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9 Tammuz 5779

THE WEEKLY VOICE

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Reena is having an amazing experience on Eastern European Israel Pilgrimage. She shared with me this week an experience in Eilat. She and friends were in a Bazaar trying to decide where to go next when a 12-year-old kippah wearing boy approached her and asked, "Why you wear kippah? You no boy!" In his mind, girls don't wear kippot and it is prohibited for a girl to wear a kippah. This conversation in broken Hebrew and English ended with Reena saying, "Because I want to!" and she walked away with her friends. When confronted, she did not shrink or become

defensive about her beliefs instead her attitude was that "I wear my kippah as a proud Jew on a Jewish trip."

This story adds extra meaning to a lesson from this week's Torah portion. We will read about the deaths of Miriam and Aaron and the pronouncement that Moses will never enter the Promised Land as the Wilderness generation of Israelites will do so at the end of their journey. While Aaron's death in this week's Torah reading and Moses's death at the end of Deuteronomy are recorded in detail, Miriam's death is recorded with no detail. We do not know if she had any children because it is not recorded whether she ever married. The Israelites cried and mourned at the passing of Moses and Aaron, the Torah records, "Miriam died there [Kadesh] and was buried there." (Number 20:1). The Israelites don't even mourn her but complain to Moses that the water has disappeared.

Rashi's question is, "Why isn't there more detail?" Rashi's own answer is, "She too died by a [divine] kiss." Why does the text not say, 'by the mouth of the Lord' as it does with Aaron (Numbers 33:38) and Moses? Because this would not show proper respect for God."

Baked into our history, our culture and society are the seeds of inequality which we continue to experience today. Miriam is an accomplished prophet in her own right. She was a great leader, reminding the Israelites to celebrate their safety and escape from Egypt. Her piety ensured the Israelites had water throughout their journey. And it is because of her quick thinking that baby Moses would float down the Nile river and the exodus from Egypt could begin. It is time to change the ingredients and re-bake our history and celebrate the accomplishments of both women and men equally.

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Upcoming Services

Friday, July 12th
Kabbalat Services
8:00 pm

Saturday, July 19th
Shabbat Services
9:30 am

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Friday, July 26th
Kabbalat Services
8:00 pm

Saturday, July 27th
Shabbat Services
9:30 am

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Friday, August 2nd
Kabbalat Services
8:00 pm

Saturday, August 3rd
Shabbat Services
9:30 am

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Cantor Barnett
will be
celebrating Shabbat
with us
on

July 12-13th
July 26-27th
August 8-9th
August 16-17th

Rabbi's Message Continued...

Many have the custom of placing a Miriam's cup on our seder table to recall Miriam's accomplishments and her role in our journey to freedom and the promised land. This past year, CBOI added the matriarchs at the beginning of the Amidah during our prayer service. I resisted the addition for a very long time (there are several people who will confirm that) because I thought it did damage to the literary quality of the prayer but I have come to realize that if we don't change that which was, we can never ensure the equality that will be for women and men. We need to be intentional in our effort to ensure that women and men participate equally in the leadership of our community and that decisions are made in a way that honors all our beliefs and our needs. Equality in religious worship, equality in recognizing the great accomplishments of biblical women fine but that is not enough, equality must be recognized in our workplaces and in our society not as an afterthought but as THE starting point.

The U.S. Law which requires equal funding for women and to allow equal participation is called Title IX. This opened doors for women like the recent World Cup soccer champions, but we are still not there. Equality starts at the beginning when we are intentional. If you have a men's soccer team and women's soccer team, they should receive equal pay, equal time, and equal opportunity without proving their worth or their success. And even more so, when one is successful, they should reap the benefits and be recognized with accolades and compensation to match.

This week, we should mourn Miriam's passing, not as the sister of Moses and Aaron but as a fierce and dedicated leader who worked to meet the needs of her people in her time. With more Miriams, more world class women soccer players and more young women like Reena, we will create a society of equality for all.

