A MESSAGE FROM OUR RABBI

TORAH TOWN HALL

One of my favorite aspects of teaching is... learning. I don't mean just the learning I do when I prepare for a class or service. I mean the wisdom I gain when I enter into conversation with our Hebrew School students and adult members.

One of my favorite Adult Education series has been “Spiritual Conversations” – which has lived up to its name. The Circle of Life has brought in experts (both from within the congregation and from outside it) to add their voices and insights to the topic of life cycle and the many political and personal issues that arise from it. Comments and q & a from the congregation were a tie (with the amazing home-made desserts) for my favorite part of Sisterhood’s recent session on The Golem & the Jinni and Snow in August. When I teach in the Hebrew School each Tuesday, it is a sure bet that at least one child will share a creative idea that I did not anticipate.

On Shabbat mornings, when we do not have a special simcha, I introduce a topic and then marvel at the collective wisdom of the interactive discussions that follow, based on the week’s Torah portion. Several times each year, our Learning Services (held both on Friday night and on Shabbat morning) give the opportunity for lots of questions and answers, comments and feedback. Our next Learning Service will be held on Friday, January 9 at 7:30. Among other topics, we will discuss historical references in the Friday night service.

The Cantor and I are planning to bring more interaction, more regularly, to our Friday night services. We have purchased microphone headsets, so we can get off the bimah to interact with the congregation and still be heard. On Friday nights when I give a traditional “drash,” I will sometimes invite questions or comments and other times encourage a discussion based on a topic or question I have raised. We will designate some Friday night as “Torah Town Hall,” for group discussions of contemporary issues and current events in a “town hall meeting” style, taking account of Jewish values and perspectives. Our first Torah Town Hall will take place on January 30 at 8:00 pm.

The idea for Torah Town Hall was inspired by our congregational surveys. At the same time, it fulfills a vision that the Cantor and I have long shared: that the synagogue is not just a place to come and sit passively. It is a place to be engaged, to laugh, to sing, to drink a l’chaim, to discuss what matters, and, sometimes, to cry. It is a place to offer your ideas and to make connections with others who are offering theirs. A spiritual home (like a true home of any type) is a safe and nurturing haven where you can share who you are and develop as a person.

Lately, several people have commented to me on the range and variety of our members. Our members include Jews by birth, Jews by choice, and interfaith families. We grew up in every movement – and, in some cases, no movement. We span the generations – and the generations actually talk to one another! (Nothing gives me more delight than seeing our young people shmooz with adults they are not related to.)

CBI is an informal and easygoing community that is also deeply serious about certain topics: for example, Israel and educating our kids. Our members have an astonishing array of backgrounds and experiences; passions and expertise; contributions and visions. And because we have created such a big and open tent, dialogue with one another becomes not only “educational,” but exciting.

There are many opportunities to engage with the wonderful people here at CBI and to add your voice to the chorus. Please check the weekly Shul Shmooz for announcements of service themes, discussions, and adult education opportunities – including our first official Torah Town Hall on Friday, January 30 at 8:00 and our Learning Service on Friday, January 9 at 7:30.

At her Bat Mitzvah last month, Avery Paulen honored me by mentioning in her creative, question-filled speech: “Rabbi Debra
Apple Pie and a Coffee.

My dad’s 20th yartzeit was on kaf Cheshvan: November 12th this year.

I say Kaddish on his yartzeit, and I brought a bottle of vodka and a chocolate babka. After services we all sat around a table and made a l’chayim wishing my dad’s soul to rise to a higher and higher plane.

“What would your father do around the table when you were younger?” the Rabbi asked.

“He’d tell jokes,” I said, “and he would laugh at his own jokes until his face was as red as a beet and he started to choke.”

“A new immigrant says to his friend: I’m-a want a cheese-a sand-a-which-a, please.”

“Wadda you mean, so what, are you still in that little shul?” Moish answered.

