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THE WEEKLY VOICE

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The Hebrew month of Elul is in full swing. Students have returned to school. We are ramping up for the High Holidays and everything has gotten busier. If you visit CBOI's office, you will notice that we have been hard at work reorganizing and cleaning out the office. Freeing up space, digitizing records and mostly recognizing that every so often, it is important to remove the "stuff" so we can find the treasures which exist in our lives.

The Jewish rituals of Elul are very similar. Each morning (except for Shabbat), we sound the shofar to remind us that our very personal work of *teshuvah* (repentance) has begun with an examination of our souls. In addition to sounding the shofar each day, we now include *Psalm* 27 in our daily prayers. It opens with, "*Adonai is the foundation of my life. Whom shall I dread?*" We focus a whole month on an examination of our souls and an evaluation of our past year, because it takes time to recognize that for some God is at the foundation of our lives. And for others, including myself, I believe that there is a strong value system at my core. But that core value system and faith ebbs and flows as we encounter different trials in our lives. Today, more so, as we are bombarded with social media, 24-hour news cycles, rhetoric which challenges what we believe and constant pressure to believe THIS or believe THAT without any option to believe parts of both. The Shofar is a daily reminder that we should wrestle with and pay attention to all of these incoming messages but to do so with a sense of cleaning out the "stuff" that exists in our world so we can return to our core beliefs and foundational value system. By returning to those foundations, we continue to grow as a person recognizing our failings and giving us permission to forgive ourselves and seek the strength to change. Whom shall I dread? Only the person we used to be if we allow it to prevent us from becoming a new self in the new year to come.

I wish each of us the ability to clean out the "stuff" and find the treasure of spiritual growth in this month and in the year to come.

Shabbat Shalom

Upcoming Services

Friday, September 6th
Kabbalat Services
8:00 pm

Saturday, September 7th
Shabbat Services
9:30 am
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Friday, September 13th
Tot Shabbat 6:00 pm
Kabbalat Services
8:00 pm

Saturday, September 14th
Shabbat Services
9:30 am
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Friday, September 20th
Kabbalat Services
8:00 pm
Cantor Barnett
Will be joining us

Saturday, September 21st
Shabbat Services
9:30 am
Cantor Barnett
Will be joining us

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Friday, September 27th
Kabalat Services
8:00 PM

Saturday, September 28th
Shabbat Services
9:30 AM

CONGREGATION BROTHERS OF ISRAEL

Rabbi Howard Hersch Religious School

Back to Shul Brunch

SUNDAY, September 15th 10:00am

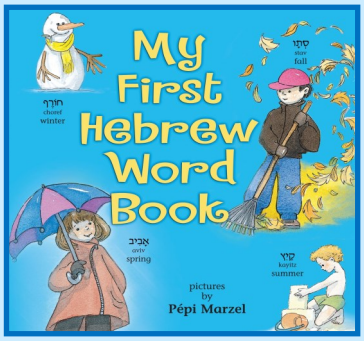
ALL ARE WELCOME

DON'T JUST DROP OFF.....*DROP IN!*

Mingle, eat, meet the staff and find out what will be happening this coming year!

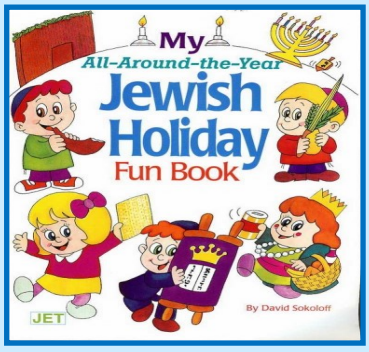
Parents will have opportunity to meet their child's teachers!!

Important Back to School Dates



*** First Day of Sunday School**
(grades 2-7th)
Sunday, September 8th

*** First Day of Hebrew School**
Wednesday, September 11th



*** First Day of Sunday School**
(1st grade)
Sunday, September 15th

RABBI HOWARD HERSCH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Bucks County's Hidden Treasure

If you know anyone interested
in our
Wonderful Hebrew school

Have them contact Joan Hersch,
Education Director
at 267-980-7500.

Lend Us Your Voice

JOIN THE CHOIR

If you are interested in joining the CBOI High Holiday Choir Please contact Ellen Weiner at 267 392-5642.

