



Connection

Congregation B'nei Israel "Bringing God and the Community Together"

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From the Rabbi's Desk

Quiz- In what country is one of the major political parties shifting to the hard right, making common cause with religious extremists, opposing the civil rights of LGBTQ citizens and others, and swearing absolute loyalty to one leader of their party?

If you answered "Israel" you would be correct. The Likud party under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has shifted to the far right fringes of Israeli society, making alliances with such figures as Itamar ben Gvir (a follower of the late Meir Kahane) and Avi Maoz, leader of the far right Noam party which opposes equality for women as well as LGBTQ citizens.

It appears that in order to remain in power, the longest serving Prime Minister, Netanyahu, has made alliances with the farthest right fringes of Israeli politics. In addition, the Likud, his party, is making it clear that only Netanyahu is the rightful leader of Israel-they pledge complete loyalty to him alone. Even center right Israelis have denounced the racism, homophobia, and anti-Arab sentiments expressed now by members of their own political coalition.

This trend in Israeli politics is worrisome to many Israelis who believe in the dream of Israel as a vibrant democracy in a sea of totalitarian countries. Sadly, some of these parties are financially supported by American Jewish billionaires who enjoy being "kingmakers" of Israeli politics.

As I write this, I am looking at a copy of the Israeli Declaration of Statehood, which hangs in my office. In part it reads:

"Israel will foster the development of the country for all its inhabitants, based on freedom, justice and peace as envisioned by the Hebrew prophets, it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all inhabitants regardless of religion, race, or sex..."

That was the vision of the Founders. That vision is imperiled by the current political climate in Israel.

Rabbi Sagal

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Friday 7:30 pm

First Fridays 6:30pm
May 7, June 4

Fourth Friday 6pm
May 28, June 25

Saturday 9:30 am
Havdalah 7:30 pm

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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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or email: rabbisagal@cbirumson.org

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Condolences

We regret with sorrow the passing of CBI Members:

Adelaide Komar

Paul Kramer

Manfred Rosenthal

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

Michale Shaiman Hughes, sister of Joe Shaiman.

Yahrzeit Reminder

Check with the office if you are unsure whether we have a record of all the yahrzeits you want the synagogue to acknowledge.

We will need the deceased's name and relationship to observer, also the English date and time of death.

Information can be sent to emilie.kovit-meyer@cbirumson.org.

Mazel Tov to:

Ellen and Dan Levine,

on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson,

Alex Lawrence, in Swampscott, Massachusetts.

Tema and Marc Lesser,

on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Steven and Allison Landers,

on the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Samson, on May 15.

Jason and Melanie Brown,

on the upcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Paloma, on June 5.

Audrey and Jerry Harnik, on the birth of their granddaughter, Hazel Davey Harnik, daughter of Evan and Maxie Harnik.

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

Mi she-berach

(Prayer for the Sick)

Anyone wishing a mi she-berach to be acknowledged should call the office at 732-842-1800 and give the person's Hebrew name whenever possible. Mi she-berachs will be acknowledged for 4 Shabbats, unless indicated otherwise.



President's Message

SPRING is the season of new beginnings. As I look out my window at the backyard, I see new buds blossoming, hear birds tweeting in the trees and the outside coming to life again. The temperatures are trying to rise – some hiccups there, but overall, there is hope in the air.

And with that, we see a slow improvement in the health crisis that has surrounded us these past 14 months - one that has impeded us with every turn. We are not there yet, and I do caution all of us to take baby steps as the health crisis improves.

I think we all have to agree that in some ways, the CBI community has grown closer and stronger during the Pandemic. We found ways to reach out to each other - delivering holiday bags to all our members for the High Holy Days, Chanukah and Purim; reaching out by making calls to check in on those who were alone during these dark days; assisting members with getting vaccination appointments; having outstanding cultural and library programs; excellent Tuesday morning classes led by Rabbi Sagal; warm and friendly Havdalah services on Saturday evenings; continuation of our SHMA program; and most outstanding is our successful and ever-growing Gan Pre-School Program.

