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MARCH-APRIL 2024

CONGREGATION B'NAI TZEDEK

The TZEDEK

SCROLL

*Upcoming Events  
You Won't Want to Miss!*

Scholar in Residence

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin: March 8th – 10th

Torah Arrival Celebration: March 17th

Muslim-Jewish Interfaith Iftar: March 21st

“Swiftie” Purim Celebration: March 23rd

CBT Solidarity Mission to Israel:  
March 28th – April 4th

Women's Seder: April 4th

Good Deeds Day with  
Rabbi Stuart & Symcha Weinblatt: April 14th

*See inside for details!*

# VOLUNTEER SOLIDARITY MISSION TO ISRAEL

March 28 - April 4, 2024



Spend a meaningful Shabbat together in Jerusalem at the historic King David Hotel. Travel South to the area attacked by Hamas, including Sderot where the police station was bombed. Volunteer. Hear from top journalists, opinion makers and insiders, and so much more.

Depart Israel Wednesday night April 3rd, for flights that depart after midnight on Thursday and return to the US the morning of Thursday, April 4th.

## Travel with Rabbi Stuart & Symcha Weinblatt and CBT members

- See impacted communities
- Hear from top officials
- Meet & hear stories of victims
- Spend a beautiful Shabbat in Jerusalem
- Make a difference by volunteering
- Show your support and solidarity for Israel

Am Yisrael Chai!

## FOR MORE INFO & TO JOIN THE TRIP:

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## RABBINIC REFLECTIONS

# ANTI-SEMITISM: THEN AND NOW

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Most of us have never witnessed the amount of anti-Semitism we have seen in recent months. It seems so pervasive, coming from so many directions and places, and without any end or limit in sight. Not only is it overwhelming, it also is surprising and unexpected. Especially unanticipated is its intensity.

Who would have ever imagined that in a post-Holocaust world anti-Semitism would still exist? Who could have ever anticipated that such vile hatred and prejudice would be found in respected academic institutions and expressed by otherwise intelligent people, in many instances without any consequences? Who could have predicted that age-old disproven canards and absurd and nefarious accusations about Jews would gain an air of respectability and enter the mainstream?

And who would have conceived that after the unprovoked massacre by jihadists pouring out of Gaza to commit pogrom-like atrocities on Jews that we would be the ones on the receiving end of vicious, vehement pernicious attacks in the form of verbal assaults, physical attacks and intimidation?

When I first began as a child to learn about the Holocaust the thing that constantly baffled me was – how did people let it happen? How did people not see what was happening and object? The outcome of the trajectory of the isolation and dehumanization of Jews and of their being ostracized and excluded, as exemplified by the introduction of the Nuremberg Laws and other incremental acts of discrimination all seem so obvious when viewed in retrospect.

We see too many parallels between what happened to Jews then and what is happening now.

But there are some differences.

I recently lobbied members of Congress on behalf of Israel in a historic and unprecedented effort. The Zionist Rabbinic Coalition, which I head, joined with Christian allies to bring 70 rabbis and pastors to meet with our elected representatives to advocate for Israel. The ministers wanted us to know that we are not alone.

Another difference between previous attacks on Jews and what happened on October 7 is that we are not powerless victims. We have a country and that country has an army, the Israel Defense Forces, a force which can and is taking measures to eliminate the threat posed by Hamas on innocent civilians. And make no mistake about it, it is doing so in the most difficult of circumstances while doing its utmost, often risking the lives of its own people to limit civilian casualties.

We also have organizations, such as AIPAC, the Zionist Rabbinic Coalition, the Jewish Federations of North America and others who advocate on behalf of the Jewish state.

So while there are differences, one thing remains constant: the need to see to it that our enemies not prevail, and that the anti-Semites not win in their effort to suppress and elimi-

nate Jews and Judaism. Wherever I went on my recent trip to Israel in January, from the moment I landed, I saw signs proclaiming, “*Yachad nenatzeah*: Together we will win.” It can also mean, “Together we will prevail.”

Later this month, a group from B’nai Tzedek will travel together to Israel to see first-hand what happened on a mission of solidarity, to offer comfort and support, and to help by volunteering with whatever needs to be done. We will also meet and hear from various sources about the current situation and the path forward. If you are able to join us, please do, as this will be a unique, memorable and impactful experience.

For those who cannot come, I urge you to give *tzedakah* to one of the many organizations helping Israel. I also encourage you to increase your participation in Jewish life and add a mitzvah to your routine. Come to a *Shabbat* service. Come and take advantage of the many programs we offer, including studying together. The weekend of March 8th will offer a special opportunity to study with one of America’s most prominent rabbis and teachers of Judaism, Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. In fact, his first talk at Friday night dinner will explore the roots of anti-Semitism. Please come – I promise you won’t be disappointed.

By taking actions to strengthen our community and your Jewish identity, we defeat those haters who seek to defeat us.

## BRUNCH WITH US IN BOCA! SUNDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>



Are you in Florida? If you don’t already receive Florida invitations from us, send an email to [smace@cbtpotomac.org](mailto:smace@cbtpotomac.org) to receive an invitation for brunch with Rabbi Weinblatt and fellow CBT members in Boca.

