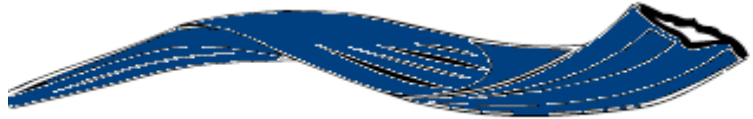


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Monthly Newsletter of the Monterey Peninsula Jewish Community

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**AUG
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Fiddler on the Roof

**AUG
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CBI Annual Meeting

**AUG
13**

CBI Speaker Series

**AUG
13**

**The Addams Family at
Forest Theater**

**AUG
17**

**CBI Speaker Series
With Mark Cary**

**AUG
19**

Havdalah on the Beach

**AUG
20**

Last Zumba of the Summer

**AUG
27**

Jewish Food Festival



Jewish Food Festival 2023

In Person & Drive-Thru

Sunday, August 27

We are less than a month away from this year's Jewish Food Festival, and we are delighted to be back in person. Preparations are well underway for a fantastic onsite festival (we will still offer a convenient drive-thru option).

I wonder if the founders knew what they were starting back in 1988. From what I hear, the first Jewish Food Festival was three tables in CBI's upper parking lot. Who would have thought that more than 30 years later we would be back to our roots in the upper parking lot, for our first hybrid event?

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Have You Registered for Our Innovative Hesed Academy?

Rabbi Greenbaum and Cantor Alisa look forward to welcoming you and your family to Hesed Academy beginning on September 10. The calendar, curriculum information, registration forms, and scholarship applications are all available on our website, CarmelBethIsrael.Org or [here](#). Remember, there is an early-bird discount for those who register before August 10.

See you in September!

ANNUAL MEETING

Join us on Sunday, August 6 at 5:00 pm
All Members in Good Standing are Invited



From the Rabbi's Desk

For many of you reading this month's message, this will be old news. At our CBI Board of Trustees meeting this past June, I announced my plans to retire at the end of June 2025. My contract with Congregation Beth Israel

requires a minimum of 18 months' notice, allowing plenty of time for CBI to plan for its future. By my having made the decision now, CBI will have even more time to prepare for this significant change.

To answer some of the questions I have already been asked, yes, Susan and I plan to remain on the Monterey Peninsula. We love our home, our community, and our many friends here. We will continue as members of CBI, and I am committed to supporting our congregation and the new rabbi as much as possible. Wanting to support whoever the congregation hires, I will participate as much or as little as the clergy team requests. I certainly do not want to interfere with the new rabbi's role at CBI.

And, yes, it is time for me to step down as the senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel. By the end of June 2025, I will have served CBI for 31 years and worked as a rabbi for 38 years. Over my time on the Monterey Peninsula, I have officiated at approximately 300 student B'nai Mitzvah and 150 weddings and conducted over half the funerals of those people buried in Gan HaZikaron, CBI's Jewish cemetery. Joining with so many of you in these sacred life cycle moments has been most meaningful for me.

Since arriving in Carmel, I have shared approximately 1600 sermons, written 360 Shofar messages, and led thousands of religious school programs. I do not know how many candy bars I have handed out for birthdays and anniversaries or how many bagels I have picked up for Shabbat studies and Sunday school snacks.

Nothing will change over the next two years. And, starting in July 2025, hopefully you will see me often on the tennis court or at the gym or walking around our beautiful trails with Susan. Maybe you will read a published book containing Moshe the Monkey stories for each Torah parsha. I pray that, working with CBI's leadership, together we will make this transition a healthy process with minimal stress for all of us. Amen.



From Cantor Alisa

In the month of August, our Jewish calendar helps us transition from mourning the losses suffered by the Jewish people throughout our history to comfort, hope, and rebuilding. Our ritual calendar is also meant to help

us reflect on the story of our lives, providing meaning, hope after loss, and rebuilding after destruction. No matter how distant we may feel from a world filled with justice and compassion, we are instructed to act justly, to walk a path of blessing and gratitude, and to remember we are not alone.

