## Interfaith Outreach

Mark your calendars to participate in our next interfaith event with Peace Islands, which will be held on **Sunday, March 19 at 2 pm.**

We will gather in the back of the sanctuary to view, and then 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.

Don't miss this opportunity to explore a little known story of an intersection between Jewish and

Muslim Europe during this historic time. This film was originally shown at the JCC in Tenafly for Yom HaShoah, 2015, and we have been fortunate enough to have obtained a copy for our

interfaith program.

Please let me know if you plan on attending, either by email at **ellen.michelson@bisrael.com**, or by phone at 201-967-0141.

*Ellen Michelson*

## FUNDS

### ETERNAL LIGHT FUND

TO: Margo Furst & Family  
Sincere condolences on the loss of Michael.  
FROM: Wally & Alice Krieger

TO: Richard Samuels & Family  
Sincere condolences on the passing of your beloved father, Stuart Samuels  
FROM: Adrienne & Martin Klein

TO: Harvey Meer & Family  
Sincere condolences on the passing of your beloved Mother, Rashel Meer.  
FROM: Ida Ellen Schwab

TO: Nancy Fastow & Family  
Condolences on the passing of your Dad.  
FROM: Bruce & Naomi Weinberg

TO: Anne Feldman & Family  
Condolences on the loss of your dear husband, Stanley  
FROM: Wally & Alice Krieger

TO: Susan Hertzberg & Family  
Condolences on the passing of your beloved Mother, Phyllis Hertzberg  
FROM: Lori & Scott Yoselow

### GOOD & WELFARE FUND

TO: Evan Kutzin  
Mazel tov on being installed as Captain of the Old Tappan Fire Department. We are so proud of you.  
FROM: Larry & Meryl Kutzin

TO: Harvey Meer  
We wish you a speedy recovery  
FROM: Larry & Meryl Kutzin

TO: Shelly Birnbaum  
A donation was made to Good and Welfare to thank you for helping the Financial Committee with the Accounts and Balance Sheet. We really appreciate the help.  
FROM: The CBI Finance Committee

### GET WELL FUND

TO: Harvey Meer  
Hope you have a speedy recovery  
FROM: Marie Shust

### RABBI JEHIEL ORENSTEIN EDUCATIONAL FUND

TO: Marilyn Hyman  
Sincere condolences on the passing of your beloved Husband, Herbert Hyman.  
FROM: Lawrence Butzien

### GENERAL FUND

TO: Bruce Weinstein  
Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday!  
FROM: Linda and David Spatz

### Yahrzeit Donations

Barbara Steinberg in loving memory of my Dad, Samuel Steinberg  
Gertrude Hecht in loving memory of Murray Hecht  
Miriam Tauber in loving memory of Max L. Tauber  
Pam & Robert Zisner in loving memory of Anna Geller  
Pam & Robert Zisner in loving memory of Sam Polansky  
Gus & Joan Eben in loving memory of Emil Eben  
Andrea & Paul Wasserman in loving memory of Herbert Kaufman  
Carolyn & George Ginsberg in loving memory of Louise Kaplan  
Judy Schoenfeld in loving memory of Helen S. Lanceit  
Meryl Rosenthal in loving memory of my mother, Lena Weingarten

# MARCH 2017

Candle Lighting Times: **3:** 5:32 **10:** 5:40 **17:** 6:47 **24:** 6:55  
**31:** 7:02

