

Connection

“The Old Shall Become New and the New Shall Become Holy”



From the Rabbi's Desk

Friends

One of my favorite commentaries on the Book of Ruth, which we read on Shavuot, was written in the 19th century by Rabbi Meir Leibush ben Michael, better known as the Malbim.

The Malbim asks the question, why do we read Ruth on Shavuot? One answer of course, is that much of Ruth deals with the barley harvest, which is a major theme of Shavuot. The actual answer, he says, is much more profound.

Shavuot marks the giving of the Torah at Mt Sinai. On Shavuot, we are to imagine ourselves standing at the foot of Sinai, once again receiving the Commandments. Malbim points out that the main characters in the Book of Ruth-Ruth, Naomi, Boaz, all are people who live ethically and with compassion-who live according to the principles of the Torah. Only when people live by the ethical principles of the Torah can we say to really “receive” Torah-and that is why we read the Book of Ruth on Shavuot. Without living by our ethical principles, the Torah is not made real in the world.

As a progressive Conservative synagogue, we conduct ourselves according to certain principles. Principles, without which, we would not be true to ourselves or to the values that we espouse. I understand that not everyone agrees with these principles, or somehow lives by these principles in their secular life but don't find them important in their spiritual life-and that is everyone's decision to make.

But here are our principles by which we guide ourselves:

Women and Men are equal in the sight of G-d and the community. We do not exclude women from full participation in the ritual life of the community, including the leading of worship and the reading of Torah. Girls grow up in our community knowing that the full range of Jewish observance is open to them; and boys grow up respecting the role that women play in the spiritual life of the community.

We are committed to the sanctity of Shabbat, the observance of Kashrut, the obligation for daily prayer, and the value in joining with the community to ensure a minyan. Above all, we are committed to the learning of Torah as a lifelong endeavor.

We are called to serve, not only our community, but the greater community. We are bound to make alliances with those of other faith traditions, and promote harmony and healing. We freely enter other houses of worship, and honor traditions not our own. We work with others to improve the community and serve the poor and marginalized. We live by the Talmudic dictum, “mipnei darchei shalom”-promote peace and understanding among Jews and non-Jews.

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[USCJ News](#)

Check out the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's website, www.uscj.org.

It's loaded with wonderful articles and information, a great resource site.



[Please Note](#)

Because of the HIPAA laws, we are not informed by the hospital when a congregant has been hospitalized. If you or someone you know from the congregation is ill or in the hospital, please notify:

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[Mazel Tov to:](#)

Liran and Erin Blum,
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Ella.

Dr. Andy Burstiner and Ms. Michele Jacobson,
on the birth of their first grandchild, Liv Sloane Burstiner,
daughter of Dan and Tali Burstiner.

Joelle and Michael Friedland,
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Jordan.

Danielle and Darren Liss,
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ryan.

Nancy and Scott Margolin,
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Julia.

Debra & Marc Menkowitz,
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Cooper.

Betsy & Harris Newman,
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Abe.

Joshua Holdreith and Stephanie Stancel,
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Hunter Holdreith.

Lisa Ann & Michael Unger,
whose daughter Jenna, will be graduating Summa Cum Laude from Rutgers University with a Bachelor's Degree in History and a minor in Holocaust Study. Jenna was also honored by Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society of History and Phi Beta Kapa Award.

*If you have a simcha or good news to share,
please let the office know so that we can wish you
a Mazal Tov in our newsletter.*

[Condolences](#)

We regret with sorrow the passing of CBI Members:

Aline Ashkin

Dr. Barbara Rosoff

Barbara Needle

Evelyn Kraut

We regret with sorrow the passing of a relative of CBI Member:

Michelle & Ralph Martens,
on the loss of her mother Beverly Ackerman.

Sexual Orientation is part of G-d's world, and we are accepting of those who love others of the same gender. As a Movement, we accept LGBTQ adults as Rabbis and Cantors and teachers.

G-d created all people, and we are all descended from Adam. Therefore those who are of other faiths are equally worthy in the sight of G-d, and deserving of our honor and respect. Those who come to our doors in which one partner is not of the Jewish faith are welcomed with love and embraced as fellow spiritual seekers.

We are committed to the observance of the commandments, and also recognize that in every generation there have developed new ways to observe old traditions, and we are committed not only to our tradition, but to those changes which make observance more meaningful.

We believe that Israel is central to our identity as Jews, and even if we may disagree occasionally with our Israeli brethren, our commitment is unwavering.

