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A Message From Our Rabbi

by Rabbi Debra Orenstein

GRATEFUL

In honor of Thanksgiving, and with great gratitude to this community, I want to share some of my favorite poems and teachings about Gratitude.



The first reading is one I shared on Erev Rosh Hashanah with the congregation. In it, ee cummings seems to be talking about our holiday, the birthday of the world. His point, and the point of all the subsequent readings, is that gratitude rebirths our sense of wonder, appreciation, and blessing. Because of that, every day has the potential to be the Birthday of the World *and* a Thanksgiving Holiday.

i thank You God for most this amazing
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes
(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
great happening illimitable earth)
how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any—lifted from the no
of all nothing—human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?
(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

Who is rich? A person who is happy with his portion. – Pirkei Avot 4:1

Wanting the quality of your life to be better and taking positive action to make this happen is no contradiction to being grateful for the precious gift of life. This way you have an inner feeling of joy for being alive, and this positive energy will give you more inner strength to create the kind of life that would be better for you. –Rabbi Zelig Pliskin

No one is as capable of gratitude as one who has emerged from the kingdom of night. –Elie Wiesel

For me, every hour is grace. And I feel gratitude in my heart each time I can meet someone and look at his or her smile. –Elie Wiesel

We thank you, God, for the countless miracles that are with us daily, evening, morning, and noon. – *daily Jewish liturgy*

Let us bless the Lord for blessing us so richly. –Rabbi Herschel Matt

Ben Zoma was once in a [crushing] crowd on the steps of the Temple mount. He said: “Blessed is the One who discerns secrets, and blessed is the One who has created all these people to serve me.” For, he also used to say, “What labors did Adam have to carry out before he obtained bread to eat? He ploughed. He sowed. He reaped. He bound the sheaves, threshed the grained, winnowed the chaff, selected the ears, ground them, sifted the flour, kneaded the dough, and baked it. Only then was he able to eat. But I get up and find that all these things have already been done for me. Similarly, how many labors did Adam have to carry out before he obtained a garment to wear? He had to shear the sheep, wash the wool, comb it, spin it, and weave it. All I have to do is get up and find these things done for me. All kinds of artisans come early to the door of my house, and I rise in the morning and find all these before me.” – *Talmud Berachot 58a*

Ben Zoma used to say, “What does a good guest say? “How much trouble my host has taken for me! How much meat he has set before me! How much wine he has set before me! How many cakes he has set before me! And all the trouble he has taken was only for my sake!” –*Talmud Berachot 58a*

CANTOR'S CORNER

by Cantor Lenny Mandel

“Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, And sorry I could not travel both And be one traveler, long I stood And looked down one as far as I could...”*



If you didn't hear Rabbi Orenstein's drash on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, you missed one of the most beautiful, most powerful, most engaging and thought provoking drashim I've ever had the privilege to hear; it was about making choices.

Every choice we make isn't a "life" choice, but every action we take can have rewards or consequences, and the latter aren't always easy to get out of. Truth be told, I've made some pretty bad choices in my life, and most of the time just got lucky, or was that my Guardian Angel intervening on my behalf once again?

Aaah, you don't get it, huh? Well, I believe that we are all swimming around in a huge cauldron and when the heat gets turned way up, my Guardian Angel scoops me out with his ladle, and when the temperature subsides, puts me back in.

I sat there transfixed by her words thinking about many situations that I'd been in where I made no choice. Making no choice is also a choice, she said, but in my opinion being pro-active is the only choice.

I officiated at a funeral of a 95 year old woman the day after Rosh Hashanah, and what her son wanted stressed was the LOVE, and I repeat, the LOVE, the respect, and the caring shown her by her friends and neighbors at the community

where she lived in central New Jersey.

They would check on her every day, and if all they got was a wave from the doorway or a smile, they'd still go over to make sure all was well.

Those acts of kindness (in Hebrew-Hesed) and incredible generosity of spirit, were choices, choices we should all undertake to make another human being feel wanted, feel cared for and not feel alone.

Our friend Joe Garibaldi, who passed away in his early 50s some 15 years ago always said: "never drive past a kid with a lemonade stand."

Imagine how the kid feels when you stop. It's not the dollar, it's rewarding him or her for their efforts, it's letting them know that they're doing something right and you noticed. It's a true random act of kindness (think how many cars just drive by without even a glance).

Believe me, any acts of kindness that you do come back to you on so many levels, as Shakespeare wrote in Rome and Juliet: "The more I give to thee, The more I have..."

I promise that the choices you make to give to others, the more you will have, and you will reap incredible rewards from doing acts of kindness



and demonstrating generosity of spirit.

"I shall be telling this with a sigh somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.”*

Please, choose the road less travelled by, it will change your world.

* *The Road Not Taken*, by Robert Frost

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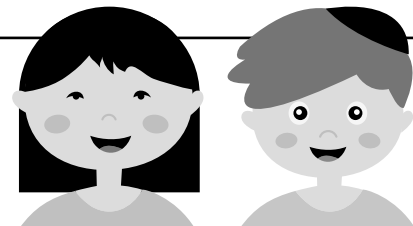
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The Principal's Pen

by Karen Weiss, Principal

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



October was quite the busy month as we celebrated the High Holidays.

But now that we are back to B'reisheet, things really seem to be "falling" into place in the Education wing. After a month of



Tuesdays without Hebrew School, we are back to a regular schedule which is helpful for all. Everyone, from parents to students to teachers, appreciates the comfort that



routines bring. And our children are the ones who benefit the most. After only a couple of months of Hebrew School, they know more Hebrew than when the year first began, they understand more about

the Jewish year, and they have more insight into Jewish history and culture. Ask them, you'll see how much they have learned this fall!

You may have noticed the word "Kehillah" on the Hebrew School calendar. Periodically during the school year, our Dalet and Hey students go off site to attend the Kehillah

Congregational Learning Program. Sixth and seventh graders from area synagogues come together to learn about the Jewish religion, culture and community. This program, managed by the Jewish Community Center of Paramus and funded by the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey, was previously only for sixth graders, but this year it has been expanded to allow for sixth and seventh graders to attend. Clearly, the expansion of the program speaks to its success. The next Kehillah for the Hey class is on **November 20**. The Dalet class will have their introduction to this program on **December 4**. They are sure to really enjoy their experience.

