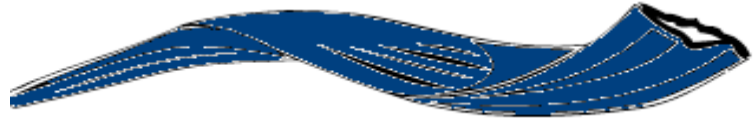


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Purim “Deli-laughs” and Carnival Joy

Calling all Adults! Join us Erev Purim on **Saturday, March 23** for a deli dinner followed by a Comedy Night performance by Rabbi/Stand-up Comic Bob Alper! We will gather in CBI’s Social Hall at **6:00pm** for a delicious Deli Dinner (vegetarian options will be available). Following dinner we will move into our sanctuary where Rabbi Bob Alper will share his spirit-raising stand-up comedy. Tickets for the dinner and show are \$36 each or become a VIP and join us at **5:00pm** for hors d’oeuvres and a vodka tasting. VIP tickets are \$90. For more information, see the article on page 4.

Sunday morning, March 24 we will continue our Purim festivities intertwined with our Hesed Academy program. Our religious school students will begin in their classrooms at **9:30am** and then gather at **10:30am** in the sanctuary for a special Purim celebration. We will join in singing, a creative retelling of the Purim Megilah, and a costume parade. At **11:30am** our celebration will continue with a Carnival and pizza lunch in our social hall. For \$10 each student will receive one lunch ticket (\$6) and 8 game tickets (50 cents each). Children of all ages are welcome to join the fun.



From the Rabbi's Desk

If you are like me, you are wondering how the war between Israel and Hamas will ever end. I continue to worry about the welfare of the hostages who have now been held in captivity for almost 5 months. I struggle with the suffering of so many living in Gaza dealing both

with the terror of Hamas leadership and Israeli attacks. While Israel certainly has a right to defend her borders and her citizens, it is hard for me to accept the ongoing strikes that do not seem to be accomplishing Israel's stated goals of rescuing most of the hostages still held and destroying Hamas. Too many Gaza women and children are dying. Too many homes have been destroyed. This war reminds me of Israel's war in Lebanon that started in 1981. Again, Israel had a right to enter Southern Lebanon to stop Hezbollah from sending rockets into Israel. But Israel went too deep into Lebanon, caused too much damage, and stayed far too long.

I remain a strong supporter of Israel. I am a Zionist. Israel has a right to exist with safe borders and free from terrorism. But I also believe some of Israel's actions are threatening Israel's long-term relationships with those who live in the West Bank and surrounding countries. It is time for Israel to control the radical settlers who keep attacking Palestinians in the West Bank. It is time for Israel to find a way to end the war in the Gaza strip. It is way past time for Israel to figure out how to bring peace to the region that does not mean constant strikes back and forth. I know, Israel did not start this war. Israel also did not start the war in Lebanon. But maybe Israel's response to attacks must be handled with more care. While Israel is the only army that warns civilians where they are about to strike, they are still destroying too many homes and killing too many non-combatants.

I wish I had an answer to what is the best response to the war in Gaza. Finding a pathway to peace is easy to state but hard to do. There are things Israel should do immediately. Stopping any new settlements in the West Bank and ending any attacks of settlers against the Palestinians is one important step. Israel found a way to make peace with Egypt and Jordan. Israel must do the same with the Palestinians in the West Bank. I know it takes two sides, both willing to find a pathway to peace. It will not be easy to find those peace makers in the Palestinian Authority. But Israel must find that path. Because the current path Israel is using is clearly not working for Israel's own welfare.

I will continue to pray for the peace of Israel. I will continue to speak out for Israel's right to exist in safety and security for all its inhabitants. And I will continue to push for Israel to find a new pathway that does not cause so much suffering and death to others. Our Jewish values cries out for justice for both Israelis and Palestinians. May Israel find that road to peace for all the inhabitants of the region. Amen.



From Cantor Alisa

Dear Friends,

Shabbat is one of the best gifts I can give myself. Among one of our "Ten Commandments," our tradition understands how vital "keeping Shabbat" is for our well-being. Though some react negatively to the word "commandment," I've come to appreciate its severity because I need a reminder to pause, to rest and renew. This "sacred instruction" to keep Shabbat includes workers, our beasts of burden and even our fields which we are commanded to lay fallow every seven years.