“Moish and Vince, very close friends, grew up together; Vince became a Priest and Moish a Rabbi. One day the phone rang: “Hello, Moish? It’s Vince. I’m the Priest at St. Anthony’s in New York City,” “So what!” Moish answered.

“Wadda you mean, so what, are you still in that little shul?”

“Yup,” Moish answered, and hung up.

Three years later the phone rings: “Moish, it’s Vince, I was made the Monsignor at St. Anthony’s.”

“So what!” Moish answered again.

“So what? Are you still in that little shul?” Moish answered yes, and hung up.

Vince called every few years: a Bishop, the ArchBishop, a Cardinal, and Moish would say so what, every time.

The Pope died and the phone rang in Brooklyn: “Moish,” the voice on the line spoke, “it’s Vince. I am the Pope, the Pope, Moish.”

“So what,” Moish said again.

“I’m the Pope,” Vince said, “the Pope. Wadda you want me to do be Jesus Christ?”

“Well Vince,” Moish said.”One of our boys made it!”

I’ve always maintained that my dad communicates with me in one way or another.

I laugh when my draped Talit slips off one or both of my shoulders, forcing me to drape it again. I still think that’s dad telling me to concentrate more or maybe he was letting me know he was watching over us.

Later that day I was with a couple of my associates, Bobby and Phillip. Bob was running out and he asked if either Phillip or I wanted anything. Phillip jokingly asked for a ham sandwich.

Bobby started to laugh and began telling one of his dad’s favorite jokes (his dad was an Italian immigrant).

A new immigrant tells his friend: I’m-a in-a dis a-country and-a I wanna go eat-a some-a-ting at a diner. What –a should-a I say?

He’s told to ask for Apple pie and coffee.

I began laughing, and tears run down my face. That was one of my father’s favorite jokes which I hadn’t heard since I was 7 or 8 years old, and now, some 60 years later, on the day of dad’s Yartzeit, my friend Bobby, from out of the blue, is telling one of my dad’s all-time favorite jokes.

Back to the story:

After a week or so the immigrant says: “I’m-a sick-of-a eatin’ –a apple-a pie an-a coffee. What else-a can I-a eat?”

His friend tells him to ask the waitress for a cheese sandwich (my dad’s joke didn’t involve a ham sandwich).

The next day he goes to the diner and says: “I’m-a want a cheese-a sand-a-which-a, please.”

The waitress smiles and asks: “would you like American, Swiss or Cheddar, sir?”

He looks up at her, smiles, blinks his eyes and says: “Apple-a Pie and-a coffee.”

Things come to us in ways that we’ll never understand. I pray that all of us are open when those moments happen and that we become enriched by them and lifted to a spiritual plane that enhances the memories of those we’ve lost.

I can assure you that day was one for me.

Cantor Lenny Mandel

Please “LIKE” us on FACEBOOK.

Search on FACEBOOK for Congregation B’nai Israel, Emerson. Keep up to date on all the events and news of our shul!
December was full of excitement for the Hebrew School children at CBI. The Hannukah program was a great success and parents and children alike enjoyed the sweet and delicious sufganiyot and latkes that were provided.

As we welcome in the new calendar year we take time to reflect upon the changes that our Hebrew School has experienced. Our teachers have kept a close eye on the students and have been working in small groups and individually on prayers and Hebrew reading. Principal Weiss reports that the, “progress in terms of Hebrew skills has really been noticeable and the kids’ confidence in their skills is evident, too.”

We encourage you to continue to refer to the calendar that was sent to you in September and make note of the required services that have been scheduled for your child’s class. You will be impressed to see how many prayers your child can recite and how much Hebrew they can read. As a reminder, there will be a Parent Meeting on January 11th. We look forward to seeing you there.

Lori Cohen, Jodi Paulen and Samantha Segal,
Education Committee Co-Chairs

We are excited for our annual event coming at the end of this month which is a great opportunity to do a mitzvah! We will be cooking dinner for The Center for Hope and Safety (formerly Shelter Our Sisters). This will take place on Sunday January 25th from about 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. We will need help with the cooking at CBI, shopping, and delivering. We also welcome donations to help with purchasing the ingredients, and home cooked appetizers and desserts. Any way you would like to contribute is welcome! Please see the flier in this issue.