The month of *Elul* (which begins on August 19 this year on our Gregorian calendar) offers us the opportunity to tap into this knowing more fully, to feel that we are supported and loved by a "never-ending love." The Rabbis say that E-L-U-L is an acronym for *Ani l'dodi v'dodi li*—"I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine"—which is a verse from the Song of Songs, the love poetry of the *Tanakh*. The month of *Elul* is a time for opening up more fully to the truth that we are a part of a love that holds this world together, that we are interdependent, and that our existence depends on forces beyond ourselves. When we take time to pause in this knowing, how can we not feel a sense of awe and wonder? This is the work of *t'shuvah*, the practice of turning and returning to a deeper sense of connection, to gratitude, to longing, and to who we really are. This is the preparation for *Yamim Nora'im*—the Days of Awe, our High Holy Day season.

On Friday nights during the month of *Elul*, beginning with *erev Shabbat* on August 18 and continuing through the High Holy Days, CBI will use a special prayerbook, the *Mishkan HaLev* (sanctuary of the heart), to prime and prepare us for the approaching Days of Awe. May all our *Shabbat* gatherings throughout *Elul* bring us a deeper sense of connection and well-being, grounded in a love that reveals itself in every breath we take.

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For those interested in learning more about preparation for the High Holy Days, please check out Rabbi Simon Jacobson's book, *60 Days, A Spiritual Guide to the High Holy Days* from Kiyum Press, and Rabbi Alan Lew's book, *This is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared—The Days of Awe as a Journey of Transformation*, Little, Brown and Company.



Family Shabbat Outdoor Services

Join us again on CBI's backyard basketball court for our *Erev Shabbat* family service on **August 4**. Our family-friendly service begins at **6:00 pm**; Rabbi Bruce will offer birthday blessings and Moshe the Monkey will help the Rabbi tell a story in lieu of his regular sermon. (CBI's playground will be open for children who may need to play quietly during parts of our service.) Be sure to dress warmly (or in layers) as the evenings can get chilly. After our *Erev Shabbat* service, we will enjoy an *oneg* in our social hall. If possible, please come 10-15 minutes early to take a few chairs down to the basketball court. And, at the close of our service, we hope that many volunteers will help to return our chairs and *siddurim* (prayer books) to the social hall.



It's that time of year again. Each year we must elect a new Board of Trustees, present the budget for the upcoming fiscal year to

the Congregation, and handle various other matters that ensure the continued smooth operation of our beloved CBI. This year's meeting will take place at CBI on **Sunday, August 6 at 11 am**. In person attendance will be rewarded with a delicious nosh.

Our agenda includes "State of the Synagogue" reports by Rabbi Bruce and leaders of our Congregation, and we will also honor some of our dedicated volunteers. Our president, Malina Breaux, will discuss our rabbinical transition process and present plans for exciting building improvements.

The meeting is open to all members in good standing (those who have submitted a 2023-24

pledge) and we ask that you register in advance. To attend in person, please register online at [CBI Annual Meeting](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/84461200000) or call the CBI office. Our Bylaws require a quorum of 10% of our total membership. To attend on Zoom please register via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/84461200000>

Remember, to be eligible to vote we must receive your 2023-24 pledge by no later than August 3.

Copies of the 2023-24 budget are available for review upon request to CBI staff.

Please see the meeting agenda and proposed slate of officers on page 10



Lunch with our Clergy

Join Rabbi Greenbaum on Thursday, **August 10 at noon** at Baja Cantina, located about a mile east of CBI. This month, we will explore "The Flow of the Jewish Calendar." Are the High Holy Days early or late this year? Which Jewish holiday is the most important? Why do we have three pilgrimage festivals? Why is the Jewish calendar year 5783 (almost 5784)? Register online and come prepared to join our discussion. We will order off the regular menu so lunch will cost around \$20.



Tikkun Olam Opportunities This August

On **Saturday, August 12 at 9:00 am**, if you are not attending Michael Tamler's *bar mitzvah*, join CBI

members and other community residents at the monthly Southern Carmel River State Beach cleanup, organized by California State Parks. Meet at the intersection of Ribera Road and Cuesta Way. We will be weeding invasive mustard and radish and, if conditions are right, we may also do some seed collecting to support restoration. Supplies will be provided. Note that restrooms are not easily accessible. Children ages ten and up are welcome.

