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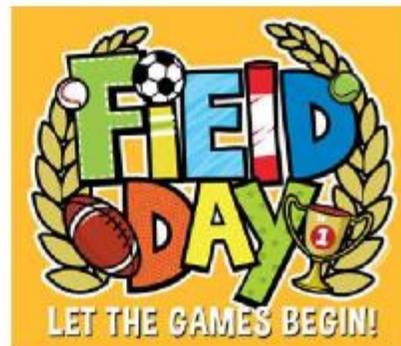
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lag b'omg a srsly gr8 day

PROFESSIONAL MAGICIAN




**Teacher
Appreciation**
Service



Multi-generational Program for ALL CBHers

9:00-12:00 Teacher Appreciation Service, Professional Magician, Lag B'Omer Field Day - sack races, 3-legged races, egg toss, basketball, jump rope, hula hoops, bubbles, etc.

and a delicious Barbecue Lunch

saturday, may 16th

best lag b'omer ever, and it's all free!

Just in case you don't text: omg=oh my God, srsly-seriously, gr8=great

RSVP at www.bethhatikvah.org

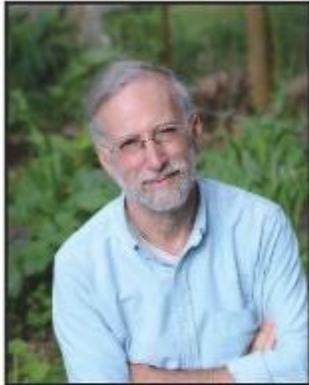


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CONGREGATION BETH HATIKVAH
A Reconstructionist Jewish Community In Summit, New Jersey

Social Justice Shabbat
May 8, 2015 @ 7:30pm

CBH invites you to a very special Social Action Shabbat with CNN Hero and TEDx speaker Gary Oppenheimer, founder of AmpleHarvest.org



"Tikkun Olam Really Starts In Your Garden"

America has 50+ million people who are hungry or at risk of being hungry, yet 40 % of our food is never consumed!

Many of the solutions we've been looking for – reducing hunger and malnutrition (including childhood obesity and Type II diabetes), improving the environment, community engagement and even giving tzedakah start with some seeds, soil, sun and a gardener's shadow. Especially in a shmita year. Come learn how **YOU** can make a real difference in feeding hungry.



AmpleHarvest.org^(SM)

"Sharing your garden bounty with Neighbors in Need"

To learn more about AmpleHarvest.org use this QR code or go to:

www.AmpleHarvest.org

Food Drive Donation:



Donation to
AmpleHarvest.org:



www.AmpleHarvest.org/donate

About Gary Oppenheimer

Gary Oppenheimer is the founder of the AmpleHarvest.org Campaign. His accolades include CNN Hero, World Food Prize nominee, lecturer and speaker (including a TED Talk), 2014 Yahoo! News/ABC News "Best Person", a Google Tech Talk, 2013 Encore Purpose Prize Fellow, Points of Light winner, Huffington Post's "Greatest Person of the Day" and "2011 Game Changer", winner of the Russell Berrie Foundation's "Making A Difference" award, winner of the Glynwood 2011 "Wave of the Future" award, winner of the 2012 Eifenworks "In Harmony With Hope" award, and Echoing Green semifinalist. He is also a Master Gardener, Rutgers Environmental Steward, former community garden director, Environmental Commissioner in northern New Jersey, an avid gardener, Israeli folk dancer and long distance cyclist.

Some thoughts from our President, Pam Schachter...

For those of you who don't already think I'm crazy, maybe I can persuade you with my column this month.

You know what I'm incredibly excited about that's going on at CBH? You might think I'm crazy, but... it's the way our rabbi and educator are working together to make crazy-wonderful things happen in our religious school, and to integrate the religious school into the life of our congregation, and vice versa.

