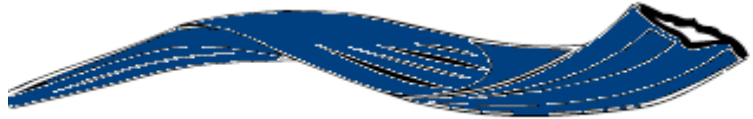


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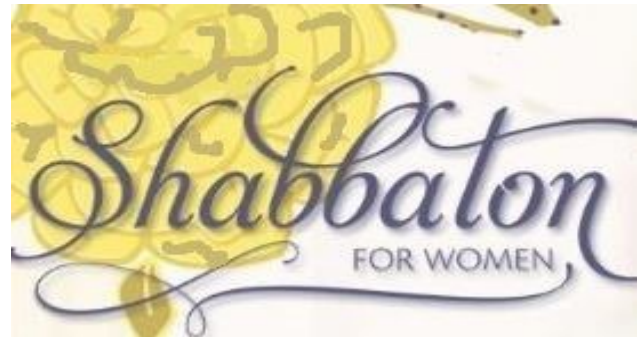
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CBI 70th Anniversary
Blue & White Ball

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The Women's Shabbaton returns!

Saturday, February 10, from 10:30 am – 2:30 pm, CBI is thrilled to hold a second Women's *Shabbaton*, meaningfully and spiritually led by Cantor Alisa Fineman, Rabbi Leah Novick, and Beryl Levinger. For almost two decades, CBI women have come together to pray and study together in a more intimate setting. This February, on the first *Rosh Hodesh* of the Hebrew month of *Adar*, we will meet again for a wonderful day of learning and prayer, spirituality and study, and introspection, meditation, and communication... We hope to bring together CBI women of all ages--feel free to invite your mothers, daughters, and other female relatives and friends to join us for this special gathering. Lunch will be served (as well as coffee/tea and small breakfast bites before we start). We would be most appreciative if you could register online at www.carmelbethisrael.org so that we know how many women will be joining us and can prepare accordingly.



From our President

"As my ancestors planted for me, so do I plant for those who will come after me." Talmud Taanit 23a

As we celebrate 70 years of serving the spiritual, communal, and educational, needs of the Jewish Community on the Monterey Peninsula, Congregation Beth Israel is asking each of you to help ensure our future by remembering CBI in your will, trust retirement account, or life insurance policy.

A legacy gift costs nothing in your lifetime, but from the moment you pledge, you are playing a vital role in CBI's future. A legacy gift is a unique and very meaningful type of gift. It's your legacy, a lasting expression of your Jewish values and your commitment to a vital and enduring Jewish community in the place you call home.

We know that many of you have already taken steps to support Congregation Beth Israel with a legacy gift. As we start our 70th year we are creating the CBI Legacy Circle of individuals and families who have made this commitment. We want to recognize you and thank you. In order to do that, we need to know who you are.

A legacy gift need not be large to make a difference. Each gift is of immense value to our Jewish future. If you have already made or plan to make this commitment, please let us know so that we can add you to our Legacy Circle.

We understand that this is a deeply personal decision and that everyone's circumstances are different. If you'd like more information, please contact one of our Legacy Circle committee members. Imagine a Congregation Beth Israel that remains vibrant and strong for all Jews who belong to our community, now and in the future. We hope that you have or will join us in the CBI Legacy Circle.

Thank you.

Malina

Legacy Circle Committee: Bee Epstein-Shepherd, Charles Beren, Rabbi Bruce Greenbaum, Malina Breaux.



From the Rabbi's Desk

This past month my cousin Pavel Fuchs died. While I recognize that deaths occur around the world every day, my fear is we are losing the last members of those who actually survived WWII concentration camps. Few remain who can serve as first person witnesses to the holocaust.

Pavel was just a child when he was taken to Terezin. Born in Prague, Pavel was one of about 100 children who survived the horrors of that concentration camp. His early childhood experiences left him angry with God and his Jewish roots. But the person I met in 1969 was filled with love for life and the world around him. He was married, had a daughter and a few years later would welcome a son. He loved the outdoors and sports. He enjoyed spending time with his few remaining relatives; my grandmother, my parents, and my siblings and me. As a child Pavel had lost all his classmates and his friends. The government took all the family property. He left Czechoslovakia to study engineering at the University of Washington and never returned.