In addition to rest, Shabbat is intended to help us make meaning of our lives, to realign ourselves with all creation, with our Creator, our higher purpose. It's time out at the end of our work week to spend some time in reflection, to pay attention to what's going on inside, and to breathe in that "extra measure of soul" we receive every Shabbat. On Friday nights we chant from a psalm that instructs us to "sing a new song," to refresh our perspectives and remember that life is a gift. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel teaches us that we "cease from our creating so we can rest in the work of creation." Shabbat is a time to recover our sense of awe and wonder. When we do, we often find there is so much to be grateful for, even – and especially— during times of hardship and distress.

At our last Women's Shabbaton in February, 45 of us gathered to spend part of the day doing just this— women of all ages soaking in the power of song, prayer, teachings and enjoying a meal together. Our collective wisdom, reflections and insights as a community never cease to amaze me. All of us were clearly enriched by the experience.

Many of us have experienced the sweetness of celebrating Shabbat in Israel, how enjoyable it is for secular and non-Jewish people as well, because it's built into the culture. Here we live in a society that rarely stops and doesn't place much value on resting. It's true that we are pulled in many directions and our children are involved with school and extracurricular activities that often conflict with celebrating

Shabbat. As Reform Jews, we all keep Shabbat in our own ways. Perhaps this means establishing a family ritual of lighting the candles on Friday night and chanting the blessing together. Others look forward to baking a fresh challah every week or purchasing one from your favorite local bakery, gathering with loved ones to share a meal. Some join us for services at CBI which we hold every Friday night! Come celebrate with us. Everyone is welcome. Come as you are, reconnect and give yourself the gift of Shabbat.

– Cantor Alisa



Hesed Academy News

February flew by at Hesed Academy! Students made delicious kosher dill pickles to take home and share. We also designed tiles for a collaborative art project sending a message of *shalom*, peace to all. We closed out the month with some beautiful *shira*, music, with Cantor Alisa. We are looking forward to a fun-filled March, including lots of exciting Purim festivities!

Hesed Academy will be in session on Sunday, March 3, 10, 17, and 24. There will be **no class on March 31** for Spring Break.

March Specialty Class Schedule

March 3: Storytelling

March 10: Art

March 17: Cooking

March 24: No Specialist - Purim Celebration and Carnival

March Children's Choir Rehearsal

March 3: 12:30-1:00pm

Purim Celebration

Sunday morning, March 24 our religious school students will begin in their classrooms at 9:30am and then gather at 10:30 in the sanctuary for a special Purim celebration. We will join in singing, a creative retelling of the *Purim Megillah*, and a costume parade. At 11:30am our celebration will continue with a carnival and lunch in our social hall. Children of all ages are welcome to join the fun.

Class Dinner

The **K/1 class** will have their class dinner on March 1. The dinner will start at 5:30pm followed by the 6:30pm Service. We are looking forward to having the students and their families come together as a community!

I-HELP Meals

Last month, despite the storm and power outage, the teen-sponsored I-HELP successfully served all our guests! Thanks to those who donated and helped prepare food! This month, the **4/5 class** will be hosting I-HELP Dinner, which will take place on **Sunday, March 3**.

Aleynu

Over the past month, *Aleynu* planned and implemented the teen-sponsored dinner for I-HELP, and started planning the Purim Carnival. This month will have an *Aleynu* meeting on March 10 and will be meeting to help with the Purim festivities on March 24.

Happy Purim and have 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 **5:30pm** 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. This month we welcome our Kindergarten/First Grade class who will join us on March 1.



Spring 2024 Hesed Academy Youth Choir!

Dear Hesed Academy Parents,

If you have children who love to sing, Cantor Alisa is holding Youth Choir rehearsals to meet once a month on Sundays for 30 minutes, directly after **Sunday at 12:30pm**. Our Hesed Academy singers will be invited to sing for special Friday night services, Jewish holidays and more throughout the year.

If you are interested, please join us! Little ones should be accompanied by parents if possible!

Children's Choir Rehearsals

March 3 12:30- 1:00pm

April 14 12:30-1:00pm



Lunch with our Clergy

Come join Cantor Alisa for "Lunch with the Clergy" at Baja Cantina on **March 13th at noon**, located about a mile east of CBI. We'll discuss what the Torah means when it instructs the people to "Build for Me a sanctuary so that I can dwell among you." We will order off their regular menu so expect lunch to cost approximately \$25. Please register online or call the office.