Later this month, for example, on Saturday May 16, we'll mark the last day of religious school with a special morning-long program for the whole community. We're celebrating *Lag b'Omer* – a spring holiday midway between Passover and Shavuot when Jews have traditionally engaged in outdoor activities – with a Field Day and barbecue. There will be a family Shabbat service, teacher appreciation activities, Life Long Learning and a performance by a professional magician.... And all of this was imagined by Rabbi Orden and Nancy Hersh as a way to bring together every corner of our synagogue community and to make our building come to life on a special spring morning. Please RSVP soon so we will know how many hamburgers and hot dogs (and veggie burgers of course) to buy!

Since the Rabbi's arrival, she and Nancy – along with the Religious School, B'nai Mitzvah, Life Long Learning and Spiritual Life committees and our synagogue leadership – have been working to refresh our family Shabbat services, rethink our school curriculum, review our B'nai Mitzvah requirements and better knit together the programming that takes place in our building, especially on Saturday mornings. The results are pretty profound. More parents are coming to family services. More parents and kids are learning together once a month, when services include family learning. Participants in adult learning have joined with religious school students and families for some programming. We're getting out of our silos and getting to know each other better.

Which is great, because it makes me crazy when we miss opportunities – on Shabbat mornings or any other day of the week – to deepen our ties as a synagogue family.

Don't make me nuts. Come to our Coffeehouse on Saturday May 2, to hear our amazing Social Action speaker on Friday May 8, to Naomi Ross' *Bat Mitzvah* the next morning, to our "Lag b'OMG" activity on May 16, to Shabbat services and lifelong learning all month long, to the book club on Sunday May 17, to the Shavuot dinner and movie on Saturday May 23, to yizkor services May 25 and to Shabbat at Homes on May 29. And if those activities aren't what you are looking for- drop me a note so we can talk about what else we can offer.

See you soon,
Pam

What's the Rabbi have to say?

Some thoughts from our Rabbi, Hannah Orden.

Judaism's Moral Bucket List

There is a Jewish tradition that on each Shabbat between Passover and Shavuot we read a chapter of Pirkei Avot. Conveniently, there are six shabbatot between these holidays, and there are six chapters of Pirkei Avot. Pirkei Avot is a collection of quotations from our ancient sages. One of the most famous of these quotations is from Rabbi Hillel who said: *If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I'm only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?*

When we discussed this quote at midweek learning in April, we talked about the importance of having a balance between giving to others and taking care of our own needs. As a rabbi and a mother and a friend, I often tend to place more emphasis on the side of encouraging people to take care of themselves. I don't want people to act out of guilt or to do so much for others that they forget to nourish themselves – physically, emotionally, and spiritually. But after our discussion at midweek learning, I thought more about the wisdom of Hillel's words, and I realized that as important as it is to encourage people to care for themselves, sometimes it is also okay to encourage people to contribute to the well-being of others.

I thought about this again as I prepared to lead a discussion Friday night based on David Brooks' New York Times column – The Moral Bucket List. The column offers suggestions about how to develop moral character. Brooks points out that "Commencement speakers are always telling young people to follow their passions... This is a vision of life that begins with self and ends with self. But people on the road to inner light do not find their vocations by asking, what do I want from life? They ask, what is life asking of me? How can I match my intrinsic talent with one of the world's deep needs?"

For me, more interesting than Brooks' column was a review of his new book *The Road to Character* by Forward editor Jane Eisner. Eisner believes that Brooks' "thesis suffers from the same critique he lodges against contemporary society: *It's all about me.*" Much of what Brooks explores is the individual path to moral character, but Eisner does not think that Brooks emphasizes "the imperative to place yourself in community, which is fundamental to Jewish teaching and practice, and offers a stunning counter-cultural antidote to society's ills."

Judaism has its own moral bucket list. Our tradition requires us to visit the sick, comfort the bereaved, welcome the stranger, care for the most vulnerable members of society, and join with others in the community for prayer and celebration. CBH offers us opportunities to do all of these things. In just the past few weeks CBH members have donated food and made lunches for the homeless, shown up to make a minyan for shiva, celebrated with a family whose son became a bar mitzvah, brought Israeli food for a special Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration at Religious School, made donations to honor special moments in the lives of our congregants, welcomed people into their homes for small social gatherings, and brought the joy of music into our lives.