We have few dates that we will be closed during the month of November. There will be no Hebrew School on **November 13** due to NJ Teachers Convention and Hebrew School will also be closed on **November 27** for the Thanksgiving holiday. Otherwise, we are open for business and we hope to see you in the Hebrew School wing!

All our best.

SISTERS IN THE HOOD

by Beth Leipmann & Joan Zelman, Sisterhood Co-Chairs

It was lovely to see everyone in Temple on the High Holidays. May we all have a sweet New Year.

Sisterhood held a fundraiser event at Charming Charlies Accessory Store in Paramus Park on Thursday October 27th. If you haven't been there yet, it is a must see! All their displays are color coordinated, so there's something for every outfit. Sisterhood received 10% of all sales, so hope you shopped till you dropped, and enjoyed the light refreshments that were available during the evening shopping hours.

We are in the process of planning more wonderful events. We hope to have a cooking class with our resident chef Warren Kuperinsky, as well as a Paint Your Jeans session! If anyone has an idea for future event, we are always open for a girls' night out. Contact us at Sisterhood@bisrael.com.



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One who crosses the ocean and is rescued from a shipwreck gives thanks to God. Should we not thank God if we cross without a mishap? One who is cured of a dangerous illness offers praise to God. Should we not praise God when God grants health and preserves us from illness? *—The Radziminer Rebbe (Hasidic Rabbi)*

The prohibition against ingratitude applies not just to personal kindnesses, but to intellectual influences. Thus the Gaon of Vilna counsels, "If you find something worthwhile in a book written by another, don't ridicule parts of the book with which you disagree." *—Rabbi Joseph Telushkin*

Can you see the holiness in those things you take for granted—a paved road or a washing machine? If you concentrate on finding whatever is good in every situation, you will discover that your life will suddenly be filled with gratitude, a feeling that nurtures the soul. *—Rabbi Harold Kushner*

Ingratitude to man is ingratitude to God. *—Shmuel HaNagid*

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RITUAL

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



As we say good-bye to October and remember the beauty of all our High Holiday Services, from the first prayers of Rosh Hashanah to replacing our Torahs in the Ark after our joyous Simchat Torah Service, we hope that our prayers for peace and harmony will be answered in the coming year. We look forward to having you continue to join us throughout the year to celebrate Shabbat, and other holidays, as often as you can. We offer many types of services and are sure that you will find one or more a comfortable fit for you and your family.

This month we are proud to have four of our children come to the Bimah for their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. We will celebrate first with the Ferstenberg family, as Jacob becomes a Bar Mitzvah on **November 5**; Amelia Welter will be called to the Torah on **November 12**, and then we have the joy of celebrating with the Hayden family as Harlee becomes a Bat Mitzvah on **November 19**. Also, on November 19, Stevie Miller will be called to the Torah at 3:30pm.

On **November 18**, we invite everyone to join Rabbi

Orenstein for our **Intergenerational Drumming Circle** from 7:15pm – 7:45pm. **No drumming talent required... No age limit!** Percussion is one of the most ancient forms of worship and expression. Children naturally gravitate to it and adults become child-like again as they enjoy keeping – and changing - the rhythm. Rabbi Orenstein has received training in drumming as a healing art. Participants can expect to leave uplifted and rejuvenated. Our traditional Erev Shabbat service will begin at 8:00pm.

On Sunday **November 20**, at 7:00pm an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held at the First Congregational Church, in Park Ridge. All are welcome to be part of this community gathering.

We will celebrate Shabbat at Shul on Friday evening, **November 25**, with our popular “Torah Town Hall”. **Ripped from the Headlines!** *How do We Relate and Respond to Current Events Based on Our Identities and Perspectives as Jews – and Remain Grateful in the Process?* See you at Shul.

November 26, the Shabbat that falls during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, will be observed at home.

We wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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We give thanks to You, Adonai, our God,
because we are able to give thanks.
–Talmud Sotah 40a

I did not make the air I breathe
Nor the sun that warms me...
I did not endow the muscles
Of hand and brain
With the strength
To plough and plant and harvest...
I know
I am not
A self-made man. –Rabbi Ben Zion
Bokser

Travelers fan out
Into the wilds.
And in that jungle
Of strangers
Merci
Rings out
While the hustling train
Changes countries,
Sweeping away borders.
Then spasibo

Clinging to pointy
Volcanoes, to fire and freezing cold,
Or danke, yes! And gracias, and
The world turns into a table:
A single word has wiped it clean,
Plates and glasses gleam.
Silverware tinkles,
And the tablecloth is as broad as a plain.
–Pablo Neruda

We walk all over the common miracles
without bothering to wipe our feet.
Then we wonder why we need more
and more salt to taste our food.
My old man, my old lady, my
ball and chain: listen, even the cat
you found starving in the alley
who purrs you to sleep dancing
with kneading paws in your hair
will vanish if your heart closes its fist. –
Marge Piercy

Teach me, my God, to praise and to pray
For the mystery of the withered leaf,
For the glow of the ripened fruit;

For the freedom to see, to feel,
To breathe, to know, to hope, to stumble.
Teach my lips a blessing, a hymn of praise,
As you renew each morning and each
night;
Lest this day appear as yesterday
And the day before-
Lest my day become routine. –Leah
Goldberg

It doesn't have to be
The blue iris, it could be
Weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
Small stones; just
Pay attention, then patch
A few words together, and don't try
To make them elaborate, this isn't a
Contest but the doorway
Into thanks, and a silence in which
Another voice may speak. –Mary Oliver

May you be rich in harvest and in
gratitude. Happy Thanksgiving.

The President's Pen

by Nancy Passow, President

(Modah ani lifanekha melekh chai v'kayam shehec ezarta bi nishmahti b'c emlah, rabah emunatekha.) I am grateful to You, living, enduring King, for restoring my soul to me in compassion. You are faithful beyond measure.

—Prayer said upon waking up in the morning

November is a gratitude month – we have many things to be thankful for this month and many ways to express our gratitude.