December was a busy month for Sisterhood. We enjoyed a wonderful evening together on December 4th at Creatively Yours in Ridgewood. We have some very talented Sisters who made awesome ceramic and glass items. We enjoyed delicious snacks and drinks and it was a great opportunity to spend time together. Look out for more ladies night out events in the future!

On December 7th, everyone had a great time at our One Book One Community event which included the movie “Snow in August” and discussion of the book The Golem and the Jinni, by Helene Wecker. Thank you Lisa and Carolyn for leading the event and for baking some of the desserts. Special thanks goes to our Rabbi for leading a wonderful discussion after the movie and to Warren Kuperinsky who made some delicious desserts. If you didn’t come be sure to get Warren’s Chocolate Bobka recipe. Warren you are truly a wonderful honorary member of Sisterhood! Thanks also go to our other bakers and helpers Renee Kuperinsky, George Ginsberg, Mark Milchman and Gary Schwindler.

Andrea Collier & Tracy Ganbarg
Sisterhood Co-Chairs
Happy New Year to all! The Social Action Committee (SAC) is working with Rabbi Orenstein towards her goal of freeing SLAVES, and we will be sharing information in the upcoming Schmooz Articles on how our Congregation can join her in these efforts and very worthy cause!!

In November, SAC presented the Emerson Environmental Committee (EEC) with a check for $150.00, part of a mini-grant that was applied for and awarded to SAC. Don and Arlene Fultonberg researched and applied for this mini-grant – thank you for your time, and effort, Don and Arlene! SAC will be meeting in the Spring to determine how our part of the funds might be best used.

Thanks again to everyone who participated in last April’s Emerson Clean, which was tied to this mini-grant, in celebration of Earth Day 2014. We are planning an encore with the EEC this April, and would love additional helping hands in our efforts towards this clean-up and beautification of Emerson. Dates and information will follow in the Spring.

Let’s go GREEN! SAC will be planning a Green Fair to be held on Feb 1, in celebration of Tu B’Shvat. We are hopeful to have a great turnout. The event will be held in the Social Hall on Sunday, Feb. 1, from 9:30-11:00 a.m., weather permitting!

Our goal will be to raise awareness of programs, products, and plans that can be used globally, at our Synagogue, and in our homes to keep the theme of Greening the Earth and our Shmitta Year. Hope to see you there after minyan and bagels!

In addition, if you are interested in joining Warren and Renee Kuperinsky and the SAC to help feed the homeless, we will be cooking some of the food, and then serving it in Hackensack on March 22. Spots are limited, so please RSVP to the SAC if you would like to join this event.

The SAC Programs schedule follows:

1/15 Earth Day Fair planning session

2/1 Earth Day Awareness Fair TBD held at CBI with Hebrew School participation.

3/22 Feed the Homeless--dinner cooked and served by CBI at the shelter in Hackensack. Please e-mail SAC to volunteer, limited spots available.

4/14 Earth Day project with the Environmental Group of Emerson. SAC will team up with the Emerson Environmental Group and perform a cleanup of the park areas around the Borough.

5/15 TBD

SAC has a request from our CBI Congregation, please view our schedule, choose something that interests you, your family, and friends, and then JUST SHOW UP. Easy? We hope so!

Our ambitious calendar is a work in progress. If you are interested in joining us and/or have any suggestions or comments, please email us at social.action.chair@birsrael.com.

Sincerely,
SAC Co-chairs,
Jill Blum & Judy Newell

The SAC committee presented the Emerson Environment Committee with a check for $150.00. This money was from a mini grant that Don and Arlene Fultonberg applied and got. We paired with the committee to clean up parts of Emerson last April.