All of these things matter. When we are part of a community, each of us matters. It matters that we show up for a minyan, that we contribute our time and money and talents to strengthening our community, and that we help people who are in need. Hillel was right – we need to take care of ourselves and we need to take care of each other. There is a path to moral character and Jewish community shows us that path.



CBH at the Summit Street Fair on Sunday, May 17!

Can you volunteer for an hour to help CBH's outreach to new prospects and friends?

If so, the Summit Street Fair is the way to go! Join the Membership team at the CBH booth to hand out flyers, sample food and talk up all the great happenings at CBH. Kids welcome too.

Email Todd Rosen at: toddrosen@gmail.com for more details.

Nancy's Notes:

A Monthly Update

From our Religious School Director

Nancy Hersh

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As we come to the close of another school year, I'd like to take time to thank all of the people who had made this the wonderful year that it has been...parents who have help and supported our programs, volunteers who helped in so many ways, and most especially, our awesome teachers. Without their dedication and commitment to your children, we wouldn't have the quality school that we have. A very special thank you to Rabbi Hannah, whose presence was such a welcome addition to our religious school this year.

We enjoyed some new programs this year.....Sunday FUNday was truly a lot of fun! Our religious school Shabbat dinners, where we invited the entire CBH community, were well-received. Our new Saturday morning service format, including family activities and drama, along with our regular services and torah services, was a huge success. Our theme this year was "FUN," and I hope that most of you agree that we succeeded in that goal. It was certainly wonderful to see so many parents joining us for so many of our activities and programs this year.

There will be some small changes next year in scheduling, and we will update you as soon as we finalize our plans. We are also in the process of re-vamping our post B'nai Mitzvah program. Stay tuned for updates on that.

But the year isn't over yet. We are ending with a big "FINALE!!" Our last day of school is Saturday, May 16th (except for teens, who will have their last class on May 17th) and it will be a gala celebration for the whole community. We hope that all families of students and those without students, will join us for our last day program. We will be having Teacher Appreciation, Lag B'Omer Field Day activities, a Magic/Variety show, and a BBQ. Sign up on the CBH website to let us know that you are attending, and to volunteer with simple tasks.

Registration materials for the next school year will be in the mail within the next month. Please return these forms as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to meet with me before the summer. As always, if you have friends who are looking to join our community, please let me know and I will send them school information.

Dates to remember:

Friday, May 1st – Religious School Shabbat Dinner @ 6:15 pm

Saturday, May 2nd – Bat Mitzvah of Naomi Ross

Sunday, May 3rd – Post B'nai Mitzvah class Scavenger Hunt in NYC

Saturday, May 16th – Last Day Program 9:00-1:00

Sunday, May 17th – Last Day for Post B'nai Mitzvah students @ 4:00 pm

shabbat is...

In May, Shabbat at CBH is music, social justice, learning, prayer and welcoming one another into our homes.

FRIDAY MAY 1, 7:30 P.M.

It's Music Shabbat, immediately following the Religious School dinner. Whether you've had Shabbat dinner at home or at CBH, come sing and pray together with Rabbi Orden, Andy Kaplan and the CBH Singers.

SATURDAY MAY 2, 9:30 A.M.

Naomi Ross will read torah and become a Bat Mitzvah during services this morning, led by Rabbi Orden, cantorial soloist Steve Wetter and the CBH Singers. Let's fill the sanctuary with body and soul on this special day for Naomi.

FRIDAY MAY 8, 7:30 P.M.

Gary Oppenheimer, founder of AmpleHarvest.org, will join us for Social Justice Shabbat. The mission of Gary's organization "is educating, encouraging and empowering growers to share their excess harvest with the needy in their community instead of letting it rot in the garden." Because of Ample Harvest's work, more than 7,250 food pantries across all 50 states are registered to receive a sustainable and recurring supply of freshly harvested, locally grown food from local growers. Come be inspired to earn a place on our Tikkunolameter!

