



Tikvah Talk

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Purim is Coming!

There are four obligations for Jews on the holiday of Purim: to hear the Megillah, to have a festive meal, to send mishloach manot (baskets of food) to friends and neighbors, and to give mattanot l'evyonim (gifts to the needy).

At CBH you have the opportunity to fulfill all of these mitzvot -

You can hear an excerpt of the traditional Megillah and discover a 14th Century Persian version of the Esther story on March 4 at 8 PM. There will be wine and cheese too, so that will serve as our festive meal.

Of course you've already signed up to send mishloach manot to everyone in the congregation.

And next time you come to CBH, bring nonperishable food for mattanot l'evyonim. The Social Action committee will deliver the food to Bridges.

And at CBH we have a fifth obligation - come to the Purim spiel and have a blast!!

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CONGREGATION BETH HATIKVAH
A Reconstructionist Jewish Community in Summit, New Jersey

A CBH Classic Presentation

A Spoonful of Purim

Hey Haman, take a walk dude!

Don't forget your groaggers!

Pass the Hamantaschen cookies please!

I want one of those funny hats!

A Congregation Beth Hatikvah Production: 36 Chatham, Road, Summit, NJ
Free for all to come and enjoy!

COMING TO CBH MARCH 7, 2015 @ 7:00pm



PICKLING 101:

REVIVING AN OLD WORLD JEWISH TRADITION

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH AT 7 PM

Pickling vegetables is at the heart of Ashkenazi Jewish cuisine, which is why a deliciously crunchy sour pickles can conjure memories of the Old World or the local deli. Come learn why we preserve vegetables and how to make pickles using traditional methods. You'll discover the history of vegetable fermentation, its pivotal place in Jewish culture and the unique ability of homemade pickling to connect us to our environment. You will leave with a jar of soon-to-be pickled vegetables.

Jeffrey Yoskowitz is the co-founder and chief pickler of The Gefilteria, the Brooklyn-based artisanal Jewish food company. He was named to Forbes Magazine's 30 under 30 list in Food and Wine. Yoskowitz also works as a writer, covering food and culture in major magazines and Newspapers, including The New York Times, The Atlantic, The Forward and beyond. He gives talks and demos around the world. His forthcoming cookbook (with lots of pickle recipes) called Gefilte Manifesto: New Recipes for Old World Jewish Foods (Flatiron Books) is due out next year. Oh, and he's a New Jersey native born in Summit.

This is a free event but we do need RSVP's so we can have enough supplies/ingredients.

RSVP to margieticknor@yahoo.com by March 15.

What's the Rabbi have to say?

Some thoughts from our Rabbi, Hannah Orden.

A Fresh Look at Spiritual Practice

With a new rabbi and new members of the Spiritual Life Committee, this winter seemed like a good time to take a fresh look at spiritual practices at CBH. In the spirit of "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" we all agreed that Music Shabbat is a great success. Easy Shabbat is also popular, but there was some difference of opinion about how many prayers to include, how best to engage children, and whether to offer discussion/activities/learning or just let people relax and schmooze.

Because Easy Shabbat only happens once a month and many people find it difficult to rush home on Fridays, eat Shabbat dinner, and make it to services, we decided to plan Easy Shabbat activities that people could then incorporate into their rituals at home. In January we wrote and decorated our own Hashkiveinu (everything's gonna be all right) blessings. In February we shared "shehechyanu moments" – something new or special that happened in the past week. In March we plan to share our favorite Passover traditions in preparation for the first seder on April 3rd. Judaism is a home-based religion, and I would love to hear about ways you are creating Jewish ritual in your own homes.

The other spiritual practice we have discussed is the Mourners Kaddish. Traditionally, only people who are in mourning or observing a yahrzeit rise for the Mourners Kaddish. Many liberal congregations have adopted the practice of having everyone rise. There are two rationales for this practice. One is to promote unity and community support for the mourners. And the other is the recognition that there are people who have died who have no one to say Kaddish for them. Some say that the Holocaust has made mourners out of all Jews, and the ongoing sense of loss of six million Jews is expressed through rising and saying Kaddish in unison. The idea of saying Kaddish for strangers who have no one to mourn for them is consistent with the idea of that "all Jews are responsible for one another."

For some people, however, the whole congregation rising together detracts from the experience of being a mourner. If you are saying Kaddish every week, the power of mourning for a loved one can feel diminished. I also believe it is important as a community to recognize those among us who are grieving. The names are read at the service, but not everyone in the congregation knows each other, and if there are people who rarely attend services but come to observe a yahrzeit, it seems important to recognize them.

In my own personal experience, I used to like the practice of the whole congregation rising to support the mourners until I became a mourner myself. During the year when I was saying Kaddish for my father, I wanted people to know that I was mourning. There was a power in standing alone or in the company of a small group of other mourners that I did not feel when the whole congregation was also reciting the prayer.

The Spiritual Life Committee agreed to try a variation on the CBH custom of everyone rising together. We decided to ask mourners to rise first and begin reciting Kaddish, and then have the rest of the congregation rise for the second stanza. There were two problems with this approach – some mourners did not feel comfortable being singled out, and it also interrupted the flow of the prayer. So, we fine-tuned the practice and are now making it optional. Those mourners who wish may rise as their loved one's name is read. After all of the names are read, the whole congregation will rise and recite Kaddish together with the mourners.