We celebrate Thanksgiving at the end of the month, a traditional time to give thanks (Rabbi Debra will be one of the participants at the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service held this year at the First Congregational Church, Park Ridge, NJ). I'm grateful that we made it through all of the holidays in October (don't get me wrong, I love the holidays, but it's always a relief when they're over and we can go back to just being our everyday selves.) We get a rest during November, no Jewish holidays until December (and then it's Chanukah – yay!!) We are celebrating FOUR B'nai Mitzvot this month – two Bar Mitzvahs and two Bat Mitzvahs. There is nothing more joyous and no better time to give thanks, than watching our CBI children become Jewish adults.

We start the month off with two great events – our fall fundraiser, *All Together on an Autumn Night*, Saturday evening, **November 5**, and JFNNJ's county-wide Mitzvah Day on Sunday, **November 6**. These are opportunities to “do good” and have fun, so please join in for both.



Another thing to be thankful for is that the elections will be over this month. To help move us back to a more peaceful place, Rabbi Debra is leading an Adult Ed program on **Thursday, November 10** at 7:30 pm called “Beyond Winning or Losing: Cultivating Dialogue & Finding Common Ground After the Elections” which will focus on creating safe spaces for civil and civic dialogue and will include members of the Pascack Valley Clergy Association. I am looking forward to this discussion and hoping we can go back to being calmer and more compassionate.

I have been keeping a gratitude journal for several years now – every night (although sometimes it's not until the next morning) I write down three things that happened that day for which I am grateful. Sometimes it's just snuggles from my cat Charley, sometimes it's the beautiful flowers in my garden or a lovely sunset, sometimes it's a great Yoga class, and sometimes it's that I'm grateful to have woken up that morning. It's a wonderful reminder that even though things aren't always great, there are still good things going on, even if they're small. It's important to remember to look for them.

During my Yom Kippur speech, I spoke about the “magic” that makes things happen at CBI and that the magic is really all of the CBI community. If that inspired you to get a little more involved, but you're not quite sure how, please get in touch with me. Together we can figure out how you can add to the magic of the CBI community. (Or just get in touch to say hi – I'm always grateful for an excuse to drop by Starbucks and would love for you to join me.)

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

CBI welcomes the following new members to our CBI family, and we look forward to getting to know them:

Margie Miller of Teaneck

Dr. Ben and Joan Goldstein of Haworth, and their children Romack (8 years old), entering Alef, and twin daughters, Emily and Amaleigh (6 years old), entering Prozdor

Genesis member Nicole Dolgin of Old Tappan, and her daughter Isabella (3 1/2 years old)

Welcome back to Scott and Renee Masters of Oradell, and their two sons Aaron and Joshua.

SAC EXCHANGE

by Judy Newell,
Renee Kuperinksy, Chair Emeritus

Mitzvah Day is **Sunday, November 6th**. Mitzvah Day is a community wide volunteer day during which participants throughout Northern New Jersey fulfill one of Judaism's core values- Tikkun Olam - repairing the world.

This year Congregation B'nai Israel will be conducting a toiletry drive. Besides needing food assistance, many people in our area also have a need for basic toiletry items, such as shampoo, deodorant, combs, hair brushes, shaving cream, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. A box has been set up in front of the gift shop for your contributions, which will all be greatly appreciated.

Ask the Clergy

[aka Dear (R)Abbi]

This month answered by Rabbi Debra Orenstein

“What is the origin of the names of the months in the Hebrew calendar, and do they have any special significance?”

In the Bible, the “names” of the months are given mainly as ordinal numbers. What we call Nissan (the holiday in which Passover falls) is called “the first month.” What we call Tishrei (the month of the High Holidays) is called, simply, “the seventh month.” (The New Year starts in the 7th month because that is when the ancient Rabbis calculated that Creation occurred. Rosh Hashanah is, after all, the birthday of the world, not the anniversary of the calendar.)

Even within the Bible, however some months get special names. For example, the month when Passover occurs, which does celebrate the anniversary of the calendar (“This month shall be for you the first of months”), is also called aviv, meaning spring, since that is when the month falls. In the Torah, we have numerous references to “the first month” and several to “aviv.”

The numbers, names, approximate times, and mazalim (astrological signs) of the Hebrew months are below:

Month 1	Nisan – March/April	Taleh - Aries
Month 2	Iyar – April/May	Shor - Taurus
Month 3	Sivan –May/June	Teomim - Gemini
Month 4	Tammuz –June/July	Sartan - Cancer
Month 5	Av – July/August	Arye - Leo
Month 6	Elul - August/Sept.	Betulah - Virgo
Month 7	Tishrei – Sept./Oct.	Moznayim - Libra
Month 8	Cheshvan - Oct./Nov.	Akrab - Scorpio
Month 9	Kislev –Nov./Dec.	Keshet - Sagittarius
Month 10	Tevet- Dec./Jan.	Gdi - Capricorn
Month 11	Shevat-Jan./Feb.	Dli – Aquarius
Month 12	Adar-Feb./March	Dagim - Pisces

The names of the Hebrew months were taken from the Babylonian calendar, which, in turn, is based on a Sumerian

calendar from the 21st century B.C.E. The Jews adapted these names in the 6th century B.C.E. when most of the Jews of the Land of Israel were exiled and deported to Babylonia for approximately 70 years. Eight out of 12 of these month names – or a close cognate of them – exist today in the Assyrian calendar, which is in use primarily in Iraq, Iran, Turkey, and the Palestinian territories.

Originally, the month names were created for pagan gods and goddesses. Nisan refers to Arach Nisanu (the month of the sanctuary) – and, in particular, the sanctuary of Anu, the Supreme Father-Sky god. The Rabbis reinterpreted the name “Nisan” based on its first two letters, which spell out the Hebrew word nes (נס), meaning miracle. The month of Passover recalls a time when God wrought miracles on our behalf. Although the word derives etymologically from pagan culture, it was adopted - and then co-opted and “Judaized” - by our people.

This is true of many Jewish customs and stories. We have adapted and used what came before or predominated in the culture – whether a flood narrative (Noah story); harvest holiday (Sukkot, Shavuot); solstice festival (Hanukkah); or Greek Symposium (Passover Seder). Far from “tainting” or raising doubts about Jewish ideas and practice, these pagan roots show us (by contrast) what is special about Judaism. Ours is the only flood story that arises because God hates violence and loves justice; the source of the flood in the other stories is that the gods themselves are fighting. When we lean left during our long meal of conversation on Passover, it’s not to vomit, so that we can eat more (as the Romans did); it’s to show and feel our leisure as free human beings, regardless of class.

