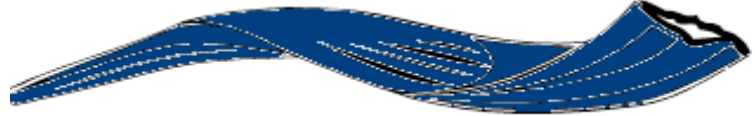


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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Havdalah on the Beach for
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"We Are All in This
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Israeli Guest Speaker Dr.
Uki Maroshek

**MAY
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Shavuot Blintz Dinner &
Torah Study

**JUN
11**

Zumba Begins at CBI



Havdalah on the Beach May 6

Do you enjoy singing folk songs with Cantor Alisa Fineman? Is anything better than sitting around a campfire, enjoying s'mores as you watch the sun setting into the ocean?

What a great way to end Shabbat and enjoy an early celebration of Lag B'Omer. Join us on the first Saturday evening in May. As always, look for Rabbi Greenbaum on Carmel Beach below 13th Avenue. He will bring a propane fire pit and fixings for s'mores for a relaxing Havdalah on Carmel Beach. We begin at 7:00 pm but you can come early and enjoy a picnic dinner before our Havdalah service.

Bring warm clothes, beach toys, a blanket or beach chairs, and musical instruments. This is a wonderful event for everyone, even the family dog!

Please note that the **CBI offices will be closed May 1-5**. You are welcome to leave messages on the CBI voice mail that will be checked frequently. You may call Julie Chase or Rabbi Bruce Greenbaum, directly, if there is an emergency.



From the Rabbi's Desk

It starts with Torah. That is my usual answer when someone asks me about most of my sermons. Whether I am speaking about Israel, or societal challenges, or healthcare, or gun control, or the growing number of homeless people, my sermons, my discussions, my

talks all begin with Torah. After all, it is the one subject I studied more than any other in my many years in rabbinic school. While the Talmud and Midrash and responsa literature all add insights to almost any topic, the foundation for all rabbinic literature is the five books of Moses.

From Exodus 34 we learn God's 13 attributes, the qualities we should try to emulate if we are (according to Leviticus 19) "to be holy like God is holy." Why change a society that is failing? Just read Deuteronomy 16:20 that reminds us "Justice, justice you will pursue." Want to start a discussion about our treatment of immigrants at our borders? Numerous times throughout our Torah we are reminded to be kind to the stranger for we were strangers in the land of Egypt. Example after example can be found in our text about caring for the stranger, the orphan, and the widow. It is from Torah we learn that we should judge ourselves by how we treat our weakest members.

This month of May is all about focusing on our Torah. For most of the month we are observing the counting of the Omer. It is the 49-day time period between celebrating the Passover narrative of God redeeming us from Egypt and our Shavuot observance of God's revelation of Torah at Mount Sinai. At the end of this month, on Shavuot we rejoice over God's gift of guidance and direction. Traditionally we read the Ten Commandments. Hopefully we think of the other 603 commandments that are dispersed throughout our Torah text.

It all starts with Torah. Join me for our Shabbat morning studies of our weekly Torah portion. If you have not done it recently, or never read it, open the book of Genesis and start reading. Our Torah narrative is rich with values that guide our daily existence. It is God's gift to us. Let's accept this gift together. It starts with Torah.

Message From Cantor Alisa

Counting the Omer—From Freedom to Revelation

Dear CBI Community,

Our ancestors departed Egypt on Passover, finally experiencing freedom while facing the uncertainty of the wilderness that lay before them. It took seven weeks to reach the mountain where we gathered to receive G'd's gift of Torah—the potential for revelation. At our seders, we



remember and experience the spiritual rebirth of the Jewish people leaving *Mitzrayim*—the Narrow Place—for the expansiveness of the wilderness. Just as we had to navigate the confines of our slavery, our journey toward freedom was not easy either. This continues to be so as we forever redefine what freedom means for us and how our

freedom is inextricably connected to the freedom and well-being of all people.