FRIDAY MAY 15, 7:30 P.M.

Join Rabbi Orden and cantorial soloist Steve Wetter in a warm and intimate service with time to lift our voices in prayer and song, reflect on the past week, and connect with others in our community. There is no Easy Shabbat this month – but be sure to be at CBH on ...

...SATURDAY MAY 16, 9 A.M.

when a family service will be part of our Lag b'Omer/Teacher Appreciation/Field Day/BBQ celebration.

FRIDAY MAY 22, 7:30 P.M.

Join Rabbi Orden and cantorial soloist Steve Wetter in a warm and intimate service with time to lift our voices in prayer and song, reflect on the past week, and connect with others in our community.

FRIDAY MAY 29, 7 P.M.

It's that rare Fifth Friday of the month, so we'll be having Shabbat at Homes, the new CBH tradition in which we welcome one another into our homes for Shabbat dinner. To sign up as a host or guest, go to bethhatikvah.org. We will make groupings to accommodate families, singles, couples – however your household is configured, you're encouraged to participate. NOTE: There will be **no Shabbat services** at CBH this evening. If you have a *yahrtzeit* in your family, please let Rabbi Orden know when you would like your loved one's name read at an upcoming service: rabbihannahorden@bethhatikvah.org

NOW WHERE DID I PUT THAT THING?

Was it Moses who first realized that the Ark of the Covenant had gone missing? Where did it go? Who took it? And... will Indiana Jones be able to find it before the Nazis do?

We'll ask (and answer) those questions on **Saturday evening May 23** as Beth Hatikvah celebrates Shavuot with dinner and a movie, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, the Steven Spielberg classic starring Harrison Ford.

Come at 6:30 p.m. for a pizza*-and-salad dinner (BYOB) followed by *Havdalah*, the movie, a discussion and ice cream*** sundaes. This is a Shavuot celebration designed for all ages.**

The cost is \$7 per person, payable at the door. But *please* RSVP to Jim Schachter by May 20 so we can order the right amount of food: jimschachter@gmail.com.

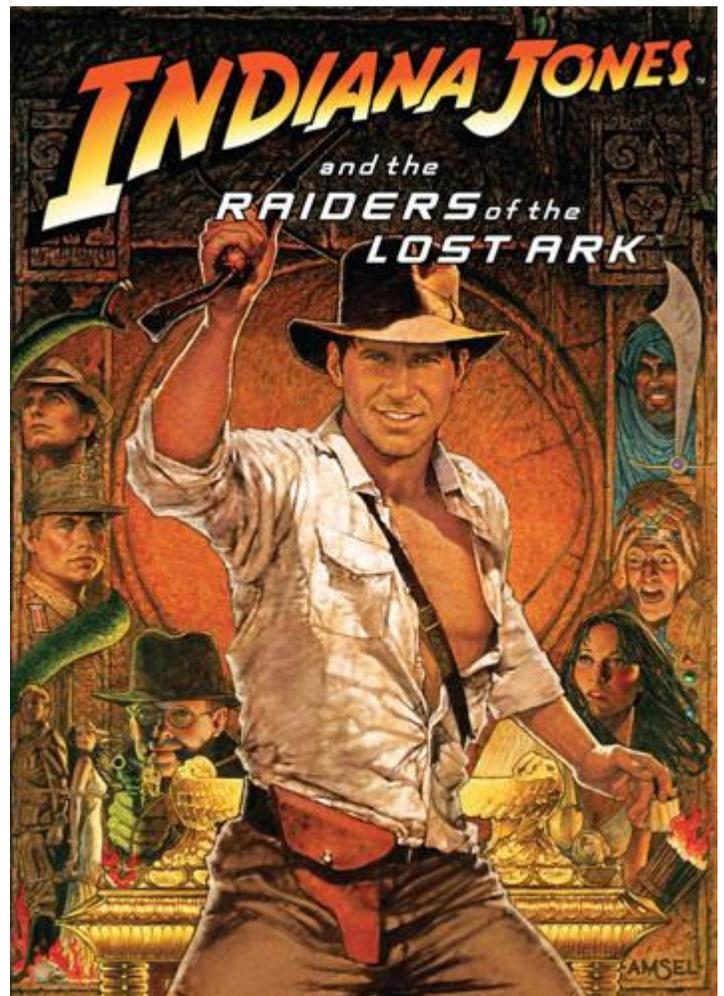
* Shavuot, the festival that commemorates Moses receiving the Torah (hence our movie choice for the evening, because what, after all, was kept in the Ark of the Covenant?), is traditionally marked by eating dairy foods. (We can talk about the origins of that tradition during the discussion described in the next asterisk.)