It wasn't until many decades later that Pavel was willing to share some of what he experienced with me. Despite all his suffering as a child and all that he had lost, or maybe because of it, Pavel appreciated all the blessings around him. While Pavel had lost his ability to observe Judaism, he fully appreciated the wonders of the world around him. Pavel loved the mountains and was an avid skier. He played tennis and enjoyed swimming. He was happy hiking or boating or just enjoying nature.

I have met few people who were as upbeat or positive as Pavel. He loved to laugh. When I came home from college with facial hair, he painted a mustache on his face. He shared bad jokes that made his children groan. He was blessed with seven grandchildren who he adored.

I hope we can all learn from Pavel. Despite tremendous suffering in his childhood and losing so much at a young age, Pavel taught all of us how to celebrate the world and blessings all around us. He was one of the most positive people I have ever met. He taught his children the value of counting all our blessings. He shared that same lesson with his grandchildren. His lesson is one we should all embrace; life must be appreciated and celebrated. Amen.



From Cantor Alisa

I was swimming recently when it began to rain, first gently and then more heavily, a steamy mist rising from the lanes of fellow swimmers. I find the water to be especially calming these days as the war in Israel and Gaza weighs heavily on my heart. As we

continue to navigate the fear, trauma, and grief of October 7th, the ensuing events, and the unrecognizable world that has been unfolding ever since, sometimes I feel numb, almost paralyzed. But the physical sensation of cold rain on my skin as I moved through the water on this rainy day was liberating somehow, freeing me momentarily from my worry, ushering in a sense of renewal and a feeling of being at one with the elements in the here and now.

I noticed a woman in one of the lanes, not swimming, but dancing. Every time I took a breath, I could see her moving freely in uninhibited play and delight, raising her arms to the gray skies, bowing, twirling, bending side to side. The expression on her face could only be described as pure joy. Her mouth was moving at times. Was she praying, I wondered? Her freedom and joy were intoxicating, and I began to laugh, which surprised me because my laughter feels so far away these days. As I began to laugh, another swimmer, usually more stern-faced, also broke into a smile. Someone was dancing in the pool with little regard for who was watching!

This joyful woman and I exited the pool at the same time, and I was able to share my experience and thank her for the infusion of joy she gave to me. "What are you doing, may I ask?" "Oh," she said, "everything I can do to muster my joy to combat everything else going on in the world." It reminded me that I was not alone—that we are not alone—with the intensity and weight of the emotions that we are all carrying. I followed her to the crowded hot tub where she began to tell us about the "laughing yoga" she does every day. She explained that scientific studies show that the brain doesn't know the difference between real and contrived laughter and that, in both cases, we produce D.O.S.E—dopamine, oxytocin, serotonin and endorphins—hormones that reduce stress and produce a sense of elation and well-being.


With excitement, she asked if we'd like to try it... "Let's laugh for one minute," she said, "beginning now!" Before we knew it, a group of strangers were laughing together for no reason. We could all feel the benefit, even after just one minute. The youngest among us, who seemed most

resistant at first, commented that it was easier than she thought, especially listening to the laughter of others. This got me thinking that no matter how I feel, I have more agency than I realize, especially when I feel like I am teetering on the edge of despair and uncertainty. And though my deep concern for our world is ever present, I am reminded that I am also capable of joy and sharing it with others in these dark times.

As the Hebrew month of Adar approaches—the month of Purim—its teaching is to draw on our inner joy, especially in the face of evil, to drink and laugh until we can't distinguish between villain and hero and to acknowledge that, no matter what mask we wear, we have all been both victims and perpetrators. And though joy feels particularly challenging right now, we actively look for the blessings around us and remember that our joy and happiness are essential to our well-being as we navigate our collective future.

May we take the time to refresh and renew our joy—whether it be walking in nature, joining with community on Shabbat, celebrating the New Moon with friends, or simply laughing for no reason with a group of strangers in the rain.