We have a lot to look forward to – as the trees continue to blossom, the days get longer, temperatures continue to rise, and we get vaccinated, we are finally able to get together with loved ones and friends. CBI is steadily making plans to begin having hybrid services - with protective protocols in place, we will begin to have Friday night and Shabbat morning services in the Sanctuary, while continuing to Zoom or live-stream services for those unable or unwilling to attend services in person. Please watch out for the protocols and announcements. Things will look and feel a little different, but we ask for everyone's cooperation so that we can begin to daven together in person.

We are also busy planning for High Holy Days services - Rosh Hashanah starts early this year - Erev Rosh Hashanah is September 6th Labor Day weekend, so plans are underway. I am excited to announce that we have retained the services of Cantor Joel Lichterman as our guest Hazzan - you will enjoy his warmth and beautiful voice. Services will look different this year, as we cannot all be together in the Sanctuary and Social Hall. We are planning to have hybrid services - live streaming will be available as well as limited folks in person. We will all miss greeting our friends and giving big hugs – we will have to wait one more year for that. Family services (hopefully outdoors) will be held in the afternoon on the 1st day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur.

Just a reminder that a number of important events are just around the corner: The Annual Congregation Meeting (via Zoom) is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Voting will be by proxy again this year - details to follow. This is an important meeting - we will be hearing from our nominees for Officers, Trustees and Endowment Committee Directors, along with adopting our Operating and Capital Budgets. Please plan on attending. We will have a Virtual celebratory Installation Wine & Cheese party on Friday, June 25, 2021.

As the flowers bloom and the leaves turn green, get outside, enjoy the warmer weather, stay connected to your family, your friends and CBI family and most important, be safe.

L'Shalom

Francine Semaya, President

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Corner

May 15, 2021

Samson Landers, son of Allison and Steve Landers



Hi, my name is Sam Landers and my Hebrew name is Simson Pholik. I live in Little Silver with my parents, and two brothers Eli and Harley. I am in the 7th grade at Ranney School. I am a graduate of the Gan. I've attended CBI Religious School since I was in kindergarten. Some activities that I enjoy are golfing, cooking, talking, and school. I'm a member of the Ranney Middle School Jazz Band, and I compete in USKids golf tournaments. I've gone to B'Nai Brith Perlman Camp for four years. It's one of my favorite places to be, and it feels like home.

I'm looking forward to my Bar Mitzvah, becoming a Jewish adult and having the honor of reading from the Torah. It's a important milestone in my life and I have put in lots of work to get to this moment.

For my Mitzvah Project, I am planning a golf fundraiser. Money earned will be donated to the One Happy Camper foundation for Jewish camps.

I want to thank Rabbi Sagal, Mrs. Woolley, Mrs. Sari, Mrs. Ruda, and all my Hebrew school teachers for helping me reach this day. I especially want to thank my parents, brothers, grandparents and the rest of my family and friends for supporting me as I prepare for this special occasion.

June 5, 2021

Paloma Isa Brown, daughter of Melanie and Jason Brown



My name is Paloma Isa Brown and my Hebrew name is Yisa Tori. I live in Fair Haven together with my parents, my older brother Jacob and dog Matsui. I am in the 7th grade at Knollwood Middle School. I have been part of CBI since their Ima and Me program. My favorite hobbies are playing piano, guitar and riding my skateboard.

I am looking forward to my Bat Mitzvah when I will be celebrating such an important big step in the Jewish religion in a temple that has seen me grow.

I have always been intrigued by the medical field, which made me want to do something for those helping during this pandemic. I asked my mom to help me bring lunch to the VNA nurses working long hours giving everyone their vaccines during this pandemic. They are helping make a big difference through these times.

I will always be thankful to Rabbi Sagal, Ms Sari and Ms Woolley for being such an important part of my Jewish education. Can't wait to celebrate my special day with them and my family and friends on June 5th!