These are some of our essential principles. These principles distinguish us from other streams of Judaism, and, in my humble opinion, make Conservative Judaism the most dynamic, rewarding, and fulfilling way in which to be a Jew in today's world.

Rabbi Doug Sagal

SHAVUOT SERVICES AT CBI

Tikkun Layl Shavuot, Thursday, May 25th at 8pm in Chapel.

In Person and Zoom

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81051298937?pwd=UHpmRyTE1YVnkZSTIJ0U01jSkJUUT09>

Meeting ID: 810 5129 8937

Passcode: CuFe94

Shavuot Services, Friday, May 26th at 9:30am in Chapel.

In Person and Zoom

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82173056384?pwd=aXNCa0Naa2VCSnpuTi9naHFOVTNrUT09>

Meeting ID: 821 7305 6384

Passcode: XCBKk8

5:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service In Person and Zoom

Shabbat Service with Yizkor, Saturday May 27th 9:30 in chapel.

In Person & Zoom

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/498245649?pwd=aG1keU5oenpENHBaUHFseWIBYIZ5UT09#success>

Get Connected at the Library

Hello readers!

Looking forward to our next Book Club meeting Wednesday, May 17th, 2:30pm in the Library or 7:30pm via zoom. We will be discussing Andrew Nagorski's *Saving Freud*. If you are interested in joining our Book Club, or looking for the zoom link to the May 17th meeting, please contact Arlyne LeSchack at arlyneleschack@gmail.com

Please note: We will NOT be accepting book donations for our Library. If you are looking to donate books, you can reach out to your local library, or contact either local book donation organizations for more information: Bridge of Books Foundation, www.bridgeofbooksfoundation.org or 732-291-4755, or Book Pickers, www.bookpickers.com.

Our library is open! Wednesdays, 10am -12pm. Please know that if you would like to borrow a book and you can't make those hours, you can always email me at mikki.grodman@cbumson.org with the book you are interested in and the best number to reach you. Our entire Library catalog is located on our website, www.cbumson.org.

Mikki Grodman



President's Message

Where has the time gone?

It is hard to believe that two years have passed since I said yes to the nomination for President of our Congregation. Filled with optimism and enthusiasm, and more than a little trepidation, I joined an executive team eager to begin anew, determined to try to leave a pandemic behind.

If there is one significant takeaway from this humbling experience, for me, it will be gratitude for the dozens and dozens of acts of volunteerism and support which enable us to do everything we do as a religious, educational, and social community.

As this term comes to an end, I reflect on the many accomplishments in our wake.

A new Executive Director, Tara Siers, and Administrative Assistant, Mikki Grodman, to Rabbi, joined the professional staff and transformed the building environment for the better. Our Rabbi, Gabbai, lay leaders of services and minyans, and Torah/Haftorah readers continued to provide the spirituality at services we all need to maintain the cherished traditions of our heritage. Special events, Shabbat dinners and holiday celebrations successfully brought families and children of all ages into our sanctuary, social hall and gym, all experiencing the warmth of community connections. Our security measures were prioritized and strengthened. Our Cultural Programming lectures were never on pause, including two Scholar-In Residence weekends, most recently the important discussion of Interfaith Inclusion in Conservative Judaism. Our Gan and summer camps were full, and our post Bar/Bat Mitzvah classes grew. We revived meaningful relationships with our neighbors in the greater community, collaborating on outreach projects, social action, and secular holidays. We responded to membership health concerns by ensuring live streaming and internet options for those unable to attend events in the synagogue. We increased our social media presence highlighting noteworthy events. Our 100th Anniversary celebration was undeterred and was one of the first and best opportunities we had to reunite in **our building after months of limited ability to do so...and it was a beautiful success!** Our ongoing 2nd Century Campaign has to date raised over \$1,250,000.00 for our future, with allotted funds to be added annually to our budget to engage membership and educate our youth.

Sadly, like synagogues everywhere, we were affected by surges in illness, ease of zoom services and meetings, and the many distractions of busy lives, all of which reduce in-person attendance. We were alarmed by an often chaotic world of violence and threats. We were heartbroken to lose too many dear members and friends, who left indelible marks and will live on in our memory.

Nevertheless, history has shown that as a people, and as a synagogue family, we are resilient and strong.

Congregation B'nai Israel has been a valued landmark institution for more than 100 years and will continue to grow and thrive. I sincerely believe we will prosper due to the many dedicated individuals who have always taken up the mantle to support our legacy in the community and encourage us to succeed. We remain ever grateful to those who generously share their time, talents, and resources for the benefit of all.