Celebrate Purim with Deli Laughs: An Evening of Comedy and Tradition!

Rabbi Bob Alper, a wonderful standup comedian is coming to our community to bring joy and laughter. Get ready to experience a night of laughter, community, and delicious deli delights at Deli Laughs, a special event celebrating Purim. The event will take place on **March 23, 2024**, starting with dinner at **6:00pm**.

Attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy a mouthwatering deli dinner then be entertained by Rabbi Bob Alper's comedic performance. General admission tickets for the event are \$36.

For those looking to elevate their experience, Deli Laughs offers a VIP supporter ticket for \$90, which includes a pre-show cocktail hour starting at **5:00pm**. VIP supporters will indulge in delectable hors d'oeuvres, participate in a vodka tasting, and mingle with fellow attendees and Rabbi Alper.

Tickets for Deli Laughs can be purchased on our website or by calling the office at 831-624-2015. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind celebration of Purim! Join us for an evening of laughter, camaraderie, and Jewish tradition at Deli Laughs.



BEST YEARS

Best Years Purim Lunch Gathering

Let's meet on **Wednesday, March 27 at noon**, just a few days after Purim. Purim is a celebration of victory over antisemitism. During this entire Hebrew month of Adar we are told to rejoice. Just as King Ahasuerus held a big banquet, so too let's celebrate this time of year as we join together for a delicious lunch. We will meet at Jeffrey's Grill in Mid Valley about 5 miles East of CBI on Carmel Valley Road. Remember, **this event is free** but you need to RSVP! Please let us know if you need a ride to this event.



Community Shabbat Dinner

Join us on **Friday, March 29 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 & students. Please register online at CarmelBethIsrael.org.



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CBI Women's Book Club

IMPORTANT: You must be fully vaccinated and boosted against Covid-19 in order to attend the Women's Jewish Book Club.

We hope to continue to meet in person, but we will be watchful regarding the ever-changing status of the pandemic: It is still with us, and people are still getting sick.

THE MARCH 12 MEETING IS CANCELLED.

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

April 9, 1:30 PM — ANYTHING BUT YES by Joie Davidow

May 14, 1:30 PM — MY LAST INNOCENT YEAR by Daisy Alpert Florin

June 11, 1:30 PM — KANTIKA by Elizabeth Graver



Penelope's
PILATES

In March, Gentle Pilates will meet on **Sunday, March 3 and Sunday, March 10 at 2:00pm** 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. Suggested \$20 donation; you can register online at www.carmelbethisrael.org.



In March, Zumba will meet on **Sunday, March 3, 17, and 31 at 3:00 pm** in the CBI Social Hall. Suggested \$36 donation for classes thru April;

you can register online at www.carmelbethisrael.org. Note that you need dance/gym shoes for Zumba.



Join Us in Celebrating 70 Years of Faith and Community at Congregation Beth Israel's Blue and White Ball!

Get ready to embark on a journey through seven decades of faith, camaraderie, and cherished memories as we celebrate Congregation Beth Israel's remarkable 70th anniversary at the Blue and White Ball on April 6, 2023! This special evening promises to be an unforgettable tribute to our vibrant community and the enduring spirit that has united us over the years.

Prepare to be enchanted from the moment you arrive, as you are greeted with an array of tantalizing cocktails and passed hors d'oeuvres, setting the stage for an evening of celebration and reflection. Marvel at the captivating talents of a strolling magician, whose magic will add an extra layer of wonder to the festivities. And let the soulful melodies of live music serenade you as you mingle with old friends and make new connections.

But the highlights don't end there – feast on a delicious dinner that will tantalize your taste buds and leave you craving more. And don't forget to explore our silent auction, brimming with an eclectic mix of treasures, including restaurant and beauty gift certificates, original artworks, event tickets, and jewelry – there's something for everyone to covet!

As we honor the legacy of the past 70 years, our program will shine a spotlight on the high points and the remarkable individuals who have shaped our congregation's journey. Plus, get an exclusive sneak peek into our exciting plans for the future, as we continue to strengthen our bonds and build an even brighter tomorrow.

And of course, what's a celebration without dancing? So, dust off your dancing shoes and join us as we dance the night away, filled with joy and gratitude for all that we have achieved together.