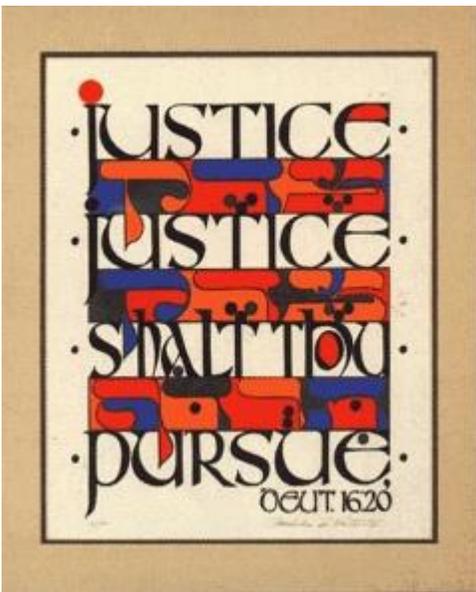
** In many communities, Jews stay up all night studying during Shavuot. We will stay up long enough to watch the movie, discuss it and eat ice cream. (See the next asterisk.)

*** More dairy!

YIZKOR SERVICE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF SHAVUOT

On Monday May 25 at 11 a.m., mark the traditional observance of *yizkor*, the memorial prayers we recite on major festivals, by participating in a service led by cantorial soloist Steve Wetter. We are fortunate that the Jewish holiday coincides with a secular holiday; take an hour on Memorial Day to join our community in prayer.





News from the Social Action Committee

May Social Justice Shabbat to Address Food Scarcity and Hunger

AmpleHarvest.org Executive Director & CNN Hero Gary Oppenheimer to Speak at Friday night services on May 8, and Interfaith Food Pantry to Speak at Lifelong Learning on May 9

The Social Action Committee is thrilled to be hosting some very special guests on May 8 and 9 – we hope that you will all come out to Friday night services on May 8 to hear AmpleHarvest.org Executive Director Gary Oppenheimer. Oppenheimer will discuss how his organization uses technology to connect backyard gardeners with excess produce to nearby food pantries eager to receive it.

Oppenheimer was honored as a CNN Hero in 2010, invited to the White House five times, featured in Michelle Obama's book *American Grown*, and in January 2012 gave a TED Talk, *Changing the Way We Eat*. He has several partnerships in the works with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and national faith organizations.

“Eliminating the tragic waste of excess locally grown fresh food by enabling America’s 42 million home/community gardeners to share their bounty with a local food pantry is a perfect example of both Tikkun Olam and Tzedakah in action,” notes Oppenheimer. “Thanks to AmpleHarvest.org, the phrase ‘jars, cans boxes – no fresh food’ that has historically accompanied most food drives is now a thing of the past.”

“On the second Shabbat of each month, a different social justice issue is incorporated into CBH’s Shabbat activities at services, adult learning, and religious school,” said Rabbi Hannah Orden. “May is the perfect time to introduce AmpleHarvest.org’s creative approach to feeding the hungry, which is an important part of Jewish tradition. As people begin to plant their gardens, we hope they will consider donating surplus produce to a nearby food pantry – easily located at AmpleHarvest.org,” said Rabbi Hannah Orden.