Kol Isha

The Group for Women's Spirituality

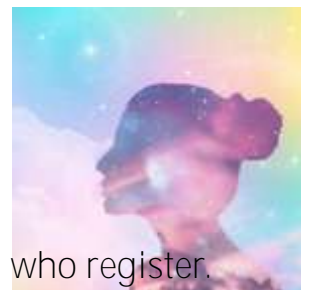
Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 PM

Open to any female member of CBI and guests.

Topic: "Resilience"

Advance registration is required. The zoom will be sent to all those who register.

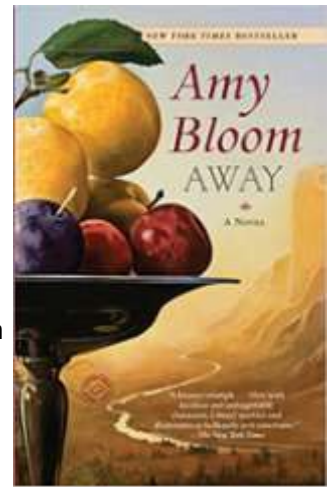
Email Gayle Stamer to register: gaylestamer@gmail.com



Get Connected at the Library

Hello from the Library!

We are excited to announce our next Congregation read, **Away** by the critically acclaimed author Amy Bloom. This is an epic, riveting story of a young Lillian Leyb's journey after her family was killed in a Russian pogrom. She travels to America to make a new life for herself. She gets word her daughter might be alive and then embarks on an odyssey from the world of Yiddish theater on New York's lower East Side, to Seattle's Jazz District, and up to Alaska, along the fabled Telegraph Trail toward Siberia. We have the book here ready for you to borrow. Please save the date, **June 27th** at 11am for a zoom event with author Amy Bloom to discuss her book **Away**. See flier on page 10 for more information and to register.



Below are some of our newly acquired books for our adult readers:



New York Times bestseller **Philip Roth The Biography** by Blake Bailey. Appointed by Philip Roth and granted independence and complete access, Blake Bailey spent years poring over Roth's personal archive, interviewing his friends, lovers, and colleagues, and engaging Roth himself in breathtakingly candid conversations. The result is an indelible portrait of an American master and of the postwar literary scene.

This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger, instant *New York Times* bestseller. This is the unforgettable story of four orphans who travel the Mississippi River on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression. It is a big-hearted, epic novel that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams, and makes us whole. We have three Harlan Coben books! The brand new release of the *New York Times* bestselling thriller **Win**, and two of his greats **The Boy From the Woods**, and **The Woods**.

If you are interested in borrowing a book, please email me with the book you are interested in and the best number to reach you. You can email Mikki Grodman at librarian@cbirumson.org. I will contact you regarding your book selection and designated pick up time.

Thank you and Happy Reading!
Mikki Grodman, Librarian



From the Education Director

As we close out the school year, I am happy to report that this Covid-influenced year was

not bad at all. In fact, as I have been reporting, this year could mark a revolutionary change in Jewish education. Students have learned to be more self-sufficient and more self-directed in their learning. We are employing cutting edge educational technology that will only grow and blossom in the years to come.

In fact, the Education Directors' Council of Jewish Federation in the Heart of NJ won a grant to conduct teacher workshops in the coming year with an expert in education technology, in a program that focuses on the "education" as much as the "technology."

We celebrated our second Zoom **Pesach** and hope that this does not become an annual event. Rather, I pray that we will conduct our "Interactive Progressive Seder" in the CBI Social Hall with multiple stations for students to enjoy unique experiences for all the steps.

Our observance of **Yom HaShoah** was held for Grades 2 - 7 on April 6. The program featured a guest speaker, Mr. Louis Premslaar, who also happens to be the grandfather of SHMA students, Maya and Carly Presser. (And dad to Rachel)

Before long, we were addressing the speaker as Papa Lou, at his request. He detailed the story of his father's experiences in the Holocaust, from childhood in Amsterdam through his emigration to the US.