## WHAT INSPIRES ME ABOUT BEING JEWISH SERIES WITH RABBI WEINBLATT IN THE HOLT FAMILY CHAPEL



Join Rabbi Weinblatt for the remainder of his inspiring and heartwarming series: What inspires Me About Being Jewish.

Previous attendance not required.

**7:30 pm-8:30 pm**  
**Thursdays:**  
**May 2, 9, 16 & 23**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# OPPORTUNITIES AND CHANGES - PROPELLING US INTO A NEW SEASON

Barbara Guterman | [barbguterman@gmail.com](mailto:barbguterman@gmail.com)



As we come to the end of the winter season, I am filled with hope and renewal for what lies ahead, not just in nature, but also here at CBT. Not only will we begin to see the greenery and flowers bloom, but we will have

the extraordinary opportunity to welcome our *Sefer Torah*, written with our own hands, and with the love, support and input of so many of our congregants. What a beautiful gift that will become a cherished part of our congregation.

The planning of our Torah Arrival Celebration on Sunday, **March 17th** is well underway, and we urge you all to be a part of this beautiful opportunity to parade our Torah into the congregation. We will dance, sing, eat and celebrate together for what will be a memorable community family fun day. The parade will begin at 11am followed by a short dedication ceremony in the Berman Sanctuary. Festive food and inflatables will make the day memorable for all ages, so stay tuned for specific details for this momentous occasion.

March will also allow us to continue our support of our beloved Israel, as many of our congregants will travel with Rabbi Weinblatt in a Volunteer Solidarity Mission trip on **March 28th** returning April 4th. We will have the opportunity to hear from top officials and to see impacted communities and meet and hear stories of victims firsthand. Most importantly, we will have the opportunity to make a difference by

volunteering and showing our support and solidarity for Israel. I look forward to sharing all we learned and experienced upon our return.

The spring will also bring us to the conclusion of our Senior Rabbi Search, which will result in the selection of our new Senior Rabbi, who will begin leading our congregation July 1 of this year. I would like to wholeheartedly thank the members of the Search Committee: Andy Chod, Laura Cohen, Kevin Fishkind, Jeff Greenberg, Scott Gritz, Ruth Hoffman, Sam Lipson, Laurie Mackey, Ilene Mudge, Kate Proger, Diane Steren, Carole Urbach Herson, and Rick Cantor for being such extraordinary representatives of your constituent groups, as well to our dedicated co-chairs Rachel Hyman and Michael Chernoff for their tireless efforts shepherding this difficult and comprehensive process. We are also very appreciative of the partnership of our staff, Cantor Kapell and our congregants who participated in events, services, Zoom services and other activities to meet the Senior Rabbi candidate. Your participation and feedback was invaluable to the process of selecting our next Senior Rabbi who will work in partnership with Rabbi Weinblatt, who will still be with us as our Rabbi Emeritus.

As the seasons change around us, so too will they change among us. Just as nature transitions through seasons, organizations experience cycles of growth, adaptation and renewal. So as we leave winter behind, may we remember to stay open to embracing the opportunities and changes that lie ahead, propelling us into a new season of growth and transformation, and may we continue to be filled with a sense of optimism and anticipation of all that is to come.

## CANTOR'S NOTES

# A *TIKKUN* TO ELEVATE OUR CONNECTION TO TORAH TEXT

Cantor Marshall Kapell | [mkapell@cbtpotomac.org](mailto:mkapell@cbtpotomac.org)



As we eagerly await the arrival of our new Torah later this month, I am thrilled to share an exciting development that will enrich our worship and connection to the Torah — the introduction of a *Tikkun* that matches our new Torah scroll.

A *Tikkun* is a precious tool that aids in the accurate and beautiful chanting of the Torah. Think of it as a compendium for Torah readers. By aligning the *Tikkun* closely with the text of our Torah, we are taking a significant step to enhance the experience for

all those who participate in our sacred readings.

Here are some of the benefits of having a *Tikkun* that matches the Torah:

**Ease of Chanting:** A *Tikkun* that mirrors the layout and format of our Torah scroll will make it significantly easier for our readers to follow along and chant with precision. This alignment ensures a seamless transition between the *Tikkun* and the actual scroll, fostering an easier reading experience.

**Connection to the text:** By having a *Tikkun* that matches our Torah, our readers will become more attuned to the patterns and nuances of the text, creating a deeper connection to the words and their meaning.

**Educational Opportunities:** The matching *Tikkun* provides valuable educational opportunities for our CBT community. Workshops and study sessions focused on understanding the correlation between the *Tikkun* and the Torah can empower the community to engage actively in the reading and chanting process.

**Inclusivity:** This wonderful addition will ensure that individuals of all ages and levels of expertise can participate confidently in our Torah readings. The aligned *Tikkun* serves as a supportive guide, inviting everyone to join in the sacred act of bringing the Torah to life through chanting.

I hope that this *Tikkun* will elevate our worship and deepen our connection to the Torah text.

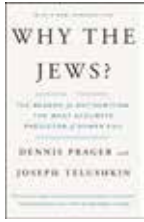
May our Torah reading be filled with inspiration, joy and a profound sense of spiritual fulfillment.