We started using pagan names for the months because we were in exile. Over the millennia, the Babylonian pagan culture disappeared, and the names of the months became associated chiefly with the Jews. We Jews have ascribed and inferred meaning for the, now Hebrew, months. What was once pagan has assimilated into ethical monotheism.



FOCUS ON ISRAEL

CONNECTED

We are connected to time we can only imagine. What if an object smaller than a pine cone, a scroll parchment, was carefully kept from the time of its discovery in 1970 until today, condensed to charcoal, impossible to open? In 1970, a number of charred lumps of charcoal were excavated in Ein Gedi, Israel (western shore of Dead Sea), where a synagogue from about 50-100 CE was being worked on by archeologists. The ark was unearthed, and only these burned lumps remained within the chamber.

At the time, no x-ray or future CT scan could unlock what might otherwise be hidden forever. But in 2009, a software program called Volume Cartography began working on a method called "virtual unwrapping". One of these ancient scrolls was able to take on the form of mesh, tiny triangles. A computer then unfolded the 3-D structure onto a 2-D sheet. The images which emerged were as readable as the unharmed Dead Sea scrolls.

We have learned, thus far, that these scrolls were part of a much larger library at a grand villa likely owned by Julius Caesar's father-in-law, Lucius Calpurnius Piso. The unexcavated portions of the library may yet bring long lost works of Greek and Latin literature to life. The scrolls show us the first two chapters of Leviticus, detailing sacrifices performed in Biblical times at the Great Temple in Jerusalem. It is now our earliest evidence of the exact form of this medieval text, otherwise known as the Masoretic text. There are other ancient scrolls now awaiting the treatment the Ein Gedi scroll recently received.

Connected by stories, practices, history, and related people, we come from rich pasts which we continue to build on as we make choices to care for each other, and the greater world.

BLASTS FROM THE PAST!

Another gem from Dan Kirschner – he must have had a large dictionary at hand when he came up with this one! The short and sweet version is that you can contact Bob Greenblatt at 201-265-5777 to inquire about your leaf for our Tree of Life.



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FLIPPER Kadima November Events!



Come Join Us!!!

Funplex Afternoon Sunday November 13th

We're headed to The Funplex in East Hanover for unlimited rides and even some time at the arcade. Foam Frenzy, Go-Karts, Super Twister, Lazer Runner, Bumper Cars, Free Fall, Skyscraper, a 4D Theater and more! Come spend the afternoon with your Kadima friends!

The bus will leave at 1:15 pm from JCC-Paramus/Congregation Beth Tikvah and will return at 5:30 pm

304 East Midland Ave, Paramus -- (201) 262-7691

\$20 for FLIPPER Kadima members, \$30 non-members

Tikkun Olam Sunday November 20th

We'll be having fun together while making a difference in our community. Join us for a variety of community service projects, along with snacks and games!

4:30 pm - 6 pm at Fair Lawn Jewish Center,

10-10 Norma Ave, Fair Lawn -- (201) 796-5040

FREE for FLIPPER Kadima members and first-time Kadima attendees,
\$5 non-members

FLIPPER Kadima is a joint youth program sponsored by Fair Lawn Jewish Center, TBS Fair Lawn, CBI Emerson, Temple Israel & JCC of Ridgewood and JCC-Paramus/Congregation Beth Tikvah

OPEN TO ALL 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS!

Youth do not need to belong to a synagogue to join Kadima

Non-members are welcome at events

RSVP and questions? Contact Kadima Advisor Shira Goldstein at
sgoldstein621@gmail.com

or Naomi Weinberg, Youth Chair naomi.weinberg@bisrael.com or 201-454-1450

ATTENTION 6TH-8TH GRADERS!

**CBI IS HOSTING DINNER & A MOVIE ON SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 4th**

[time to be determined]

It's a Kadima youth program, so -- INVITE YOUR FRIENDS even if they aren't members of CBI!

More details to follow...

Questions? Contact Naomi at naomi.weinberg@bisrael.com or 201-454-1450

HELP WANTED! PARENTS NEEDED!

Parents of 6th-8th grader needed to help with sending emails and coordinating calendar with Youth Group liaison, Naomi Weinberg.

Get involved in your pre-teen's involvement with Kadima!

If you have questions or if you have someone to recommend, contact Naomi at
naomi.weinberg@bisrael.com or 201-454-1450

Interfaith Outreach

With the themes of Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur still fresh in our minds, and our common biblical link to the story of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Isaac, and Ishmael as our guide, we launched our first Interfaith event of the new year with our partner, Peace Island Institutes, on October 30.

'Love is a Verb' was a revealing 1 hour documentary outlining the philosophy that is behind Peace Island's Honorary President, Fethullah Gulen. The Gulen movement originated in Turkey, and is a faith inspired, non-political, cultural, and educational, movement whose basic principles stem from Islam's universal values, such as love of the creation, sympathy for the fellow human, compassion, and altruism.

Over a lunch with yummy food provided by both CBI and Peace Islands, we had an opportunity to ask general questions about Islam, as well as specific questions about Peace Island's vision of Islam. We thank our guests for their hospitality, their participation in sharing lunch with us, and their openness in enabling us to learn more about Islam's philosophies and faith



principles. Thanks to Jamie Kreiman and Linda Spatz for their assistance in guiding this program.

Our next event with Peace Islands will be on Sunday morning, **November 13**. Please join us at 9:00 am as Peace Island families (adults and children) attend our Minyan service. Prayers that morning will be led by our upcoming Bar Mitzvah, Stevie Miller, followed by a baby naming for the daughter of Lindsey and Jared Yellin. We will then all enjoy bagel breakfast together. Our program will continue at 10:15 am with a tour of our sanctuary for our guests and members led by Rabbi Orenstein, who will explain some of the rites, rituals, and symbols of the synagogue, such as our Eternal Light, our Torahs, Yahrzeit Boards, Siddurim, etc. Rabbi Orenstein will then answer questions about Judaism in general, and our CBI congregation in particular. Please join us that morning with your families to share in both the celebrations and this unique Interfaith experience.

Ellen Michelson, Carolyn Ginsburg, Linda Spatz.