This is an experiment, and I welcome your thoughts and reactions. Part of the beauty of Reconstructionist Judaism is that we are always searching for ways to make our connection to Jewish tradition more meaningful. The Spiritual Life Committee and I welcome your feedback and your ideas.

Some thoughts from our President, Pam Schachter...

Last month I attended a Reconstructionist Day of Learning at Mordecai Kaplan's Manhattan synagogue, the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, with Rabbi Orden and eight other CBH community members. In the morning I heard a presentation by Rabbi David Teutsch, the director of the Center for Jewish Ethics at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. I scribbled down many short quotes while he spoke, but the one that struck me most poignantly was his statement that "the essence of Jewish communal life is dialogue, relationships, and shared life rhythms."

Rabbi Teutsch, whose kavanot you'll find on many pages in our prayer books, captured in one sentence what is most important to me and my family about belonging and participating actively in synagogue life at CBH. As American Jews, our life rhythms are slightly different from those of the larger society around us. That variance deepens my sense of connection to our synagogue family – friends who feel the tug of the same rites, rituals and calendar.

When my father died 6 years ago, I experienced the kindness of my community joining me in the rhythm of shiva. When we returned from his funeral in Chicago, the congregation came to our home, prayed with us, fed us and wiped my tears. Most of you never met my Dad, but you asked questions about him and listened attentively to my stories about him. And this past week, when we observed his yahrtzeit, it was again with so many of my CBH friends at Shabbat services. Those of us whose parents died at the same time of year are united by a special bond; together, year after year, we say kaddish at CBH for our parents.

But it is not just dramatic moments like a parent's death – or a child's birth! – that unite us in Rabbi Teutsch's shared life rhythms. We prepare for and celebrate our children's accomplishments when they are consecrated or become B'nai Mitzvah or arrive at Confirmation in their later teens. Let's all come together this month as we celebrate another one of "our" children becoming a Bar Mitzvah as the Ticknor Family celebrates Henry's simchah on Saturday, March 7 at 9:30 a.m.

The calendar calls to us this month as Purim brings us together. CBH has many lovely, lighthearted rhythms around Purim: the sending of Mishloach Manot (gift baskets) to congregants, learning (and a little drinking) as we read from the Megillah on Erev Purim, Wednesday March 4 at 8 p.m. and our fabulous annual Purim Shpiel on Saturday March 7 at 7 p.m. The shpiel is a special treat this year, with an original script written by Steve Kflowitz and an amazing show produced again by our impresaria, Myra Cole.

And now, as the aisles of Shop Rite fill up with macaroons and matzo, it is time to plan for Pesach. Did you know that attending a Passover seder is one of the most widely practiced Jewish activities, popular even among those who are otherwise unaffiliated? See Spiritual Life's request this month for your offer of a space at your seder table for a fellow congregant or your request to be hosted.

We have a weekly rhythm that involves welcoming Shabbat on Friday night, bringing your kids to Religious School and/or attending Torah Study or Life Long Learning on Saturday morning. Add in community breakfast once a month – and if you stick around for Family Services, you can score a bagel before you head home every week.

Whether by the year, the month or the week, shared rhythms bind our lives together and remind us of the necessity of communal Jewish life, the life that we have created and share here at Congregation Beth Hatikvah.

shabbat is...

In March, Shabbat at CBH is music, enlightenment, an easy meal at synagogue, a chance to learn, and a chance to celebrate an old friend and experience Saturday morning prayer.

FRIDAY MARCH 6, 7:30 P.M.

MUSIC SHABBAT FOR SHUSHAN PURIM. Turns out that in ancient days, Purim was celebrated on the 15th of Adar if you happened to live in a walled city. We don't, but since so many of us work on Wall Street, let's just declare that Music Shabbat this month – on the 15th of Adar – is an extension of Purim. After all, we'll be singing and celebrating Shabbat, anyway. "Be Happy, It's Adar" – and so the place to be is CBH.

FRIDAY MARCH 13, 7:30 P.M.

SOCIAL ACTION SHABBAT. Every second Friday night is an opportunity to learn – and act – about some social justice issue, as we together do the work of tikkum olam, repairing the world, under the leadership of Rabbi Orden and Social Action Committee chairs Liza Kirschenbaum and Marc Kaufman. This month: CBH member Jill Zinckgraf will speak with us about sexual violence and, in particular, dating violence. Jill is executive director of the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Warren County.

FRIDAY MARCH 20, 6:30 P.M.

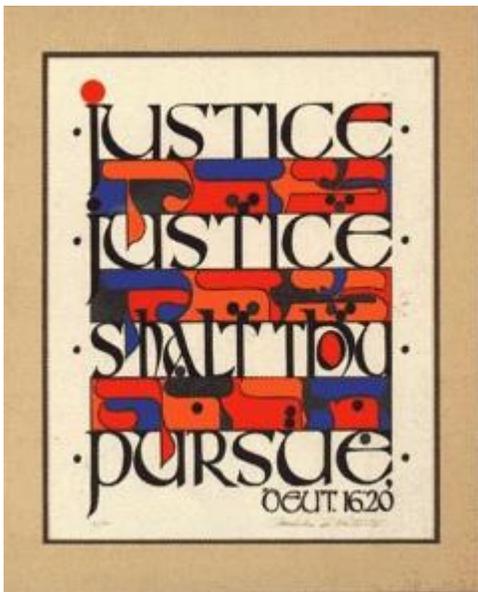
EASY SHABBAT. This is the Easy Shabbat before Passover, so our special plan is to talk at the Shabbat dinner table about ideas for making your family's seder more interesting and enjoyable. PLUS – WE'RE HAVING A CHAROSET TASTING. There's no traditional food more varied than charoset. Does yours just include nuts, apples and wine? Do you add cinnamon? Do you go all Sephardic and include dates and figs? BRING A BOWL OF YOUR FAMILY'S CHAROSET AND A RECIPE TO SHARE. Sign up now by hitting the Easy Shabbat button at bethhatikvah.org.