Our Jewish calendar provides us with a yearly cycle of opportunities to explore and improve upon our relationships with one another, and through those encounters, our relationship with The Divine. Counting the *Omer* was, at first, the grain harvest festival of springtime, beginning the second day of Passover; we are instructed in the Torah to offer a measure—an *omer*—of barley as an offering in gratitude. We are no longer an agricultural people with a Temple to make offerings, yet we are still commanded to count. Over time, our mystical Rabbis innovated a way to count by way of a spiritual practice we can liken to an "inner-pilgrimage". They passed down to us a seven week/forty-nine daily practice with insights and blessings to offer along the way.

This practice is based on a kabbalistic system known as *s'frot* or *middot*—divine qualities embedded within us, a part of our essence. Each of the seven weeks is dedicated to a divine quality, as is each day of the week. These qualities include waking up to our inner potential for unbounded loving-kindness, balanced with strength and discernment, harmony and beauty, perseverance, humility and gratitude, splendor and radiance. Reflecting on these states enables us to activate them more consciously within ourselves, expanding our awareness and potential to see the blessings in our lives and our ability to share these blessings with those around us.

In this way Torah is revealed as the gift it is meant to be. Finally, the 50th day is marked by the festival of Shavuot, the giving of Torah, often likened to a *k'tubah*—a wedding contract—between the Divine and the Jewish people, all people, sourced in love.

Seven days within seven weeks gives us 49 different possibilities to ponder the potentiality of the divine working within us and the potential to manifest the divine in our times. *Kein y'hi ratzon*—may this be so.

For more about Counting the Omer, there are plenty of resources. Try beginning with My Omer: 49 Steps to Personal Refinement

<https://www.meaningfullife.com/category/torah/months-holidays/nisan/myomer-app>



Hesed Academy

Only two sessions remain in our Hesed Academy school year. On May 7 we will welcome back our specialist Larry Solow who always enjoys cooking

with our students. After a week off on May 14 for Mother's Day, we will gather for our closing day session on May 21. Weather permitting, we will spend our last school hour in our backyard with a special all-school assembly. Each class will have a chance to share some of what they have learned this school year. Then after a series of light, competitive games and a closing circle, we will enjoy some shared snacks. Parents, please coordinate with others in your class to bring healthy and tasty treats. Suggestions: cut up veggies, fruit, cheese and crackers, granola bars.... If you want to go all out, pizza is always welcome (please no meat!!).

On Friday May 5 our K/1/2 families will enjoy the last Class Shabbat dinner before our 6:00 pm family service. We will also be honoring our graduating seniors at that service. At our Shabbat service on May 26, we will honor all our Hesed Academy teachers.

This has been a good year for Hesed Academy. Please join us for all our events as we end our year on a high note.

Rabbi Bruce Greenbaum
Hesed Academy Director



Cycling Across America-- "We Are All In This Together"

Join us Saturday evening, **May 13 at 7:00 pm** for an award-winning movie and then visit with the person who created the film "We are all in this Together." Daniel Troia, nephew of CBI member

Pauline Troia, created this movie while riding across the USA on his bicycle. Daniel's goal was to really get to know Americans during his cross-country trek. He brought no money or food with him and relied on the goodwill of people he met to support his efforts. This film documents his experiences on his journey. The film has won many awards, including Best Feature Documentary at the Los Angeles Cinema Festival. While the event is free, we suggest a \$10 donation (or more) with all proceeds going to the Gathering for Women



Democracy in Israel, Past, Present, & Future

CBI is delighted to welcome Uki Maroshek-Klarman, Ph.D on Sunday, May 21 at

4:00 pm for a thought-provoking discussion about the state of democracy in Israel today. Dr. Maroshek-Klarman is this year's commencement speaker for the Monterey Institute of International Studies and has graciously agreed to speak to CBI during her time on the Monterey Peninsula. There will be a wine and cheese reception before Dr. Maroshek-Klarman's talk.