A BIG THANK YOU

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

Ted and Barbara Glueck	Saturday	October 29	To support CBI
The Ferstenberg Family	Sunday	October 30	In honor of Jacob's Bar Mitzvah
The Ferstenberg Family	Friday	November 4	In honor of Jacob's Bar Mitzvah
The Ferstenberg Family	Saturday	November 5	In honor of Jacob's Bar Mitzvah
Welter/Strassberg Family	Sunday	November 6	In honor of Amelia's Bat Mitzvah
Welter/Strassberg Family	Friday	November 11	In honor of Amelia's Bat Mitzvah
Don and Fern Segal	Friday	November 11	In honor of their grandson, Jacob Gonzalez's Bar Mitzvah
Welter/Strassberg Family	Saturday	November 12	In honor of Amelia's Bat Mitzvah
Don and Fern Segal	Saturday	November 12	In honor of their grandson, Jacob Gonzalez's Bar Mitzvah
Miller/Rosen Family	Sunday	November 13	In honor of Stevie's Bar Mitzvah
Yellin family	Sunday	November 13	In honor of their daughter's baby naming
Hayden Family	Friday	November 18	In honor of Harlee's Bat Mitzvah
Hayden Family	Saturday	November 19	In honor of Harlee's Bat Mitzvah
Schreiber Family	Sunday	November 20	In memory of Joyce's Grandmother, Hilda (Meyer) Hardt's, Yahrzeit
DeMilia Family	Sunday	December 4	In honor of Daniel's Bar Mitzvah
DeMilia Family	Friday	December 9	In honor of Daniel's Bar Mitzvah
DeMilia Family	Saturday	December 10	In honor of Daniel's Bar Mitzvah
Michelson Family	Sunday	December 11	In honor of Ellen's birthday

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

November 6, 2016

Join us on Sunday after bagel breakfast to learn more!
Meet our guide via skype from Israel.

Your questions and suggestions are wanted!

Congregation B'nai Israel's Inter-Generational Trip to



With Rabbi Debra Orenstein

Travel dates:

June 20 – July 2, 2018

Approximate land only price \$3,255

For more information, contact Robin Pierce at robinphyllis@aol.com

Tour arranged by ITC Tours LLC • www.israeltour.com • 800-247-7235

PROPOSED ITINERARY

Wednesday, June 20 – Depart USA on an overnight flight to Israel:

Thursday, 21 June – Going up into the Land Afternoon arrival in Israel to be met and assisted by your ITC representative. Tour the alleys of Old Jaffa, the ancient port city once known as the *Gate of Zion*. Shekhiyanu- Welcome ceremony on top of Tel Jaffa overlooking modern Tel Aviv. Check-in to the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Tel Aviv's Mediterranean Coast. Welcome dinner and orientation at Maganda Yemenite Restaurant. Overnight: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Tel Aviv

Friday, 22 June – Going up into the Land – The Hebrew City and the Jewish State Guided tour of the Ayalon Institute – an underground bullet factory in Rehovot used by Jewish forces before the founding of the State of Israel. Relive David Ben Gurion declaring the new State of Israel at Independence Hall. Hear about the establishment of Tel Aviv standing at the Founders' Monument on Rothschild Boulevard and see the Bauhaus architecture for which central Tel Aviv was declared a UNESCO World Heritage

Site. Lunch on your own and free time to explore the Nachalat Binyamin crafts fair. While there checkout the nearby Carmel Market and bohemian Sheinkin Street – All Three of these Tel Aviv icons meet at the "Magen David Junction". Free time to get ready for Shabbat. Shabbat Candle Lighting. Friday evening services – Israeli Kabbalat Shabbat by the sea in Tel Aviv Port. Festive Shabbat Dinner at hotel – Lone soldiers invited. Overnight: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Tel Aviv

Shabbat/Saturday, 23 June And on the Seventh Day...in Tel Aviv Shabbat morning services at a local Masorati (Conservative) synagogue followed by a participatory Torah study session. Walking tour of historic "Little Tel Aviv" - Discover the quaint Neve Tzedek neighborhood that gave birth to the "first Hebrew city in 2,000 years". Traditional Shabbat Lunch at hotel - Lone soldiers invited. Visit the "Aliyah Bet" Memorial in London Square to hear the story of the illegal immigration operations which rescued Jewish refugees before the founding of the State of Israel. Free time to swim, explore on your own and watch Tel Aviv's resident's folkdance, play racquetball, walk the promenade and enjoy Shabbat afternoon by the sea. Havdalah on the beach with Rabbi Orenstein. Free evening. Dinner on own. Overnight: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Tel Aviv

Sunday, 24 June - Along the Mediterranean Coast Depart for northern Israel. Visit the ruins of Caesarea, including its Roman Theater, Amphitheater, Hippodrome and Promontory Palace. Ponder a rabbinic debate over Jews attending gladiator games. Tour of the Old City of Acco: Visit the Underground Prisoners Museum in Acco Prison, where the British held and even executed Jewish underground fighters. A daring escape from this prison is featured in the film *Exodus*. Then venture beneath the streets of Old Acco to explore the Crusader Knights Halls. Travel to Rosh Hanikra in the northwest corner of Israel. Descend by cable car to explore the Grottos of Rosh Hanikra - Beautiful sea caves formed by the forces of wind and water. Dinner at hotel with the Boyland family - Meet Matt Silver's second family. Check-in to the Nof Ginosar Hotel on Kibbutz Ginosar by the Sea of Galilee. Overnight: Kibbutz Ginosar.