AmpleHarvest.org is a free nationwide campaign to diminish the waste of food, hunger and malnutrition (while helping the environment) in America by making it easy for millions of backyard gardeners across the country to quickly find local food pantries eager to receive their excess garden bounty.

Then, on Saturday, May 9, Lifelong Learning will continue to focus on hunger and food scarcity with a presentation from Joanne Brashier from the Interfaith Food Pantry, one of the largest food banks serving our area.

The Interfaith Food Pantry is currently distributing more than 15,000 lb. of food to 325 families each week! The Pantry’s clients are primarily senior citizens living on fixed incomes and low-income working families in the Morris County area. Each high holiday season, CBH members donate hundreds of pounds of food to the Interfaith Food Pantry – Joanne will tell us more about the families served by the Pantry, the issues which bring these clients to the Pantry, and how we can all make a difference! And, because the Pantry is an AmpleHarvest.org partner, this will be a great follow-up to Friday night’s presentation from distinguished speaker and AmpleHarvest.org founder/director, Gary Oppenheimer.



CBH Members Making the Tikkun Olameter Rise!

We have many, many Social Justice Heroes for the Month of April. But we know there are many more of you out there who have just been too shy to let us know of your work to help others. Please know, the Social Action Committee wants YOU on the Tikkun Olameter! Please nominate yourself, your spouse, child, parent, or friends. You can nominate any CBH member!

It is so easy: if you or someone else at CBH performed an act that promoted social justice, human rights, or simply was helpful to other living creatures or the planet, then please send their (or your) name along with a few words about what they (or you) did to the Rabbi or to Marc or Liza. You can also nominate someone who does Social Action or Social Justice work as part of their job! Email Liza, Marc, and/or the Rabbi at Liza@casaofnj.org, Marc.Kaufman@servo-lift.com, and/or rabbihannahorden@bethhatikvah.org – or you can call or text Liza at 973-978-6300 or Marc at 973-462-9200 and we will do the writing for you!

Our CBH Social Justice Heroes for the Month of April

Felicity Winter organized speaker and letter writing for Pay Equity. Andy Kaplan coordinated music for Yom Hashoah service. Elisa Sanaman participated in the Summit Interfaith Council Green-Faith Circle's Earth Day cleanup. Lisa Tognola, Elizabeth Freeman and Diane Bakst organized and prepared Easy Shabbat. Rachel Kafflowitz volunteers at Friendship Circle. Jonathan Bear volunteers with Jewish Relief Agency.

Marc Kaufman coordinated volunteers who donated food and prepared lunches for Bridges. Elisa Sanaman, Liza Kirschenbaum, Michal Fineman, Judy Scherer, Hannah Orden, Helena Axelrod, Amy Klein, Marjorie Heyman, Michelle Winter, Lisa Tognola, Pam Schachter, Connie Seligman, Hilary Jersey, Debbie Kafflowitz, Katherine Rubinshteyn, Susanne Robinson, Jani Vinick and Nancy Hyman donated food for the preparation of lunches for Bridges Homeless Outreach. Lisa Tognola, Judy Scherer, Liza Kirschenbaum, Marc Kaufman, Susanne, Jake, Julia and Nick Robinson, Jani Vinick, Pam and Ben Schachter, and Isabella and Alessia Zanobini prepared lunches for Bridges. Marc Kaufman and Liza Kirschenbaum went out to Irvington with other Bridges volunteers to serve lunch to homeless families.

Rachel Bear, Gemma Freeman, Ben Gottesman, Isaac Jersey, Nate Laposky, Charlotte Lipnick, Georgia Lipnick, Josh Silverberg, Philip Silverberg, Sarah Silverberg, Sophie Silverman, Leah Rubinshteyn, Julia Vinick, Clint Robinson, Mark Ticknor and Angela Imanuel collected \$175 and made microloans through an organization called Kiva. They chose 6 individuals or groups who need funds for their businesses so that they can earn a living and take care of their families.



Hebrew Anyone?

Are you interested in learning how to read or speak Hebrew?

Do you know some Hebrew and would like an opportunity for Hebrew conversation?