After the talk, the students in 4th - 7th grade participated in a unique creative activity called Progressive Poetry. Students and teachers viewed 6 photographs and recorded their brief reactions to a writing prompt. The answers are then lightly edited for length and clarity and assembled into a 6 stanza poem. Click here if you would like to see the result: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qz5xg3g94urCFODsS91FRSh8KvtvOzd3BGiq9EzfLzl/edit?usp=sharing>

Students in all grades celebrated **Yom HaAtzmaut** (Israel's Independence Day) on April 13, by participating in an amazing Scavenger Hunt created by Morah Rebecca.

The objective was to team up and find a variety of souvenirs at each location as required by the Game Card with a mix of historic, geographic and just plain fun locations around the Jewish State.

If you'd like to give it a try: <https://www.thinglink.com/scene/1434534791104954370>

With the guidance of the CBI Covid 19 Task Force, we have planned our remaining Shabbat Experiences as live outdoor events, with the song leadership of Sam Levine, the SHMA Siddur, Sedrah Scenes, plus fun and games. There is no question that we provide quite a Shabbat Experience.

With our Judaics curriculum for the rest of the year, students will learn about Israel through three lenses: The Land, The People and The State. We will teach Israel in all its complexity to foster the students' connection to *Eretz Yisrael*.

With the help of Rabbi Sagal, we've refined our Tefilah curriculum to a selection of prayers from each service by grade: 4th, Kabbalat Shabbat; 5th, Shabbat Morning; 6th, Torah Service, 7th Musaf.

I want to thank so many people for making our year a success, and helping us overcome all the obstacles we encountered.

Rabbi Sagal, CBI President Fran Semaya and Education VP, Danielle Liss for their wisdom, guidance and advice.

Our brilliant, committed and loving faculty, including tutor, Suzanne Ruda; Kristina Lally, Abbie Wycoff, Sue Schimmel Klein, Bonnie Cooper, Lauren Grodman, Alan Ross, Dorith Werthaim, and special thanks to Rebecca Barabas for taking charge of the Judaics curriculum for all grades.

Rona Kaplan and the entire Board of Education for their unfailing support in Zoom and out.

Administration is always in good hands with Emilie Kovit-Meyer and Judy Kochis, and Alice MacPhee makes sure everyone gets paid.

Mikki Grodman makes the library a real 'go-to' resource.

I can have no better colleague and collaborator than Suzanne Wycoff, Director of Gan Yeladim.

Although we aren't in the building, Will Calhoun and Donald Lewis keep the place running smoothly.

Now, let's take some time off and then we'll get ready for whatever the next year holds in store.

Mike Wikes

*The Nominating Committee has selected the following congregants as nominees for the following positions, to start on July 1, 2021. If any congregants wish to nominate or be nominated from the floor, they need to present their request to the Executive Committee at their meeting on Tuesday, **May 18 at 6:30pm.***

President: Barbara Rosen

Barbara is a second-generation member of our congregation and CBI is the center of her family's spiritual life. Currently, Barbara is completing a 6-year term on the Board of Trustees, and serves on the Membership, Beautification, Cultural Programming, and 100th Anniversary Steering Committees. Over the years, Barbara has also served on the Congregation's Executive Board as Treasurer, Secretary, 2nd Vice President, and on the Religious and Education Committees. She has chaired or co-chaired fundraising galas, Sukkot and holiday dinners, Nominating committees, Rabbi Rosoff's 25th Anniversary celebration, and religious school events. Barbara's 3 children graduated from our Rabbi Jack M. Rosoff Hebrew High School, and she is the proud Mom and 'Grammy' to 3rd and 4th generation members.

Professionally, Barbara earned her MA, and ASHA CCCs in Speech Pathology, and spent most of her career as a Speech and Language Specialist in the Holmdel Public School District, Pre-K to 12.

Barbara resides in Lincroft with her husband, Edward. In the community, she coached Middletown Township Challenged Youth Sports teams from their inaugural season through their first 10 years. Barbara is a member of CHHANGE, Hadassah, and a life member of National Council of Jewish Women.

