



T H E Menorah

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A Message From Our Rabbi

by Rabbi Debra Orenstein

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For this month's Menorah, I am reprinting a handout that the congregation received on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. One month after Yom Kippur, it is a good time to revisit some of the questions we asked ourselves about Israel's progress – and our own.



I ntrospection. Growth, whether national or personal, depends on the willingness to look inward, assess ourselves honestly, face our faults and our fears, own our goodness and greatness, admit that we have been wrong, and take responsibility for doing and being better. Change is an inside job.

- What is your greatest fear about looking inward? What have you gained from doing so in the past?
 - What internal problems does Israeli society need to address, irrespective of its neighbors?
 - How can Israel be as prepared for peace as it is for war?

S anctification. Holiness is not attained by default. Even in holy places – like Israel; even in holy covenants – like marriage; even in holy endeavors – like studying Torah or practicing mitzvot, there is spiritual entropy. We start off with motivation, enthusiasm, lovingkindness, and patience, but daily stresses take their toll. Energy dissipates. In Genesis, creation was “good,” and “good,” and “good” again – and even “very good” – just by virtue of its existence.

But nothing was “holy” until God affirmatively blessed the seventh day and deliberately sanctified Shabbat.

- What do you consider holy in your life? What can you do to honor and elevate its sanctity this year?
 - How can the Holy Land be even more holy? What can you do to contribute to its holiness?

R elationships. The High Holidays invite us to explore and purify our relationships – with ourselves, with God, and with other people. During crises that clarify our priorities, at the end of life, and from day to “boring” day, relationships matter. We give attention to money, status, achievement, and beauty, but we gain far more satisfaction from giving and receiving love. Close social ties are the biggest predictor of happiness that psychologists can measure. Moods, and even values and habits, are contagious. The quality of our relationships shapes the quality of our lives.

- Do any of your close relationships need healing? Which relationships need a greater investment of your time and attention?
 - Do you have any personal entrée to bridging gaps in Israel between religious and secular; Palestinian and Israeli; Likud and Labor; Israeli citizens of different backgrounds?
 - How can you deepen ties with Israeli friends or relatives?
 - How can you promote good relations between Israel and the U.S.?

A spirations. The High Holidays encourage high hopes and audacious dreams. David Ben-Gurion observed, “In Israel, in order to be a realist you must believe in miracles.” This could be said not only of the State of Israel, but of the Jewish people, who have surmounted obstacles and, despite persecution, continued to hope and dream.

- Think and dream afresh: what would make 5778 a year of “life, blessing, peace, and prosperity” for you?
 - What are your dreams for Israel? E.g., do you have hopes and an investment in the peace process? Israel's reputation on college campuses? Israeli soldiers? Antiquities? Conservative Judaism and other liberal branches in Israel?
 - What do you hope to do in relation to Israel – Travel there? Study its history? Learn modern Hebrew? Buy Israeli bonds? Support a charitable organization that serves Israelis?

E ducation. “I still have something to learn” is a statement of humility – and of opportunity.

- What do you look forward to learning in the New Year? What do you not

CANTOR'S CORNER

by Cantor Lenny Mandel

I've written about my Uncle, Hazan Alfred Rosbash (Z"l), before. My mother was the youngest of five siblings. Alfred was number four: they were three years apart and very close.



A renowned Hazan in the Great Synagogue of Munich, he and his wife, Hilda fled the Nazis in the late 1930s and came to America.

They had two sons; Michael was born in Kansas City in March of '44, and Jimmy in Newton, Mass in April of '48.

Erev Yom Kippur 1954, Uncle Alfred stood on the bimah of Temple Ohabei Shalom in Brookline, Mass, and began chanting. At some point during Kol Nidre, he clutched his chest, motioned to his wife, staggered into his dressing area and died; he was 42 years old, Michael was 10 and Jimmy was 6.

The boys spent winter and spring vacations with us in Brooklyn and the three of us slept in my bedroom, in my parents' 4½ room apartment. We were like brothers, and my mom was their mom too.