Monday, 25 June - Mystics, Geopolitics and Israel's Finest Explore mystical Tzfat's old synagogues and picturesque alleys of the - Discover the origins of our Friday night service where *Lecha Dodi* was written. Glassblowing demonstration in the studio of a local artist - Hear about the influence of Jewish spirituality on her art. Raft or Kayak down the Jordan River - Great way to cool off on a hot day. Tour of the strategic Golan Heights to visit bunkers where the Syrian army used to look down at Israel below. Then look out from the peak of Mt. Bental to gain a special perspective on Israel's complex geopolitics. Barbeque dinner with Israeli soldiers. First hand encounter with young people who are giving some of the best years of their lives to the defense of Israel. Overnight: Overnight: Kibbutz Nof Ginosar

Tuesday, 26 June - Across Israel: A Multicultural Jewish Society Discover Ethiopian Jewish culture at the Gemarchin

Center in Beit Shean. Lunch on own. Continue south through the Jordan Valley and ascend to Jerusalem. Visit the Western Wall and connect to an ancient Jewish legacy. Walk through the Western Wall Tunnels to discover underground Jerusalem. Tour of Jewish Quarter including the Herodian Mansions, Cardo, Broad Wall and Rooftops followed by free time to shop and explore on own. Check-in to the Dan Panorama Hotel or Prima Kings Hotel in Jerusalem. Free evening. Dinner on own. **Recommendation for evening:** Visit the Israel Museum to see the Dead Sea. Scrolls and the Model of Jerusalem in the first century. **Also recommended:** Modern Israeli art, Synagogue interiors and the Archaeology Wing. (On Tuesdays the Israel Museum is open from 4 pm - 9:30 pm). Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

Wednesday, 27 June - New City - Old City: Jewish Legacies in Jerusalem - Visit Yad Lakashish, a unique employment program for Jerusalem's elderly citizens and meet its *senior* artisans. Visit its gift shop where "*shopping is a mitzvah*". Meaningful visit to the Mt. Herzl Cemetery to discover chapters in the history of Israel at the graves of Yitzhak Rabin, Golda Meir, Theodore Herzl and Hannah Senesch. Lunch on own, Engage in **hands on tzedakah** preparing food packages for distribution to some of Israel's neediest people at Pantry Packers in southern Jerusalem. Explore the City of David using the Bible and archaeology to make Jerusalem's stones tell the story of the city's ancient past. Wade through Hezekiah's Tunnel - A still flowing ancient water system that saved the city of Jerusalem 2,700 years ago (dry option available). Dinner on own Watch the Night Spectacular - Sound and light show at the Tower of David. Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

Thursday, 28 June - Masada and the Dead Sea: Freedom Fighters or Fanatics? Set out early across the Judean Desert and ascend Masada by cable car to tour the ruins of Herod's palace and the last outpost of Jewish independence. **Discussion: Which Jewish Legacy - Masada or Yavne?** Swim in the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth, at a local resort. The resort also has a fresh water pool and spa facilities. Massage and spa treatments available by prior reservation at own expense. Lunch at Dead Sea resort. **Time permitting:** Walk in Ein Gedi Nature Reserve opportunity to bath in waterfalls and hear how David hid there from King Saul. Stop off at "Abraham's Tent" for a Camel ride and biblical hospitality before returning to Jerusalem. Dinner on own. Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

Friday, 29 June - Holocaust, Remembrance and Continuity - Tour of Yad Vashem -

Israel's national Holocaust memorial and museum, including the Historical Museum and Children's Memorial. (Children under age 10 are not permitted in Yad Vashem's historical museum). Alternate program for younger children: Visit Jerusalem's Biblical Zoo, where you'll see animals which lived in Israel during biblical times. (Children must be accompanied by an adult). Lunch on own. Explore the raucous Machane Yehuda Market and take in a slice of local life as you see Jerusalemites prepare for Shabbat. On the way, see the nearby picturesque Nachalaot neighborhoods. Free time to relax and prepare for Shabbat. Shabbat candle lighting. Friday/Shabbat evenings options Join hundreds of other Jews from around the world to *Greet the Sabbath* at the Western Wall. Option to pray together as a congregation at the "Masorti Kotel", where men and women can pray together. Festive Shabbat Dinner at hotel - Lone soldiers invited. Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

Shabbat/Saturday, 30 June - And on the Seventh Day... in Jerusalem - Shabbat morning services at a local Conservative/Masorati synagogue, followed by Kiddush and an update about the Conservative/Masorti movement in Israel. Shabbat Lunch and learn at the Fuchsberg Center for Conservative Judaism - Lone soldiers invited. Shabbat afternoon options: Late afternoon walking tour to the historic Montefiore Windmill to discover the first neighborhood built outside the walls of the Old City. **AND/OR:** Walking tour to First Temple period burial site at Ketef Hinnom - Where archaeologists discovered the oldest biblical text ever found. Havdalah with Rabbi Orenstein. Free evening. Dinner on own. **Recommendation for the evening:** Visit the First Station Compound, Jerusalem's restored Ottoman railway station turned restaurant - cafe area. Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

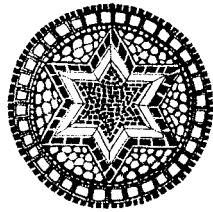
Sunday, 1 July - Digging Up the Past and Renewing the Present - Drive to Beit Guvrin in the Judean Lowlands, crossing enroute the biblical Elah Valley, where David and Goliath fought. Dig up Israel's past by participating in a *hands on* archaeological excavation with *Dig for a Day* in Beit Guvrin National Park. Plant a tree in Israel to commemorate your visit and honor a loved one. Return to Jerusalem. Lunch on own. See the Kneset Menorah, a remarkable bronze sculpture depicting scenes from Jewish history. Remainder of afternoon free to explore on own and get in last minute shopping. Late Check out. Farewell Dinner at Olive and Fish Restaurant. Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport - *See you again soon!*

Monday 2 July - Arrive in USA Begin planning your next Israel trip with Rabbi Orenstein and ITC Tours!

It is our pleasure to invite you to an
Oneg Shabbat following services on
Friday evening, the 4th of November in
honor of our son,

JACOB MATTHEW

Jacob will be called to the
Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on
Saturday, the 5th of November
at nine-thirty in the morning.



ROSALIND AND ISAAC FERSTENBERG

Please join our family and friends
at the Oneg Shabbat following services
on Friday evening, November 11th in
honor of our daughter,

Amelia

Amelia will be called to
the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah
on Saturday, November 12th
at nine-thirty in the morning.

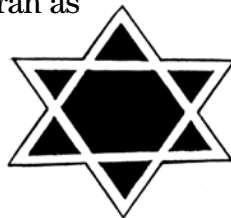


SONYA STRASSBERG AND JOHN WELTER

Please join our family and friends at
the Kiddush following services on
Saturday, the 19th of November in
honor of our son,

STEVIE

Stevie will be called to the Torah as
a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday,
the 19th of November at
three-thirty in the afternoon.