CBI Volunteers Needed. Did you know that CBI is a founding member of Jews Christians and Moslems United (JCMU) against food insecurity on the Monterey Peninsula? JCMU needs volunteers every Thursday afternoon at Epiphany Lutheran & Episcopal Church,

425 Carmel Ave. in Marina to assist with the preparation and handing out of over 100 dinners each week. Two-hour shifts are available from 1:00-6:00 pm. Please contact Rabbi Bruce directly if you are interested in helping JCMU help our neighbors.

Did you know that CBI is also a founding member of the Interfaith Outreach Council, which operates the Joining Hands Benefit Shop at 26358 Carmel Rancho Lane in Carmel? Joining Hands is staffed almost exclusively by volunteers and, from the store's proceeds in 2022, donated almost \$130,000 last year to organizations that provide resources for our homeless population and work to reduce homelessness in Monterey County. Joining Hands is open every day except Sunday from 10:00 am-4:00 pm and is always looking for volunteers to staff two- or three-hour shifts.



Zumba in August

Zumba will meet on Sunday morning, **August 20**, at **10:00 am** in the CBI Social Hall. Join CBI member and certified Zumba instructor

Tracy Richards for an exhilarating 45-minute Zumba class. Suggested donation of \$36 to CBI for three months—register online at www.carmelbethisrael.org. All ages and fitness levels welcome! Note that this will be our last Zumba class this summer; details to come re: our fall class schedule.



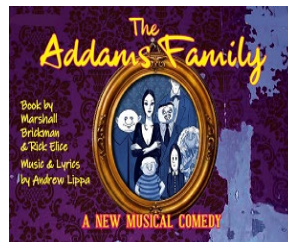
CBI presents its second free Speaker Series event at CBI on **Sunday, Aug. 13 from 10:30 am – noon**. a bagel brunch will be served. Advance registration appreciated so that we know how much food to buy!

On **Thursday evening, Aug. 17 at 7:00 pm**, Mark Cary, a humanitarian activist working on the ground in war-torn Ukraine (Mark just returned in July from his latest trip) and former Marine and Border Patrol Officer, will speak at CBI about his ongoing efforts to directly support the

people of Ukraine. Mark first went to Ukraine in April 2022 and has since returned multiple times with medical supplies and humanitarian aid. Currently, Mark and other volunteers from all around the world plan to assist with the funding and design of mobile schoolhouses to shuttle among villages on the Dnipro



River that were damaged during the recent flood and are under constant shelling. In Mark's own words, "I don't feel like I can sit back and do nothing while people's entire lives are being destroyed. And if I can help someone and have an impact, I believe that is a way to help heal the world." Please join us for this important presentation.



Enjoy The Addams Family, a Fun-Filled Musical for the Whole Family!

On **Sunday afternoon, August 13 at 4:00 pm**, bring your entire family and join other CBI members for Pac Rep's performance of The Addams Family, a comical feast, at the Outdoor Forest Theater in Carmel (Santa Rita St. and Mountain View Ave.). CBI will provide light refreshments and has reserved forty discounted tickets for this event. Purchase your tickets by August 3. at www.carmelbethisrael.org; adults and seniors: \$38, teens 13-18: \$18, children 12 and under: \$11, teachers and military: \$28.



Insure the future of CBI by leaving a gift in your will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy.



Havdalah on the Beach

Join us on **Saturday evening, August 19** for *Havdalah* on Carmel Beach, just

below 13th Avenue (look for Rabbi Bruce and his dog Mazik). Our *Havdalah* service begins at 7:00 pm but feel free to come early with a picnic dinner. CBI provides a propane fire pit and s'mores for all-- bring warm clothes, beach toys, a blanket and/or beach chairs, and musical instruments. Everyone is welcome, including the family dog! Note that there will be no *Havdalah* on the Beach service in September—we hope that everyone will join us on Carmel Beach for our *Tashlich* service on Rosh Hashanah afternoon, Sept. 16.