Michael was unmerciful. There was a picture of me on the wall in the hallway. Five shots of me as an infant with the middle picture a tushie shot. Michael would take the picture off the wall. "I'm gonna show this to everyone on the street," he would yell, and I would tear after him screaming and cursing at the top of my lungs.

He would always tell scary stories at night while I trembled with fear.

It was Pesach, and the three of us were in bed. Michael made his voice deep and gravelly, with a sinister tone. The police were looking for a mass murderer. He preyed on little boys and would chop them into little pieces. The police would find body parts all over the house: fingers here, toes, there, a nose, an ear—the list was endless. They called him The Butcher.

I woke to a loud knock on the door and heard my mom's voice: "who is it," she asked? A deep voice on the other side of the door answered: "it's the butcher." Michael and Jimmy were convulsed in laughter as I shrieked in terror. The butcher was delivering our meat order for Pesach.

Michael's academic accomplishments, along with the awards he garnered are beyond impressive, and many years ago I asked him if he thought he'd ever win the Nobel Prize. He laughed and said that he'd never do the paperwork necessary, so it was moot. He then added—what I do is sort of like playing professional baseball, even though I'll never make it into the Hall of Fame, (meaning win the Nobel Prize) I play on the All-Star Team every year.

It was unlike Michael as he never lauded himself, never spoke of his achievements, and downplayed his position in the world of science. But no one else did.

My mother was surprised that no one in our family was famous. "Michael is a world renowned scientist, a geneticist and chronobiologist" I replied, and went through a list of the awards he'd garnered. "He'll win the Nobel Prize one of these years," I said.

I could see my mother glowing through the phone. "Oy," she exclaimed, "when that happens I'm going." I smiled—"me too," I said.

Monday morning, October 2nd, I woke up and read the news. Oh My G-D, Oh My G-D, I screamed, and screamed. Shelly came running down the stairs thinking something terrible happened. I was shaking, screaming, and crying—"Michael won the Nobel Prize for Medicine or Physiology, Michael won the Nobel Prize for Medicine or Physiology!" Focusing on the fruit fly, he and his team discovered the molecular mechanisms controlling circadian rhythms, the inner biological clock that regulates almost all life on the planet. The findings may one day lead to treatments for mental illness, Alzheimer's, heart disease and diabetes, all of which have been linked to our circadian rhythms becoming out of sync.

I repeated it several times. It's 5 days later and I still break down every time I think of it.

I called Michael and we spoke for a while. He told me that when he got the call his response was: "you're kidding me." Then he said: "My only regret is that your mother isn't alive to see it!"

The Nobel Prize, HOLY SH*T, I wonder where I'm staying in Stockholm this coming December.

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The President's Pen

by Barry Bluestein, President

One of the very rewarding things I recently experienced as Temple President was having a front row seat on the Bimah as our Rabbi and Cantor officiated over services during the High Holidays. Not only did I witness the intensity and emotion of the services close-up, but I also got to enjoy the added bonus of greeting and meeting so many of CBI's wonderful congregants, and guiding them through their respective Honors. The Torah service was especially meaningful as many members of our shul, from our most recent Bar and Bat Mitzvah students to adults of every age group, so proficiently chanted their Parshas and Aliyah blessings.



Equally as rewarding, if not even more so, is being on the Bimah to witness, and participate in, the joyous tradition of our young adults becoming Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. It's a day when parents, siblings, and grandparents are all beaming, and tears of joy are doused with endless boxes of tissues. Family and friends who ascend the Bimah are overwhelmed with delight and pride that they've been honored with a role in the service, and there's a palpable feeling of pride and positivity that permeates the sanctuary. But what impresses me most is how well prepared and trained our Bar and Bat Mitzvah kids are, and the command they demonstrate over the enormous amount of material they're required to cover as they lead services on Sunday morning for Minyan, Friday evening for Erev Shabbat, and Saturday morning or

afternoon for Shabbat.