**DURING THE SUMMER
THE VOICE WILL
COME OUT EVERY OTHER WEEK.
THIS WEEKS VOICE HAS THE
YAHRZEITS FOR THIS WEEK
AND NEXT WEEK INCLUDED.**



SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS and KOSHER BBQ and Israel Scouts



FRIDAY, AUGUST 9th 2019



**5:45 pm Kosher BBQ Dinner
6:30 pm Israeli Scout Dancers
7:30 pm Shabbat Services**



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Please RSVP by August 2nd
Congregation Brothers of Israel. 530 Washington Crossing Road. Newtown, PA 18940
215 579-2200 www.cboi.org

Name: _____ Number: _____

Adults (\$15) _____ Children 5-12 (6) _____ Children Under 5 Free _____

Number of Vegetarian Meals Requested _____

Check Enclosed: _____ Please put on my account: _____



Meet the Communications Committee

Marketing/PR/CBOI Website

Chaired by Roz Zucker, this Committee consists of Lauri Accardi, Diana Brandani, Michael Dubrow, Donna Nowicki, and Paula Raimondo.

Last year we created an interesting and informative website at **cboi.org**. that has gotten us a very positive response.

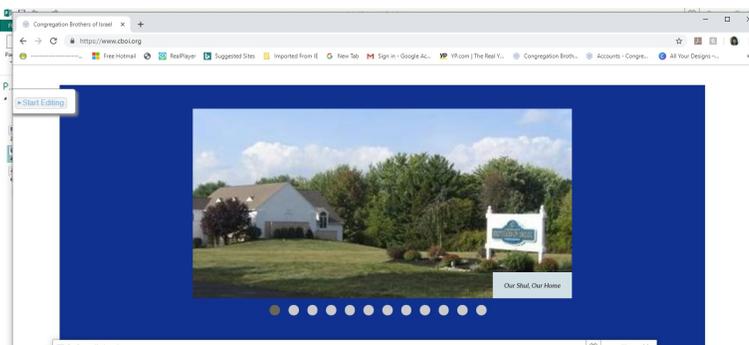
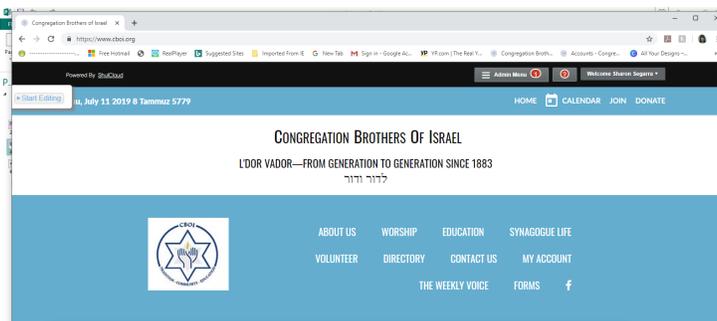
We are hard at work trying to have every aspect of our synagogue life included. Our calendar can be filtered to show Religious School activity &/or General activity. We have sections on Adult Education, Rabbi Gaber's video online learning sessions and Kabbalat Shabbat videos, as well as a page devoted to audio learning of prayers if congregants are called to the Torah for an Aliyah. Our High Holiday Schedule as well as the schedule for Jewish Holidays for 2018-2020 are on the website.

It is easy to log-in to **cboi.org** and find information on your account and have access to our directory. This is only available to members and is not seen by the public. Non-members cannot log-in.

We are constantly updating information for you and all forms are easily found on our website as well.

Besides creating and updating CBOI's website, the Communications Committee makes sure CBOI's presence is publicized throughout Bucks and Mercer Counties.

We create materials to promote the synagogue using both traditional (i.e. newspaper advertisements) and electronic media (Facebook).



SHEVA BRACHOT CELEBRATION FOR BEN & SARAH

*HOST: Rabbi Aaron Gaber & Sharon Bromberg
267-364-5750*

*WHEN: Tuesday, August 20th
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM*

*WHERE: Congregation Brothers of Israel
530 Washington Crossing Road
Newtown, PA 18940*



You are invited to join us for a casual BBQ dinner as we celebrate Benjamin and Sarah's wedding. The Jewish custom is to treat the bride and groom like a queen and king for seven days following the wedding. They are invited to dine at the home of a different friend or relative on each night. These festive meals are called "Sheva Brachot."