BEST YEARS

Best Years Pre-JFF Volunteer Day

Most Best Years gatherings find us enjoying a meal together or going to a special site or learning with an interesting guest speaker. This month we are asking Best Years members to volunteer to do some work supporting our annual Jewish Food Festival. Join us on Saturday afternoon, **August 26 at 1:00** to package cookies and chopped liver and matzoh balls! All Best Years volunteers will be rewarded with a variety of delicious snack foods and desserts and maybe even a bagel sandwich! Join the throngs of people who make our Jewish Food Festival a huge success. To RSVP to join our JFF Saturday afternoon volunteer group, call the CBI office at 831-624-2015. Also, let us know if you need a ride to and from the synagogue.

Kolot HaLev to Enhance August 18

Erev Shabbat Services. Cantor Alisa Fineman will lead CBI's erev Shabbat services on **Friday evening, August 18 at 7:30 pm**, accompanied by CBI's song circle. Join us for these musically-inspired services.

Gan HaZikaron

Care of our Jewish Cemetery

As many of you know, CBI owns a section of Mission Memorial Park in Sand City and our Jewish cemetery, Gan HaZikaron, requires our care and attention. We seek a few CBI members to volunteer for an hour or so each month to maintain our grave markers and open space by removing old flowers and debris and relocating displaced stones. If you can assist us in this holy task, please call the CBI office.

CBI Book Club



Here are our next dates and book selections:

August 8, 1:30 pm home of Marva Hoffman (RSVP to marvabeth@sbcglobal.net for directions). Book: THE DAUGHTER'S TALE by Armando Lucas Correa

September 12, 1:30 pm, home of Karen Wiskoff (RSVP to wiskoff@aol.com for directions). Book: THE OPPERMANNs by Lion Feuchtwanger

October 10, 1:30 pm, Canterbury Woods, hosted by Margaret Goodman and Arlyne Garde (RSVP to messgwg@gmail.com for directions). Book: THE LATECOMER by Jean Hanff Korelitz



CBI Goes Back to Israel in 2024!

Rabbi Bruce and Susan Greenbaum will lead one more community trip to Israel in either June or October 2024. Every day will be filled with amazing sights, breathtaking views, meaningful experiences, and sacred moments. We will stay in four-star hotels, eat delicious meals, and celebrate our time in Israel. Highlights will include swimming in the Dead Sea, touring Masada, walking along the walls of Jerusalem, and visiting the *Kotel* (Western Wall). If you have never visited Israel or are eager to return, call Rabbi Bruce as soon as possible to let him know if you prefer June or October for this incredible Israel experience.



Upcoming September Events

CBI High Holy Days Food Drive—the Food Bank for Monterey County needs our help! Every year, CBI

supports the many people facing food insecurity in Monterey County and we hope to make this our biggest year of donations ever! Look for our CBI High Holy Days food drive flyer in the September Shofar and deliver your donations to the barrels located in CBI's foyer. Monetary donations are always welcome—with every \$1 donated, the Food Bank distributes \$5 worth of food. Donate at www.foodbankformontereycounty.org or bring a check payable to Food Bank for Monterey County to the CBI office. Thank you in advance for your generous support in fulfilling this wonderful *mitzvah*!

On Saturday evening, September 9, CBI will hold its annual *Selichot* (forgiveness) service in preparation for the High Holy Days. Details to follow.

On Sunday afternoon, September 10, beginning at noon, CBI will hold an Open House to mark the start of another wonderful year at Hesed Academy and to invite the community to join us for the High Holy Days, which begin on Friday evening, September 15. Details to follow—please invite anyone in your social and professional circles who may be interested in exploring our thriving Jewish community this year.

Save the Date for the Women's *Shabbaton*: The Women's *Shabbaton* returns to CBI on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10:00 am – 2:30 pm, led by Cantor Alisa Fineman and Rabbi Sarah Schechter. For over two decades (our own Beryl Levinger led what may have been the first such gathering in 2005), CBI has supported the desire of CBI women to pray and study together in a more intimate setting. This year, we are reviving this wonderful tradition during the holiday of Sukkot and hope to bring together CBI women of all

ages for a day of spirituality and study. Details to follow.