Adar I-Adar II 5777

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			7:30pm Board meeting <b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	8pm Erev Shabbat Service <b>3</b> 9pm Oneg sponsored by the Van Gyzen family	10am Shabbat morning service <b>4</b> 3:30pm Max Van Gyzen Bar Mitzvah 7pm 8-12th Kadima Parsha Terumah
9am Minyan & Bagel Breakfast <b>5</b> 9am Hebrew School 9:30am Bagel Bkfst sponsored by Don & Fern Segal 10am Hey class Heritage Fair 10am Bagging Hamantaschen	Packing Purim Bags <b>6</b>	4pm Hebrew School <b>7</b> Packing Purim Bags	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	8pm Erev Shabbat Service <b>10</b> 9pm Oneg sponsored by Don & Fern Segal	10am Shabbat morning service <b>11</b> Parsha Tetzaveh
No Bagel Breakfast <b>12</b> 9am Hebrew School 9am Minyan 9:30am Purim Shpiel/ Megillah Reading 10:30am Purim Carnival	Shushan Purim <b>13</b>	4pm Hebrew School <b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	8pm Men's Club March Madness <b>16</b>	8pm Erev Shabbat Service <b>17</b> 9pm Oneg sponsored by Ted & Barbara Glueck Kadima 8th grade Shabbaton	10am Share & Care Shabbat Service at JHAL with Aleph Class <b>18</b> Parsha Ki Tasa 7:30pm Comedy Night
9am Minyan & Bagel <b>19</b> 9am Hebrew School 9am Kehillah for 6th graders (Dalet) 9:30am Bagel Bkfst co-sponsored by Ellen & Dave Michelson and Harvey Meer 2pm Interfaith movie-'BESA'	<b>20</b>	4pm Hebrew School <b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	7:30pm Bet Class <b>24</b> Erev Shabbat services	10am Gimmel Class Shabbat morning service <b>25</b> Parsha Vayakhel-Pekudei
9am Minyan & Bagel <b>26</b> 9am Hebrew School 9:30am Bagel breakfast sponsored by the Dubin family 2pm One Book One Community at CBI: Let There Be Water 2pm Kadima Chocolate Seder at CBI Hebrew School Passover Workshop	<b>27</b>	4pm Hebrew School <b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	8pm Erev Shabbat Service <b>31</b> 9:30pm Oneg sponsored by the Dubin family	

# APRIL 2017

Candle Lighting Times: **7:** 7:10 **10:** 7:13 **14:** 7:17 **16:** 7:19 **21:** 7:24  
**28:** 7:32

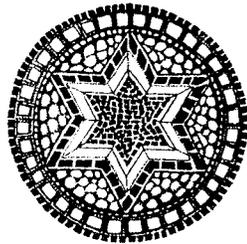
Adar II-Nisan 5777

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9am Minyan & Bagel Breakfast <b>2</b> 9am Hebrew School 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by Ted & Barbara Glueck 9:30am HS Parents' Meeting	<b>3</b>	4pm Hebrew School <b>4</b>	7:30pm Board meeting <b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	8pm Erev Shabbat Service <b>7</b>	10am Share & Care Shabbat Service at JHAL Shabbat HaGadol Parashat Tzav <b>8</b>
No Hebrew School <b>9</b> 9am Minyan & Bagel Breakfast 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by Les & Donna Kaufman	7:30am Siyum Service <b>10</b> Erev Pesach	No Hebrew School <b>11</b> Pesach I	Pesach II <b>12</b>	Pesach III <b>13</b>	8pm Erev Shabbat Service <b>14</b> Pesach IV	10am Shabbat morning service <b>15</b> Pesach V
9am Hebrew School <b>16</b> 9am Minyan & Matza Pesach VI	Pesach VII <b>17</b>	7:30am Yizkor Service <b>18</b> No Hebrew School Pesach VIII	<b>19</b>	7:30pm Ladies Night Big Bag Bingo <b>20</b>	7:30pm Aleph Class Erev Shabbat services <b>21</b>	10am Shabbat morning service <b>22</b> Parashat Shmini
9am Minyan & Bagel <b>23</b> 9am Hebrew School 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by the Bloom Family	10am Yom HaShoah Program <b>24</b>	4pm Hebrew School <b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	8pm Erev Shabbat Service <b>28</b> 9pm Oneg sponsored by the Bloom family	9am Shana Bloom Bat Mitzvah <b>29</b> Parashat Tazria-Metzora
9am Minyan & Bagel <b>30</b> 9am Hebrew School 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by the Les & Donna Kaufman	Yom HaShoah					

Please join our family and friends  
at the Oneg Shabbat following services  
on Friday evening, March 3rd in  
honor of our son,

*Max*

Max will be called to the  
Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on  
Saturday, March 4th at  
4:15 in the afternoon.