"I am honored and privileged to have been nominated by our Board Development Committee to serve as President of our Congregation. In this role, I will dedicate my efforts: to Link - our past to our future, our legacy to growth and progress; to Listen - to the needs of our diverse membership, and emphasize that every voice be heard; and, in partnership with Rabbi Sagal, our administrative and educational staff, and our teams of lay leaders, to Lean in - to inspire our next generation, as we approach our 2nd Century and begin a new chapter in the history of Congregation B'nai Israel."

Operations Vice President: Dr. Eric Menell

It is an incredible honor to be nominated once again to represent the synagogue as Operations Vice President. I have been part of the CBI family since 2004 and am looking forward to the opportunity to serve for another term as a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees.

Over recent years I have overseen projects at CBI including the Komar Entryway addition, new office, new multi-purpose/ Adult Education room, restroom renovations, Chapel repairs and renovations, hallway renovations, classroom upgrades and numerous security improvements. I have also spearheaded efforts to improve the efficiency of the synagogue's operations. Professionally, I am a high school history teacher and hold my doctorate in Educational Leadership. My previous professional and volunteer experience includes extensive work with Jewish non-profit agencies, including senior leadership roles in youth programming, operations, facilities, marketing, special events planning and recreation.

Education Vice President: Danielle Liss

Danielle Liss and her family have been members of Congregation B'nai Israel for nearly 6 years. Her younger son, Ryan (age 11), currently attends SHMA and her older son, Austin (age 14), became a Bar Mitzvah at CBI in August 2020. Ryan also attended Gan Yeladim when they first moved to the area. Danielle has served as the Vice President for Education for 2 years and is also a member of the CBI Board of Education (4 years). She has been involved in planning various CBI events over the past several years. Danielle has worked for nearly 22 years at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services out of the regional office located in NYC. She resides with her family in Fair Haven.

Secretary: Stacey Klinge

Stacey Rassas Klinge is a third generation member of Congregation B'nai Israel. Her parents, Marge and Aaron Rassas, have been members for over 50 years. Stacey had her bat mitzvah at CBI and continued her Jewish education as a torah reader and graduate of the Hebrew high school.

Stacey and her husband, Jeff, and their two children, Logan and Davis, have been members since 2011. Logan and Davis are both graduates of the Gan Yeladim preschool and currently attend the SHMA.

Over the last 10 years Stacey has served in different capacities at CBI, including Sisterhood President, Co-Chair of the Rabbi Search Committee, and as member of various committees (Membership, Beautification, Board Development). She also runs the Sisterhood Gift Shop and has assisted with fundraising for building renovation projects.

Stacey is honored to have been nominated as a member of the Executive Committee and is excited for the future of CBI and our Jewish community.

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Treasurer: Marty Grodman

Martin Grodman and his family have been members of Congregation B'nai Israel for 6 years. His wife Mikki is the shul's librarian (return your books!). Their 2 children Sofie (age 12) and Olivia (age 8) are both graduates of Gan Yeladim and currently attend SHMA. Martin is the nephew of Eddie z"l and Helene Grodman (long time members of the shul) and cousin of Lauren Grodman, first grade teacher at SHMA. He is the National Sales Manager of American Brass and Crystal headquartered in Union, NJ. He volunteers in youth soccer and softball, and is the Vice President of the Oceanport Soccer Association. The family resides in Sea Bright. Martin is running for the position of Treasurer on the Executive Committee.

Financial VP – Rich Sussman

Rich Sussman and his family have been members of CBI since 1990. His three children, Nina, Jeff and Jodi all attended the Gan, Hebrew School and Hebrew High School at CBI. Rich has a BSE from the Wharton School of Business of the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from the University of Chicago. Rich worked on Wall Street for 26 years prior to retiring. Since retiring from Wall Street, Rich has gotten involved with local non-profit Board participation as well as working as an expert witness in financial arbitration cases. Rich has been VP Finance for the last four years and is looking forward to continuing to serve as VP Finance.