Choir rehearsals will be Tuesday evenings at 7:30 at the synagogue, starting on August 27th.

You do not need to read Hebrew to participate in the choir.

Help build the Sukkah

Men, Women, Young Adults
Please come out and help support the Men's Club

Moving the materials to the site (Gan Mayim) on Wednesday, October 2nd at 4:30 PM
Building the Sukkah on Friday, October 4th at 9:30 AM

Join Rabbi Gaber, keynote speaker, as the African Christian Congregation Stands in Support of Israel.

SAVE THE DATE

Please help a fellow congregant.

Jim Wartenberg is asking members if they could please join him for an unveiling service, for his beloved Susan.

October 20th at 1:00 pm.
King David Cemetery,
Bensalem, PA.
He has a very small family, and needs help with a minyan.

This year we are collecting the following items:

Kosher Canned Beans

Kosher Nut Butters

Kosher Canned Fish

All food must be unopened and have a future expiration date.

NO bulk or glass items, pasta, grains, cereal or crackers.

YOU can make a difference.

Nourish families in need by participating in the High Holiday Food Drive.

Over 11,000 Jewish families in Philadelphia struggle with food insecurity.

3,500 families are fed by your donations.

5 months of food pantry stock is supplied by this drive.

DROP OFF YOUR HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DONATIONS TO:

Click here and start typing drop-off details here...

Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia
Mitzvah Food Program

Questions about the High Holiday Food Drive or the Mitzvah Food Program?
Contact: 215.832.0509 or mitzvahfoodprogram@jewishphilly.org

For a list of kosher symbols and other information, visit jewishphilly.org/fooddrive

Donate today, and give millions of Americans a sweet New Year - where they are not forgotten, not ignored, and certainly not hungry.

MAZON | A Jewish Response To Hunger

(800) 813-0557 | mazon.org

Join
CBOI Sisterhood for the season's opening meeting

530 Washington Crossing Rd.
Newtown, Pa 18940

Thursday, Sept 19 @ 7 pm

Ellen Weiner's Home
1665 Manion Drive, Yardley, PA 19067
(Park on Roosevelt Drive if there are no spaces at house)
RSVP to the office: Christina.Scordia@CBOI.org

All are invited to share some sweets,
friends old and new,
welcoming the Jewish New Year

A wake up call?
How should we prepare for
Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur?
How do you?

SELICHOT

B'Kol Echad

As one voice, the Bucks County Kehillah joins together for a community Selichot Program 8:30 PM on September 21, 2019 at Congregation Tifereth Israel in Bensalem.

Our program features Avi Lieberman, comedian and entertainer, who will speak about his documentary, "Land of Milk and Funny" and provide us with insights as to how a religious Jew becomes a stand-up comedian.

This program will be followed by our Community Selichot Service.

The Micah Initiative 6:8

Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God

Teen Leadership Training for 11th & 12th Graders

COME TOGETHER TO SOCIALIZE & LEARN

Confirmation is over, yet you still want some type of Jewish connection to socialize, discuss issues and have meaningful experiences with your Jewish peers...

This program, brought to you by the Bucks County Rabbinic Council in partnership with local synagogues has everything you are looking for!

- 2-year community based program
- Meet 6 times per year – rotating locations
- Yearly Shabbat dinner
- Social justice conference
- Volunteer opportunities
- College prep advice and materials
- Connecting with fellow Jewish teens

Contact your Rabbi for more information or Barbara Glickman at micahinitiative@gmail.com and 267-980-6178

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Yahrzeits

September 1st thru September 7th

1 Elul	Elinor Schuster
1 Elul	David Silverstein
	Anna Kopelman
2 Elul	Sarah Asnin
2 Elul	Elliott Arthur Finkle
2 Elul	Frida Lessem
2 Elul	Rebecca Balcher
2 Elul	Elliott Arthur Finkle
2 Elul	Irwin Weinstein
3 Elul	Irving Hirsch
3 Elul	Jennie Wolk
4 Elul	Charles Hirsch
4 Elul	Kitty Fink
4 Elul	Barbara Tyger
5 Elul	Gloria Gasman
6 Elul	Matthew Katz
6 Elul	Martin Rogoff
6 Elul	Benjamin Applebaum
6 Elul	Martin Rogoff
6 Elul	Kate Goldberg
7 Elul	Nathan Ring