Pictured from our Synagogue: Jill Blum Judy Newell, Victoria Pasher, Arlene and Don Fultonberg, Dan Dank. Participants that were not in the picture but should be mentioned: Gary Schwinder, Howard Newell, Renee and Warren Kuperinsky.

From Emerson EC: Karen and Tom Browne, Margaret Boyce, Tom Sudaro.
The Cantor has many gifts. At the Billy Joel Shabbat Service, it was striking to see how he chose themes of songs which matched the prayers we worked to fit into the music. We worked, but he made it seem like it just flowed from him. He helped us laugh, he pushed us to be more musical, he tested our memories for the times and places we were when we knew those songs.

What can the Rabbi say that will tie to Shabbat, the Shema, being Jews (other than Billy Joel was born one)? She finds ways to celebrate the pleasure the concert performer continues to give to people in concert, and then gently mentions, “it can’t be a gift forever.” But our belief system, the ability to know a presence we call God, “is here for always”. Before us, and after us.

I don’t always believe in God. Or more correctly, what kind of God can I believe in? She makes me know that it doesn’t matter, quite, who He is. It’s a struggle to imagine a being without human attributes or form. When I hear her talk with my heart and try to wrestle my argumentative consciousness, I know it’s better to let go. Let it ride, listen to the sound and imagine the marvel of our lives. Consider “the how” of our existence.

I want the Rabbi and Cantor to take me away from the realities which bind me up, and let me hover and smile quietly.

Jamie Kreiman, President

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**RITUAL**

Come in out of the cold and join us for lots of warm, family time in January. **Friday, January 9**, is a Young Family Service at 6:30 pm, for families with children ages 7 and under. Our theme will be the life of Moses, in honor of the Torah portion, Shemot. At 7:30 pm there is an erev Shabbat Learning Service for adults and children, but required for the Dalet and Hey families. The next morning, **Saturday, January 10**, join us at the Jewish Home Assisted Living in Rivervale, NJ, at 10:00 am, for the Intergenerational Shabbat Share and Care Service.

Our annual Freedom Shabbat, honoring the birthdays of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., is on **Friday, January 16**, at 7:30 pm. Rabbi Orenstein and Cantor Mandel will lead the service with the participation of leaders of many other local houses of worship from various faith traditions, as the evening is cosponsored by the Westwood Area Clergy Association. Rev. JerQuentin Sutton of Lebanon Baptist Church in Westwood will give the sermon. We are also inviting synagogue members to participate in an interfaith choir that will sing during the service. Please contact Cantor Lenny Mandel if you are interested, and join him on **Thursdays, January 8 and 15**, at 7:30 pm, for rehearsals. As part of the traditional Friday night Shabbat service, melodies and words from Negro Spirituals will be incorporated along with readings about Heschel and King. (For the last few years, our Friday night service was the MLK Service for the Westwood Area Clergy; next year it will be hosted by another member organization, although we will continue to celebrate Freedom Shabbat at CBI. Please turn out to support our community and enjoy this wonderful tradition.)

The following Friday, **January 30**, as part of the 8:00 pm erev Shabbat service, there will be a “Torah Town Hall”, an opportunity for an interactive discussion about current events as seen through a Jewish lens. The Bet Class will celebrate the end of Shabbat with a Havdalah service on **Saturday, January 31**, 5:30 pm.

Mark your calendars for the many February events including Tu B’Shevat, **Wednesday, February 4**: Hey Class Shabbat Service, **Saturday, February 7**: the county-wide Sweet Tastes of Torah program, **Saturday evening, February 7**: Shabbat Share & Care at the JHAL, **Saturday, February 14**: and Learning Service, 8-11 Service, and Young Family Service on **Saturday, February 28**. Always check the weekly Shmooz for updates and additions!

See you in Shul!