I recently had the high honor and distinct privilege (okay bad presidential humor) of being on the Bimah for the Bar Mitzvahs of Jackson Goldflam, Emmett Weisz, and Alex Rothenberg. It was so gratifying to see the confidence and proficiency of all of these terrific young men. Kudos to our Hebrew School teachers, as well as Rabbi Orenstein and Cantor Mandel, for the stellar job they do in preparing our CBI kids for their Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies and beyond!

This month we will celebrate the Bar/Bat Mitzvahs of Jonah Willovit, Jessica Brenner and Erika Shein. Whether or not you're an invited guest of these respective families, I encourage our CBI community to attend services on Friday and Saturday to show support for these wonderful young members of our congregation. Pull them aside after services and tell them what a great job they've done, and how proud they should be of their accomplishments. Our Bar and Bat Mitzvah kids are essential to perpetuating and maintaining our Jewish heritage, ritual, and culture for the next generations - just a few unexpected words of encouragement and positive reinforcement may be all the influence they need to become our next leaders.

I want to wish all of our CBI members a very joyous Thanksgiving Holiday celebration filled with family and friends. We all have a lot to be thankful for, and I hope that the focus of your dinnertime conversations will be replete with nachas and optimism for the future.

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know - that you need to know? Do you in any way resist new insights or discoveries?

- What can Israel learn from the U.S., and what can the U.S. learn from Israel?

Long-term goals. In Israel, time is measured in centuries and even millennia – not in months or financial quarters. If a goal is significant enough, it may take years, decades, or even generations to achieve. It's easier to be patient with ourselves and others when we remember that there is still time to make things better.

- As you look back on your life so far, what strides have you made? What was once a foible, problem, fault, or addiction which you have since overcome? What achievements are you proud of? What would be a small, positive next step for you (think: baby steps)? What is in your long-term best interest, even if it is hard to do now?
- In Israel's 69 years, what achievements are you proudest of? What has surprised you the most? What is in Israel's long-term best interest, even if it is hard to do now?

Has your perspective changed since the High Holidays?

We are now more than 1/12th of the way into the year 5778. Are you on track to do – and be – what is most important? Are you making time to connect with the people, places, practices, and principles that mean the most to you and bring you joy?

Traveling to Israel – especially with your family, and especially with other CBI members – is sure to deepen your relationship to everyone with whom you travel, to this congregation, and to the people and land of Israel. If you are considering joining our inter-generational CBI trip in the summer of 2018, please contact Robin Pierce at **robin.pierce@bisrael.com**, so that she can send you all the relevant information. You are also welcome to contact Janine at ITC Tours (973-535-2575) and to attend our informational meeting on Sunday morning November 19 at CBI, where you can meet our tour guide via skype.

To discuss the CBI trip, the I-S-R-A-E-L questions above, or anything else that is on your mind, please don't hesitate to call the synagogue and set up an appointment. Shalom!

ISRAEL TRIP MEETING PLANNED

Sunday, November 19, 9:45am in the social hall.
No commitment necessary, just interest!

Come join in a talk/Q&A as Rabbi Orenstein introduces us to tour guide extraordinaire, David Eisenstadt. The Tripsters for the last CBI trip to Israel raved about David whose expertise and insights are beyond compare.

- *Do you have questions about how we will handle a multigenerational group?*
- *If you've been to Israel before, do you wonder if you'll be seeing the same things?*
- *Can you visit friends or family while you're there?*
- *What about security?*
- *Will there be enough time to shop?*
- *Can I visit the tree that Aunt Sophie planted in my name when I was born?*

All these, and more, will be answered by David, Rabbi Orenstein or other members of CBI who have spent time in Israel.

Come! Bring friends! Bring family! Bring neighbors! The more the merrier!!
Hebrew idiom for this meeting is "zeh kefi!" "it's fun!"



NOTES FROM THE 2015 CBI TRIPSTERS TO ISRAEL

Dear CBI family:

There are so many adjectives that can be used to describe a visit to Israel – powerful, historic, ancient, modern, spectacular, spiritual, extraordinary, haunting! Every place we went, and everyone we met, brings one or more of those adjectives to mind. And each one of those experiences were enriched and enhanced by the incredible amount of knowledge imparted to us by our tour guide David. Despite the wide range of questions we all asked, David had the answers at the ready. Now that he has a sense of what our CBI community is like, it can only get better for this next trip!