Dr. Uki Maroshek-Klarman founded and currently heads the Adam Institute for Democracy and Peace in Jerusalem. Since 1987, the Adam Institute has promoted democratic values, equality, and coexistence across the many religions, ethnicities, and nationalities in Israel and the Middle East and has served 350,000 participants to date. Among her many accomplishments, Dr. Maroshek-Klarman created "[Betzavta – Adam Institute's facilitation method](#)," which offers engaging, experiential learning to make civics education accessible to all. Please join us for this important conversation.



Shavuot Celebration, Blintz Dinner, & Torah Study

Shavuot, our summer pilgrimage festival celebrates the last harvest of the year on Israel's agricultural calendar, arriving seven weeks after Passover. Biblically it is also the time when our ancestors received "revelation" through the gift of Torah received at Mount Sinai, 49 days after our exodus from Egypt. From freedom to revelation in seven weeks, what meaning might this festival hold for us today?

Please join us **Thursday evening, May 25, 6:00-9:00 pm** as we celebrate the Festival of Shavuot with a special Torah Study led by various CBI members. We'll begin with Cantor Alisa at 6:00 pm with an overview of our festival and the significance of Torah to our people. Then, each volunteer will take one of the five books of Torah—Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, as well as the Prophets, and the Writings—and share passages that hold meaning and insights for them. We'll take a break at 7:00 pm to enjoy a light blintz casserole and salad dinner prepared by Malina Breaux. Our study resumes following dinner, concluding by 9 pm. Please RSVP to Abby in the office so we know how many to cook for! We will provide blintzes, salad, and drinks. Please bring a dessert to share.



Lunch with Our Clergy

This month join Rabbi Greenbaum when he leads the discussion on **Wednesday, May 10 at noon** at Baja Cantina, located about one mile east of CBI. This month the

discussion will focus on "The State of Israel: What is going on and how should American Jews respond?" It seems the challenges within Israel change day to day.

Next month we might be discussing threats from surrounding countries or problems within Israel's own government. If regular protests are still occurring within Israel's borders, we will explore who is protesting and why they are speaking out. As American Jews, how might we respond to all the issues challenging Israel today? Come prepared to offer your thoughts. We might disagree, but let's do so respectfully! Call or email the CBI office to RSVP. We will order off their regular menu so expect lunch to cost approximately \$20.

BEST YEARS

Best Years Lunch & Field Trip to the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History

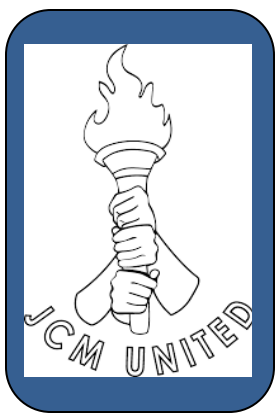
On **Wednesday, May 24 at 10:30 am**, Cantor Alisa will accompany our next "Best Years" trip to the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, with a "secret" excursion to the basement and all its treasures, led by Nate King, Collections and Research Manager at Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History (and Abby King's son!). We will meet in front of the museum at 10:20 am. A brown bag lunch will be provided by Parker Lusseau which we will enjoy together in Jewell Park across the street from the museum on Forest and Central. This trip is limited to 8-10 reservations. Please call or email the CBI office to reserve your spot!



Join Us For Community Shabbat Dinner!

Join us for our monthly tradition of community Shabbat dinners, prepared by Malina Breaux and her entourage of assistants. Savor a sense of community and food worthy of celebration at **6:15 pm on Friday, May 26**.

Join us as we offer blessings for the bread and wine and sing traditional music to begin our erev Shabbat. Evening services follow at 7:30 pm. Call or email the office for reservations. The cost is \$18 for adults and \$10 for children.