Trustee for Synagogue Life: Tara Siers

Tara Siers and her husband Kevin Kimball are the fourth generation at CBI. Tara was in the first graduating class of Gan Yeladim and attended Hebrew School and Hebrew High School at CBI. CBI has been a big part of her family upbringing as her parents were both actively involved for many years. She has been involved at CBI in different capacities including working in the Education office and teaching Hebrew School. Throughout the years Tara has been involved with various CBI fundraisers and planning of events. Tara has been Secretary of the Executive Committee for the last 4 years and looks forward to hopefully serving in a new role as Trustee for Synagogue Life.

Trustee at Large: Rhea Goldsmith

Rhea Goldsmith has been a member of Congregation B'nai Israel since she was 14 years old. She is the daughter of long-time member, JoAnn Yagoda. Rhea and her husband Larry sent their three children, Adam (age 24), Josh (age 21) and Hope (age 17), through Gan Yeladim and the religious school as well as b'nai mitzvot and Hebrew High School. Rhea lives in Little Silver with her family and works as a local real estate agent. Rhea currently serves on the Education and Membership Committees, has chaired the Shalach Manot fundraiser for years, and is running for the position of Trustee-at-Large.

Endowment Director: David Kay

David and his family have been members of Congregation B'nai Israel for nearly 4 years. His daughters Sienna and Summer, ages 12 and 9, have been a part of the Gan Yeladim and Hebrew School programs since moving to Fair Haven in 2016. His wife Marissa has been chairing and running the successful CBI Holiday Boutique since 2017. David currently serves as the Global Head of Pricing and Inventory at Bloomberg LLP and is a proud graduate of Syracuse University.

Endowment Director: Albert Zager

Albert A. Zager, Esq. was a high school freshman when his family joined CBI in 1962. He was active in the CBI chapter of USY through high school and was Chapter President. In earlier years he served as a CBI Trustee for 6 years and Youth Commission Chair for 6 years. He was a tenor in the CBI "Choir of Fire". In 2011, Al chaired the CBI Constitution revision committee. In 2013-2014 he chaired the CBI Governance Restructuring Committee and was the chief draftsman of the CBI Restated Constitution and By-Laws adopted in June, 2015. In 2015 he chaired the CBI Nominating Committee. Al was CBI's President from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019. Since then, until now, as Immediate Past President, he has served as a CBI Trustee and on the Endowment Committee. He also serves on the Religious Committee and represented CBI to obtain site plan approval from the Tinton Falls Planning Board to improve the CBI Cemetery so that it can accommodate many hundred more graves than at present. He is also a member of the committee to establish an improved Endowment Fund Donor Recognition Wall in our building. Al and his wife, Robin, are Co-Chairs of the Second Century Campaign Committee to raise at least \$3.6 Million for the CBI Endowment Fund. He is also co-chairing the CBI committee with Ken Howitt that will produce an historical documentary film about CBI's first 100 years which is scheduled to premiere at the 100th Anniversary Gala on November 12, 2022. Aside from his commitment to the present and future well-being of CBI, Al is involved with several community organizations.

Virtual Congregation Meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Virtual Installation and Discharge of Officers, Trustees and Endowment Fund Directors: 6:30pm Friday, June 25, 2021



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BLOOD DRIVE

Sun. May 23 from 9-3

Congregation B'nai Israel

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Appointments highly recommended. For an appointment go to <https://nybc.org/newjerseydrive> sponsor code 71045 or call 800-933-2566

Walk -ins accepted only if spacing allows.

Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo. Donors 76 and over need a doctor's note unless one is already on file. 16-year-olds need a signed NYBC consent form. There is no waiting period after Covid vaccinations as long as the donor is feeling well.

PLEASE JOIN US AT THIS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE!

DONORS PRESENTING:

- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
- May **NOT** donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May **NOT** donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

Please be aware that we **do NOT test for COVID-19**. You should contact your health care provider if you want to be tested.