—Cantor Alisa



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Hesed Academy News

We had a wonderful January at Hesed Academy! Learning about the *Torah* portion *Shemot*, students designed their own waterproof cradles and floated them down the “Nile”, a.k.a. the Carmel River! Students also enjoyed singing songs together, and celebrated the birthday of the trees, Tu B’shevat, with seders of delicious fruits and nuts.



Hesed Academy will be in session on Sunday, February 4, 11, and 25. There will be **no class on February 18** due to Presidents’ Day Weekend.

February Specialty Class Schedule

February 4: Cooking

February 11: Art

February 25: Music

February Children’s Choir Rehearsal

February 11: 12:30-1:00 PM

Class Dinner

The 2/3 class will have their class dinner on February 2. The dinner will start at 5:30 followed by the 6:30 PM Service. We are looking forward to having the students and their families come together as a community!

I-HELP Meals

Last month the K/1 class did a great job preparing meals for our I-HELP participants. Thank you so much to the parent volunteers and your hard work preparing and serving the meals!

This month, our teen programs will be hosting I-HELP Dinner, which will take place on **Sunday, February 4.**

Aleynu

This past month, *Aleynu* designed a new banner for CBI to hold during the MLK Jr. March in Seaside. We also planned the teen-sponsored dinner for I-HELP, taking place on February 4. This month will have *Aleynu* meetings on February 4 and February 25.



Wishing you all a wonderful month!
Sophie Little

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First Friday Shabbat Service now at 6:30pm

On the first Friday of each month during the remainder of the school year we plan to hold a class Shabbat dinner before our early evening service. To

best accommodate the school families, we are making a small shift in our First Friday evening schedule. The class dinners will begin at 5:30 and the Sabbath service on those evenings will begin at 6:30pm.

All are welcome to join us for these services on the first Friday of the month. All other Friday services will remain at 7:30pm. We hope everyone joins us at the early services when Moshe the Monkey stories are shared in place of our regular sermons. Birthday blessings and presents are also a special part of these First Friday services.



Lunch with our Clergy

This month join Rabbi Greenbaum when he leads the discussion on **Wednesday, February 7 at noon** at Baja Cantina, located about a mile east of CBI. The discussion will focus on "Dealing with our Fears." What

fears are eating at our souls today? What are our biggest concerns? Are they legitimate fears? Real or not, what can/should we do about them? Come prepared to offer your thoughts. Register online or call the CBI office at 831-624-2015 to RSVP. We will order off their regular menu so expect lunch to cost approximately \$25. 624-2015 to RSVP.



CBI Women's Book Club

Here is our next date and book selection:

For location information, please email wiskoff@aol.com.

February 13, 1:30pm -- THE SECRET LIFE OF SUNFLOWERS by Marta Molnar

March 12, 1:30pm -- ANYTHING BUT YES by Joie Davidow



BEST YEARS

Concert With Kimball & Alisa

Our Best Years program this month is a concert of "Music of the Spirit ~ Poems, Prayers & Love Songs" by Cantor Alisa Fineman & Kimball Hurd, at CBI in the sanctuary, on **Wednesday, February 28 from 1:00 - 2:00pm**. Both award-winning songwriters, Kimball's instrumental prowess adds dimension to the duo's performances with vocal harmonies and an array of tasteful musical accents on guitar, mandolin, mandola, dobro, banjo and slide guitar. Together, Alisa and Kimball's loving collaboration and performances have earned them appearances at many festivals including Strawberry, Kate Wolf, South-By-Southwest, and Jacob's Ladder Folk Festival in Israel. Their music appears on compilations including Putumayo and Barnes & Noble. Alisa & Kimball's appreciation for the ordinary miracles of every day and love for nature and community infuse their songs with a spirit that moves, inspires, and uplifts all who listen. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.



Community Shabbat Dinner

Join us on **Friday, February 23 at 6:15pm** as we offer

blessings for the bread and wine, enjoy a delicious dinner, and sing traditional music to begin our erev Shabbat. Evening services follow at 7:30pm. The cost is \$18 for adults and \$10 for military & children. Please register online at CarmelBethIsrael.org.