JCM United's Race to Prevent Hunger

Congregation Beth Israel is one of the founding partners of JCM United, an organization whose mission is: "To build and strengthen the understanding and ties between Jews, Christians and

Muslims through social justice programs, including sharing meals with our food insecure and outdoor neighbors; as well as social and educational activities that enhance our appreciation for each other." Currently Rabbi Greenbaum serves as president of JCM United's board.

Every Thursday JCM United runs Abraham's Tent, a food kitchen based out of a church in Marina. Many CBI members participate in preparing, packaging and distributing the food weekly. In order to fund the expenses of acquiring the food that is distributed each week, JCM United is holding what they have titled "Fundracer for Hunger Prevention.

They want all who can to participate in this virtual race **May 15-21**. Register online at <https://www.icmunited.org/> to become one of the virtual runners (or one of the 50+ other activities) or to sponsor another participant. Cost to register as a participant for the virtual 10 mile California coastline race is \$15 for students or \$25 for adults. You can support Rabbi Greenbaum who plans on completing the 10 mile course himself. You can also go to the race link at <https://jcm.racery.com/r/iuc-united/>

All participants are invited to the post-race celebration and to enjoy prizes and snacks on May 21 from 2:00-3:00 pm in our CBI backyard. Let's all support this effort to end hunger on the Monterey Peninsula.



Zumba begins at CBI Sunday, June 11!

Join Tracy Richards for an exhilarating Zumba class like no other! Get ready to move, groove, and experience the joy of

dance as we bring exciting Israeli pop beats and other rhythms of the world to CBI. All ages and fitness levels welcome!

Our 45-minute workout will leave you energized and smiling, and, to top it off, join us for healthy treats after each class, providing the perfect opportunity for us to mingle and get to know each other.

Classes start **Sunday, June 11 at 10:00 am** and will meet every two weeks after that. Suggested donation of \$36 to CBI for three months.

Dance and music have the power to bring people together and create lasting friendships while also helping us stay fit and healthy. So, mark your calendars, grab your dance sneakers, and get ready to join us for an unforgettable community-building Zumba experience! Contact Tracy Richards at 919-995-5574 or Charlotte Salomon at 925-519-4477 for more info.



CBI Book Club

Here are our next three dates and book selections:

May 9, 1:30 pm, home of Karen Wiskoff. Book -- THE PRISON MINYAN by Jonathan Stone

June 13, 1:30 pm, home TO BE DETERMINED. Book -- THIS IS HOW IT ALWAYS IS by Laurie Frankel

July 11, 1:30 pm, home TO BE DETERMINED. Book -- THE FEMALE PERSUASION by Meg Wolitzer



CBI is looking to hire an organized and enthusiastic person to be our **Coordinator of Youth and Educational Activities**. This position would be 10-12 hours a week including Sundays when Hesed Academy is in session.

Tasks will include maintaining school records, attendance, payroll, communication with parents and teachers, and more.

If you are interested, please contact Rabbi Bruce, rabbig@carmelbethisrael.org.



Social Action
@ CBI

Springing Into Action

The artist Heidi McGurrin (a long-time friend) gathered art supplies—pencils, crayons, watercolors, and paper and headed to Pajaro, where she set up a table and engaged a group of children to join her in making art. The arts heal.

Michelle Djokic, a Grammy award nominee cellist, and the founder and artistic director of the SandBox in Sand City, a fabulous, intimate performing arts venue (I serve on Musikiwest, a music education nonprofit, BoD), held a sold-out concert and decided to donate \$2,000 in proceeds directly to the Pajaro residents. I contacted a colleague who works at Driscoll's and volunteers with "[Together in Pajaro](#)", <[togetherinpajaro.org](#)> a nonprofit working that connects the community businesses churches, resources and residents. Stephen advised that Sr. Rosa, who heads the [Casa de Cultura](#) there <[casadecultura.org](#)>, was assisting families with funds for housing, food, clothing and more. I put Michelle and Stephen together. This photo demonstrates how quickly, within days, direct action can make a difference.