I want to sincerely thank our dedicated Executive team of Officers, our Board of Trustees, Endowment Fund **and Committee members, my mentors on the Presidents' Council and all the staff whose hard work and** commitment to CBI made this experience so rewarding; and to Edward and my family for supporting a personal desire to give back to the synagogue we all truly love.

Wishing the next leadership Board, the best of luck and success in achieving their vision, and extending sincere good wishes to our entire Congregation for good health and Shalom,

With warmest regards,

Barbara

Todah Rabah!!

Our synagogue family is ever grateful to our dedicated volunteers who donate their time and energy for the benefit of our community. Please know that your efforts are gratefully appreciated by our entire congregation! (Please forgive any inadvertent omissions).

In addition, we extend appreciation to our staff who always goes above and beyond expectations during special events and whenever needed.

Gabbai and Shabbat Lay Leader: Rich Semaya

Thursday Morning Minyan Leader: Steven Lee

Erev Shabbat Lay Leader: Dr. Harvey Cohen

February/March/April Torah and Haftorah Readers: Rona Kaplan, Steven Lee, Paul Millman, Dr. Moshe Segal, Fran Semaya, Rich Semaya, Dr. Yona Shulman, Al Zager

Shabbat Dinners: Ellen Levine, Rona Kaplan, Robin Zager; Chef Margo, Tara, Judy, Mikki, Jaime, Suzanne, Mike, Amy, Steven

Megillah Readers: Dr. Harvey Cohen, Steven Lee, Fran Semaya, Dr. Yona Shulman, Jody Woolley, Anne Zack

Pesach Torah and Haftorah Readers: Dr. Moshe Segal, Rich Semaya; Rabbi Sagal

Cantor Search Committee: Lois Green, Steven Lee, Dina Meyers, Rich Semaya, Dr. Yona Shulman, Jody Woolley; Rabbi Sagal

Scholar in Residence Weekend: Sandy Rosenbloom, Chair; Erin Blum, Jane Denny, Anne Greene, Mindy Hoffman, Allison McGee, Nelly Segal, Miriam Daitz Vogel; Generous Grant to sponsor events facilitated by Dr. Mark and Sandy Rosenbloom; Rabbi Sagal

Yom Hashoah Remembrance Speakers: Nona Balaban, Ron Barabas, David Rosenthal, Anne Siers, Jeanne Zucker

Author Andrew Nagorski "Saving Freud" Discussion and Book Signing:

Dr. Yona Shulman, Chair; Cultural Programming Committee, Library Committee, Jane Denny; Brunch - Dr. Steven and Ardith Hodes

8th Grade Mitzvah Garden Coordinator: Susan Alderson

Israel Independence Day Celebration: CBI Sisterhood, Lois & Len Green, Al & Robin Zager, Sponsors

Aleinu Beach Cleanup Chaperones: Adi Smolinsky - Shorshi, Jeremy Rosen



The Entire Congregation
Loves Our GAN and SHMA Teachers.

Let's Show Them!

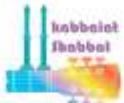


Teacher Appreciation Shabbat

Friday, May 5

5:30 - 7:00 PM

A great opportunity for all the generations of CBI to join together to
celebrate our commitment to Jewish learning
and honor our talented and loving teachers.



5:30 PM: A fun, lively, musical Family Shabbat Service with
guest song leader, Chana Schachet-Briskin.



6:15 PM: It's on May 5, so we'll enjoy a
Cinco de Mayo Mexican dinner after Services.

Cost is \$18.00 per person and family reservation is \$36.
Teachers are our guests.

Please join us,

RSVP with # of adults & children: tara.siers@cbirumson.org

Let's Play Mahjong

Monday, May 22, 2023

12:30-2:30pm

If you are a beginner, new to the game or want
to teach - this is the group for you!



Members and Non-Members are welcomed!

RSVP is required to Tara Siers at
Tara.Siers@cbirumson.com

Author Talk and Book Signing

Saving Freud
The Rescuers Who Brought Him to Freedom
by Andrew Nagorski



Bar/Bat Mitzvah Corner

April 22, 2023

Cooper Menkowitz, son of Debbie and Mark Menkowitz



My name is Cooper Menkowitz and my Hebrew name is Beryl Melech, which is named after my two paternal great grandfathers. They unfortunately died way before I was born, but based on everything I have heard, they were both extremely wise and kind men. I live in Rumson with my parents, my 15-year-old brother, Max, and my 10-year-old sister, Harper. We also have two of the cutest dogs around: Norman and Millie Menkowitz (yes, these are dogs and not an old Jewish couple). I have attended Congregation B'nai Israel consistently since I was a baby in Ima & Me. I am currently a seventh grader at The Rumson Country Day School.