–Ellen and Dave Michelson

So, you're thinking about travelling to Israel – don't think - GO! I thoroughly enjoyed my trip and the education I received from David (even if he can sometimes be long-winded). The knowledge that he shares of the history of Israel, the peoples of Israel, and the customs of Israel more than compensates for that.

Start packing!

–Marie Shust

Traveling with CBI was a trip of a lifetime! Just the best and David as a tour guide was beyond excellent!

–Linda Landowsky

David Eisenstadt was a wonderful tour guide who was extremely knowledgeable of Israel's history, society, geography, culture, and scenic beauty. The tour that he mapped for us had something for everyone. He made sure that he planned events that either appealed to everyone, or offered options for individuals. Since we were the only ones in the tour who came with young adult children, we were especially appreciative of David's sensitivity to the interests of our kids. He made sure that there were always things to do that were fun for them. He treated us like family and made the journey enjoyable and meaningful to us all.

–David and Linda Spatz

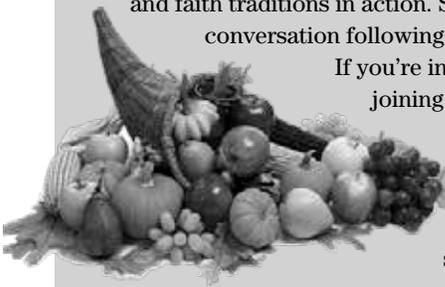
INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This year's service will take place on **Sunday, November 19** from 7pm - 8pm. The location will be St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 4 Woodland Road, in Montvale, NJ.

Join the Pascack Valley Clergy (including Rabbi Debra) for songs, bells, fellowship, good cheer, ecumenism, and, above all, gratitude – all in a one-hour service! Bring your children and grandchildren to experience the best of community and faith traditions in action. Stay for cake and conversation following the service.

If you're interested in joining the chorus,

please contact me at rabbi@bisrael.com for info on the song and music.



Shalom Baby for Babies and Toddlers Tuesday, November 7 at 4pm

Babies and toddlers to age 4 are invited to bring their parents, grandparents, and other caregivers to a special Shalom Baby program at CBI on November 7 from 4pm -5:30pm in the Social Hall. Activities will include songs, an art project, snacks, sign language, and time to socialize – for both adults and kids. This is a "Mommy-and-Me"-style program, not for mummies only. It will be co-led by the Federation's Shalom Baby Coordinator and our own Rabbi Debra Orenstein. Principal Karen Weiss and Cantor Lenny Mandel will also stop by.

The theme for this Shalom Baby session will be "Thanksgiving, Jewish Values, and Saying Thank You." Come and enjoy. You'll be grateful that you did!

STARBUCKS SHMOOZ

Friday, October 17, 10:30am -11:30am

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

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

BUILDING THE SUKKAH



Thank you to our Rugelach donors for making our High Holiday sale a success!

We greatly appreciate the donation of chocolate from Genicarelli's Bakery at 446 Broad St., Bloomfield, NJ, as well as the donation of jams from Pastry Star/Amero Food Manufacturing, 9445 Washington Boulevard North, Laurel, MD

A BIG THANK YOU

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

Willovet Family	SUN	10/29/2017	In honor of Jonah's Bar Mitzvah
Willovet Family	FRI	11/03/2017	In honor of Jonah's Bar Mitzvah
Willovet Family	SAT	11/4/2017	In honor of Jonah's Bar Mitzvah
Brenner Family & Joyce Schreiber	SUN	11/5/2017	In honor of Jessica's Bat Mitzvah & in memory of Joyce's grandmother, Hilde Meyerhardt
Brenner Family	FRI	11/10/2017	In honor of Jessica's Bat Mitzvah
Brenner Family	SAT	11/11/2017	In honor of Jessica's Bat Mitzvah
Shein Family	SUN	11/12/2017	In honor of Erika's Bat Mitzvah
Shein Family	FRI	11/17/2017	In honor of Erika's Bat Mitzvah
Shein Family	SAT	11/18/2017	In honor of Erika's Bat Mitzvah
Paulen family	SUN	11/19/2017	In honor of Jared's Bar Mitzvah
Kutzin and Shust families	SUN	11/26/2017	To support CBI
Paulen family	FRI	12/1/2017	In honor of Jared's Bar Mitzvah
Paulen family	SAT	12/2/2017	In honor of Jared's Bar Mitzvah