BETH ROSEN & LAURENCE MILLER

It is with great excitement that we invite
you to Shabbat evening services on the 18th
of November when Harlee will lead us in
prayer. Following the service, please join us in
celebrating during the Oneg Shabbat.

Harlee Danielle

Harlee will then be called to
Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on
Saturday, the 19th of
November at nine-thirty in
the morning.



JILL & SCOTT HAYDEN

BAT/BAR MITZVAH MESSAGE

STEVIE MILLER

Shalom, fellow congregants! My name is Stevie Miller, I live in Leonia and go to Solomon Schechter of Bergen county, where my favorite subject is history.

My Torah portion is Chaya Sarah. It is about Sarah's death, Abraham buying a burial site, and Abraham's slave, Eliezer, finding a wife for Isaac. I find it interesting that the name of my portion, which translates to the life of Sarah, takes place right after her death. I think this is because the Torah wants us to leave a legacy of the person's life and not only mourn their death.

This connects to my mitzvah project, which is based around the organization The Antiquities Coalition, because ancient people don't only need to be studied, but their handiwork should be preserved. Around the world people from religious extremists, to organized crime, to political revolutionaries, steal artifacts from sites and sell them to fund their regimes. The Antiquities Coalition tries to stop this by working with economists, politicians, academics, and businessmen to combat cultural racketeering, which is a global problem that requires a global solution.

Please join me when I lead services on Sunday morning, November 13, and please join me at my Bar Mitzvah service, November 19th at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Shalom, Stevie

AMELIA WELTER

Shalom! My name is Amelia Welter. I live in River Vale, NJ. I love to ski, swim, and read. In fact, my whole family loves to read. My favorite subjects are math and science.

My Torah portion is about how G-d told Abraham to leave his home, and Abraham left without asking why. He went with his wife Sarah and his nephew Lot. They went to Egypt, but then had to leave when Pharaoh realized that Abraham had lied about Sarah being his sister, and Pharaoh had married Sarah. Then Abraham and Lot split up the land that they had, and G-d told Abraham to circumcise all the boys in his household as a covenant with G-d. This was the beginning of the Jewish religion, and it's when G-d gave us the mitzvah of circumcision.

For my mitzvah project, I will be helping savethechimps.org. This is an organization that provides a permanent sanctuary for rescued chimpanzees. I chose this organization because I love animals and crafts. Ever since I was 3 years old, I've wanted to be a vet. Congregants can donate supplies for me to make chimpinatas. I will be collecting dried fruit and unsalted nuts in the shell for the chimpinatas. I will also be collecting used stuffed toys, dolls, or dog toys (no pellets beans or batteries), and old tennis balls. There will be a box in the lobby of CBI after the High Holidays for these donations.

I will be leading services at the temple on **Sunday November 6th, Friday November 11th, and Saturday November 12th**. I hope you can come to the Temple to celebrate with my family and me.

HARLEE HAYDEN

Shalom! My name is Harlee and my Bat Mitzvah is November 19, 2016. I live in Hillsdale and go to George White Middle School. I am in 7th grade and my favorite subject is English. I love to play lacrosse, dance competitively, and bake.

On my Bat Mitzvah date, I am going to read the Torah portion, Vayera. Vayera starts when Abraham and Sarah are ninety-eight and ninety-nine, and are visited by three angels, appearing in human form. Abraham and Sarah served food to these strangers, and they told Sarah that she is going to have a son. Sarah didn't believe that because she is so old, and so she started to laugh. Later on, Abraham had a child, named Ishmael, with his second wife, Sarah's servant, Hagar. Then, G-d bestowed His promise to Sarah, and Abraham and Sarah had a child named Isaac – meaning laughter. One day, Sarah saw Ishmael teasing Isaac so she had Hagar and Ishmael leave the household. Hagar and Ishmael traveled in the desert and created a nation that now belongs to the Muslims. Weeks later, Abraham was told by G-d to go sacrifice Isaac in the land of Moriah (present day Jerusalem) so he built an altar there. When he was about to slay Isaac, an angel of G-d stopped him from doing this. Since Abraham followed G-d's command, G-d made his descendants "as numerous as the stars in the sky, and the sands on the seashore." Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac made up the first Jews.

After reading my portion, I came up with my mitzvah project. For my mitzvah project, and following the example of Abraham and Sarah who served food to strangers, I've made homemade fresh challahs for those who can't afford this on Shabbat each week. These challahs have been given to the Helping Hands Food Pantry in Teaneck, NJ. It makes me happy to put a smile on people's faces when they get to have a homemade challah for Shabbat. I love to bake and it made sense to try something new, so I thought about baking challahs. As Part 2 of my mitzvah project, on September 18th, I had a taste test of my challahs at the temple. Congregants were able to order my challahs for their Shabbat dinner. Their money will be donated to an infertility organization called Bonei Olam. I chose this organization because in my Torah portion, Vayera, Sarah couldn't have a child as she'd wanted until she was 99 years old. Bonei Olam is a worldwide private Jewish organization that gives loans to families who can't afford to pay for infertility treatments. In addition, they use donations to research more about this topic. I was so glad that my project was spread not only to the pantry, but also to the synagogue.

I would like to invite you to my Bat Mitzvah services. My Hebrew school minyan service moved from the Sunday before my Bat Mitzvah to October 23rd and I hope you came on that day. Also, I am leading the Friday night service on **November 18th** at 8:00 pm. Lastly, my Saturday morning Bat Mitzvah service will be held on **November 19th** at 9:30am and I want the congregation to join me on my special day. Thank you so much!