FRIDAY MARCH 27, 7:30 P.M.

SHABBAT SERVICES. What happens on the fourth Friday at CBH? The beauty and simplicity of every Shabbat! Join the Rabbi and Steve Wetter in a warm and intimate service with time to lift our voices in prayer and song, reflect on the past week, ask questions, share thoughts on the Torah portion and Judaism's Best Ideas, and connect with others in our community.

SATURDAY MARCH 28, 9 A.M.

A VERY SPECIAL SHABBAT MORNING. Rabbi Orden will lead a service in which we'll celebrate the conversation of Shelley Dennis to Judaism, and Michael Hyman will first chant from the Haftarah (it's the anniversary of his becoming a Bar Mitzvah!) and then lead a discussion about the "dark side of the Passover seder." A festive oneg will follow.



Another Great Social Justice Shabbat Coming Up Focus on Sexual Violence -- March 13 and 14

If you attended either the Friday night service on February 13 or Lifelong Learning on February 14, then you know how engaging and thought-provoking Social Justice Shabbat can be. And you can expect more of the same on March 13 and 14 – another Social Justice Shabbat that you will not want to miss!

This month, we will hear from two very special speakers who will help us explore the subject of sexual violence, and particularly the issues of dating violence and sexual violence on college campuses.

During Friday night services on March 13, our fellow CBH member Jill Zinckgraf, MPA, will speak with us about sexual violence and, in particular dating violence. Jill has volunteered and worked in the field of domestic violence and sexual assault since the

age of fourteen. Currently she is the Executive Director of the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Warren County (DASACC).

After completing her MPA, Jill worked as a community organizer training volunteers, police officers, state troopers, judges, medical residents, parole officers, clergy and community members for over 15 years on the implications of trauma from sexual violence and domestic violence, as well as identifying the signs and symptoms of domestic and sexual assault. Until recently, Jill served on multiple boards including the New Jersey AIDS Services (formally the Eric Johnson House) where she has volunteered at for over 18 years including running support groups for those who are/were victims of sexual assault or domestic violence and are HIV+. Jill's passion and commitment is to treat victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with dignity and respect while providing the highest quality of services to the greater Warren County community and creating an environment in which we do not tolerate the violence.

During Friday night's services, Jill will provide us with important facts regarding the issues of sexual violence, and dating violence in our community. We will learn together about these issues, and Jill will share ideas for how we can help to prevent sexual violence and dating violence.

Then, on Saturday morning (March 14), participants in Lifelong Learning will have an opportunity to learn more about an issue grabbing many headlines these days: the issue of sexual violence on college campuses. Dr. Rachel Pereira, Esq. will lead a discussion about sexual violence on college and university campuses and will provide a presentation regarding the steps that Drew University, in particular, is taking to address sexual violence among its student body.

Dr. Rachel Pereira, a former classroom teacher and school principal, serves as the Title IX Coordinator and Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Officer at Drew University.

Prior to taking this position in January, Dr. Pereira was an Assistant District Attorney in the City of Philadelphia. She is also an adjunct professor at the Rutgers Graduate School of Education and serves the Rutgers community as an elected member of the Rutgers Faculty Council and a dissertation reviewer. Dr. Pereira holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania, where she was an executive editor for the UPenn Constitutional Law Journal, President and Vice-President of the Black Law Student Association, and organizer of the first Pan-African Summit serving Liberian refugees in Ghana. She holds an Ed.D. and M.S. from Rutgers University in educational leadership and administration, and a B.A. from Hunter College in elementary education.

As if that were not enough, Dr. Pereira has played key roles in the 2008 Presidential primary and general elections and has recently served as a reviewer for President Obama's federal education policy initiative "Race to the Top," and is the chair of the Department of Education's Midlantic Regional Advisory Committee.

We are truly fortunate that Dr. Pereira has made time to share her expertise with us. This is a definite "must attend" event!

Whether you have a teen heading to college or university, whether you or a loved one have been touched by the trauma of sexual violence, or whether you are simply interested in learning more about this important social justice issue or hearing from our impressive speakers, the Social Action Committee looks forward to seeing everyone come out for these thought-provoking Social Justice Shabbat presentations.

Nancy's Notes:

A Monthly Update

From our Religious School Director

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This month we will be celebrating the fun holiday of Purim. Purim means “lots” and the story, according to the Book of Esther, says that Haman chose “lots” to decide the day on which he would destroy all the Jews. Of course we all know that the story had a happy ending, and the day was actually a joyous one for the Jewish people. Purim celebrates the victory of the Jews over the villain, Haman.