CBH member Ofer Imanuel is a native Hebrew speaker and has offered to teach Hebrew to adults at CBH. The Rabbi would also love to start a Hebrew conversation club if there is interest.

If you are interested in exploring Hebrew in any way, email the rabbi at

RabbiHannahOrden@BethHatikvah.org

Monthly Mid-Week Learning With Rabbi Orden

**Wednesday, May 13th
1—2:30 P.M.**

Yehuda Amichai was often considered Israel's unofficial poet laureate until his death in 2000. Many critics consider him Israel's most important poet. His experience mirrors the experience of Israel. He writes about a beloved childhood friend killed by the Nazis, his army commander who died in the 1948 war, about Jerusalem where he lived most of his life, and he carried on an ongoing dialogue with a God he could not believe in. Ted Hughes, former poet laureate of Great Britain said: "The effect his poetry has on me is to give me my own life – to make it available to me afresh, to uncover all kinds of riches in every moment of it, and to free me from my mental prisons." If that sounds appealing, join us to explore the poetry of Yehuda Amichai at Midweek Learning on May 13th.

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

*Everyone is welcome.
No prior knowledge is necessary. No Hebrew required.
Plus, no homework!*

May
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LIFELONG LEARNING

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Lay 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.*



May 2, 9:45

The Power of Words

Rabbi Daniel Lehrman

returns to LLL. Words are much more than a means of human communication in Jewish tradition. Genesis tells us the universe was created through speech. Exodus recounts the formative power of God's utterances on Mount Sinai. The Rabbis teach that the Torah was written in black fire on white fire. Ezekiel was told to "eat this scroll and fill your stomach with it." Language, speech, and words: What is their role, their meaning, their import in Judaism? We will spend an hour with this question.

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May 23, Note Schedule Change

There will be no Lifelong Learning on Memorial Day weekend. We will decide if there is enough interest to hold a Torah Study session, and we will send out emails accordingly.



9 AM
Shabbat
Torah Study



9:45 AM
Shabbat
Morning Study

May 9

Community Breakfast at 9:15
Torah Study will be at 8:30
Shabbat Morning Study, 9:45

Hunger

Presenter Joanne Brashier is from the Interfaith Food Pantry which



serves our area. The Pantry distributes more than 15,000 lbs of food to 325 families each week! Each High Holiday season, CBH members donate hundreds of pounds of food to the Interfaith Food Pantry. Joanne will describe the families served by the Pantry, the issues which bring these clients to the Pantry, and how we can all make a difference. *And, because the Pantry is an AmpleHarvest.org partner, this will be a great follow-up to Friday night's presentation from distinguished speaker and AmpleHarvest.org founder, Gary Oppenheimer.*



May 16, 9:45
Hocus Pocus



In September 1928 the Yiddish newspaper *The Forverts* ran a story with the headline "Leading American Magicians are Jews." The lead for the story read: "When a Jew rolls up his sleeves it doesn't always mean business. It means magic." **Join Rabbi Hannah Orden** and learn about the surprising connection between Jews and Magic. LLL will be part of our congregation-wide Lag Ba Omer festivities, which include a magic show, field day and kosher BBQ. Don't miss the fun!



May 30, 9:45
The Book of Joshua

Reading the Torah is like reading a suspenseful book and stopping before the last chapter or watching a cliffhanger movie and stopping before the last reel. Moses dies; the Israelites are on the other side of the Jordan, about to enter the Promised Land. What happens next?! **Join Rabbi Hannah Orden** for an exploration of the Book of Joshua which picks up where the end of Deuteronomy leaves off.



**Our next meeting will be
on May 17
to talk about
Americanah
by Chimamanda Adichie.**

A winner of multiple awards, including the New York Times' Ten Best Books of the Year, the novel is a powerful, tender story of race and identity. Two lovers are separated when they depart military-ruled Nigeria for the West. Ifemelu heads for America and Obinze plunges into undocumented life in London. Fifteen years later, they reunite in a newly democratic Nigeria and reignite their passion- for each other and their homeland.