My main hobbies involve sports: watching sports, playing sports, and even using my VR device to simulate playing sports. I play football for my school, and also play hockey and lacrosse for school. In addition, I play hockey for the Red Bank Generals and I play lacrosse for Rumson Fair Haven and Mad Dog. I am a goalie in both hockey and lacrosse. I also like playing on my phone and Xbox like most kids my age. In the summer, I have been lucky enough to attend a sleepaway camp in Massachusetts called Camp Winadu for several years.

For my mitzvah project, I organized an NCAA March Madness tournament to benefit the Cure Alzheimer's Fund. My grandfather sadly died of Alzheimer's in February of this year so it means a lot to me to be able to donate money towards finding a cure for this horrible disease. This project is a great way to combine my love of sports and doing something good for my community. I am able to both get my family and friends involved in a fun competition and also raise awareness and money for this great cause.

I would like to thank Rabbi Sagal, Mrs. Ruda and Miss Sari for all of the time they have devoted to helping me prepare for my big day. They have taught me so much and always had lots of patience with me when my sports schedules required last minute appointment changes. I also want to thank my family and especially, my mom and dad.

April 29, 2023

Abe Newman, son of Betsy and Harris Newman



My name is Abe Newman. I am a 7th grader at Forrestdale and live in Rumson with my 11 year old brother, Luke, and my 8 year old sister, Charlotte. My Hebrew name is Avraham Yaakov. I am named after two of my great grandfathers.

I enjoy many sports. I swim and surf competitively, and play basketball, golf and tennis. In my free time I enjoy hanging out with friends and watching sports. I love the beach.

I would like to thank Morah Ruda, Morah Sari and Rabbi Sagal for helping me prepare for my Bar Mitzvah. I would also like to thank my parents, brother and sister, and grandparents for their love and support. I'm so thankful for all of my friends and family, and happy so many of them can be here to celebrate with me .

I share my torah portion with my mother and grandfather - who both chanted the very same portion on their mitzvah days. I'm especially proud to share day this with my Poppy, who passed away almost 10 years ago.

May 20, 2023

Julia Margolin, daughter of Nancy and Scott Margolin



My name is Julia Madeleine Margolin, my Hebrew name is Tova Shalva.

I am named after my great grandmother Mattie, Matilda Goldberg (Tova) and I am also named after my maternal great grandfather Samuel Goldberg (Shalom), and my paternal great grandfather Samuel (Sid) Margolin (Shimon Ben Heschel). I am so honored to carry the Hebrew names and traditions of my dear family members.

My great grandmother Mattie attended Columbia University, the Barnard College on a scholarship where she received her master's degree and worked nights and Saturdays at Macys to help pay expenses. She had a great love of books and reading and enjoyed her career as a teacher and a school librarian. When she retired, she became active in Park Avenue Synagogue in Manhattan

where she served as Sisterhood president for nine years. She was also an active member of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

My great grandfather Samuel Goldberg (Shalom) was not only a professor at Brooklyn College, but a decorated Major in the US Army in WWII. He came from a poor family and worked a full-time job in the post office while attending college full time and graduating in 3 years. He attended Talmud Torah and always enjoyed leading holiday services.

My great grandfather Samuel (Sid) Margolin who also went by the stage name of Sid Martin, was a professional musician and band leader. He played violin in Jewish Vaudeville theaters and his big bands were well known throughout night clubs, theaters and hotels of New York City, the Catskills, Miami and Havana Cuba. He was a beloved leader and friend among the musicians' community.

I am the daughter of Nancy and Scott Margolin. I live with them, my 14 year old sister Olivia and my Boston Terrier Magic Margolin in Rumson.

My family moved to Rumson when my mother was pregnant with me, and I started attending Congregation B'nai Israel from birth. In fact, my Hebrew teachers will say they remember me from before I was born! I went from the Ima and Me class to graduating from the Gan. I have also attended the SHMA religious school since I was 4. Some of my best memories and closest friends were created at CBI.

I am currently in the seventh grade at Forrestdale School in Rumson. I have played soccer for many years, and I am on the Rumson Travel Team the Top Dawgs.

In the summer I attend sleep away camp at Trails End Camp in Beach Lake, Pennsylvania. This will be my fifth summer at Trails End. Sleep away camp is one of the most special things I do. It gives me an opportunity to be in independent and experience many different and exciting activities. Outside of school and camp I love traveling with my family and I especially love to ski. I have been skiing since I was 18 months old, and my family and I travel to Stowe Vermont multiple times a year to ski.