An interesting fact....Purim was originally called “Mordecai Day.” And what’s even more interesting is that Purim was first mentioned in the book of Maccabees three to four centuries after the story occurred. While most of us think of Purim as the holiday that features the beautiful Queen Esther who saved the Jews, it was really Mordecai (according to Chapter 9 in the Megillah) who was the most important person in this story. It was his actions that taught us so many lessons: civics (he saves the king's life); Judaism (one bows only to God, and so he refuses to bow down to Haman); battle strategy (he devises the plan that gets Esther into the palace, who then saves the Jews); celebration (he tells us how to celebrate this holiday); and finally, ethics (he also tells us that we must give gifts to the poor, Mataynot l’evyonim).

On Purim, we eat delicious hamantashen, which are triangular-shaped dough, filled with poppy seeds, jelly, or (my personal favorite) chocolate Hershey kisses. There are different theories to why we eat these – some say they represent Haman’s ears, while others say that they represent the three-cornered hat that Haman wore, or Haman’s pockets. In some countries, it is the custom to eat Purim cakes that are shaped like dolls, and you’re supposed to eat the head first to symbolize “de-heading” Haman.

It is also customary to give gifts of food (Mishloach Manot) to friends, and to come to the synagogue to hear the reading of the Megillah (Scroll of Esther). And let’s not forget the wonderful Purim shpiel, starring our own talented CBH actors and actresses.

I am happy to see that many parents are joining us for family services on Shabbat morning. I hope that we will see even more of you. Why come to services? Because it gives you an opportunity to show your children that learning, and participating in our community, doesn’t stop when you’re no longer a student.

SAVE THE DATE!!! Sunday, March 29th is our second Sunday FUNday. We are going to have a guest from the Jewish Learning Venture in Philadelphia, who will be leading us in fun activities related to the upcoming holiday of Passover.

DON’T FORGET – our Penny Pushka is waiting for you to fill it with pennies. Please empty your pockets and change purses of pennies when you come to CBH, and put your pennies in the pushka.

Dates to remember:

Sat., March 7th – Bar Mitzvah of Henry Ticknor

Sun., March 8th – Post B’nai Mitzvah Class @ 4:00

Sat., March 28th – No Religious School

Sun., March 29th – Sunday FUNday @9:30 am



PENNY PUSHKA FOR PESACH (PASSOVER)

Every penny counts, just like every person counts. We will be collecting pennies from now until Passover. Our goal is to get as many pennies as we can, and then we can decide where we want to donate the money.

There will be a “pushka” (Yiddish word for a charity box) located in the youth lounge, and we’re hoping that every time you come to CBH, you will empty your pockets of pennies.

Please help us fill the pushka with your pennies!

FROM THE SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE

Can You Help Us Make Easy Shabbat Easier?

You may have noticed that our Easy Shabbat chair has taken on some new responsibilities around CBH.

Pam would really like to find someone willing to take over organizing the monthly dinners, a job that includes communicating with the caterer, keeping track of attendance and payments, meeting the caterer on Friday late afternoon and then setting up the meal. (We've gotten pretty good as a community about *cleaning up*.) If you are interested in taking on this important job (How important? It's about *food*, silly!) or have questions about what it entails, please email her at pamelacbh@gmail.com.

Whoever's in charge, we need at least two people a month to help at 5:30 pm the nights of Easy Shabbat with the set up. Thanks in advance to Rachel Petrella and Carol Sussman Skalka, who have volunteered to help on Friday March 20. Now we're looking for volunteers to help on April 17, May 15 and June 19. If you can spare an hour of your time, please email Jim at jimschachter@gmail.com.

Finally, we need EVERYONE's help to RSVP ON TIME for Easy Shabbats. CBH is not a restaurant, and our new caterer can't accommodate last-minute orders. We are asking that you let us know you're coming by NOON on the Wednesdays before the dinners. We don't want to turn anyone away, but if you miss the deadline we will a) impose a surcharge and b) ask you to wait for everyone else to get food before getting yours. So: PLEASE make Easy Shabbat a little easier by RSVP'ing no later than Wednesdays at noon.

Celebrate Passover with a CBH Friend

"Let all who are hungry come and eat." This line from the *Haggadah* reminds us that it's a privilege to welcome guests into your home for the Passover *seder* – and that being a guest is an honorable role.

We have a wonderful tradition at CBH of making sure that everyone in our congregation has a *seder* to attend. We do that by asking you to let us know if you can accommodate guests, or if you need a place for *seder*. If either of those circumstances describes you, please drop an email to Jim at jimschachter@gmail.com and we will do our best to match hosts and guests.