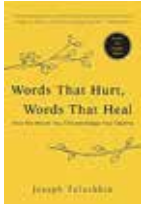
# Scholar in Residence Weekend Rabbi Joseph Telushkin Friday, March 8 - Sunday, March 10



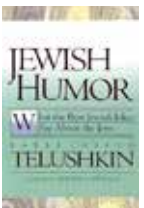
Join CBT for an incredible weekend with one of America's foremost rabbis and thought leaders.



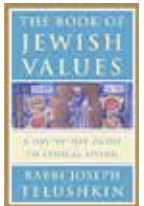
**Friday, March 8th: Shabbat Dinner With... Rabbi Joseph Telushkin**  
*Why the Jews? The Reason for Antisemitism*  
Following 6:30 pm Shabbat services



**Saturday, March 9th: Post-Kiddush Discussion**  
*The Power of Speech: Words that Hurt, Words that Heal*  
9:30 am: Shabbat Services, 12:30 pm: Program Begins



**Saturday, March 9th: Jewish Humor Event**  
*What the Best Jewish Jokes Say About the Jews*  
7:30 pm for Rabbi's Circle, Supporters' Fund, and Hineini Campaign Contributors



**Sunday, March 10th: Brunch and Talk for Parents (and Parents at Heart)**  
*How to Raise Our Children with Values and Moral Imagination*  
9:00 am: Coffee & Breakfast, 9:30 am: Program Begins

To register for these events, please visit [www.bnaitzedek.org](http://www.bnaitzedek.org)

Sponsored by the Amor Lane Adult Education Fund

**SUGIHARA**  
A CONSPIRACY OF KINDNESS

\*Please note the earlier time\*

**CBT DINNER & A MOVIE NIGHT**

"Sugihara: Conspiracy of Kindness"

Thursday, March 28 @ 6:30 pm\*

Enjoy Asian cuisine before watching a beautiful film about a heroic Japanese diplomat who saved Jewish refugees in WWII.

**OPEN TO ALL!**

Sponsored by Wendy and Burton Katzen

Congregation B'nai Tzedek

## BRIDGE OF FAITHS: A MUSLIM-JEWISH INTERFAITH IFTAR

MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> - 6:15 PM

We invite you to an Iftar gathering where Muslim and Jewish communities come together in a spirit of fellowship. As the day fades, we'll break bread at dusk, share insights from our respective traditions, and build bridges of understanding and peace over a shared meal. RSVP at [bnaitzedek.org](http://bnaitzedek.org)



# Welcome the New CBT Torah!

**Sunday, March 17th, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**



Arrive by 10:45 am



## Torah Arrival

We will parade the Torah down our driveway and dance outside before the Torah arrives in the sanctuary

## Torah Ceremony

We will celebrate the Torah with special blessings, songs and lots of ruach

## Post Ceremony Celebration

Complimentary Lunch • Inflatables • Crafts • Games • And More

## A celebration for the whole family!



Scan to make your dedication today to support the Torah Campaign and be listed amongst the pledges

## SHABBAT HAPPENINGS @ CBT

**L'DOR VADOR  
FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE  
MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> & APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>  
6:30 PM**

Join us for a musical service featuring students from our Religious School, and then stay to celebrate the birthdays with a treat!



**CONGREGANT-LED SHABBAT  
TORAH STUDY  
FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
FOLLOWING KIDDUSH**

Join us to study the *Parashat* for the following week led by your fellow congregants! These brief and informal study sessions are lay-led and are held on the first *Shabbat* of each month, approximately 30 minutes after the conclusion of services.

**Upcoming sessions:**

March 2nd      *Vayakhel*  
April 6th      *Tazria*      led by Rabbi Betsy Roth

## CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF LIANE AARON

Join CBT for a special *Shabbat* service and *Kiddush* on **Saturday, May 4th** as we honor our *B'nai Mitzvah* Academic Coordinator Liane Aaron for 25 remarkable years of dedication, commitment and love of Jewish education. All former and current *B'nai Mitzvah* families are invited to this milestone event.

**ISRAEL UPDATE WITH IDO  
SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH 12:30 PM  
IN THE HOLT FAMILY CHAPEL**

Join our *shaliach*, Ido, for an update on the War with Hamas and an open conversation.



# SISTERHOOD

Holli Jaffe | hbjaffe@verizon.net and  
Geri Shapiro | ironmomgeri@yahoo.com, Co-Presidents



It's been a fun and busy late winter/early spring for the Sisterhood.

As you know, Senior Rabbi Candidate Michael Beals and his wife, Dr. Elissa Green, visited CBT January

26-28. Many Sisters attended and enjoyed the *Shabbat* services he led with Cantor Kapell. We were pleased to co-sponsor brunch with the Brotherhood on Sunday morning where we got another chance to chat with him and his wife. We appreciated the opportunity to participate in the search process.



## Women's Seder

Join us as we honor the women in whose footsteps we walk – the heroines of the Exodus story, our mothers, grandmothers and all the women who came before us!

**Congregation B'nai Tzedek**

**April 4, 2024**

**5:30-8:30 p.m.**

**\$75**

Bring your sisters, daughters<sup>13</sup>, mothers and friends, and join us for this joyful, musical celebration and dinner sponsored by the Sisterhood and led by Rachel Berenzweig, Lisa Baydush and Susan Sacks.