Audrey Bida, Judy Schoenfeld, and Sara Willovit
Ritual Co-chairs;
Nancy Passow, Vice President

**FAMILY SHABBAT**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 9**

Join us on Friday, January 9. At 6:30 pm there is a Family Service for families with children ages 7 and under. Older siblings are invited, too, of course! Judy Schoenfeld, Audrey Bida, and Rabbi Debra Orenstein will lead the service with songs and puppets, developing the story of Moses -- from baby to adult hero to wise elder-- which begins in that week's Torah portion, at the start of the Book of Exodus. All are invited to remain for our Learning Service, and goody bags will be provided for those going home for early bedtimes.

Then, at 7:30 pm, join our Rabbi and Cantor for an Erev Shabbat Learning Service. Enjoy the prayers, the songs, the explanations, and the give-and-take with our clergy. Topics will include historical references and roots in the Friday evening service, plus your questions! (This service is required for Dalet and Hey families.)
GREETINGS FROM THE CBI MEN’S CLUB

A wonderful time was had by all at this year’s Chanukkah Celebration, and we thank all those who helped cook, serve, clean up and party with us. We hope (but offer no guarantee) that those latkes will be digested by Purim! Coming up is the awarding of the CBI Athletic Cup to the winner of our 2014 Fantasy Football League! Stay tuned!

For more information, to join or volunteer, contact David & Dave at mensclub.chair@bisrael.com.

David Gordon and Dave Bloom
Men’s Club Co-Chairmen

GOOD AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The members of B’nai Israel do a great job of reaching out to the community offering help and assistance with local shelters, food banks and community blood drives. But did you know CBI has a a Good and Welfare Committee that helps our members in a time of need. When a member is sitting shiva, in the hospital, home with an illness, or recuperating at home, in a rehab, or facility, we are there for them. When a ride is needed to shul or a doctor’s appointment we arrange what we can. Need a cheer-up phone call or someone to check on an older member, we do that too. Good and Welfare is supported solely by donations either by sending a fund card that is earmarked for G & W or by a separate monetary donation. Wouldn’t you want us to be there when you need us? Please help us by donating to Good and Welfare today. Send a check or donate on line through our website. We could use your help now.

Rabbi Debra Orenstein

Shiva Squad Volunteers Needed!

One of the most important things we can do for each other is to provide support during times of need. This is especially true when a family is sitting Shiva. In order to make sure we can help families in mourning, we are setting up a Shiva Squad. The activities will include delivering and/or picking up the Shiva books and chairs to/from a family’s home, ensuring there are enough people for the minyan, helping to lead the Shiva minyan service, and providing support and information to the family. If you would like to be involved, please contact Nancy Passow at nancy.passow@bisrael.com. No experience is necessary – we will provide information, an MP3 of the Shiva minyan service, and more.

Thank you all,
Matt Silver
Annual Thanksgiving Inter-Faith Service

Singers Wanted!

You may recall the AMAZING interfaith choir that sang last year at our Freedom Shabbat. It was led by Cantor Lenny Mandel and composed of some of our members plus several spiritual and lay leaders of local churches. We would like to expand the choir this year. If you love to sing, please talk to the Cantor and/or arrive ready to sing and have fun at the rehearsals: Thursday January 8 and Thursday January 15 from 7:30 - 9:00. Questions, suggestions, or concerns? Contact cantor@bisrael.com.

ISRAEL TRIP: DATES AND UPDATES - OCTOBER 2015

We had an exciting meeting about our Israel trip. Many thanks to Jared Kutzin, Scott Hayden and Carol Aferiat for presenting information about their varied past experiences in Israel. We discussed customizing a trip for CBI, to meet the needs of first-timers and returning Zionists and to put our own unique stamp on the activities and pace of the trip. Our initial intention had been to schedule the trip for December or August to accommodate families with school-age children. However, the surveys and our live meeting all pointed to an initial trip in October of the coming year. We have tentatively scheduled a CBI Trip to Israel leaving Saturday night, October 10, with 9 and 14 day options. No date will meet everyone’s needs. However, this seems to be good for most of those who have expressed strong interest. We look forward to scheduling another trip for families with children still in school. We were pleased to hear that people preferred to go sooner rather than later. The weather is beautiful in October. We know there are members that are interested but weren’t able to make the first meeting. If you have interest or feedback about the CBI trip to Israel, please contact Robin Pierce at robin.pierce@bisrael.com. Our next Israel Trip Meeting will feature Rabbi Sharon Litwin, of Israel Tours Connection Travel, to discuss itinerary details. Look for updates in the Shmooz and Menorah - L’shana haba’a beyrushalayim Next year in Jerusalem!
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Congregation B’nai Israel, Emerson