At the May 17th meeting we will select the next date and book for June.

We welcome all new attendees. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. Any questions? You can contact Judy Scherer. at jscherer@21stcenturycareer.com or [201-401-2082](tel:201-401-2082).



**Don't miss the next
Community Breakfast
Saturday, May 9th
9:15 AM
Everyone is welcome.
No charge.**

Write Letters to Congress About the Wage Gap



Recently at CBH, a speaking event was held on pay equity. One of the ways we can help to close the wage gap is to write to representatives about supporting bills to close the gap. Shown below is the letter format.

Please copy and paste the letter format into the contact section.

Sen. Cory Booker: <http://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=contact>

Sen. Robert Menendez: <http://www.menendez.senate.gov/contact/>

Rep. Leonard Lance: <http://lance.house.gov/contact/email-me>

Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen: <https://frelinghuysenforms.house.gov/contact-form>

Letter:

I am writing in support of the Paycheck Fairness Act, which is a bill meant to help close the wage gap.

While much progress has been made on closing the wage gap since the Equal Rights Act of 1964, there is still a lot more to be done. For example, young, white working women are paid \$0.78 for every dollar a man is paid, and the wage gap grows for women of color and older women. African American women, according to 2004 Median Annual U.S. Census Data, earn \$0.68 for every dollar a man earns, and women from 45 to 54 are paid 63.7% of a man's dollar.

The Paycheck Fairness Act will help with this problem in a number of ways:

- Requires the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) to collect information from employers about gender, race, and national origin of their employees to prevent pay discrimination
- Requires the EEOC and the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs to train EEOC officers on matters of wage discrimination
- Authorizes the Secretary of Labor to make grants to eligible individuals for negotiation skills programs for women and girls
- Commands the Secretary of Labor to provide information to the general public and employers about the means accessible to eliminate the wage gap between men and women

Please support this bill and any future bills that can help close the wage gap.

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Yahrzeits

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

Yahrzeit date	Deceased	Relationship	Mourner
5.1.2015	Rabbi Harry Cole	Father	Myra Cole
5.2.2015	Sara Savage	Mother	Andrea Savage
5.3.2015	Harry Fox	Grandfather	Lisa Tognola
5.4.2015	Henia Melman Feigenbaum	Mother	Regina Braun
5.7.2015	Lisa Stowers	Sister	David Stowers
5.9.2015	Anna K. Miller	Mother	Lenore Gaire
5.9.2015	Solomon Miller	Father	Lenore Gaire
5.12.2015	Harold Goldman	Uncle	Jim Schachter
5.14.2015	Jacques Benhaim	Father	Andre Benhaim
5.15.2015	Anna Slavin	Grandmother	Cindy Slavin
5.19.2015	Charlotte Deutsch	Mother	Karen Rowland
5.21.2015	Morris Schachter	Grandfather	Jim Schachter
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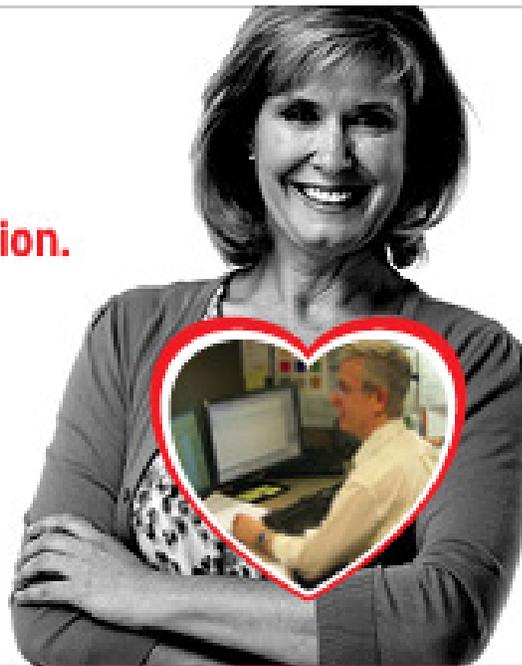
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