Following dinner, the seven blessings that are recited under the chuppa are recited again—as long as a minyan is present and there is at least one new person (who hadn't been at the wedding) present. The idea of the dinners is to have real community celebrations for the couple. (Adapted from Jewish Learning Library)

We hope you will join us.

Rsvp to rabbi.gaber@cboi.org or call the office



**Must order by
July 17th**

**Congregation
Brothers of Israel
Men's Club**

\$10. per person
tickets will not be saved
without payment



TRENTON THUNDER vs. BOWIE BAYSOCKS

August 8th ~ 7:00 pm
Jewish Heritage Night
Thirsty Thursday
Fireworks

Drop off or mail checks to office
Checks made out to CBOI Men's Club
For more information contact Mike Dubrow at
MDubrow344@aol.com

**Please take some time
to look over your
Membership Packet
and send back the
forms.**



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Enrollment
2019-2020

**2% discount
for dues
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**You can now
register your child
for the
Rabbi Howard Hersch
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On-Line**



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cboi.org**

**Join the Bucks County
Jewish Community for a special
TISHA B'AV service
Saturday, August 10, 2019**

**Time: 9 pm
with Havdalah,
followed by services**

**Location: Ohev Shalom,
944 2nd Street Pike
Richboro, PA 18954
Led by Bucks county
clergy**

**Feel free to contact Cantor Ocanto-Romo for
questions or for more information,
215-322-9595 ext 131 or cantorocanto@gmail.com**

Ohev Shalom celebrates the uniqueness of each individual and family and welcomes diversity within our secret community



Yahrzeits

July 7th—July 13th

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| Rae | Abramson | 4 Tammuz |
| Rebecca Leah | Deitz | 4 Tammuz |
| Anna | Feuerstein | 4 Tammuz |
| Sarah | Gerofsky | 4 Tammuz |
| Helen | Held | 4 Tammuz |
| Stephen | Kaskey | 4 Tammuz |
| Jerri | Mandell | 4 Tammuz |
| Eric | Rau | 4 Tammuz |
| Sarah | Alkanati | 5 Tammuz |
| Hannah Bella | Lentz | 5 Tammuz |
| Harry | Olitsky | 5 Tammuz |
| Kate | Wineberg | 6 Tammuz |
| Jean Siegle | Wollner | 6 Tammuz |
| Sarah | Alexander | 7 Tammuz |
| Esther | Arwas | 8 Tammuz |
| Albert H. | Millner | 8 Tammuz |
| Frank Jack | Weinstein | 8 Tammuz |
| Joseph | Alexander | 9 Tammuz |
| Nancy | Altman | 9 Tammuz |
| Beatrice | Cohen | 9 Tammuz |
| Ida | Kessel | 9 Tammuz |
| Louis | Zimskind | 9 Tammuz |

Yahrzeits

July 14th—July 20th



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| Faith | Gaber | 13 Tammuz |
| Kay Gertrude | Halpern | 13 Tammuz |
| Rose | Tarshis | 13 Tammuz |
| Henrich | Hofman | 14 Tammuz |
| David | Lavine | 14 Tammuz |
| Libby | Rosenfeld | 14 Tammuz |
| Ida Factor | Caplin | 15 Tammuz |
| Alan F. | Markovitz | 16 Tammuz |
| Adrienne | Cuttler | 16 Tammuz |
| George | Nowicki | 16 Tammuz |
| Barbara | Palefsky | 16 Tammuz |
| Sidney | Sagotsky | 16 Tammuz |
| Aaron | Davids | 17 Tammuz |

Donations

We thank you for your generosity

Berger Memorial Fund

Gloria Berger
In memory of Harris Myers
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Caring Committee Fund

Donna and Seymour Nowicki
In memory of Ruth Segen

Janet Barudin

In memory of Harris Myers
Get well wishes to Hilarie Altman
Get well wishes to Joan Hersch
Get well wishes to Francesca Axe
Thinking of you to Gloria Berger
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Chasin Fund

Rabbi Howard and Joan Hersch
In honor of the marriage of Zeva Young
In memory of Bonnie Kellner
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Education Fund