There are numerous ways to be a part of this historic occasion. Whether you choose to attend the event, become a sponsor, donate to the silent auction, or purchase an ad in the event tribute book, your support will help us continue to thrive as a vibrant community.

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of history and celebrate 70 years of faith and community with Congregation Beth Israel. Secure your tickets now and join us for a night of celebration, unity, and boundless joy at the Blue and White Ball. Individual tickets are \$180 each



Visit the event page on our website, CarmelBethIsrael.org, or call the office to become a sponsor, RSVP for the event, volunteer and contribute to the Tribute Book.

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One Line Listing	\$70	up to 50 characters
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BIG SUR

INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

Each year CBI supports the 12K run at the Big Sur International Marathon. We assist with 6 stations along the 12K route in Point Lobos. We commit to 12 volunteers and in doing so receive a donation of over \$1000.

We meet at the mouth of Carmel Valley at 6am and walk to Point Lobos, approximately 2.2 miles, and set up at the 5 stations along the race route inside the park and 1 station at the entrance. The race starts at 7:35. The racers show up a little while after that. Our job is to make sure they don't get lost or make a wrong turn and to cheer them on. The final racers are usually out of Point Lobos by 10am. Then we walk back to our cars.

There is a volunteer food tent at the mouth of the valley. We usually stop there on the way back. You will also receive a free volunteer tee shirt. It is a really fun event. If you are interested in volunteering, please let Malina know. You will need to sign up thru the Big Sur Marathon website to complete the registration and order your tee shirt.

Malina – 831-601-5791 malinabreaux@gmail.com

Volunteer Registration

Link: <https://bigsurinternationalmarathon.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=75717>

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Alenyu & I-HELP

I'm totally energized by the ways that the Hesed Academy children, parents, and teachers are interfacing with our Social Action Team. It means so much that the children learn about the various causes of homelessness, how challenges may be solved, and the different "faces" of those who are unsheltered.

On February 4th, we hosted 17 I-HELP men. Thanks to our Education Director Sophie Little for overseeing the Alenyu teens. Ruth, Miriam, and Shifra Lyons made sandwiches and smeared bagels; they were joined by Reese Felthoven who shopped and made salads. They packed very full breakfast and lunch bags, set the table and greeted the men.



Reese, Miriam, Ruth, Shifra (clockwise)



The Blatt sisters Claire and Shayna baked luscious chocolate cupcakes with fabulously decorated pink icing for the men's dessert.

Louise Riddell-Kaufman led the teens in a discussion about homelessness, in which they read parts of I-HELP's newsletter. When the men arrived, we formed a greeting circle. Rabbi Bruce, Riddle, and I were there. We served pasta and meatballs, salads, potato tots, and a delicious curry chicken, potatoes, and vegetable dish that Riddle had prepared. And most importantly, it was Shifra's 14th Birthday! What a wonderful way to spend part of it in community service. We all sang to her!

The I-HELP monitor, John texted me the following morning: "Arlene, Fabulous dinner and evening! All the food was devoured and appreciated. The lunch and breakfast bags were wonderful. Really thoughtful! Thank you all so much and please thank the young ladies and their group leader!"

On Monday evening, January 21st, we hosted 8 I-HELP women. Thanks so much to Carol and Joe Mironov who joined me to help set up and welcome the women.



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



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February 2 –Hesed Academy 2nd & 3rd Grade Class

February 9 – Donna Shore, Arlene Krebs, & Malina
Breaux in honor of the members of CBI

February 16 – in honor of Ivette Faybishenko
becoming a Bat Mitzvah

February 23 – A Chavurah in memory of Harris
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If you would like to host an Oneg please call the
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You may host in honor or memory of someone
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Please help us keep this tradition alive. It's easy,
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Call the CBI office to schedule your Oneg at 831-
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Parshiot

March 2, Ki Tisa

T: Exodus 30:11-34:35

H: I Kings 18:1-3

March 9, Vayakhel

T: Exodus 35:1-38:20

H: I Kings 7:40-50

March 16, Pekude

T: Exodus 38:21-40:38

H: I Kings 7:51-8:21

March 23, Vayikra

T: Leviticus 1:1-5:26

H: Isaiah 43:21-44:23

March 30, Tzav

T: Leviticus 6:1-8:36

**H: Jeremiah 7:21-8:3,
9:22-23**