I am so grateful and honored to become a Bat Mitzvah. I would especially like to thank Ms. Sari, Ms. Ruda and Rabbi Sagal for making my preparation for my Bat Mitzvah fun and meaningful. I am so excited this special day I have waited for, for so long is finally here.

June 3, 2023

Jordan Friedland, daughter of Joelle and Michael Friedland



My name is Jordan Friedland and my Hebrew name is Shana Muriem. I live in Fair Haven, NJ with my parents and my 15 year old brother, Jeremy. I am in 8th grade at Knollwood. My family and I joined Congregation B'nai Israel, almost two years ago, when we moved to this area. I've been a competitive dancer since the age of 4, training at StudioL Hoboken for 8 years and recently joining The Susten Dance Collective in Red Bank when we moved. Aside from dance, I love playing basketball and lacrosse with my dad, hanging out with my friends, and enjoying restorative yoga with my mom in my free time. During the summer I love to keep busy. Last summer I went to Hawaii and California with one of my close friends and we volunteered to rehabilitate sea turtles and clean up beaches. Every summer before that I have gone to dance camp with my previous dance studio.

My Bat Mitzvah is very important to me because I will be recognized as an adult in the Jewish Religion and it makes me feel more connected to my religion, to my culture, and to who I am as a person. My brother, father, and ancestors before them all were Bar Mitzvahed and I am happy to continue the tradition.

June 10, 2023

Hunter Holdreith, son of Stephanie Stancel and Joshua Holdreith



My name is Hunter Holdreith, but my Hebrew name is Lev which translates to heart. My parents chose Lev because it was my grandfather's Hebrew name. I live with my mom, dad, two sisters (Harper 9, Cameron 5), and our new puppy (Casey).

I moved to Fair Haven in the summer before 4th grade from Glen Ridge, New Jersey. I'm currently in 7th grade at Knollwood School in Fair Haven.

My favorite subjects in school are French and Math. I play travel hockey and soccer. My hobbies are fishing, chess, & wiffle ball. I'm also pretty passionate about the weather. I love studying storms and watching them happen right outside my window!

For my mitzvah I plan to organize an annual cleanup group. We're going to clean the waters around Fair Haven such as McCarter pond and the Navesink River. It's important to preserve and protect these waters because they serve as an important part of our community and wildlife habitat. I personally love spending time at the river and ponds fishing and making memories with my family and friends.

I want to thank Mrs. Ruda and Mrs. Sari for helping me achieve my Bar Mitzvah this year. I also want to thank Rabbi Sagal and Moreh Mike because they helped guide me through my experience at B'nai Israel and made it an overall fun and rewarding experience. Finally, I would like to thank my parents, sisters, grandma Joyce, teachers & friends who have been a part of my daily life. You've helped me to progress not just through my Bar Mitzvah training but have helped me become the person I'm today.

June 17, 2023

Ryan Liss, son of Danielle and Darren Liss



My name is Ryan Liss and my Hebrew name is Raanan Yakar. I live in Fair Haven with my parents, my older brother, Austin, and my dog, Baylor. I am in 7th grade at Knollwood School and have been part of CBI since I attended the Gan for pre-K.

I enjoy playing soccer for my club team and the Knollwood team and like watching basketball and football on TV. In my free time, I like hanging out with my friends, watching movies, and going to the beach.

I am excited for my Bar Mitzvah and have been working hard to prepare. I want to thank Suzanne Ruda and Sari Morrone for helping me with countless lessons. I also want to thank Rabbi Sagal and Moreh Mike for all their support. I have enjoyed the Wednesday evening classes with them throughout 7th grade. Lastly, I want to thank my parents, brother, grandparents, and the rest of my family for being there for me as I prepare for this very special day.

June 24, 2023

Ella Blum, daughter of Erin and Liran Blum



My name is Ella Blum, and I live in Fair Haven with my mom, dad, three sisters, Hailey (17 years old), Lia (14 years old) and Maddy (11 years old), and the cutest bunny ever, Lily. I am in 7th grade at Knollwood School. I have been attending Congregation B'nai Israel since I was little. I even went to kindergarten there. My favorite sport is swimming. Some of my other hobbies include baking, surfing, and going to Dunkin' with my friends. During the summer I like to go to the beach with friends and swim in my pool with my family. One of my favorite things about the summer is watching the sunset over the river.

For my mitzvah project I plan to volunteer at Camp Keshet over the summer. My Bat Mitzvah is important to me because I get to see my family from all around the world. I also think it is wonderful to continue a tradition that my older sisters, my father and all of our family on his side have participated in.