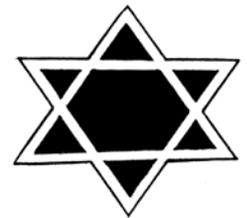


AUDRA LANDOU AND ERIC VAN GYZEN

Please join our family and friends at  
the Oneg Shabbat following services on  
Friday, the 26th of March  
in honor of our son

MAXWELL  
SEBASTIAN

Max will be called to the  
Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on  
Saturday the 1st of April  
at nine-thirty in the morning



ROBIN AND DAVID DUBIN

## BAT/BAR MITZVAH MESSAGE

### MAX VAN GYZEN

Shalom! My name is Max Van Gyzen and my Bar Mitzvah will be on March 4, 2017. I live in Hillsdale and attend George White Middle School and my favorite subjects are history and science. My Torah portion is Tetzaveh in the book of Exodus. This is where we learn about the high priests. Aaron is told he and his sons will be high priests and in extreme detail they are told what they must wear while serving in the sanctuary. The outfit including a beautiful robe that sounds very ornate and colorful. It also includes a breastplate of remembrance that Aaron wore in gold, jeweled and engraved with all the names of the tribes of Israel. Although not worn today, the breast plate described seems like the breast plate we have protecting and decorating our own torah here at CBI. We also learn about the eternal light in my torah portion. Moses is told to always light the eternal flame using pure olive oil and must burn continuously in the sanctuary. It will serve as a light of God for all generations and



we have one on our bema.

For my mitzvah project, I am collecting books for a non-profit organization called Passaic Reads, which is run by the United Way of Passaic County. Passaic Reads helps underprivileged kids get the help they need to improve their reading. Passaic Reads helps kindergarten to third graders. Reading is a skill that you'll need throughout your whole life and if kids don't learn and get it now it will affect their future. This charity is very important to me because I have dyslexia and I received the help I needed to get back onto grade level. These children in Passaic county don't have the resources that I was fortunate have. Please

look through to see if any books you would like to donate, children or adult. There is a box in the front lobby. Thank you!

Please join me and my family as I lead services on Sunday February 26, Friday March 3rd and at my Bar Mitzvah on Saturday March 4th.

# MARCH YAHRZEITS

Louis Buller	3 Adar	03/01/17
Bernard Bluestein	3 Adar II	03/01/17
Werner Spatz	4 Adar I	03/02/17
Paul A Fox	4 Adar II	03/02/17
Evelyn Schlem	4 Adar II	03/02/17
Gerald Brown	5 Adar II	03/03/17
Benjamin Feinman	6 Adar	03/04/17
Sidney Baum	6 Adar II	03/04/17
Florence Fleischer	7 Adar	03/05/17
Lynda Schachne	8 Adar	03/06/17
Beti L Kreiman	9 Adar	03/07/17
Fanny Segal	9 Adar II	03/07/17
Ann B Kossar	10 Adar	03/08/17
Rebecca Swerlick	10 Adar	03/08/17
Martin Wintner	10 Adar II	03/08/17
Anna Gobstein	12 Adar	03/10/17
Jack Kaplan	13 Adar	03/11/17
Florence Shustak	13 Adar II	03/11/17
Fannie Kirschner	14 Adar	03/12/17
Claire Lieberman	14 Adar	03/12/17
Benjamin Rosner	14 Adar	03/12/17
Barbara Levitt	15 Adar	03/13/17
Jack J Silverberg	16 Adar	03/14/17
Sheldon H. Lubitz	17 Adar	03/15/17
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William Golub	22 Adar	03/20/17
Erica Lauren Lipson	22 Adar	03/20/17
Alexander Rosenberg	22 Adar	03/20/17
Florence Michelson	24 Adar	03/22/17
Louis Schoenholtz	24 Adar	03/22/17
Beatrice Davidson	25 Adar	03/23/17
Stanley Schwalbe	25 Adar	03/23/17
Phyllis M. Rosenbaum	26 Adar	03/24/17
Charles Shustak	27 Adar	03/25/17
Bernard Mills	28 Adar	03/26/17
Jennie Stein	28 Adar	03/26/17
Abraham Wigotsky	28 Adar	03/26/17
Anna Federman	29 Adar	03/27/17
Joseph Greenwald	29 Adar II	03/27/17
Minnie Radin	3 Nisan	03/30/17

# 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](mailto:memorial.coordinator@bisrael.com)

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- **GET WELL FUND**
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Contributions made will benefit organizations, members, causes, and/or purchases at the discretion of the Rabbi
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## PRAYER BOOK FUND

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Contact Barry Bluestein at 201-782-0969

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Located in the temple lobby.

Contact Meryl Kutzin at [meryl.kutzin@bisrael.com](mailto:meryl.kutzin@bisrael.com)

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Contact Idelle Schwinder at 201-265-7281

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