Condolences
to
Sharon and Richard Segarra
On the passing of his mother
Joan Fremer

Donations
We thank you for your generosity

Alvin Berger Memorial Fund
Gloria Berger
In Memory of Richard Segarra's mother, Joan Fremer

Chasin Fund
Frances Rubin
Get well wishes to Rabbi Hersch
Martha Friedman
Get well wishes to Rabbi Hersch
Diane Kemeny & Ali, Dustin and Charlotte Hays
Get well wishes to Rabbi Hersch
Maxine & Brian Goldsmith
Get well wishes to Rabbi Hersch
Phylis Warshafsky
Get well wishes to Rabbi & Joan Hersch

Education Fund
Erich Barash
In honor of Tilli Brandani's Bat Mitzvah
Donna & Seymour Nowicki
n honor of Tilli Brandani's Bat Mitzvah
Rosalyn & Sheldon Zucker
Get well wishes to Rabbi Hersch
Phylis Warshafsky
Get well wishes to Francesca Axe

General Fund
Erich Barash
To welcome Cantor Barnett
Get well wishes to Rabbi Hersch
Gizelle Kauf
Get well wishes to Rabbi and Joan Hersch
Maxine and Brian Goldsmith
In Memory of Richard Segarra's mother, Joan Fremer
Phylis Warshafsky
In Memory of Richard Segarra's mother, Joan Fremer

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
Rosalyn & Sheldon Zucker
In honor of the marriage of Benjamin Bromberg Gaber to Sarah Shapiro
Phylis Warshafsky
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Millie Minsky Media Fund
Rabbi and Joan Hersch
In honor of Leora Charlotte Minsky

Congregation Brothers of Israel September 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 *1 Elul* **Rosh Chodesh Elul**	**2** *2 Elul*	**3** *3 Elul* Choir Practice 7:30p	**4** *4 Elul* Talmud Class 11:00a Faculty Meeting 4:30p	**5** *5 Elul*	**6** *6 Elul* Candle Lighting 7:06p Kabbalat Shabbat Servi. 8:00p	**7** *7 Elul* **Shoftim** Shabbat Services 9:30a Havdalah 8:12p
8 *8 Elul* Sunday School 9:15a	**9** *9 Elul*	**10** *10 Elul* Leisure Club 10:00a Executive Committee M. 7:00p Choir Practice 7:30p	**11** *11 Elul* Talmud Class 11:00a Hebrew School 5:00p,5:00p	**12** *12 Elul*	**13** *13 Elul* Candle Lighting 6:54p Kabbalat Shabbat Servi. 8:00p	**14** *14 Elul* **Ki Teitzei** Shabbat Services 9:30a Havdalah 8:01p
15 *15 Elul* Opening/Back to Shul B. 9:15a Sunday School 9:15a Caring Committee visit. 2:00p	**16** *16 Elul*	**17** *17 Elul* Choir Practice 7:30p	**18** *18 Elul* Talmud Class 11:00a Hebrew School 5:00p,5:00p	**19** *19 Elul* Sisterhood Kickoff Eve. 7:00p	**20** *20 Elul* Candle Lighting 6:43p Kabbalat Shabbat Servi. 8:00p	**21** *21 Elul* **Ki Tavo** Shabbat Services 9:30a Havdalah 7:49p
22 *22 Elul* Presentation 1st Mitzvah Project (Religious School) Sunday School 9:15a,9:15a Minyan 9:20a Communications C. 9:30a	**23** *23 Elul*	**24** *24 Elul* Board of Trustees Meet. 7:00p Choir Practice 7:30p	**25** *25 Elul* Talmud Class 11:00a Hebrew School 5:00p,5:00p	**26** *26 Elul*	**27** *27 Elul* Candle Lighting 6:31p Kabbalat Shabbat Servi. 8:00p	**28** *28 Elul* **Nitzavim** Shabbat Services 9:30a Havdalah 7:37p
29 *29 Elul* **Erev Rosh Hashana** Minyan 9:20a Candle Lighting 6:28p	**30** *1 Tishrei* **Rosh Hashana** **Tashlich** Candle Lighting 7:26p					