I would like to thank Mrs. Sari, Mrs. Ruda, and Rabbi Sagal for helping me prepare for my service.

Purim Fun



Having Fun at CBI

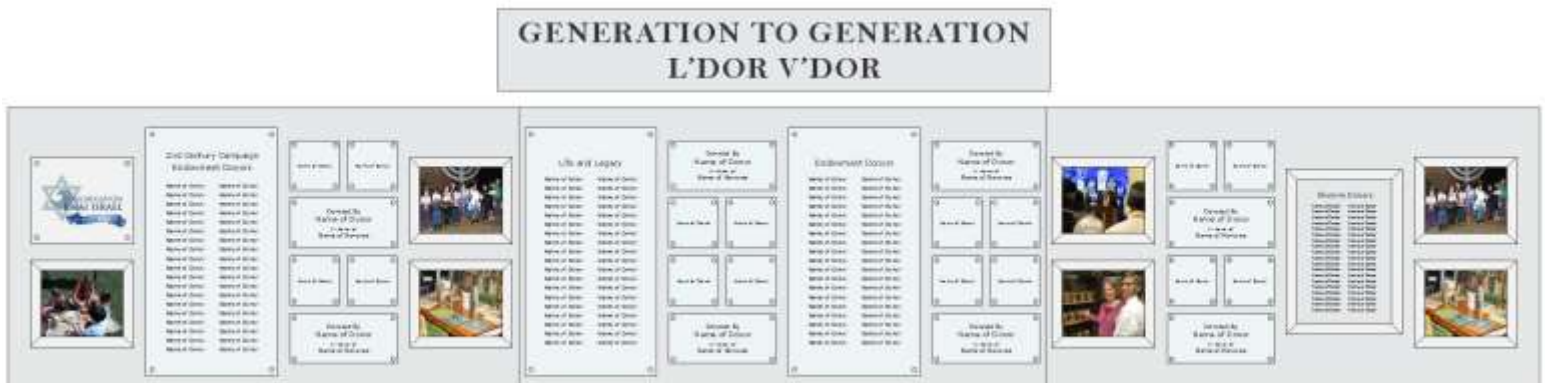


Second Century Campaign Update

2023 is the *first* year of CBI's Second Century. *And* the **SECOND CENTURY CAMPAIGN continues!**

Soon we will see the first fruits of your generosity! **\$25,000** has already been allocated from the **Second Century Fund** for the next fiscal year to underwrite one or more special programs/projects to ***strengthen*** our community engagement, ***invest*** in the Jewish education of our children, and/or ***grow*** our membership.

Watch for a new **Donor Recognition Wall** in the main hallway by Rosh Hashanah 2023/5784. It will look something like this mockup:



Everyone who pledges to the Second Century Campaign will be recognized on the Donor Recognition Wall. The deadline for recognition will be announced in the coming weeks. Why not join the more than seventy generous donors who have already pledged?

Campaign Steering Committee

Al and Robin Zager, Co-Chairs

Barbara Fleischer

Marc Lobell

Amy and Lester Mallet

Dani and James Mason

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Rabbi Doug Sagal, Ex-Officio

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Eugene and Gloria (z"l) Landy, Honorary Co-Chairs

Gail Becker, Campaign Advisor

**For information about the Campaign, speak with any Steering Committee member or call or email:
Al Zager (732-310-0619; sabazager@gmail.com) or Robin Zager (732-861-2013; rzager1@yahoo.com)**



From the Education Director

This congregation provides the resources and support that are the envy of many of my colleagues. That support is deeply appreciated by me, teachers, faculty, parents and even students (though they might not know that is the reason SHMA is so engaging). We are truly blessed to be sustained by a devoted lay leadership, led by President **Barbara Rosen**, and especially well served by a Board of Education, led by **Danielle Liss**.

As the SHMA year ends, it is important that the entire congregation know the depth of commitment and skill of our teaching staff. Each of our teachers approaches their work with a love of Judaism and an intense desire to pass that affection along to our students. With our innovative approach to Jewish education, our teachers make every class a unique experience, fun, engaging and instructional.

Todah Rabah (thank you) to:

Rebecca Barabas, online Hebrew

Bonnie Cooper, 3rd/4th grade Cohort, Judaics and Hebrew

Jennifer Eagle-Baker, Pre-K

Lauren Grodman, 2nd Grade Judaics

Sue Klein, 2nd Grade Hebrew

Judy Rabinowitz, 5th/6th Grade Judaics

Suzanne Ruda, online Hebrew

Lisa Ann Unger, Kindergarten/ 1st Cohort

Dorith Werthaim, 5th/6th Grade Hebrew

Alan Ross, online Hebrew

You'll note the number of Online Hebrew teachers, which is due to another innovation we've added to SHMA. Every student in grade 3 - 6 receives a private Hebrew lesson, once a week on Zoom. This model is yielding outstanding results, with incredible progress in reading skills.