So when I heard on the news that as families return to their disaster-impacted homes, clearing them of all their destroyed belongings, they are sleeping on the floor. There's an urgent need for between 250-500 mattresses.

Money for Mattresses

Our CBI Social Action Committee can make an immediate impact too. We are spearheading a "fast action Money for Mattresses" campaign to assist the Pajaro families. Please contribute funds to CBI noting on your check "mattresses", and online use the donate button and put "mattresses" in the description of your contribution. We have created an account where we can track the funds.

We are also planning, at a later date, a clothing, household goods, children's toys and furniture drive to assist the Pajaro residents. We are waiting for disaster cleanup of their homes and the tons of debris lining the streets. So please start your spring cleaning by collecting quality items. More information to follow in our newsletters.

And Thank You for this Mitzvah!

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Meet Lorraine & Hugo Gerstl

Lorraine and Hugo Gerstl have been blessed with a lifetime of love, activities, and happiness!

Lorraine – Her parents left Lithuania when war clouds were on the horizon for South Africa, where Lorraine was born. The trilingual young woman – fluent in English, Afrikaans, and *Yiddish* – worked at Johannesburg’s largest bookstore and risked the Apartheid laws by fraternizing with all races. A nice Jewish girl (raised Orthodox) who taught in a Convent School and a School for the Deaf, Lorraine left South Africa when the first rumblings of black-majority rule shook RSA to its roots. She met Hugo when they were both on the Board at the *old* Synagogue on Park Avenue. Friendship caught fire. When her three children were “of sufficient age,” she started teaching again – a year at Briarcliffe Academy (now RLS Lower School) led to 28 years as Santa Catalina’s beloved third grade teacher. Retirement? Not this young woman! Lorraine and a colleague started Omni Learning Center in 2017, expecting a few hours a week and maybe 10 students. Wrong! Today it’s “more than full-time” with over 70 students and growing each year.

Hugo – son of Holocaust Survivors – born in Baltimore, raised in West L.A., attended legendary Hamilton High School, where music and acting was “in the blood.” He started his own band at age 12, playing at Birthdays and Bar Mitzvahs (“Here’s a job that you can handle, come and light the 13th candle!), which led to the recording studio. By the time it was over, 12 years later, Hugo’s groups had made over 75

commercially released recordings, three of which, “Express Yourself,” “Do Your Thing,” and “Love Land” went gold! Fast forward. Hugo became a lawyer (Captain) in the U.S. Air Force where he enjoyed two of his finest years in Ankara, Turkey, before moving from L.A. to Monterey (1970), when he joined CBI (53 years ago!), little knowing that some eight years later his “universe” would move to the Monterey Peninsula, where they met. In the late 70s and early 80s, Lorraine and Lester Tockerman wrote and edited *The Shofar*. Hugo and Lorraine married in 1986, he with a son, Jeff, and daughter, Tracy, she with three growing youngsters, son Greg and daughters Karen, and Roslyn. Later, Lorraine was one of the founding members of CBI’s college scholarships. Between them, Hugo & Lorraine have acted in many plays in little theaters throughout the area,

By the early 1990s, Hugo, by this time a seasoned trial lawyer, began his newest adventure – as a writer and president of a small publishing house. To date, he has written 17 novels and 8 nonfiction works which have been published in the U.S. and half a dozen other countries. One of those novels went to #2 on the best-seller charts in Portugal. (When he came home and bragged to Lorraine that he was “a bestselling author,” she replied (not particularly impressed), “No, you’re a second-best-selling author.” In the mid-1990s, Lorraine and Hugo served three successive terms as CBI’s co-vice presidents. Life expanded once again as they indulged their passion for travel. Since that time, they’ve visited more than fifty countries.