Mazel Tov

Donald and Debra Green on the marriage of their son Matthew to Oriane

Alan and Jackie Millstein on the birth of their grandson, Miller James

Lynn Reiff and Bob Greenblatt on receiving the Sid Derner Volunteer(s) of the Year award

Danny DeMilia for his Math Honor Roll award.



Get Well Soon!

Gloria Reinish
Harvey Meer
Bernie Silverberg
Phyllis Kirshner
Joyce Schreiber
Susan Pelavin

Thanks to everyone who helped with the various furniture setups throughout the temple, both before and after, the High Holidays. We could not have done it without you!

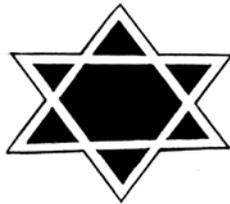
*Marty Casper and Scott Hayden
House and Ground Co-Chairs*

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

JONAH MAXX

Jonah will be called to the
Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday,
the fourth of November at
four in the afternoon for a
Havdalah Service.

SARA & HEATHER WILLOVIT



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

Jessica Morgan

Jessica will be called to the
Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on
Saturday, the eleventh of
November at nine-thirty
in the morning

STEPHANIE & JEFF BRENNER



It is our pleasure to invite you to
the Oneg Shabbat following services
on Friday evening, the 17th of
November in honor of our daughter

Erika Rose

Erika will be called to the Torah
as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday
the 18th of November at
nine-thirty in the morning

AMY & JONATHAN SHEIN



Please join our family and friends
At the Oneg Shabbat following
services on Friday, the 1st of
December in honor of our son

JARED PARKER

Jared will be called to the Torah
as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday
the 2nd of December at 9:30
in the morning

JODI & DAVID PAULEN



BAT/BAR MITZVAH MESSAGE

JONAH WILLOVIT

Shalom. My name is Jonah Willovit. My Torah portion is Chai Sara, the life of Sara. Whilst the Parsha starts off with Sara dying, it evolves into a search for Issac's wife, Rebecca, ensuring the continued existence of the Jewish People.

For my Mitzvah project, I am raising money for kids with cancer. I chose St. Jude's Children's hospital because when a child is diagnosed with cancer life stops for a family. The main focus is on treatment for that sick child. Parents must sacrifice as well as the entire family to help that child get through the illness. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was founded in 1962 and is a pediatric treatment and research facility focused on children's catastrophic diseases. The hospital costs about \$2.4 million a day to run, and there is no cost to be treated. The premise is that "no child should die in the dawn of life". Although it was named after Thomas's patron saint, St. Jude, it is not a Catholic hospital and is not affiliated with any religious organization. I am doing a gameathon on Sunday October 29^h @ 5:00pm for a donation at the door @ gamezone in Hillsdale. I will also accept any donations cash or check made payable to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Whatever I get in donations my parents will match and provide to St. Jude's. Please join me and my family as I lead services on Sunday, 10/29, Friday, 11/3, and Saturday, 11/4.

Thank you.

JESSICA BRENNER

Shalom, my name is Jessica Brenner. I am a 3rd generation member of CBI. My grandparents Robert & Bonnie Greenblatt have been members of CBI since 1979.

Some of my favorite subjects in school are math and language arts. I also enjoy playing basketball, softball, and soccer.