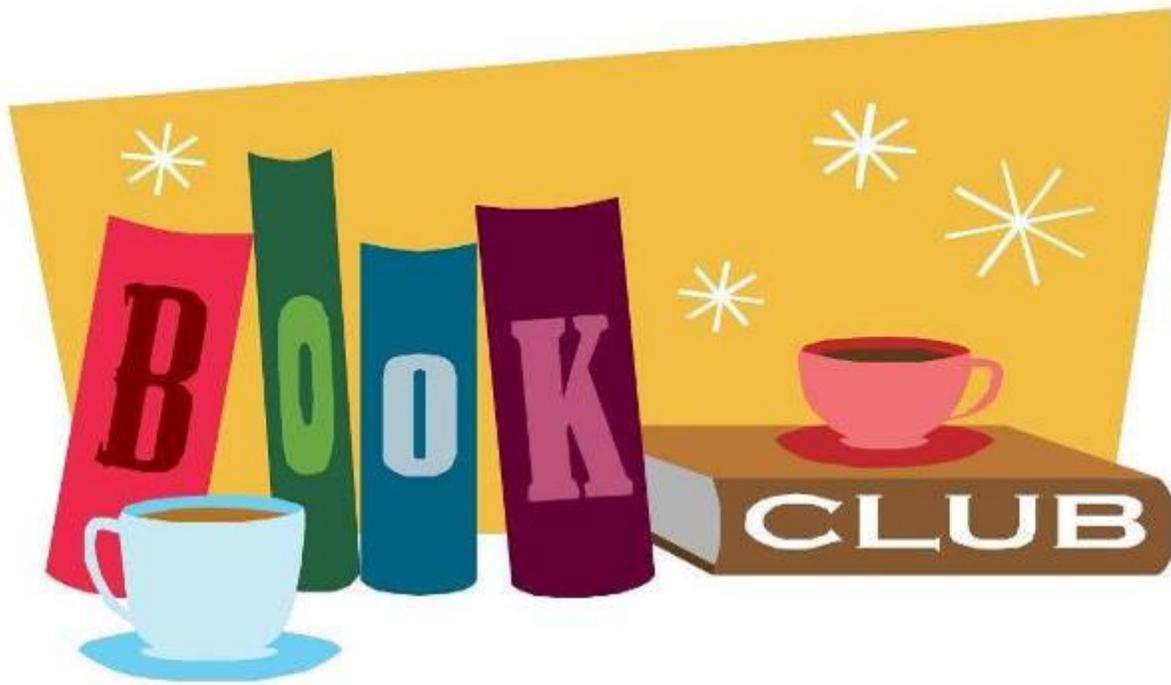
The *seders* are Friday April 3 and Saturday April 4. PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SHABBAT SERVICES AT CBH ON FRIDAY APRIL 3.

HELP WANTED!

ONE SHOT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



1. Coordinate simple refreshments for the Purim Schpiel the evening of Saturday, March 7. Contact Jim Schachter at jimschachter@gmail.com
2. Help cook, serve and clean up community breakfast on Saturday, March 14. Contact Alice at goldrad@gmail.com



All CBHers are invited to attend our exciting monthly meetings at CBH to discuss thought-provoking books.

We had a lively discussion about Joshua: A Brooklyn Tale at our last meeting on February 8th.

On March 8th at 11 am. , we will be featuring Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by Daniel James Brown. Out of the depths of the depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope. This is the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys showed the world what true grit really meant.

For those who like to plan ahead, we're meeting on April 12 at 11 am. We'll be reading All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr. This beautiful New York Times bestseller tells the story of a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

We welcome all new attendees. Please RSVP Judy Scherer at jscherer@21stcenturycareer.com

not your ordinary wednesdays

Join Rabbi Orden for these monthly mid-week
Lifelong Learning classes.

Everyone is welcome.

No prior knowledge is necessary. No Hebrew required.

Plus, no homework!

Wednesday, March 11th at 1 PM

Get Your Sea Legs in Talmud

In a column in the Jewish Forward, Elisa Straus wrote: "We need more ways for people to learn about Jewish tradition in a nonjudgmental, nonthreatening atmosphere---somewhere they can get their sea legs in Torah, Mishnah and Talmud and start to believe that the rich, intellectual and creative tradition that makes up Judaism is theirs too." Mid-Week Learning on March 11 will offer a chance to get your "sea legs in Talmud". Who knows? Maybe you will be inspired to join the new Talmud Study Group at CBH!

schmooze with the rabbi

The Rabbi is eager to get to know everyone at CBH better. You don't need to have a reason to make an appointment – just stop in to say “hello” and share a little about your lives and what you hope to see happen at CBH in the coming months.

The rabbi will be available to meet with CBH members at the following times:

- Thursdays 1:00-3:00 PM (feel free to drop in)
- Saturdays 12:00-3:00 PM (by appointment)
- Wednesdays 7:00-9:00 PM (by appointment)

If you would like to make an appointment,
please email the rabbi at RabbiHannahOrden@BethHatikvah.org

If these times are not convenient, please contact the rabbi to find a mutually convenient time.

Don't miss the next Community Breakfast

Saturday, March 14th

9:15 AM

Everyone is welcome.

No charge.



March
2015

LIFELONG LEARNING

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Lav Led Shabbat Torah Study, in English, 9 am

Every Shabbat morning from 9-9:45 you can join a wonderful group of people and study the parsha (portion) of the week in **English**. When her schedule permits, our Rabbi, Hannah Orden will lead the discussion. Everything you always wanted to know about Torah but were afraid to ask.

Shabbat Morning Study, 9:45

Everyone is welcome at Shabbat Morning Study. The subject is always changing and the presenter/group leader varies: from our Rabbi, Hannah Orden, to guest Rabbis, Cantors, Professors, and to class members with their own special expertise. *Check your Weekly BetNet and FaceBook for up-to-date information and changes.*



March 7, 9:45

Where Did the Jewish Star Come From?



Have you ever wondered where our symbolic Jewish Star came from? Join one of our favorite presenters, **Jeremy Garber** as we explore the rise, fall and rise of the Magen David: How, when, and why the six pointed star became the pre-eminent symbol of Judaism and the Jewish people. **Jeremy Simcha Garber** received undergraduate and graduate degrees in Jewish Studies/Hebrew Literature from Washington University in St. Louis and Columbia University in New York.