Social Action
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Penelope's
PILATES

In February, Gentle Pilates will meet on Sunday, February 18 and Sunday, February 25 at 2:00 pm at

CBI. Penelope, our certified Pilates instructor, guides us through a series of gentle stretches and core work. Please bring your own mat--extra padding underneath your mat would be a great addition as well. (Please note that there will be no Pilates classes on Sunday, February 4 or 11.) Information re: our Pilates schedule in March will follow. Suggested \$20 donation; you can register online at www.carmelbethisrael.org.



In February, Zumba will meet on Sunday, February 4, 18, and 25 at 3:00 pm in the CBI Social Hall. (Please note that there will be no Zumba class on

Sunday, February 11.) Information re: our Zumba schedule in March will follow. Suggested \$36 donation for classes thru April; you can register online at www.carmelbethisrael.org. Note that you need dance/gym shoes for Zumba.



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I-HELP & Celebrating MLK Jr.

A Busy Month for our Social Action Team. Members Carol and Joe Mironov visited the K/1 class and read them a story about a family that became homeless when their house burned, and they lost all their possessions. The family went to live with their grandmother. This story involved the children in understanding how people can become homeless—often through “bad luck” or chance. After the story, the children made colorful placemats for the dinner tables. The following week, they came to the Social Hall where they bagged napkins, fruit, juice, danish and bagels in the breakfast bags, ditto for the lunch bags with sandwiches and snacks. They also set the table with their placemats. In between shouts of glees and some “I want to do this” with ten 5- & 6-year-olds, they succeeded! They are so adorable to be with.

Special thanks to Erica Westmoreland for her leadership with the K/1 parents, and to all the parents for their food donations. Also, thanks to the I-HELP team for all they do—Lorraine & Hugo Gerstl, Riddle, and Joe & Carol. This month marked the Anniversary of Dr. King’s birth, and I organized us to join the march in Seaside. It is always so invigorating to join a few hundred kindred spirits of diverse nationalities and races to unite with the common purpose to honor Dr. King. A Very Special Thanks to Reese Felthoven who painted a gorgeous banner, and to Matthew and Charlene Schuss for getting the poles and helping us get organized. Here we all are! CBI was present!



Matthew, Ethan, Lisa, Sandra, Charlene, Jax & Arlene, Next Up: February 4th, with Alenyu Teens.

Arlene Krebs, Secretary of the BoT & Tikkun Olam/Social Action Team



Alan Lefkof	2	Constance Kean	16
Hugo N. Gerstl	3	Justine Geisler	18
Monica Browning	3	Larry Rubenstein	18
Shifra Lyons	4	Jillian Heisman	19
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Michael Marshall	5	Michael Croudo	19
Nathaniel Carlyle	6	Miles Moir	20
Andrea Carter	7	Malina Breaux	20
Sheri Chodosh	7	Catherine Goode	20
Michael Kean	7	Stephanie Wittels Wachs	20
Robert Weisskirch	8	Marjory Kaplan	21
Stella Meiggs	8	Joe Mello	22
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Family News

Mazel tov to Ann and Steve Packer on the birth of 2 grandchildren, Avi Chase Packer born to Shoshana and Matt on 12/23 and Serena Ann Packer born to Nicole and Joel on 12/31

We mourn the loss of long-time member Bob Hoskinson and Rabbi Greenbaum's cousin Pavel Fuchs

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 you wish to share (or know someone else's that they are willing to share), 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.



Safety and Security at Congregation Beth Israel

With the Israel/Hamas war continuing, and antisemitism reemerging, the Security Team, and the Board of Trustees at CBI want to update you with regards to what is happening with Security at CBI.

We have a working security relationship with the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco. For example, this past September, the Federation's Director of Community Security visited CBI and reviewed the building and grounds from a safety perspective. His assessment was a positive one.

This past December, CBI, like over 90 other synagogues in California, received a non-specific and non-credible email bomb threat, mirroring those sent to hundreds of synagogues in other states. The FBI said this wave of emails appears to be connected and likely originates from outside the United States.

It has been determined that the Synagogues who have been recipients of these emails are not at increased risk. To date, none of these email threats has involved any credible risk of harm to congregants at any of the synagogues that received the emails.