Special thanks to **Rabbi Sagal** for joining me to co-teach our SHMA 7th grade. In another innovation last year, we changed the format of 7th grade so they meet once a week for dinner and a class and now students enjoy direct interaction with the Rabbi.

In addition to classroom activities, SHMA includes special programming throughout the year. This year we added three different once monthly assemblies on Sundays: Israeli dancing, led by **Bob and Regina Feldman**, Jewish music, led by **Cantor Garfein** and a Rosh Chodesh assembly to celebrate the unheralded monthly holiday and to recognize all the birthdays in the coming Jewish month with a gift provided by **Anne and Dave Greene**.

Each month, we flip a Sunday to a **Friday or Saturday Shabbat Experience**, a program that demonstrates how to have fun on Shabbat, followed by a Family Together Shabbat Service led by the talented **Sam Levine**.

Our holiday Services and programs include the following:

- Family Together High Holy Day Services
- A walk to Fair Haven Fields for *Tashlich*
- Sukkot program with "Lulav (milk) Shakes" in the Sukkah
- Simchat Torah dinner and celebration with the unscrolling of the entire Torah
- Chanukah Program, when the students rededicated the Temple with incense and used dreidels as they did in history
- Tu B'Shevat that included a harvest of the Seven Special on a floor map of Israel
- Purim, when we filmed an epic movie of *Megilat Esther*
- Pesach with our "Progressive Seder" that filled the entire Social Hall with Seder activities
- Yom HaShoah with an age appropriate review of the meaning of the solemn day
- Yom HaAtzmaut when we joined in the CBI picnic and took photos with the live camel
- Building Jerusalem one Lego at a time
- Our Tekes Aliyah (Moving Up) ceremony when we provide a Siddur to every third grade and a Tanakh to every sixth grader and prepare for another year of learning ahead. Join us on Sunday, May 6 at 9am.

A review of the year is not complete without recognizing **Lisa Ann Unger**, who, as advisor, single-handedly got our **Club Kef Youth Group** off the ground. Lisa led the 3rd - 6th graders in fun monthly programs which brought students together for social time outside of SHMA. Next year, bigger and better!

The Board Development Committee has nominated the following congregants to serve in leadership roles for the positions listed below, beginning on July 1, 2023.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President: Dr. Eric Menell

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Trustee-at-Large: Liran Blum

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Endowment Committee: Dr. Herb Shulman

Watch for Nominee bios and Congregation Meeting details in your mail and emails.

Thank you to our Board Development Committee: Bonnie Cooper, Steve Gottlieb, Stacey Klinge, Lester Mallet, Gayle Stamer, Chair

PLEASE NOTE:

If you would like to make a nomination from the floor for any of the open positions, you must present your request **by Tuesday, May 16, 2023** at the Executive Committee meeting at 6:45 pm.

Thank You from Ezra

The Ezra Committee would like to thank you for your generous support of our soup and hamantaschen sale during the Purim festival. Because of that support we were able to donate \$615 to the Reverend Porter's Hope and Comfort center in Red Bank, New Jersey.

We would also like to thank everyone for the generous support they gave the Amanda's Easel Art Supply. A special thank you to Robert Kuchner for his very generous donation.

Yours truly,
Ezra, the Social Action Committee of CBI

Club Kef Korner

Thank you for all your support in our first year of Club Kef. April will be our last event of the year and was at SkyZone. Pictures to follow in the Summer edition of the CBI newsletter.

Lisa Ann Unger





פנים חדשות

Panim Hadashot CBI's New Faces
Join us as we welcome
our newest members!