NOVEMBER 2016

Candle Lighting Times: **4:** 5:30 **11:** 4:23 **18:** 4:17 **25:** 4:13

Cheshvan-Kislev 5777

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		4pm Hebrew School 1	2	3	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 4 9pm Oneg Sponsored by the Ferstenberg Family	9:30am Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Ferstenberg 8pm All Together on an Autumn Night at CBI Parsha Noach 5
9am Minyan & Bagel Bkfst 9am Hebrew School 6 9:30 Bagel Breakfast sponsored by Welter & Strassberg Family 10am Israel Trip session JFNJ Mitzvah Day	7	4pm Hebrew School 8	7:30pm Board meeting 9	7:30pm Beyond Winning or Losing: Cultivating Dialogue & Finding Common Ground After the Elections 10	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 11 9pm Oneg co-sponsored by the Welter/Strassberg family and Don & Fern Segal	9:30am Bat Mitzvah of Amelia Welter 12 11:30am Kiddush co-sponsored by Welter/Strassberg and Don & Fern Segal Parsha Lech-Lecha
9am Minyan & Bagel Bkfst 13 9am Bagel Breakfast co-sponsored by Miller/Rosen and Yellin families 9am Yellin Baby naming 9am Interfaith Program 1:15pm Kadima Flipper No Hebrew School	14	4pm Hebrew School 15	16	17	7:15pm Inter-generational Drumming Circle 18 8pm Erev Shabbat Service 9pm Oneg Sponsored by the Hayden Family	9:30am Bat Mitzvah of Harlee Hayden 19 3:30pm Stevie Miller Bar Mitzvah Parsha Vayera
9am Hebrew School 20 9am Hey Kehillah for 7th graders 9am Prozdor Families Minyan service 9:30am Shalom Baby 9:30am Bagel Bkfst sponsored by the Schreiber Family 4:30pm Kadima Tikum Olam 7pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Serv.	21	4pm Hebrew School 22	23	Thanksgiving 24	8pm Erev Shabbat Service - Torah Town Hall 25	No Shabbat morning service 26 Parsha Chayei Sara
9am Minyan & Bagel Breakfast 27 No Hebrew School	28	4pm Hebrew School 29	30			

DECEMBER 2016

Candle Lighting Times: **2:** 4:10 **9:** 4:10 **16:** 4:11 **23:** 4:14

30: 4:19

Kislev-Tevet 5777

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 2	10am Shabbat morning service 3 Parsha Toldot
9am Minyan & Bagels 4 9am Hebrew School 9am Dalet Kehillah for 6th graders 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by De Melia family TBD Kadima movie & dinner	5	4pm Hebrew School 6	7:30pm Board meeting 7	8	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 9 9pm Oneg Sponsored by the DeMilia family	10am Share & Care Shabbat Service at JHAL 10 3pm Daniel DeMilia Bar Mitzvah Parsha Vayetzei
9am Minyan & Bagels 11 9am Bagel Bkfst sponsored by the Michelson family 9am Hebrew School 9:30am HS Parents Visitation	12	4pm Hebrew School 13	14	15	6:30pm Family Service 16 7:30pm Dalet/Hey Class Erev Shabbat service	10am Shabbat morning service 17 Parsha Vayishlach
9am Minyan & Bagels 18 9am Hebrew School 9:30am Book Fair 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by Rosenthal Family 10:30am Chanukah Program	19	4pm Hebrew School 20 5:30pm HS Give/Get Program	21	Thanksgiving 22	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 23	10am Shabbat morning service 24 Parsha Vayeshev Chanukah: 1 Candle
9am Minyan & Bagel Breakfast 25 No Hebrew School Chanukah: 2 Candle	Chanukah: 3 Candle 26	No Hebrew School 27 Chanukah: 4 Candle	Chanukah: 5 Candle 28	Chanukah: 6 Candle 29	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 30 Chanukah: 7 Candle	10am Shabbat morning service 31 Parsha Miketz Chanukah: 8 Candle

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FROM: Naomi & Bruce Weinberg

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LETTERS

*To my Congregation B'nai Israel family,
Your kindness is greatly appreciated.
The beautiful bouquet, the loving call
from Rabbi Debra means so much to me.
I cannot thank you enough.*

*Sincerely,
Phyllis Kirschner*

Mazel Tov

Susan and Marty Pelavin on the
birth of their grandson Benjamin
Paul Pelavin on September 20.
Ben is the son of David and Abbey
Pelavin.

Cantor Lenny Mandel on his
special birthday



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Phyllis Kirschner
Gloria Reinish
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*Tobi Breslaw and family on the loss of her
mother, Sue Ann Cohen*

*Marcel Plaut and family on the loss of his
mother, Meta Plaut*

**So good to have you
back at services:**

Harriette and Seymour Turk

NOVEMBER YAHRZEITS

Jacob Swerlick	1 Cheshvan	11/02/16
Reba Milano	2 Cheshvan	11/03/16
Deborah Zenker	3 Cheshvan	11/04/16
Daisy Parker	4 Cheshvan	11/05/16
Joseph Rosengart	4 Cheshvan	11/05/16
Roslyn C Herman	5 Cheshvan	11/06/16
Sophie Klirfeld	5 Cheshvan	11/06/16
Mark Kannry	5 Cheshvan	11/06/16
Rozalia Kleiner	6 Cheshvan	11/07/16
Albert Heller	7 Cheshvan	11/08/16
Bessie Hodus	8 Cheshvan	11/09/16
Harry Noble	8 Cheshvan	11/09/16
Jesse Kaplan	8 Cheshvan	11/09/16
Jack Sonkin	8 Cheshvan	11/09/16
Esther Tannenbaum	9 Cheshvan	11/10/16
Mabel Dobbs	9 Cheshvan	11/10/16
Emma Rose Adoff	10 Cheshvan	11/11/16
Morris Klein	10 Cheshvan	11/11/16
Israel Kaplan	11 Cheshvan	11/12/16
Rose Steinman	15 Cheshvan	11/16/16
Bernard Simmons	15 Cheshvan	11/16/16
Betty Richman	15 Cheshvan	11/16/16
Abraham Weitsman	17 Cheshvan	11/18/16
Esther Kligman	17 Cheshvan	11/18/16
Sylvia Zelman	19 Cheshvan	11/20/16
Estelle Krugman	20 Cheshvan	11/21/16
Richard Bloom	20 Cheshvan	11/21/16
Morris Winograd	21 Cheshvan	11/22/16
Ira Samuels	22 Cheshvan	11/23/16
Abraham Krugman	23 Cheshvan	11/24/16
Esther Garfinkel	24 Cheshvan	11/25/16
Wallace Scharf	24 Cheshvan	11/25/16
Doris Schwartz	25 Cheshvan	11/26/16
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Nancy Jean Bakerman	25 Cheshvan	11/26/16
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Gussie Schwalbe	27 Cheshvan	11/28/16
Rose Rosner	27 Cheshvan	11/28/16
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Sara M Kaplan	28 Cheshvan	11/29/16
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Lois Hager	28 Cheshvan	11/29/16
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