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New Jersey Blood Services

Appointments highly recommended.

For an appointment go to <https://nybc.org/newjerseydrive> sponsor code 71045 or call 800-933-2566

Fourth Friday Family Shabbat

May 28 and June 25 at 6:00 PM



Fourth Friday is an earlier and shorter service of about 20-25 minutes length designed for families and children and anyone who wishes to join!

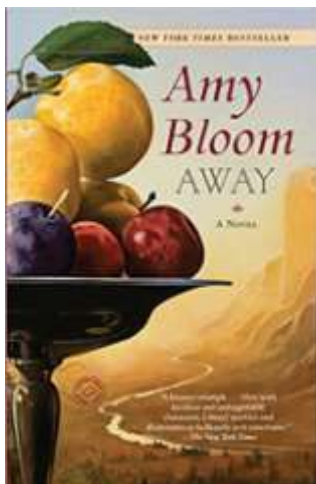
The service will consist of Shabbat prayers, stories, and songs and be led by Rabbi Sagal.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82742662787?pwd=cE9wdXpwNzBYdEZUN2xMTHBIQkg2dz09>

Please Note: There still will be a 7:30 Kabbalat Service on Fourth Friday.

CBI LIBRARY Committee presents our next CONGREGATION READ Away by Amy Bloom



Panoramic in scope, *Away* is the epic and intimate story of young Lillian Leyb, a dangerous innocent, an accidental heroine. When her family is destroyed in a Russian pogrom, Lillian comes to America alone, determined to make her way in a new land. When word comes that her daughter, Sophie, might still be alive, Lillian embarks on an odyssey that takes her from the world of the Yiddish theater on New York's Lower East Side, to Seattle's Jazz District, and up to Alaska, along the fabled Telegraph Trail toward Siberia. All of the qualities readers love in Amy Bloom's work—her humor and wit, her elegant and irreverent language, her unflinching understanding of passion and the human heart—come together in the embrace of this brilliant novel, which is at once heartbreaking, romantic, and completely unforgettable.

Read the book and then join us on Sunday, June 27
at 11am via ZOOM when Amy Bloom discusses her book AWAY.



Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEudeytrT8qE9aIAs5Vn9iDmHTuCz3BOOHG>

Tikkun Leil Shavuot 5781

Dear CBI family,

The holiday of Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mt Sinai. It is traditional to study and learn all of Erev Shavuot as if we are preparing ourselves once again to receive the Torah. This year, I am truly excited to bring you a 24 hour opportunity for study. The Conservative Movement, in conjunction with the Masorti Movement (Conservative Movement in Israel) is presenting an extensive series of learning opportunities from May 16 at noon to May 17 at noon! The list of teachers and speakers is extraordinary and reflects some of the finest and most dynamic teachers in the Conservative Movement. The link for the program as well as the list of speakers link is provided for you below. You may check out one class, several, or all of them! Please join me in learning some wonderful Torah as we prepare for Shavuot!!! **On May 17 we will be offering our Shavuot service with Yizkor at 9:30 AM.**

-Rabbi Sagal

Tikkun Leil Shavuot 5781

Sunday May 16th, 2021 12:00 PM-Monday May 17th, 2021 12:00 PM

A full schedule of the learning is available here:

<https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/story/schedule-tikkun-leil-shavuot-5781>

Link to the live event: <https://tinyurl.com/CMTikkun>

A Recipe from Chef Margo for Shavuot

Kugel

Ingredients:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees
9 x 13 casserole dish, buttered

6 ounces wide egg noodles
8 ounces crushed pineapple, drained
½ cup sugar
16 oz sour cream
16 oz cottage cheese (whole milk)
6 eggs
¼ cup unsalted butter melted
½ teaspoon cinnamon
plus, cinnamon to sprinkle on top



1. Boil the noodles in salted water for about 4 minutes. When al dente, (not totally soft, a tad firm) drain and set aside.
2. Whisk up the eggs with the sugar, cottage cheese, sour cream, melted butter and cinnamon.
3. Add in the crushed pineapple and noodles and stir to combine.
4. Pour into buttered casserole dish. Sprinkle more cinnamon on top for decoration.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown on top.