This session will explore different traditional ideas - within the Torah and rabbinic literature - about when revelation occurred at Sinai. Each timeline has its own implications about who is included in the experience of Sinai, what the message of revelation was/is, and why the Sinai experience remains relevant today.

COST:
$15 pre-registered by Wednesday, February 4, 2015
$20 at door

TIME:
6:30 p.m. doors open; 6:50 p.m. Havdalah, followed by programs

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PARENTING BOOK GROUP

What Do the Jewish Tradition and Contemporary Social Science Have to Teach About Raising a Happy Mentsch?

For most people, parenting is life’s longest and most intense spiritual enterprise. In this class we will meet to discuss texts on parenting aiming to increase our awareness of the opportunities for holiness and connection in relationships with children and grandchildren. Books to be discussed: *Walking with Life*, Bradley Shavit Artson; *Parenting as a Spiritual Journey*, Nancy Fuchs-Kreimer; *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*, Wendy Mogul; *Parenting Jewish Teens: A Guide to the Perplexed*, Joanne Doades; *Far From the Tree: Parents, Children, and the Search for Identity*, Andrew Solomon.

Instructor: Rabbi Debra Orenstein

Location:
Emerson Public Library
20 Palisades Avenue
Emerson, NJ 07630
Tuesdays, 12:30pm - 1:30pm
2 sessions: 1/13, 3/10

Location:
Westwood Public Library
49 Park Avenue
Westwood, NJ 07675
Tuesdays, 7:30pm - 8:30pm
3 sessions: 2/10, 4/14, 5/12

$20 per session • $85 for all five - payable to Federation
http://www.jfnnj.org/adult-education
With the help of our CBI Community, Sisterhood is organizing a delicious dinner to be provided to the women and children at Shelter Our Sisters.

When: Sunday, January 25th

Where: CBI Kitchen from 10am til we are done cooking (approximately 4 hours)

What you can do: Many options

Prepare an appetizer or dessert at home and drop it off at the temple on 1/25/2015 between hebrew school hours.

Monetary Donations accepted, payable to CBI Sisterhood.

Help shop prior to 1/25, we will give you a list.

Deliver the meal to Shelter Our Sister on 1/25

Help in the kitchen on 1/25, chop, stir and enjoy lively conversation with your friends and sisters.

Please RSVP to Andrea and Tracy, sisterhood co-chairs at sisterhood.chair@bisrael.com and inform us on how you can help make this event a success.
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Shevat-Adar 5775

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Candle Lighting Times:
- **FEBRUARY 2015:** 6: 5:01, 13: 5:09, 20: 5:18, 27: 5:26
Dear CBI Family,
I would like to thank all of my friends at Congregation B’nai Israel for your generous outpouring to me and my family during this saddened time in my life. The prayer books in memory of Bunny, meals, and phone calls and overwhelming donations have been immense.
Thank you again.

Sidney Derner

To my CBI Family,
Thank you so much for all of your thoughts, prayers, good wishes and, of course, an excuse not to cook. I truly enjoyed all the food and was impressed by the “formally dressed delivery man.” I can never say it offend enough - I am so happy to be part of the CBI family. Thank you.
My best to all,
Marie (aka “Me”)

To My CBI Family,
Ever since I received my breast cancer diagnosis back in late October, the outpouring of support from our CBI community has been a tremendous source of comfort for me. I want you all to know how much I have appreciated your thoughts, prayers and of course the dinner sent by Good & Welfare after my surgery. I’m happy to say that all is well! The surgery was easy, the recovery was speedy and the early results have all been good. I’m glad to be over the first hurdle and I’m hopeful the road ahead will be just as positive.
I have much to be grateful for and right at the top is our CBI community. For a very long time I have witnessed the power of our members to be there for each other in good times and difficult times. Although it was tough for me to be on the receiving end in this instance, I am truly grateful for your generosity and emotional support. Let’s hope the future brings more opportunity to share the good times together!