Today, both Lorraine and Hugo continue working full-time. In addition to Omni Learning Center, Lorraine’s written and published three nationally distributed books, the *Omni* guides to Reading Comprehension, Manners & Etiquette, and Geography. Hugo’s latest novel is about a small village in Central France that saved 5,000 Jews during the Holocaust. They both work at Abraham’s Tent and I-Help For Men, and most of all, they continue to love and cherish each moment they have with one another.



Congregation Beth Israel

May 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 4:00 pm Adult Biblical Hebrew	4	5 5:00 pm K/1 st /2 nd Grade Shabbat Dinner 6:00 pm Family Shabbat Services with Birthday blessings	6 10:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 7:00 pm Havdalah on Carmel Beach
7 9:30 am Religious School 4:00 pm I-Help Men	8	9 6:30 pm CBI Executive Committee Meets	10 12:00 Lunch with Clergy – Rabbi @ Baja Cantina 4:00 pm Adult Biblical Hebrew	11	12 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services 	13 10:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 7:00 pm Movie Event: Cycling Across America with Daniel Troia
14 Mother's Day No Religious School	15	16 7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meets	17 4:00 pm Adult Biblical Hebrew	18	19 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services 	20 10:30 am Shabbat Torah Study
21 9:30 am Religious School – Last Day 12:30 pm Aleynu 2:00 pm JCM United fund-racer post- race celebration @ CBI 4:00 pm Guest Speaker Uki Maroshek- CEO Adams Inst. for Democracy & Peace	22	23	24 10:30 am Best Years tours Pacific Grove Nat. Hist. Museum & Picnic in Jewell park	25 Erev Shavuot 6:00 pm Blintz Dinner and Torah Study	26 Shavuot 6:15 pm Community Shabbat Dinner 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services Teacher Appreciation 	27 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service when Eli Popky becomes a Bar Mitzvah
28	29 I-Help Women	30 5:00 pm Worship Committee	31 4:00 pm Adult Biblical Hebrew	1 JUNE	2 6:00 pm Family Shabbat Services with Birthday Blessings	3 10:30 am Shabbat Service when Maya Felthoven becomes a Bat Mitzvah



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Family News



Charlene and Matthew Schuss joyously announce the wedding of their daughter, Elinor Schuss, to Nicholas Diaz. On March 25, 2023, Elie and Nick were married at the Palo Corona Regional Park Wedgewood Weddings venue. The outdoor ceremony was officiated by Nick's father, Antonio Diaz, and Cantor Alisa Fineman.

In March, Sandy & Bradley Tamler welcomed the arrival of baby Rachel.

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@aol.com to be included in the Shofar.

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Thank you to our Oneg
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April:

**Marsha Kelly in memory of her mother Sally
Mandel, stepfather Irving Mandel, & stepfather
Sam Franks**

**April 14 - Vic & Sylvia Krimsley – in memory of
Vic's father Malcolm**

**April 21 – Gary & Judy Simon – in honor of Judy's
brother Robert Lefkowitz**

**April 28 – Friends & Family of Makayla Schnitzer
– in honor of her becoming a Bat Mitzvah**

If you would like to host during the month of May
or June, please call the CBI office for available
dates.

You may host in honor or memory of someone
special to you or in gratitude or honor of a special
occasion or life cycle event.

Please help us keep this tradition alive. It's easy,
it's fun, and very much appreciated.

Call the CBI office to schedule your Oneg at 831-
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Parshiot

May 6, Emor

T: Leviticus 21:1-24:23

H: Ezekiel 44:15-31

**May 13, Behar-
Bechukotai**

T: Leviticus 25:1-27:14

H: Jeremiah 32:6-27

May 20, Bemidbar

T: Numbers 1:1-4:20

H: Hosea 2:1-22

May 27: Shavuot

T: Exodus 19:1-20:23

H: Ezekiel 1:1-28