Please RSVP by March 22<sup>nd</sup> at [bnaitzedek.org](http://bnaitzedek.org) on our Upcoming Programs page. Members and non-members are welcome!

Many fun programs were enjoyed. In-person Canasta at the synagogue was held monthly and was well attended. At the time of this writing, we are looking into hosting a first-ever sound bath — a meditative experience where those in attendance are “bathed” in sound waves. The event will be run by Jennifer Ballah. Check back here in the next addition for more details. The Sisters attended *Penelope* at the Signature Theater and an informal outing to Top Golf in Gaithersburg. Both events were a great time!

The Book Club hosted discussions in January on *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin and in March on *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce. Both books were fantastic reads and the discussions were lively and thought-provoking.

The Ritual Committee was hard at work too. A lot of planning went into the Second Annual Women's Seder on April 4. A high bar was set to better the time had last year, but we believe we did it. Hope you joined us! The annual *Mishloach Manot Purim* boxes kicked off on February 25. Many CBTERS enjoyed the treats they received in the boxes, as well as sent warm holiday wishes to fellow congregants, friends and family and gave generously to the designated Israeli charity. Thanks to all who made the event another huge success.

The Social Action Committee continues to make a big impact on the Community. Our KIND Soup initiative brought delicious and nutritious soup to those in need. Dinner at NIH Children's Inn was served by a CBT-wide group on Jan 17. The prepared grilled cheese sandwiches and soup were a big hit. Last, Sisterhood again participated in the April 14 Good Deeds Day by organizing the decorating and filling of cosmetic bags for women in local shelters. We were told that the beautiful bags were much appreciated.

## DINNER FOR RESIDENTS OF CHILDREN'S INN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH

The Children's Inn at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is a nonprofit that provides residential services and a wide range of programs for children, teens and young adults with rare and serious diseases. The patients stay at the Inn with their family during their treatment.



Please Join the Sisterhood, GECC parents and Social Action Committee as we prepare and celebrate “National Grilled Cheese Day” with a menu of Grilled Cheese, Soup, Salad, and Dessert. To sign up, please contact [afinkster123@gmail.com](mailto:afinkster123@gmail.com).



## BAR/BAT MITZVAH

## PARENTS' MEETING

APRIL 14TH

10:00 – 11:00 AM

IN THE

HOLT FAMILY CHAPEL

Calling all families with a Bar or Bat Mitzvah this year! Bring all your questions and join Cantor Kapell and Rabbi Weinblatt in the Sanctuary for this informational meeting.

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\*As of Feb 14, 2024



# Save the Date



## Celebrate Rabbi Weinblatt 36 Years of Leadership Sunday, May 19, 2024

### *Gala Committee:*

Co-Chairs: Yvelisse Dinte & Caryn Silverman

Shari Abramson

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Michal Niakani

Join the Celebration Committee and participate in these enriching educational and cultural programs

### Upcoming Celebration Events Honoring Rabbi Weinblatt:

Friday-Sunday,  
March 8-10, 2024  
Friday, March 8  
Saturday, March 9

Scholar-in-Residence Weekend  
with Rabbi Joseph Telushkin  
Shabbat Dinner  
Shabbat Discussion Following Services

The Gala Committee has wonderful entertainment planned and have secured Signature Catering and fun surprises for the main event! Details for opportunities to support the event have been sent - thank you to all of our sponsors so far.

Please join us and help us make the evening a resounding success.

We need your help and participation!

# THE BERNICE & MANNIE RABOVSKY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## INCLUSION SPECIALIST

### WORKING TO HELP STUDENTS

Moshe Ben-Lev, Religious School Director | mben-lev@cbtpotomac.org



As a child who suffered growing up with learning challenges, it has been a priority of mine throughout my career to ensure that every child, no matter what their learning style, receive the best Jewish education that we can offer.

With this in mind, we hired our first Inclusion Specialist in November. Stacy Schlactus is an experienced educator who has worked with special needs

students in public, private and congregational schools.

Following several meetings to discuss our student population, staff and curriculum, Stacy began by visiting all of the Sunday Religious School classes and getting to know students and teachers. She observed classes with students who are identified with learning challenges and after a few weeks, spoke with teachers and students. Stacy then met with some parents and consulted with one public school special needs teacher regarding a student. When we meet weekly, Stacy and I share updates and discuss students and teachers who are struggling or need extra support and which students we need to focus upon.

As a part of our ongoing effort to train teachers, on March 3rd, Stacy will present a workshop to teachers about learning challenges and how to best support students with various needs. Stacy has also been assisting in the GECC by observing some students and making recommendations to the Director.

To say that Stacy's impact thus far has been a change-maker would be an understatement. Faculty and students are already reaping the benefits of her wisdom and expertise. This has all been made possible by our amazing Inclusion Committee and the Barbara Schifter Memorial Fund, which was created to support inclusion in our schools and congregation.

### UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

**March 3, 9:30 am:** Parents with ... A coffee, bagel, and Chat with special guest...

The speaker for this event is Heather Eig, who is a professional school counselor with Montgomery County Public Schools. She will talk about how to support your child(ren) when being bullied in school.