Love,
Sheryl Silver

Dear Meryl, the Good and Welfare Committee and any other CBI friends who contributed to our yummy dinner,
Dan and I want to sincerely thank all of you for the concern, caring and well wishes we received before, during and after Dan’s surgery.
We are so very happy to be part of the CBI Family who has been there for us in uncertain times like Dan’s recent medical procedure. You know you have good friends when they are there for you both in good time and not such good ones.
Just to let you all know, in case you haven’t yet heard, everything turned out fine and he received a clean bill of health. He is now ready to get back to playing ice hockey at 6am every Saturday.
P.S. Don’t tell the Rabbi
Much love,
Carol, Dan, Jake and Scott

Dear Rabbi, Jaimie and CBI
Thank you for your gentleness, kindness and guidance through the ritual of mourning my mother’s passing. I am grateful for your support.
Thank you for the gift basket.
Sincerely,
Shirley Birnbaum

To the Good and Welfare Fund
Our sincere appreciation to Meryl Kutzin and the CBI family for the dinners and your expression of support for Barbara.

From,
Ted Glueck

Dear CBI Family,
Thank you so much for the beautiful basket

Love,
Lisa Mendelson

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to David Gordon on the passing of his father, Richard Lewis Gordon

Condolences to Richard Carlin on the passing of his father, Bernard

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Naomi Weinberg for her role as a lawyer in advocating for victims of terror and in calling the Arab Bank to account for financing terrorism.

Mazel Tov to Dave and Debra Bloom on the launch of their new online venture: Allergence.

Mazel Tov to Gabe Green for his starring role in the fall play at The Bergen Academies. Bravo!

A belated mazal tov to Irwin Kadin on his 90th birthday (this past October).

GOOD AND WELFARE

Get Well

Robyn Abrams

A BIG THANK YOU

to the following for sponsoring a Friday Night Oneg, Shabbat Kiddush or a Sunday morning breakfast

Amy and Jonathan Shein  Friday  1.9.15  In honor of Jonathan’s Birthday
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Michelson
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Aferiat
Liepmann

Good and Welfare thanks these families for bringing meals to Michael and Robyn Abrams while Robyn recuperated from surgery

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A reminder card is mailed every year prior to the yahrzeit anniversary. Plaques are displayed on the sanctuary walls.

**TREE OF LIFE LEAVES**
Commemorate special occasions or honor someone special with a leaf displayed on our lobby walls.

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We’ll send a beautiful card to express your sentiments. Choose from one of the following funds:
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- **ETERNAL LIGHT FUND** for memorials
- **IRVING RIEKES MEMORIAL GARDEN FUND** for all occasions.
- **GET WELL FUND**
- **CANTOR SID DERNER BUILDING FUND** for all occasions. Funds used for existing building needs.
- **GOOD & WELFARE FUND**
- **SOCIAL ACTION FUND** to help those in need
- **BERNICE’S KITCHEN FUND** for all occasions, in memory of Bernice Kuperinsky. Funds used for kitchen equipment.
- **THE RABBI JEHIEL ORENSTEIN EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT FUND** In memory of Rabbi Jehiel. Funds scholars-in-residence, teacher development, and other educational needs of the synagogue.
- **RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND** Contributions made will benefit organizations, members, causes, and/or purchases at the discretion of the Rabbi
- **CANTOR DISCRETIONARY FUND** Contributions made will benefit organizations, members, causes, and/or purchases at the discretion of the Cantor

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