Purim Study and Reading Wednesday, March 4 at 8 pm

Rabbi Hannah Orden will read an excerpt of the traditional Megillah and share a discovery of a 14th century Persian version of the Esther story. Come celebrate with our community and enjoy wine and cheese. 

*Mid-Week Learning: Wednesday, March 11, 1—2:30 pm,
with Rabbi Hannah Orden, Get Your Sea-legs in Talmud*

9 AM
Shabbat
Torah Study



9:45 AM
Shabbat
Morning Study

March 14

Community Breakfast at 9:15
Torah Study will be at 8:30

Shabbat Morning Study, 9:45
Social Justice LLL



For our Social Justice LLL, we will learn about an issue grabbing many headlines these days: the issue of sexual violence on college campuses. **Dr. Rachel Pereira** will lead a discussion about sexual violence on college campuses and will provide a presentation regarding the steps that Drew University, in particular, is taking to address sexual violence among its student body. **Rachel Pereira** serves as the Title IX Coordinator and Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Officer at Drew University. Pereira was most recently an Assistant District Attorney in the city of Philadelphia.



March 21, 9:45

Israeli Elections

In Israel, in late November/early December 2014, there were serious disagreements between parties in the governing coalition, particularly over the budget and a "Jewish State" proposal. Join **Rabbi Hannah Orden** as we discuss the results and implications of the Israeli election for the 20th Knesset, held in Israel on March 17th. 



March 28

A Very Special Shabbat: A Combination of Worship, Torah Reading, and Lifelong Learning.

9:00 AM-- Rabbi Hannah Orden will lead a special Shabbat morning service in the sanctuary to celebrate LLLer's **Shelley Dennis'** conversion to the Jewish Faith.

9:45 AM-- After the Torah reading, CBH member, **Michael Hyman** will lead a discussion on "*The Dark Side of the Passover Seder: a hidden story of intrigue plots against the ruling powers, and a rebellion that changed forever the course of the Jewish people.*"

Please join us for some or all of this special Shabbat. A festive oneg will follow the service.

Yahrzeits

Yahrzeits are observed on the Shabbat on or immediately preceding the Yahrzeit date.

Yahrzeit date	Deceased	Relationship	Mourner
3.7.2015	Merrie Scherer	Sister	Judith Scherer
3.8.2015	Sylvia Schachter	Grandmother	Jim Schachter
3.9.2015	Annie Van Pels	Great Aunt	Pamela Haag Schachter
3.9.2015	Harry Sussman	Father	Carol Sussman-Skalka
3.10.2015	Saralee Friedman	Mother	Nancy Ross
3.11.2015	Nathan Segal	Grandfather	Marjorie Heyman
3.14.2015	Victor Gordon	Grandfather	Katia Segre Cohen
3.18.2015	Ida Miller	Mother	Donald Miller
3.18.2015	Allan Resnick	Father	Amy Wolf
3.19.2015	Nat Allentuck	Father	Chana Seligman
3.20.2015	Mildred Frankel	Mother	Susan Rocco
3.22.2015	Joseph Schlesinger	Father	Steve Schlesinger
3.24.2015	Virginia Haag	Aunt	Pamela Haag Schachter
3.24.2015	Isaac Weiner	Father	Danielle Weiner
3.24.2015	Rose Parvin Baruch	Grandmother	Deborah Fineman and Michal Fineman
3.24.2015	Fannie Shimkin	Grandmother	Maxine Hirsch
3.29.2015	Yetta Ganek	Grandmother	Isobel Kampf
3.30.2015	Elizabeth Baxter Hull	Mother	Richard Hull
3.31.2015	Karen Riskin	Friend	Rabbi Hannah Orden and Don Moskowitz
4.1.2015	Marion Gerstenmeier	Mother	Walter Gerstenmeier
4.1.2015	Roslyn Moskowitz	Aunt	Don Moskowitz



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GOLD TRIBUTES TO:

Chana Seligman, Katia Segre Cohen, Steve and Cindy Wetter - On leaving the CBH Board: Thank you for your years of service and all of your efforts on behalf of our community. All the time and energy you devoted are deeply appreciated.
From Debbie Fineman

Cindy Lombardi, Cindy Slavin, Leslie Hart, Lisa Tognola, Hilary Jersey, Marjorie Heyman, Lois Turiansky-Hurley, Marsha Baldinger, Brian Heyman, Myra Cole and Steve Toneatti - Thank you for all your hard work and caring efforts. You made The Main Event a fabulous success.
From Debbie Fineman

Debra Fineman - You always surprise me - thank you for everything! xoxo
From Dan Kiselik

Cindy Slavin - To an awesome executive producer - you know how to put on a show! Thank you so much.
From Dan Kiselik

Cindy Levene - Thank you for all your efforts, making Jan 24th a night that I will never forget!
From Dan Kiselik

Leslie Hart - Thank you for helping to make January 24 such a special evening!
From Dan Kiselik

Marjorie Heyman - Your poem was fantastic! Thank you so much for toasting me and all your work making the 24th so special.
From Dan Kiselik

Hilary Jersey - Thank you so much for all efforts to make the 24th so wonderful!
From Dan Kiselik