**March 24-31:** Religious School Spring Break

**April 22-27, 30:** Religious School Closed for *Pesach*

# THE GREENZAID EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

## HAPPILY HUMMING ALONG

Jane Greenblatt, GECC Director | jgreenblatt@cbtpotomac.org



The Greenzaid Early Childhood Center has been happily humming along, as we continue to grow and build our wonderful community. The children have really 'sprouted' in the last few months; it is great to see them establish friendships, try new things and become independent thinkers! We have been busy with *Tu B'Shevat*, PJ *Havdalah*, Pajama Day, 100 days of school, our MLK Day of Service, Mr. Jon Children's Concert and more. Additionally, we have also introduced a three-part Parenting Workshop series led by Vivian Levi and Moshe Ben-Lev, where GECC parents learn how to effectively communicate and work together. The workshop has also been an excellent way for parents to connect and share.

I am so proud of our talented teachers, who always find new ways to engage our students and empower them to think outside the box and create new things. Our Classroom Explorations this year include *Havdalah & Friendship*, *Vehicles, Light & Shadows* and *Wheels & Movement* to name a few. It is amazing to see how our teachers, through observation and asking questions, can create exciting, thought provoking and child directed curriculum. I hope you will be able to see our Community Showcase, which opens on May 16th. This culmination of the years' explorations is an excellent way to see firsthand this inspiring work.

Happy Spring!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, March 14th** Professional Day GECC Closed

**Thursday, March 14th** GPA sponsored Pizza Bingo Day

**Tuesday, March 19th** Special Friends Day, 10:00 am

**Saturday, March 23rd** *Purim* at CBT!

**Saturday, April 6th** Tot *Shabbat* with Lisa Baydush, 11:00 am

**Wednesday, April 10th** Parent/Teacher Conferences  
GECC Closed

**Sunday, April 14th** CBT Good Deeds Day

**Monday April 22nd-Tuesday, April 30th**  
GECC Closed for Passover

# SELLING CHAMETZ:

Rabbi Weinblatt is designated to act as the agent for members of B'nai Tzedek to sell their remaining *chametz* to a non-Jew, who makes a small down payment and purchases it before *Pesach*. After the final day, **April 30, 2024**, Rabbi Weinblatt asks for the balance. If he/she does not wish to pay the full amount, he/she sells it back to us through the Rabbi.

**To observe this important tradition, you may designate Rabbi Weinblatt as your agent for the selling of *chametz* by emailing this form to [bladick@cbtpotomac.org](mailto:bladick@cbtpotomac.org) by April 19, 2024.**

## Mechirat Chametz Agreement – Pesach 5784/2024

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Additional addresses where *chametz* might be found (e.g., place of business, college dorm room)

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I hereby designate Rabbi Werbin to act on my behalf in selling the *chametz* in my possession. I understand that unless I am notified to the contrary, I may use the *chametz* after 8:44 pm on April 30, 2024.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## PASSOVER SCHEDULE

### Monday, April 22nd

8:00 am: *Siyum Bechorim*  
Evening: *First Seder*

### Tuesday, April 23rd

9:30 am: *First Day of Passover Service*  
Evening: *Second Seder*

### Friday, April 26th 6:30 pm

Friday Night Service

### Saturday, April 27th 9:30 am

*Shabbat Morning Service*

### Sunday, April 28th 7:30 pm

Passover Service

### Monday, April 29th 9:30 am

Concluding Passover Service  
with *Yizkor*

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS A QUICK REFERENCE

### For All:

3/8	7:30pm	Scholar in Residence <i>Shabbat</i> Dinner with Rabbi Telushkin
3/9	9:30am	Scholar in Residence <i>Shabbat</i> with Rabbi Telushkin
3/17	11am	Torah Arrival Celebration
3/21	6:15pm	Interfaith Iftar
3/23	6pm	<i>Purim</i> Celebration
4/5	6:30pm	<i>L'Dor Vador</i> & Birthday Blessings
4/14	11am	Good Deeds Day with Rabbi Stuart & Symcha Weinblatt
4/22-4/30		Passover

### For Kids & Families:

3/1	5:30pm	<i>Shabbat</i> Dinner for K-2
3/14	10am	GECC Pizza Bingo
4/6	11am	<i>Tot Shabbat</i> with Lisa Baydush

### For Adults:

3/2	12:30pm	<i>Shabbat</i> Torah Study
3/3	9:30am	Religious School Parents & Coffee
3/3	11am	Brunch in Boca for CBT Members
3/5	7:30pm	Book Club: <i>Mrs. Benson's Beetle</i>
3/10	11am	Scholar in Residence Brunch with Rabbi Telushkin
3/14	7:30 pm	Congregational Meeting
3/28	6:30pm	Dinner & Movie Night
3/28-4/4		Solidarity Mission to Israel
3/29	11:30am	<i>Hazak</i> Event
4/4	5:30pm	Sisterhood <i>Seder</i>
4/6	12:30pm	<i>Shabbat</i> Torah Study



# CELEBRATING B'NAI MITZVAH



**Samantha Fleck** will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on **March 2**. She is the daughter of **Daniel Fleck and Allison Carp**, and the granddaughter of David and Marilyn Carp, Carlyn Fleck and Stanley Fleck. Samantha is a 7th grader at Holton Arms School, where her favorite subjects are art, science and Spanish. In her free time, Samantha enjoys ice hockey, baking, playing with dogs and spending time with friends. For her *tzedakah* project, she will be donating to Israel Guide Dog Center. Samantha will have out-of-town guests attending her *Bat Mitzvah* from Baltimore, Florida, California and Illinois.