This campaign of fake email threats is intended to unnerve us. We can thwart this effort by seeing it for what it is: harassment and intimidation.

As you might be concerned, CBI is doing all that it can to keep our Temple secure.

We have a Security Team.

We have had two security training seminars in 2023. One seminar was focused on general security. Our second security seminar was focused on First Aid and CPR, and our instructors were a team from Cal Fire.

CBI has a professional security presence during Shabbat services, Hesed Academy, and multiple special events.

We are working on a dialogue with local law enforcement.

The well-known teaching of Rebbe Nachman of Breslov is as relevant now as it has ever been: the most important thing is not to fear at all, and more to the point, not to make ourselves afraid.

We are doing what we can. For those that are interested, please reach out to the members of Congregation Beth Israel Security Team.

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Meet Bob Fenton and Debra Givner

Robert Fenton and Debra Givner moved to the Monterey Peninsula from Southern California in 1999 with their two children, then-seven-year-old Jessica and five-year-old Jake. Debra accepted employment that year with MPUSD as an elementary school teacher. Bob entered retirement but continued to be a small business owner.

They were drawn to the area before they came to the Peninsula, a feeling which was encouraged when Debra and her mother, Sonia, interviewed Rabbi Greenbaum to determine if they felt comfortable joining the CBI community. It has been incredibly welcoming and has remained so for many years. Today, both Bob and Debra enjoy daily hikes through many of the spectacular spots on the Peninsula.

Debra grew up in a small town in Ohio which had a Conservative synagogue. In those days at her synagogue, women did not have Bat Mitzvahs. When they joined CBI, one of the first things Debra did was to enroll in the adult B'nai Mitzvah class. Her Bat Mitzvah was an incredible experience for her, as well as the family.

Bob, meanwhile, became a good friend of the Rabbi. He has been very involved in CBI as a member of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Board for close to twenty years, as well as in Adult Education and the Jewish Federation. Some of the memorable speakers that Bob arranged to come to our community were Natan Sharansky, Debra Lipstadt, and Ambassador Gilad Erdan. In addition, Bob was one of the founders of the Carmel Jewish Film Festival.

Debra and Bob love to travel. In the past 20 years they have traveled to more than 90 countries. Debra retired from teaching in 2018 but she worked as a volunteer for another year in one of their friends' daughter's classrooms. Debra was honored as a volunteer of the year by Monterey Peninsula Unified School District for her service.

Their daughter Jessica and her husband, Mike, live in San Francisco with their 18-month-old, Lily Sol Porter. Debra loves being a Bubbie and spends at least two weeks each month with them — if there was a Bubbie of the Year award, Debra would win. Their son, Jake, lives in mid-valley with his dog, Dirk, and has worked for the Homeless Coalition of Monterey County. They often visit, and Dirk loves to spend time with Kona, the shelter dog Debra rescued during the pandemic.

Bob's three older sons live in the Los Angeles area. His oldest son, Ethan, and his wife Rachael have two sons aged 10 and 13 years old. Bob and Debra look forward to spending time with them and with more grandchildren in the future.

We're Planting a Forest



After many years of honoring life cycle events and commemorating loved ones, we have filled up our original Tree of Life. We've now expanded our "forest" with two trees and room for an additional 200 leaves. You can honor a loved one or a special occasion with a leaf on a new tree. The price is still \$180. Contact the CBI office if you are interested.

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January 5 – Stacey Scherling in honor of Hesed Academy 4th & 5th Grade Class

January 12 – Bev & Dan Nussbaum

January 19 – Matthew & Charlene Schuss in memory of Matthew's sister Elinor H. Schuss & mother Sylvia Schuss

January 26 – Carol & Joe Mironov and Judy & Gary Simon in celebration of the CBI Congregation

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



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February 3, Yitro

T: Exodus 18:1-20:26

H: Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6

February 10, Mishpatim

T: Exodus 21:1-24:18

**H: Jeremiah 34:8-22;
33:25-26**

February 17, Terumah

T: Exodus 25:11-27:19

H: I Kings 5:26-6:13

February 24, Tetzaveh

T: Exodus 27:20-30:10

H: Ezekiel 43:10-2