Save the Date for an Evening in our *Sukkah*: On Saturday evening, Sept. 30, CBI invites all its adult members to join us in the *Sukkah* for wine, cheese, and chocolate! Start off your 5784 by gathering with old friends and meeting new ones—we look forward to seeing all of you under the stars!

Jewish Food Festival

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Some updates for Jewish Food Festival 2023:

- The festival will run from 10:00am to 3:00 pm and there will be parking on the CBI campus.
- Pre-order online at JFF

[Order](#) or [find](#) the JFF Button on our website, CarmelBethIsrael.org. The pre-order deadline is **August 20**. Products are limited and this will guarantee that you get all the delicious foods that you want. This year, pick-up will be at the top of CBI's driveway on Carmel Valley Road.

- CBI Members may pick up on Saturday, 8/26 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- This year we've added some delicious new menu items, including Egg Creams, Falafel, Matzo Chocolate Toffee, and much more!

The Jewish Food Festival is a major fund-raiser that is crucial to maintaining the financial health of CBI and its ability to provide support and services throughout the year. **Be a part of this great event: [volunteer](#), [become a sponsor](#), and [place your order for our delicious food](#)** Whether you are a volunteer, baker, or customer, thank you to everyone who participates in making this event such an amazing day!

Lisa Averbuch & Jill Martin
JFF Co-Chairs



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2023 – 5784 HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Rabbi Bruce D. Greenbaum and Cantor Alisa Fineman

SELICHOT

(Preparing yourself for the High Holy Days)

Saturday, September 9

8:00 pm Study Session

9:30 pm Service

ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 15

7:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, September 16

9:30 am Morning Service

12:30 pm Family/Children's Service

4:00 pm Tashlich on Carmel Beach
below 13th

Sunday, September 17

10:00 am Second Day Service

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday, September 22

3:00 pm Memorial Service at Mission
Memorial Park,
1915 Ord Grove Avenue, Seaside

YOM KIPPUR

Sunday, September 24

7:00 pm Kol Nidre Service

Monday, September 25

10:00 am Morning Service

12:30 pm Family/Children's Service

1:30 pm High Holy Day Discussion
Led by Beryl Levinger

3:00 pm Afternoon Service

Led by Rabbi Jeff Schulman

*4:45 pm Yizkor Service

*5:30 pm Closing Neilah Service

*6:30 pm Break-the-Fast

CBI will provide challah and a variety
of salads & beverages.

***Times are approximate on Yom
Kippur afternoon**

SUKKAH BUILDING

Wednesday, September 27

4:00 pm Sukkah Building

SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE

Sunday, October 8

11:00 am-12:30 pm

No Tickets Required

Celebrate With Us!

JOIN US IN PERSON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 • 10AM-3 PM
FREE PARKING ON SITE

OR DRIVE THROUGH FOR PRE-ORDERS (DUE BY AUG 20 AT CARMELBETHISRAEL.ORG)

- PASTRAMI AND CORNED BEEF SANDWICHES • MATZO BALL SOUP • KUGEL • LATKES • POTATO KNISHES



- HAMANTASCHEN • RUGELACH • BABKA • BEER • WINE • CLASSIC EGG CREAMS • AND MUCH MORE!

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Jewish Food Festival 2023 - Sponsor/Volunteer

BE A SPONSOR!

The Jewish Food Festival has been the signature event for Congregation Beth Israel. No other event or set of events has done more to open the temple to the citizens of Monterey County – Jews and non-Jews alike.

The Jewish Food Festival is also a major fund-raiser that is crucial to maintaining the financial health of the synagogue and its ability to provide support and services throughout the year.

We are back in person this year with a full complement of Jewish foods (plus beer and wine) and plenty of space to enjoy them. AND we are also offering drive through service for those who'd prefer.