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 VIRTUAL 9:30am Shabbat Service 7:30pm Havdalah Service
2 VIRTUAL SHMA K-7 VIRTUAL Aleinu/Cooking 201	3	4 VIRTUAL 10:30am Torah Study Group led by Rabbi Sagal VIRTUAL SHMA 2-7 8pm Covid Task Force Meeting	5	6 VIRTUAL 8am Minyan 7:30pm Lecture	7 VIRTUAL FIRST FRIDAYS 6pm Wine & Cheese 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	8 10:30 In Person SHMA SHABBAT EXPERIENCE VIRTUAL 9:30am Shabbat Service 7:30pm Havdalah Service
9 NO SHMA	10	11 VIRTUAL 10:30am Torah Study Group led by Rabbi Sagal VIRTUAL SHMA 2-7 7:30pm Religious Committee	12	13 VIRTUAL 8am Minyan 7:30pm Meet the Author: Judy Batalion	14 VIRTUAL 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	15 VIRTUAL 9:30am Shabbat Service w/ Bar Mitzvah of Samson Landers 7:30pm Havdalah Service
16 EREV SHAVUOT LAST DAY of SHMA 10 am IN PERSON SHMA K-7	17 SHAVUOT Main office & GAN CLOSED VIRTUAL 9:30 am Services includes Yizkor	18 VIRTUAL 10:30am Torah Study Group led by Rabbi Sagal 6:30pm Executive Meeting Nominations taken from floor	19	20 VIRTUAL 8am Minyan 7:30pm Kol Isha Women's Spirituality Group	21 VIRTUAL & LIVE SHABBAT 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat <i>Registration required</i>	22 VIRTUAL 9:30am Shabbat Service 7:30pm Havdalah Service
23 BLOOD DRIVE 9-3	24	25 VIRTUAL 10:30am Torah Study Group led by Rabbi Sagal	26	27 VIRTUAL 8am Minyan	28 6pm FOURTH FRIDAY on ZOOM VIRTUAL 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	29 VIRTUAL 9:30am Shabbat Service 7:30pm Havdalah Service
30	31 MEMORIAL DAY CBI CLOSED	7pm Endowment Meeting				

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 VIRTUAL 10:30am Torah Study Group led by Rabbi Sagal	2 8pm Covid Task Force Meeting	3 VIRTUAL 8am Minyan	4 VIRTUAL FIRST FRIDAYS 6pm Wine & Cheese 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	5 VIRTUAL 9:30am Shabbat Service 4:30pm Bat Mitzvah of Paloma Brown 7:30pm Havdalah
6	7	8 VIRTUAL 10:30am Torah Study Group led by Rabbi Sagal 7:30pm Religious Committee	9	10 VIRTUAL 8am Minyan	11 VIRTUAL 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	12 VIRTUAL 9:30am Shabbat Service 7:30pm Havdalah
13	14	15 VIRTUAL 10:30am Torah Study Group led by Rabbi Sagal 7:30pm Congregation Meeting	16 LAST DAY OF GAN YELADIM	17 VIRTUAL 8am Minyan	18 VIRTUAL PRIDE SHABBAT 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	19 9:30am Shabbat Service 7:30pm Havdalah
20	21	22 VIRTUAL 10:30am Torah Study Group led by Rabbi Sagal	23	24 VIRTUAL 8am Minyan	25 9-12 CAMP KESHET MEET & Greet 6pm FOURTH FRIDAY on ZOOM 6:30pm Officers/Trustee Installation 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	26 VIRTUAL 9:30am Shabbat Service 7:30pm Havdalah
27 11am Amy Bloom Lecture on AWAY	28 Camp Keshet 9-2	29 VIRTUAL 10:30am Torah Study Group led by Rabbi Sagal	30 Camp Keshet 9-2			

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