Kabbalat Shabbat and BBQ Dinner
Friday June 2nd
5:30 PM service
Dinner to follow



Celebrate officially in person
with families who have joined CBI
since pre-COVID 2019!
Rabbi Sagal
Cantor Garfein
and member participants



We will also be honoring our
June Birthday and Anniversary celebrants



BBQ Dinner
New member families are our guests
All others: \$18 Adults, \$10 age 14-21
13 and under free.
RSVP by May 26 Tara Siers 732-842-1800



JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE & FUN NIGHT CELEBRATING
EZRA'S VOLUNTEERS & HONOREES

2020 Iris Michaelson | 2021 Ellen Levine

2022 Robin & Al Zager

June 7, 2023 at 6pm

Wine & Hors D'Oeuvres followed by French Cuisine Dinner

ENTERTAINMENT & FOOD *Haley Blum, Harvey Cohen, Sam Levine,
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May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10:30am Torah Study with Rabbi Sagal IN PERSON & ZOOM 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting	3 4pm SHMA Grades 2 - 6 5:30pm SHMA 7th Grade	4 8am Minyan followed by breakfast IN PERSON & ZOOM	5 5:30pm Teacher Appreciation Shabbat IN PERSON & Livestream followed by Mexican Dinner and celebration of May Birthdays and Anniversaries	6 9:30am Shabbat Service IN PERSON & ZOOM
7 SHMA Closed	8 5:30pm PURIMPALOOZA	9 10:30am Torah Study with Rabbi Sagal IN PERSON & ZOOM 7:30pm Religious Committee Meeting	10 4pm SHMA Grades 2 - 6 5:30pm SHMA 7th Grade	11 8am Minyan followed by breakfast IN PERSON & ZOOM	12 9am Hadassah Event 11:15 am Library Meeting 5:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat IN PERSON & Live Stream led by Cantor Garfein	13 9:30am Shabbat Service ZOOM ONLY Led by Rich Semaya
14 9am SHMA PK-6	15	16 10:30am Torah Study with Rabbi Sagal IN PERSON & ZOOM 11:30pm Cultural Programming Meeting 7:30pm Trustee Meeting	17 2:30pm CBI Book Club at CBI 4pm SHMA Grades 2 - 6 5:30pm SHMA 7th Grade Last Day at Yestercades 7:30pm CBI Book Club on Zoom	18 8am Minyan followed by breakfast IN PERSON & ZOOM	19 5:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat IN PERSON & ZOOM	20 9:30am Shabbat Service IN PERSON and Livestream includes Bat Mitzvah of Julia Margolin
21 9am SHMA PK-6 Last Day	22 Mahjong 12:30—2:30	23 10:30am Torah Study with Rabbi Sagal IN PERSON & ZOOM 7pm Endowment Meeting	24 7:45pm Board of Ed Meeting	25 8am Minyan followed by breakfast IN PERSON & ZOOM 8pm Tikkun Layl Shavuot In Person & Zoom	26 Gan & Main Office Closed 9:30am Shavuot Services In Person & Zoom 5:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat IN PERSON & ZOOM	27 9:30am Shavuot Service includes YIZZKOR IN PERSON and Zoom
28	29 Memorial Day Gan Closed Main Office Closed	30 10:30am Torah Study with Rabbi Sagal IN PERSON & ZOOM	31			

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8am Minyan followed by breakfast IN PERSON & ZOOM	2 2pm Gan Musical 5:30pm New Member Shabbat followed by dinner and celebration of June Birthdays & Anniversaries IN PERSON & ZOOM	3 9:30am Shabbat Service In Person & Livestream includes Bat Mitzvah of Jordan Friedland
4	5	6 Gan Closed / Primary Day 10:30am Torah Study with Rabbi Sagal IN PERSON & ZOOM 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting	7	8 8am Minyan followed by breakfast IN PERSON & ZOOM	9 Last Day of Gan Yeladim 5:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat IN PERSON & ZOOM	10 9:30am Shabbat Service In Person & Livestream includes Bar Mitzvah of Hunter Holdreith
11	12	13 10:30am Torah Study with Rabbi Sagal IN PERSON & ZOOM 7:30pm Religious Committee	14	15 8am Minyan followed by breakfast IN PERSON & ZOOM	16 11:15am Library Meeting 5:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat IN PERSON & ZOOM	17 9:30am Shabbat Service IN PERSON & ZOOM Ryan Liss a Bar Mitzvah In Person & Live Stream Mincha Service
18	19	20 10:30am Torah Study with Rabbi Sagal IN PERSON & ZOOM	21 7:45pm Board of Education Meeting	22 8am Minyan followed by breakfast IN PERSON & ZOOM	23 5:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat IN PERSON & ZOOM	24 9:30am Shabbat Service IN PERSON & Live Stream includes Bat Mitzvah of Ella Blum
25	26 Camp Keshet Mahjong 12:30—2:30	27 10:30am Torah Study with Rabbi Sagal IN PERSON & ZOOM	28 Camp Keshet	29 8am Minyan followed by breakfast IN PERSON & ZOOM	30 Camp Keshet 5:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	July 1 9:30am Shabbat Service ZOOM Only

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