Sponsor Benefits	Gourmet \$5000 +	Connoisseur \$2500 +	Foodie \$1000 +	Epicure \$500 +	Chef \$300 +	Sous Chef \$150 +
Booth Sponsorship	*	*				
Logo with Link on JFF Web Page	*	*				
Personalized Sponsor Sign at JFF	*	*	*			
Recognition on Festival Facebook	*	*	*			
Recognition on JFF Web Page	*	*	*	*		
Recognition on Festival Brochure	*	*	*	*	*	*

Email foodfestival.cbi@gmail.com or Call Abra 831.601.5773 with questions.

I wish to become a sponsor of the 2023 Jewish Food Festival at the level indicated below:

Gourmet Connoisseur Foodie Epicure Chef Sous Chef (circle one)

Business/organization for website link: _____

Print Name (Individual or Company)

Signature

Become a sponsor online at <https://www.carmelbethisrael.org/form/JFF-sponsorship> or make your check payable to: Congregation Beth Israel and return with this completed form to Congregation Beth Israel, 5716 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923. Or call the temple office (831-624- 2015).

NOTE: Congregation Beth Israel is a 501.c.3. Your sponsorship may be deductible for tax purposes. Check with your accountant.

OR VOLUNTEER!

Our members have been very kind in giving their time and effort to previous festivals. Please help again! Tasks include baking, cooking, booth representative, greeters, set-up and breakdown, runners, and stewardship of the environment (managing waste). Sign up sheets with days and times is forthcoming but if you would please send a brief email to LisaAverbuch@yahoo.com to make sure we get you on the mailing list that would be great! CBI members and non-members alike are welcome!



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30^{Av} 12 2:00pm Finding Chase, A World Premiere Production by New Canon Theatre Co.	31^{Av} 13	1^{Av} 14	2^{Av} 15 Tu B'Av	3^{Av} 16	4^{Av} 17 6:00pm Outdoor Family Shabbat with Birthday Blessings	5^{Av} 18 Eikev 10:30am Shabbat Torah Study 7:00pm Fiddler on the Roof
6^{Av} 19 11:00am CBI Annual Meeting 4:30pm I-HELP Men	7^{Av} 20	8^{Av} 21 6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting	9^{Av} 22	10^{Av} 23 12:00pm Lunch with Our Clergy	11^{Av} 24 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	12^{Av} 25 Re'eh 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service when Michael Tamler becomes a Bar Mitzvah
13^{Av} 26 10:30am CBI Speaker Series 11:00am Faculty Orientation & Security Training 4:00pm Enjoy The Addams Family, a Fun-Filled Musical for the Whole Family!	14^{Av} 27	15^{Av} 28 7:00 pm CBI Board of Trustees Meeting	16^{Av} 29	17^{Av} 30 Rosh Chodesh Elul 7:00pm CBI Speaker Series	18^{Elul} 1 Rosh Chodesh Elul 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	19^{Elul} 2 Shoftim 10:30am Shabbat Torah Study 7:00pm Havdalah on the Beach
20^{Elul} 3 10:00am Zumba at CBI	21^{Elul} 4	22^{Elul} 5	23^{Elul} 6	24^{Elul} 7	25^{Elul} 8 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service with Anniversary Blessings	26^{Elul} 9 Ki Teitzei 10:30am Shabbat Torah Study 1:00pm Best Years Pre-JFF Volunteer Day
27^{Elul} 10 10:00am Jewish Food Festival	28^{Elul} 11	29^{Elul} 12	30^{Elul} 13	31^{Elul} 14	1^{Elul} 15 6:00pm Family Shabbat with Birthday Blessings	2^{Elul} 16 Ki Tavo 10:30am Shabbat Torah Study

AGENDA
Congregational Annual Meeting
Sunday August 6, 2023, at 11:00 am.