Lisa Tognola - Thank you for helping to make the 24th a night to remember - it unfolded like a well crafted novel and it was more entertaining than the neighbors in Covina! ;-)
From Dan Kiselik

Lois Turiansky - The 24th was a blast - thank you so much for helping to make it so memorable!
From Dan Kiselik

Myra and Steve Toneatti - Thank you both for the A/V magic, your musical talents and just being fun - you helped to make the 24th a very special evening!
From Dan Kiselik

Brian Heyman - Dope playlist Dude. Thanks for the tunes!
From Dan Kiselik

Irv Lustig - Dude, you missed your calling; your rap was awesome!
From Dan Kiselik

Steve Wetter - Your sneak preview of "Highway to Hell" was touching, fun and appreciated. You Rock!!
From Dan Kiselik

Marc Kaufman and Liza Kirshenbaum - You knocked me out with your wonderful toast!
From Dan Kiselik

Andy Kaplan and CBH Singers - Thank you all for the moving musical toast! Yet again, your music has filled me with great joy.
From Dan Kiselik

Steve Lidner - Accept it; you are a funny guy - thank you for the toast!
From Dan Kiselik

Steve Kafowitz - Thank you for penning the clever lyrics to my musical toast! Second career? :-)
From Dan Kiselik

Ellie Silberman - Your Klingon is passable but you and your toast are out of this world at warp factor 10!
From Dan Kiselik

Pam Schachter - I can't wait to see your B'nai Mitzvah presentations -your presentation to me was phenomenal! And you rock an orange tank-top like no one else can.
From Dan Kiselik

Amy Klein - Back at you. I count myself very lucky to have you as a "big sister" -someone needs to tell me what to do! ;-)
From Dan Kiselik

Marsha Baldinger - To my very favorite MC; I could listen to your anecdotes all night -thanks!
From Dan Kiselik

Rabbi Hannah Orden - Thank you for the lovely toast - building a friendship with you has been my pleasure and privilege!
From Dan Kiselik

Katia Segre Cohen - You do a damn good Dan imitation and you're much better looking -thank you for EVERYTHING!!! Xoxo
Dan Kiselik

Bob Max - No one does a Motzie (or Kiddish or Aliyah) like you. Now that I'm past president, is it still OK if I call you and Shirley for advice? Thanks!
From Dan Kiselik

Debbie Fineman - Thanks for spearheading the spectacular CBH Main Event. You lead with intelligence, enthusiasm and inspiration. It was a pleasure to serve on your committee.
From Lisa Tognola

Pam Schachter - Thanks for organizing us to attend the very satisfying and enjoyable Reconstructionist Day of Learning.
From Chana Seligman

Leslie Feigin - Thank you for photographing The Main Event. The pics are awesome!
From Debbie Fineman

Janine, Mackenzie and Hannah Beer - Deepest sympathy on the passing of Janine's father and Mackenzie and Hannah's grandfather. May his memory be a blessing.
From Nancy and Michael Hyman

Irv Lustig - Mazel Tov on your engagement to Irina!
From The Schachter Family

Irv Lustig - Mazel tov on Joanna and Jesse's engagement!
From The Schachter Family

Jonathan Ratner - Thank you for your work to bring CBH to see Whipping Man.
From The Schachter Family

Judy Scherer - Thank you for organizing the CBH book group. Happy Reading!
From The Schachter Family

Mark Kaufman and Liza Kirschenbaum - Thank you for inspiring us to new acts of Tikkun Olam and helping us track them with the TikkunOlameter!
From The Schachter Family

Janine Beer, Mackenzie and Hannah - Sending our condolences on the loss of your father and grandfather.
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Phyllis Klein, Sam and Tristan - Honoring your enduring commitment to feeding the hungry at SHIP. Thank you for leading us in this mitzvah.
From The Schachter Family

Debbie Fineman and the Fundraising Committee - Thank you for the amazing job you did on Dan's Toast. Just what we needed on a cold January night- friends, many laughs and delicious food.
From The Schachter Family

Margie Ticknor - Thank you for bringing CBH out to Trailside for Tu B'Shevat!
From The Schachter Family

Irv Lustig and Irina Dumitresku - Mazel tov on your engagement.
From Jay Weiner and Walter Gerstenmeier

Henry Ticknor - Mazel Tov on becoming a Bar Mitzvah!
Robin and Andy Bear

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SILVER TRIBUTES TO:

Lisa Tognola - Congratulations on 100! Thanks for keeping us chuckling.
From Katia Segre Cohen

Janine, Hannah, and Mackie Beer – Our condolences on the loss of your father and grandfather
From Michal and Tess Fineman

Janine Beer - We are so sorry to hear about the death of your father and wish you comfort in this difficult time.
From Katia, Daniel, Josh and Alex Cohen
Tributes continued...