My Bat Mitzvah will take place on 11/11/2017. My Torah portion is Hayyei Sarah. This Torah portion is about Abraham wanting Isaac to receive a wife who will follow with his Jewish tradition. I feel this is important because carrying on the Jewish tradition is something that I strongly believe in. My parents raised me with a strong Jewish belief and I will carry it with me for the rest of my life.

For my Mitzvah project I am going to collect gently used toys and games from our temple members and from my school and donate them to the Children's Family Life Center at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital where I underwent open heart surgery 3 years ago. I have chosen this because when I was a patient there, I enjoyed visiting the Family Life Center and taking advantage of games and toys they had. It cheered me up when I was going through a tough time. I am asking the community to help by bringing in any unused or gently used toys and/or games that your child is not using. Thank you in advance for your help towards a very important cause to me.

Please join my family and me for Sunday minyan on 11/5/17, Friday night service on 11/10/17, and Shabbat morning service on 11/11/2017.

Hoping you can share in my special day.

ERIKA SHEIN

Hello, my name is Erika Shein. For my Mitzvah project, I have chosen to collect gently used or new dance costumes, dance wear, dance shoes, and other dance accessories, to donate to

underprivileged children living in the US. I chose this as my Mitzvah project because I love to dance, and I would not want to see any child not be given the opportunity to dance because they don't have the proper clothing and shoes needed to do so. With the help of the non-profit organization called Traveling Tutus, I have set up a collection box at CBI to ask all members to donate items, or make a small contribution of money, to send to Traveling Tutus. My goal is to collect as many dance costumes and dance wear to help enable those wanting to experience the joys of dance. The donation of money will help defer the cost of shipping the items. For more information, go to www.travelingtutus.org. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email me at eshein1112@gmail.com regarding your donations.

JARED PAULEN

Shalom! My name is Jared Paulen. My Bar Mitzvah will be on December 2, 2017. I attend George G. White Middle School in Hillsdale, and my favorite subject is language arts. My Torah Portion is Vayishlach, which is in the book of Genesis. It talks about how Jacob is returning home to his father, and is worried that his brother Esau will kill him for stealing his inheritance. Jacob wanted to be forgiven after he found out that his brother was sending him 400 men, which made him think he was going to be killed. Jacob decided to send his brother gifts in hopes to be forgiven. He was left alone after he sent these messengers. That night Jacob had a wrestling match with an angel until the break of dawn, and it didn't end until the angel blessed Jacob, and changed his name to Israel. To his surprise, Esau did not kill him, but instead ran up to him to give him a hug. My Torah portion emphasizes forgiveness, since Jacob wanted forgiveness from Esau even though he had wronged him, and that is exactly what Jacob received when they met up and Esau ran to hug him.

For my Mitzvah project, I am raising money for The Sato

Project, which is an organization dedicated to rescuing dogs from Puerto Rico who have been abandoned and abused. The Sato Project treats these dogs and then

flies them back to the U.S. to foster homes, where they are then available for adoption. This organization holds a place in my heart because it is where my family recently rescued our dog, Ollie. In order to raise money for this organization, I recently held a three-point basketball shootout at a local basketball court in my town. Beyond this fundraiser, I hope to continue to receive donations, and have placed a donation box in the lobby of CBI.

Please join me and my family on my Bar Mitzvah when I lead services on Sunday November 19th, Friday December 1st, and Saturday December 2nd.



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Candle Lighting Times: **3:** 5:30 **10:** 4:23 **17:** 4:17 **24:** 4:13

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			7:30pm Board meeting 1	7:30pm Israeli Film – My Hero Brother 2	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 3 9pm Oneg sponsored by the Willovit Family	No Shabbat morning service 4 4pm Jonah Willovit Bar Mitzvah
9am Hebrew School 5 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by the Brenner & Schreiber Family Mitzvah Day - New Baby Clothes Donations	6	4pm Hebrew School 7 4pm Shalom Baby 7:30pm Israeli Film – Israeli Love Story	7:30pm Israeli Film- Women's Balcony 8	9	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 10 9pm Oneg sponsored by the Brenner Family	9:30am Jessica Brenner Bar Mitzvah 11
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DECEMBER 2017