Welcome	Malina Breaux
Invocation	Rabbi Bruce Greenbaum
Additions to the Agenda	Malina Breaux
Review of 2022 Annual Meeting minutes	Marshal Blatt
Financial Presentation	Jill Firestone
Election of Board of Trustees	Malina Breaux
Honoring our CBI Volunteers of the Year	Rabbi Bruce Greenbaum
State of Congregation Beth Israel Report	Malina Breaux
Rabbi's Report	Rabbi Bruce Greenbaum
Old and/or New Business	Malina Breaux
a. Rabbinic Transition	
b. Building facelift	
Adjourn	

Proposed CBI Board 2023-2024

Position	Officer	Where in Term
President	Malina Breaux	2 nd Year of 3-year term
Vice President	Danny Bernstein	1 st Year
Secretary	Arlene Krebs	1 st Year
Treasurer	Jill Firestone	2 nd Year
Adult Education	Bob Fenton	2 nd Year
Security	Marshal Blatt	1 st Year
Youth Activities	Sam Helfont	2 nd Year
At Large	Laura Arnow Megan Felthoven	1 st Year
At Large	Ilana Entin Bobbie Ehrenpreis Jillian Heisman	2 nd Year
Youth Trustee	Claire Blatt	

TODAH RABAH!

Thank you to those who have recently
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Congregation Beth Israel

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from Samuel & Beryl Levinger

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in memory of Rachael Sammett from Gabriella Adelman

Samuel & Beryl Levinger

Deborah & Michael Waxer

in appreciation of

My new CBI Zumba friends who join me with smiles on their faces on Sunday mornings. You are a joy to dance with and I thank you for your support in creating our new Zumba Chavurah from Tracy Richards

in honor of

June Birthdays and Anniversaries from Ellyn Gelson

Robert Taylor Fletcher from Nancy Callahan

Their daughter Lisa's EDD Degree from Samuel & Beryl Levinger

Micah's Graduation from Samuel & Beryl Levinger

in memory of

Peter Barotz, father of Naomi Pollack from

Laurie Kleinman and Richard Gerber

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Lester Tockerman from Robert Hoskinson

Morris Weintraub from Robert Hoskinson

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ONEG DONATION

Samuel & Gabriela Lipsky

RABBI LEAH LEGACY FUND

in honor of

Rabbi Leah from Chadeish Yameinu

RACHAEL SAMMET CANTORIAL MUSIC FUND

in honor of

Cantor Alisa Fineman from Wendy Rosenthal

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

in honor of

Rabbi Bruce Greenbaum from Wendy Rosenthal

SAFETY AND SECURITY FUND

in memory of

Frida Leib Bordetsky from Alex & Galena Bordetsky

UJC DONATIONS

Marvin Silverman



Thank You to Our Oneg Hosts for the Month of July

July 7 – Sam & Gabriela

Lipsky – In honor of their Children & Grandchildren (Hannah & Clara) visiting.

July 14 – Joe & Carol Mironov – In Celebration of our CBI family.

July 21 – Rory & Toni Lakind – In memory of Rory's beloved father Alvin Lakind

July 28 – Ida Holber – In loving memory of her husband Stephen.

If you would like to host an *Oneg* please call the CBI office for available dates.



Meet Louise and Riddle Riddell-Kaufman

Louise and Riddle arrived on the Monterey Peninsula from Ithaca, NY in 1984 just in time to celebrate their first wedding anniversary. Joining the synagogue was one of the first things they did upon their arrival.

Within a few months, Louise was driving out of the fog in Pacific Grove into the sunshine for her job as the Executive Director of the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center. They fell in love with the Village community and bought a home there a few years later.

When the Congregation walked the Torahs from Park Ave to our current home in Carmel Valley in 1987 their son Jeremy participated from a snuggly. That year, Louise established a Cradle Roll group for the large number of babies of the B'nai Mitzvah class of 2000.

Louise and Riddle have participated in the Jewish Food Festival from the beginning. Louise co-chaired the Children's Area for many years and then chaired the entire event a few times. Recently she has overseen the runners and checked in the volunteers. Riddle worked in the coffee booth, and then as a bus driver. He was soon recruited to help with setup and tear down of the "Village", working with the sound engineers during the festival itself.

Louise helped to create the playground behind the synagogue building, a requirement to create a Jewish preschool. Shalom Preschool opened in 1995 just in time for their daughter Anya to attend.

Louise chaired the CBI dinner/ auction for a couple of years, served on the board of directors as the Youth Trustee for a short period, and later served on the Social Action committee. In addition, she volunteered on a local Domestic Violence Crisis line and served as a YWCA board member. She earned a certification in mediation.