Donna and Seymour Nowicki
In memory of Harris Myers
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General Fund

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In memory of Harris Myers
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Marci Scharf Fund

Joyce and Martin Gometz
Thank you for all the misheberachs

Barbara and Sandy Dash
In memory of Harris Myers
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Weiner Scholarship Fund

Judi and Fred Young
In memory of Harris Myers

Maxine and Brian Goldsmith
In honor of the marriage of Zeva Young
In memory of Bonnie Kellner

*Our condolences go out to
Carrie Packer and her family on
the passing of her sister
Bonnie Kellner*

Congregation Brothers of Israel

July 2019

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 28 Sivan | 2 29 Sivan | 3 30 Sivan Rosh Chodesh Tammuz | 4 1 Tammuz Rosh Chodesh Tammuz | 5 2 Tammuz Kabbalat Shabbat Servi. 8:00p Candle Lighting 8:15p | 6 3 Tammuz Korach Shabbat Services 9:30a Havdalah 9:22p |
| | Sunrise: 5:34a Sunset: 8:33p | Sunrise: 5:34a Sunset: 8:33p | Sunrise: 5:35a Sunset: 8:33p | Sunrise: 5:35a Sunset: 8:33p | Sunrise: 5:36a Sunset: 8:33p | Sunrise: 5:36a Sunset: 8:32p |
| 7 4 Tammuz | 8 5 Tammuz | 9 6 Tammuz Executive Committee 7:00p Me. | 10 7 Tammuz Talmud Class 11:00a | 11 8 Tammuz | 12 9 Tammuz Kabbalat Shabbat Servi. 8:00p Candle Lighting 8:12p | 13 10 Tammuz Chukat Shabbat Services 9:30a Havdalah 9:19p |
| Sunrise: 5:37a Sunset: 8:32p | Sunrise: 5:38a Sunset: 8:32p | Sunrise: 5:38a Sunset: 8:31p | Sunrise: 5:39a Sunset: 8:31p | Sunrise: 5:40a Sunset: 8:30p | Sunrise: 5:40a Sunset: 8:30p | Sunrise: 5:41a Sunset: 8:29p |
| 14 11 Tammuz | 15 12 Tammuz | 16 13 Tammuz | 17 14 Tammuz Talmud Class 11:00a | 18 15 Tammuz | 19 16 Tammuz Kabbalat Shabbat Servi. 8:00p Candle Lighting 8:08p | 20 17 Tammuz Balak Shabbat Services 9:30a Havdalah 9:15p |
| Sunrise: 5:42a Sunset: 8:29p | Sunrise: 5:42a Sunset: 8:28p | Sunrise: 5:43a Sunset: 8:28p | Sunrise: 5:44a Sunset: 8:27p | Sunrise: 5:45a Sunset: 8:27p | Sunrise: 5:46a Sunset: 8:26p | Sunrise: 5:46a Sunset: 8:25p |
| 21 18 Tammuz Fast of Tammuz Caring Committee Goes . 2:00p | 22 19 Tammuz | 23 20 Tammuz Board of Trustees Meet. 7:00p | 24 21 Tammuz Talmud Class 11:00a | 25 22 Tammuz | 26 23 Tammuz Kabbalat Shabbat Servi. 8:00p Candle Lighting 8:02p | 27 24 Tammuz Pinchas Shabbat Mevarchim Shabbat Services 9:30a Havdalah 9:09p |
| Sunrise: 5:47a Sunset: 8:24p | Sunrise: 5:48a Sunset: 8:24p | Sunrise: 5:49a Sunset: 8:23p | Sunrise: 5:50a Sunset: 8:22p | Sunrise: 5:51a Sunset: 8:21p | Sunrise: 5:52a Sunset: 8:20p | Sunrise: 5:53a Sunset: 8:19p |
| 28 25 Tammuz | 29 26 Tammuz | 30 27 Tammuz | 31 28 Tammuz Talmud Class 11:00a | | | |
| Sunrise: 5:53a Sunset: 8:18p | Sunrise: 5:54a Sunset: 8:17p | Sunrise: 5:55a Sunset: 8:16p | Sunrise: 5:56a Sunset: 8:15p | | | |