**Tyler Smith** will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on **March 2**. He is the son of **Melissa and Jason Smith**, the brother of Brandon (17), and the grandson of Ellen Miller, Jeff Miller and Janet and Stuart Smith. Tyler is a 7th grader at Lakelands Park Middle School, where his favorite subjects are science and art. In his free time, Tyler enjoys lacrosse and rock climbing. Tyler will have out-of-town guests attending his *Bar Mitzvah* from Israel, Florida, California, Georgia, N. Carolina and New York.



**Addison Greenbaum** will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on **March 9**. She is the daughter of **Stacie and Todd Greenbaum**, the sister of Grayson (10) and Londyn (6), and the granddaughter of Sue and Barry Gould, and Nadine and Norman Greenbaum. Addison is a 7th grader at Herbert Hoover Middle School, where her favorite subjects are forensics and math. In her free time, Addison enjoys dance, softball and piano. For her *tzedakah* project, she will be making and selling bracelets and donating the proceeds to a family friend's fundraiser at Children's Hospital, in support of pediatric brain tumor research. Addison will have out-of-town guests attending her *Bat Mitzvah* from California, Philadelphia, New York, New Jersey and Florida.



**Emma Alexandra Lansky** will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on **Shabbat, March 16**. She is the daughter of **Miriam Lansky** and the granddaughter of Anna Lansky and Misha Shroyer. Emma is a 6th grader at Oyster-Adams Bilingual School in Washington, DC, where her favorite subject is science. She also excels at languages and is currently studying Spanish, Russian and Chinese. In her free time, Emma enjoys piano, tennis and caring for animals. Emma will have out-of-town guests attending her *Bat Mitzvah* from New York City, Boston and San Francisco.



**Eli Samuel Anderson** will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on **Shabbat, March 23**. He is the son of **Hava Shirazi and Jonathan Anderson**, the brother of Noa (10), the grandson of Gail and Yashar Shirazi and Judith and Pierre Anderson, and he is the great-grandson of Annabel Sacks. Eli is a 7th grader at Takoma Park Middle School, where his favorite subjects are theater, math and history. In his free time, Eli enjoys Krav Maga, Boy Scouts, soccer and piano. Eli will have out-of-town guests attending his *Bar Mitzvah* from California, Rhode Island, Minnesota, New York, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Arizona.



**Eliss Samuel Parra** will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on **Shabbat, March 30**. He is the son of **Daniel Parra and Rachel Kaufman** and the grandson of Robbie and Diane Kaufman and Alicia Jimenez Candiani. Eli is a 7th grader at Herbert Hoover Middle School, where his favorite subjects are science and history. In his free time, Eli enjoys tennis, drumming and gaming. Eli will have out-of-town guests attending his *Bar Mitzvah* from Mexico, New York, California, Connecticut and New Mexico.



**Sasha Altschuler** will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on **April 13**. She is the daughter of **Randy and Cheryl Altschuler**, the sister of Noah (17) and Matthew (7), and the granddaughter of Sheila Brody and Donald and Yumei Sladkin. She is a 7th grader at The Potomac School, where her favorite subjects are math and science. In her free time, Sasha enjoys piano, fiber arts, basketball and musical theater. Sasha will have out-of-town guests attending her *Bat Mitzvah* from Canada, New York, Pennsylvania, California, Virginia and Germany.



**Aidan Friedman** will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on **April 20**. He is the son of **Joanna and Gregg Friedman**, the brother of Reid (9), and the grandson of Gina Friedman and Claudia and Steve Biegler. Aidan is a 7th grader at Herbert Hoover Middle School, where his favorite subject is PE. In his free time, Aidan enjoys travel, soccer and spending time with friends. Aidan will have out-of-town guests attending his *Bar Mitzvah* from New York, Los Angeles, Florida and Vancouver, Canada.

# NATAN SHARANSKY SPEAKS TO CBT MEMBERS

Monday, January 29th, human rights activist and Jewish hero, Natan Sharansky spoke at a luncheon in DC in appreciation of Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt and his work on behalf of Soviet Jewry and Zionism. He also addressed current developments in Israel and relations between the United States and Israel.



## IN THE CBT FAMILY

### MAZEL TOV TO...

**Roger & Cheri Friedman** on the birth of their grandson, Jacob Hayes Eisenberg  
**Jerry & Toby Ginsburg** on the marriage of their granddaughter Jenna Ehrlich to Corey White  
**Sam & Amanda Bergman** on the birth of their granddaughter  
**Diana & Evan Siegel** on the birth of their grandson Zohar Micah  
**Abigail Weiss & Sam Lipson** on the birth of their daughter Lila Emmy Lipson

### WE MOURN THE PASSING OF

**Stanley Albert**, brother of Barbara Sandler  
**Ralph Ruebner**, father of Rebecca Ruebner  
**Rosalie Herzon Cohen**, wife of Zivan Cohen  
**Elaine Kremens**, mother of Amy Cantor  
**Sondra Consor**, mother of Karen Weinstein  
**Barbara Fenton**, wife of Leslie Fenton