In 1993, Louise began co-teaching in CBI's PreK/ Kindergarten Religious School class. In 1997 she was asked to step in as CBI's Director of Education. She developed as an educator through various conferences, eventually earning her MA in Jewish Education from HUC in 2015. She retired in 2020.

As an initial member of the Women's Torah Study group, Louise participated in monthly meetings, annual Women's Seders, and a few weekend retreats with this group. Currently she is a member of the Women's Mussar Group.

Both Louise and Riddle became Adult B'nai Mitzvah. Riddle formally chose Judaism in 2003 to receive an Aliyah at Louise's Bat Mitzvah. He became a Bar Mitzvah a year later.

Meanwhile, Riddle moved between computer companies due to the industry's volatile nature. He was very lucky in avoiding the Silicon Valley commute or move that faced many of his colleagues. He retired in 2015. He practiced Aikido, earning his black belt in 2000. Playing electric bass, Riddle joined several musicians to create a band, The DoDads (the Dads that Do), which has since morphed into The UnDecided.

Riddle is a founding and current board member of JCM United (Jews, Muslims, Christians United) and is a weekly participant at Abraham's Tent (the soup kitchen run by JCM). He enjoys projects around the house and researching AI and other topics that catch his interest.

Louise is a member of two non-CBI bookclubs, a study group with her nephew, and about six monthly Zoom social meetings with friends and family. She also participates in the weekly Biblical Hebrew Class and a weekly exercise class on Zoom (with Riddle)

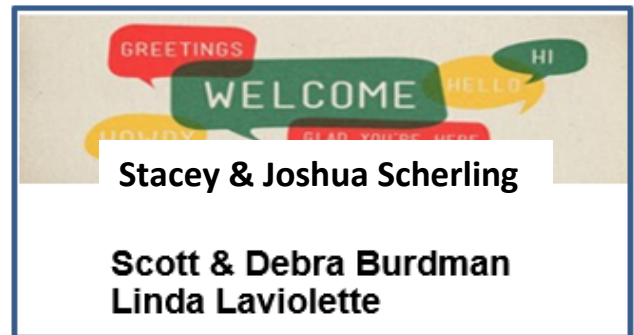
They have recently purchased a camper van and are looking forward to camping as they travel to music festivals and to Colorado to visit children and grandchildren.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2	Sandra Kohn
3	Astrid Holberg
3	Victor Feuerstein
3	Gordon Freedman
5	Adeline Croudo
5	Bruce Neben
7	Herbert Stern
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10	Lisa Kohn
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23	Sloan Weisskirch
23	Barbara Lipman
23	Stanley Mellin
24	Jessica Croudo
25	Steven Prager
26	Sylvia Krimsley
28	Ilene Cantor
29	Robert Kohn
30	Marlene Maier


HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1	Gordon & Amanda Freedman
4	Andrea & Noel Carr
4	Ronald & Darcie Kroll
4	Bruce & Susan Greenbaum
6	Laurie & David Benjamin
8	Ilana & Ari Entin
11	Larry Solow & Sharon Neumann-Solow
11	Michael & Debora Waxer
21	Ilene & Neil Cantor
27	Marsha & Brian Kelly
31	Jim Gumberg & Nina Patane
31	Carlos D. Ramirez & Lisa R. Kroopf
31	Ellie Sorkin & Deborah Stewart





Family News

Our Congregation strives to offer love and support to fellow congregants in times of joy and celebration, as well as in times of trouble and sorrow. One of the ways we do this is to let the congregation know your news. Please let us know if there is a simcha or a wish of encouragement or condolence that can be shared. You can send this information to shalomcbi@carmelbethisrael.org to be included in the Shofar.



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Parshiot

August 5, Ekev

T: Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

H: Isaiah 49:14-51:3

August 12, Re'eh

T: Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

H: Isaiah 54:11-55:5

August 19, Shoftim

T: Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

H: Isaiah 51:12-52:12

August 26, Ki Tetze

T: Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

H: Isaiah 54:1-10