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Kislev-Tevet 5778

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9am Hebrew School 10 9am Minyan & Bagels 10am Chanukah Program	11	4pm Hebrew School 12 Chanukah: 1 Candle	Chanukah: 2 Candle 13	Chanukah: 3 Candle 14	6:30pm Men's Club Channukah Dinner 7:30pm Dalet Class Erev Shabbat service (w/ Hey Class) Chanukah: 4 Candle 15	10am Gimel Class Shabbat morning service Chanukah: 5 Candle 16
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To CBI,

Thank you so much for the delicious
food you sent after my recent surgery.
I also appreciated the phone calls and
visits. It is heartwarming to be part of
such a caring community.

Sincerely,
Susan Pelavin

To Rabbi Orenstein,

We are writing to wish you L'Shanah
Tova, and to thank you and the B'nai
Israel community for having us as your
guests for a beautiful and meaningful
Rosh Hashanah experience.

Sincerely,
Sandra Dzija & Andy Miller

Dear Rabbi Debra Orenstein,

Thank you, Rabbi, for your support and
compassion. Your loving and eloquent
words captured and conveyed the essence
of the beautiful and gentle man that Rubin
Miller was. We are all so moved and grateful.

With all of our love,
The Miller/Siegel Families

Dear CBI Family,

Thank you for your love, support and
prayers during the difficult time of my
father's passing. We are honored that you
have planted a tree in his memory and
appreciate so many of your thoughtful
words and visits. They have all been a great
source of comfort to us. We are grateful to
be members of the CBI community.

Sincerely,
Patty, Jeff, and Jodi Siegel

Dear CBI family,

It was with great pride that I recently
attended the B'nai Mitzvah of my twin
great-granddaughters, Abigail and
Lea Diamond. Thank you to the Storm
family for their donation of a Tree of Life
plaque in honor of my 90th birthday.

Sincerely,
Phyllis Kirschner

To the CBI Board and friends,

Thank you for all of the good wishes and
the beautiful flowers. The bouquet really
brightened my room at the hospital and
now at Kessler rehab. While my hip is
mending, it's good to know my CBI family
is thinking of me.

Regards,
Gloria Reinisch

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RENEE ALESSI

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

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NOVEMBER YAHRZEITS

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Esther Kligman	17 Cheshvan	11/06/17
Abraham Weitsman	17 Cheshvan	11/06/17
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Sylvia Zelman	19 Cheshvan	11/08/17
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Estelle Krugman	20 Cheshvan	11/09/17
Dave Mandel	20 Cheshvan	11/09/17
Morris Winograd	21 Cheshvan	11/10/17
Ira Samuels	22 Cheshvan	11/11/17
Abraham Krugman	23 Cheshvan	11/12/17
Esther Garfinkel	24 Cheshvan	11/13/17
Wallace Scharf	24 Cheshvan	11/13/17
Walter Plaut	24 Cheshvan	11/13/17
Nancy Jean Bakerman	25 Cheshvan	11/14/17
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Doris Schwartz	25 Cheshvan	11/14/17
Sidney Stein	25 Cheshvan	11/14/17
Doris Pivar	26 Cheshvan	11/15/17
Levy I Wechsler	26 Cheshvan	11/15/17
Rose Rosner	27 Cheshvan	11/16/17
S. Stanley Moser	27 Cheshvan	11/16/17
Gussie Schwalbe	27 Cheshvan	11/16/17
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Larry I Wolfson	28 Cheshvan	11/17/17
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Robert Wolfsie	30 Cheshvan	11/18/17
George Garfinkel	1 Kislev	11/19/17
Michael A Ludmer	1 Kislev	11/19/17
Jack Riegelhaupt	1 Kislev	11/19/17
Lillie Wellins	1 Kislev	11/19/17
Richard J Fakoury	2 Kislev	11/20/17
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Celia Echtman	3 Kislev	11/21/17
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Harry Shustak	3 Kislev	11/21/17
Nathan Vogel	3 Kislev	11/21/17
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