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Samantha and Corey Beck**  
**Bradley and Morgan Bryk**  
**Ariella and Adam Furst**  
**Pamela and Daniel Gottlieb**  
**Harrison and Courtney Halem**  
**Noah and Amy Jaffe**  
**Robyn Segal and Marshall Rifkin**  
**Julia and Jackson Siegal**  
**Ira Steingold**  
**Stephen and Ashley Weiss**  
**Michele and Ian Weisz**

### KIDDUSH SPONSORS

**Melissa and Josh Temkin**, in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Rachel  
**Jenna Ehrlich and Corey White** in honor of their *Auf Ruf*  
**Lauren and Brian Lang**, in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Lucas  
**Margalit and Jason Moche**, in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Olivia  
**Perla Steren**, in honor of the birthday of her daughter, Fabiana Offit  
**Joya & Jason Sherman** in honor of her conversion and *aliyah*

If you would like to sponsor a *kiddush*, contact the office at (301) 299-0225

Join your B'nai Tzedek community for a special morning of Tikkun Olam.

with Symcha & Rabbi Weinblatt!

**Sunday, April 14**  
**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Participate in 2 hours of meaningful hands-on projects for all ages!

Paint and fill flowerpots for the Hebrew Home, prepare meals for local families in need, create "no-sew" blankets for IDF soldiers, and more!

Complimentary lunch sponsored by CBT Brotherhood.

In partnership with Social Action Committee, Inclusion Committee, Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Rabovsky Religious School, The Greenzaid ECC, Israel Affairs & B'nai Boomers

# DONATIONS

## DECEMBER 2023 - JANUARY 2024

### AUGMENTED SECURITY FUND

Alisha Akers  
Marsha and Jerry Scheinman in memory of Gary Seidelman

### BUBES & GREEN FAMILIES YOUTH AND EDUCATION FUND

Stanley & Patricia Beder in memory of Samuel Beder

### CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND

Donna Sullivan Bass and Family in memory of Anita Laura Sullivan  
Donna Sullivan Bass and Family in memory of Michael D. Bass  
Donna Sullivan Bass and Family in memory of James B. Sullivan  
Susan Buczynski for a speedy recovery to Marshall Koonin  
Boris and Tamara Feldblyum in memory of Abram Vizhansky  
Joanne and David Leibowitz in memory of Moises Steren  
Lucy, Brandon, Shruthi and Jared Shapiro in honor of Neil Shapiro's participation in High Holiday services  
John and Lisa Steren in memory of Moises Steren

### CARING/GEMILUT CHESED FUND

Bruce and Carin Cooper in memory of Councilwoman Janice Cooper  
Sharron and Bruce Levine in memory of Moises Steren  
Perla Steren in memory of Jana Rosenberg  
Perla Steren in memory of Jose Wurm  
Perla Steren in appreciation of Cantor Kapell providing support and comfort to our family  
Perla Steren in appreciation of Rabbi Weinblatt providing support and comfort to our family

### ETERNAL LIGHT FUND

Anonymous in honor of Stanley and Tricia Beder  
Avi A Benaim in memory of Remond Benaim  
Alan Blank & Ellyn Sternfield in memory of Moises Steren (z"l)  
Rick & Amy Cantor in memory of Ruth Cantor  
Caryn & Gary Silverman in memory of Elaine Kremens, mother of Amy Cantor  
Caryn & Gary Silverman in honor of the birth of Lila Lipson  
Daniel & Marjorie Druckman in memory of Jean Gartner Kahn & Ronald Kahn  
The Dunie Family in memory of Dr. Moises Steren  
Olivia Easley  
Sheryl and David Friedlander in memory of Josh Berenzweig  
Karen & Jerrold Greenberg in memory of Moises Steren  
The Guardia family in memory of Lewis Greenhouse  
Robert and Dena Hirsh in memory of William Friedman  
Randi & Marty Meyrowitz in appreciation of Rabbi Weinblatt for performing the *Aufruf* for Andrew Meyrowitz & Cassie Harwood

### ETERNAL LIGHT FUND (continued)

Mark & Lauren Miller in honor of Peri Miller's *Bat Mitzvah*  
Pamela Nashman in memory of Moises Steren  
Michael and Gina Pack in appreciation of *Yom Kippur Services*  
Norm Ressin in memory of Harry Ressin, Bea Manck, Ted Jaffe  
ViVi and Art Rosen in memory of Moises Steren  
Neil and Lucy Shapiro in memory of Bernard and Norma Shapiro  
Sheldon Shapiro Charitable Foundation  
Caryn & Gary Silverman in honor of Amy & Rick Cantor's newest grandson, Ezra Cantor LeBlang  
Caryn & Gary Silverman in memory of Dr. M. Steren  
Jan Stropf in memory of Edith Stropf  
Jan Stropf in memory of Matthew Anderson  
Norman & Ronnie Sweed in memory of Sara Sweed & Hyman Sweed  
Carol Urbach Herson in memory of Moshes Steren

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND

The Teplinsky Family in appreciation of the wonderful opportunity for our family to write a letter in the Torah!