Irv Lustig and Irina Dumitresku, - Best wishes on your engagement.
From Michal Fineman

Irv Lustig and Irina Dumitresku- Congratulations on your engagement. We wish you much happiness in the coming years.
From Arleen and Dennis Soldati

Janine Beer and family - Our deepest sympathies on the loss of your father. We wish you the comfort of good memories.
From Arleen and Dennis Soldati

Josh Cohen - Thanks for being part of our B'nai Mitzvah panel.
From Religious School

Elana Tognola - Thanks for being part of our B'nai Mitzvah panel.
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Micaela Kaplan - Thanks for being part of our B'nai Mitzvah panel.
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Hannah Wetter - Thanks for being part of our B'nai Mitzvah panel.
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Moshe Levi - Thanks for spending time with our teens, teaching them about the Israeli election process.
From Nancy Hersh

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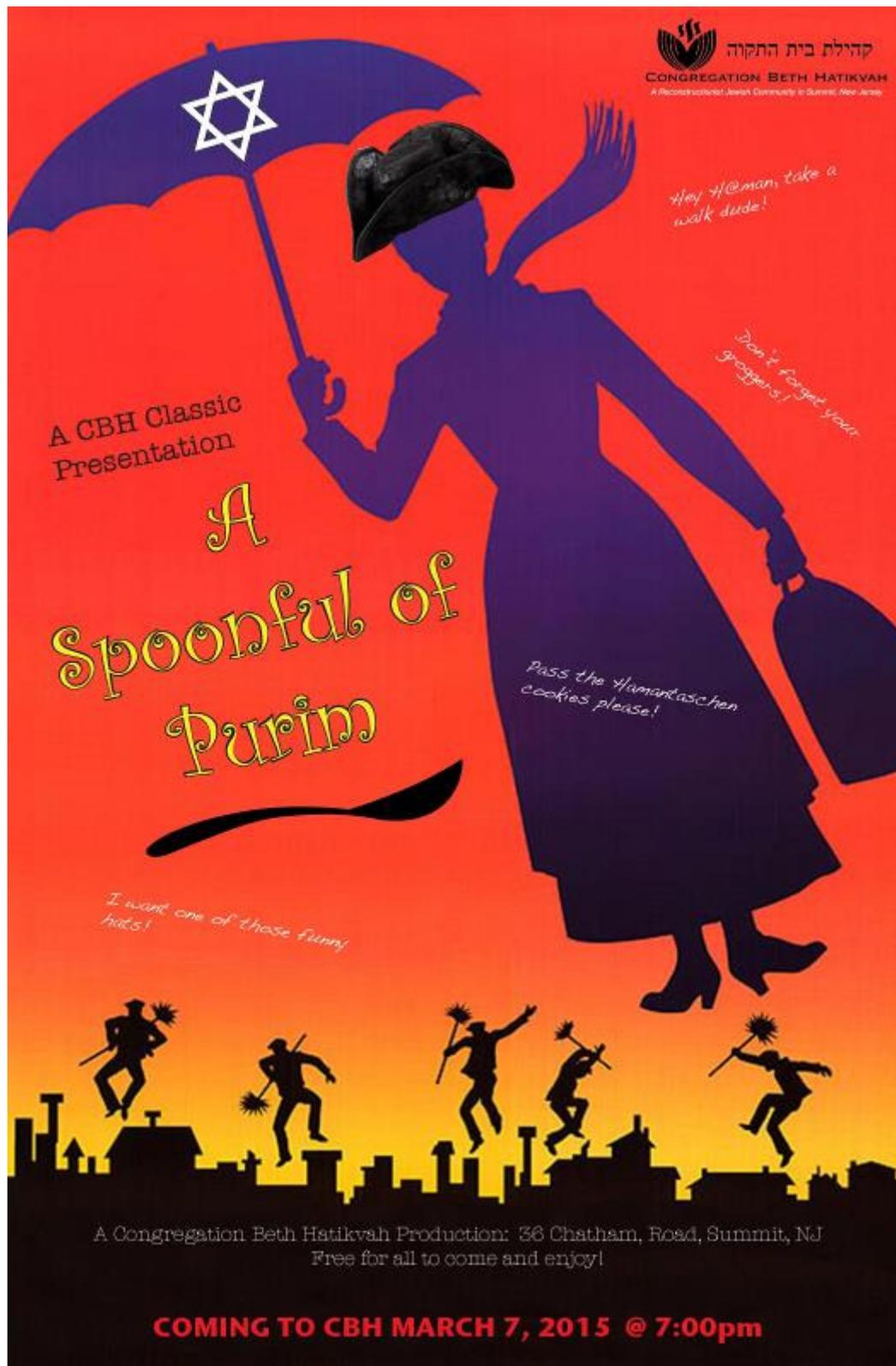
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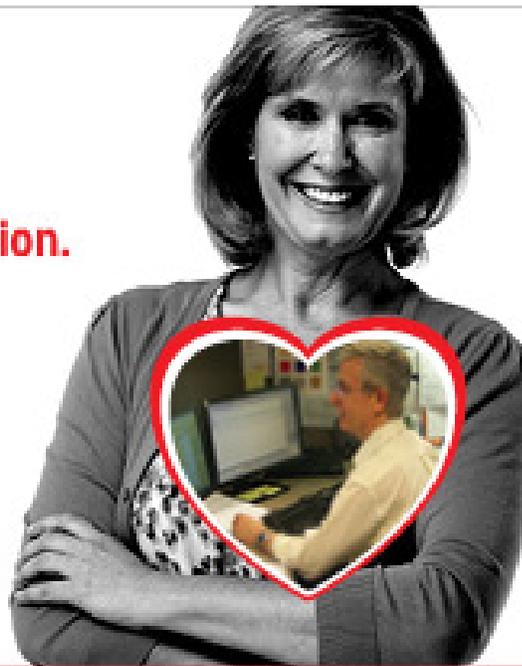
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