### GOLDSTEIN-LEIBOWITZ ADULT ED. FUND

Helene and Rick Goldstein in memory of Edward Snyder

### HIDDUR FUND

Matthew Bogin & Emily Stashower in memory of Henry Bogin  
Matthew Bogin & Emily Stashower in memory of David Stashower

### INCLUSION COMMITTEE FUND

Lisa and Jeff Perlmutter in memory of Moises Steren

### MITZVAH FUND

Barry and Susie Haberman in memory of Moises Steren  
Richard Israel & Carol Preston in memory of Eileen Blaug  
Paula Lowe in memory of Sondra Consor  
Barbara Sandler in honor of her 90th Birthday

### PRAYERBOOK FUND

Stanley & Patricia Beder in memory of Samuel Beder

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Dr. & Mrs. Frank Broner in honor of Rabbi Weinblatt  
Allan & Ada Chandler & Family in honor of Olivia Moche's *Bat Mitzvah*  
Boris and Tamara Feldblyum in memory of Abram Vizhansky  
Lisa & Murry Gunty in honor of Rabbi Weinblatt's leadership  
Abbe Lowell & Molly Meegan in memory of Elaine Kremens  
Marcia Nusgart in memory of Fannye Nusgart  
Ilene Reibstein in honor of Rabbi Weinblatt with thanks for his inspiration, motivation, hope and faith  
Enid Solin in memory of Dr. Michael E. Solin  
John and Lisa Steren in memory of Moises Steren

### SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Marsha and Jerry Scheinman in memory of Bernard Ravitz

### W. LANGFAN ISRAEL FUND

Rick & Amy Cantor in honor of the birth of our grandson, Ezra Cantor LeBlang



The Confirmation Class had a wonderful time in New York with Rabbi Weinblatt visiting the Jewish Heritage Museum, watching the Neil Diamond musical on Broadway, eating Jewish deli and more!

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

KEY: ■ = Events for all ■ = Events for adults ■ = Events for children and families

## MARCH 2024

<b>Friday</b> 5:30 pm <i>Shabbat Dinner for K-2</i> 6:30 pm <i>L'dor Vador, Birthday Blessings Service</i> <b>1</b>	<b>Saturday</b> 12:30 pm <i>Shabbat Torah Study</i> <b>2</b>	<b>Sunday</b> 9:30 am <i>RS Parents &amp; Coffee</i> 11:00 am <i>Brunch in Boca for CBT Members</i> <b>3</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30 pm <i>Book Club: Mrs. Benson's Beetle</i> <b>5</b>	<b>Friday</b> 7:30 pm <i>Scholar in Residence Shabbat Dinner with Rabbi Telushkin</i> <b>8</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 9:30 am <i>Scholar in Residence Shabbat with Rabbi Telushkin</i> <b>9</b>	<b>Sunday</b> 11:00 am <i>Scholar in Residence Brunch with Rabbi Telushkin</i> <b>10</b>	<b>Thursday</b> 10:00 am <i>GECC Pizza Bingo</i> 7:30 pm <i>Congregational Meeting</i> <b>14</b>	<b>Sunday</b> 11:00 am <i>Torah Arrival Celebration</i> <b>17</b>	<b>Thursday</b> 6:15 pm <i>Interfaith Iftar</i> <b>21</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 6:00 pm <i>Purim Celebration</i> <b>23</b>	<b>Thursday</b> 6:30 pm <i>Dinner &amp; Movie Night</i> <b>28</b>	<b>Friday</b> 11:30 am <i>Hazak Event</i> <b>29</b>		

## APRIL 2024

<b>Thursday</b> 5:30 pm <i>Sisterhood Seder</i> <b>4</b>	<b>Friday</b> 6:30 pm <i>L'Dor Vador, Birthday Blessings Service</i> <b>5</b>	<b>Saturday</b> 11am <i>Tot Shabbat with Lisa Baydush</i> 12:30 pm <i>Shabbat Torah Study</i> <b>6</b>	<b>Sunday</b> 11:00 pm <i>Good Deeds Day with Rabbi Stuart &amp; Symcha Weinblatt</i> <b>14</b>
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### COMING SOON:

- 3/28-4/4 *Solidarity Mission to Israel*
- 4/22-4/30 *Passover (see page 11)*
- 5/5 *Yom HaShoah*
- 5/13 *Yom HaZikaron & Yom HaAtzmaut*
- 5/19 *Rabbi Weinblatt's Retirement Gala*

### SERVICES:

- Services- In-person Friday evenings at 6:30 pm, Saturday mornings at 9:30 am
- Wednesday mornings at 8:00 am
- Weekdays (Monday - Thursday) at 7:00 pm on Zoom





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# PURIM @ CBT - SATURDAY, MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>

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| 6:00 PM           | "Breakfast for Dinner" for Everyone  |
| 6:45 PM - 7:10 PM | <i>Purim</i> Sing-Along with Cantor Kapell (Preschool Age)<br>Trivia with Moshe & Ido (Elem. & Religious School Age) |
| 7:10 PM - 7:30 PM | Costume Parade for all   |
| 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM | A "Swiftie" <i>Purim Shpiel</i>  |
| 8:00 PM - 8:15 PM | <i>Hamentashen</i>   |
| 8:15 PM           | Full <i>Megillah</i> Reading<br>followed by Pancakes and Mimosas   |



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