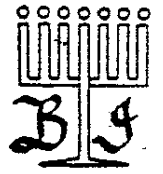


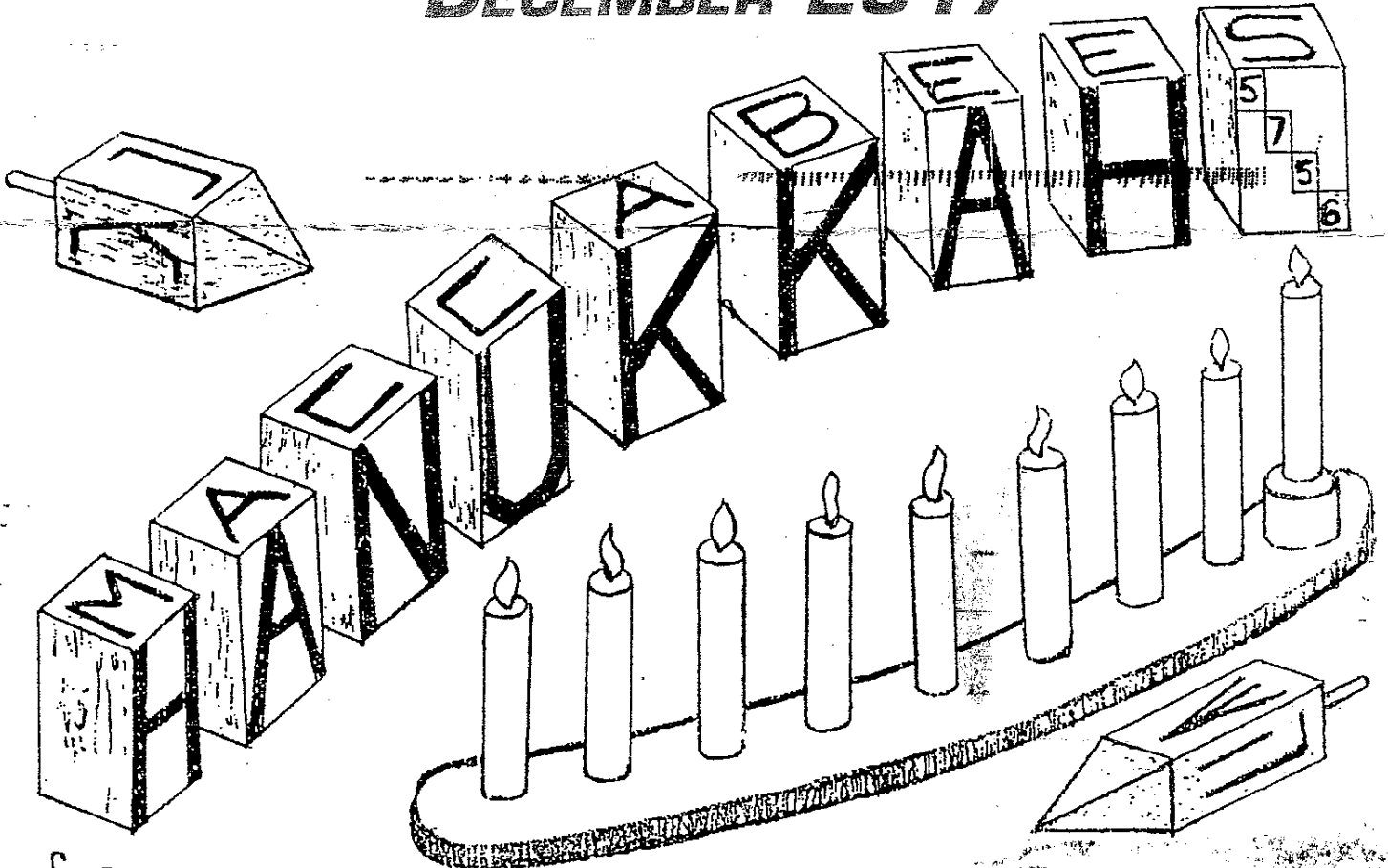
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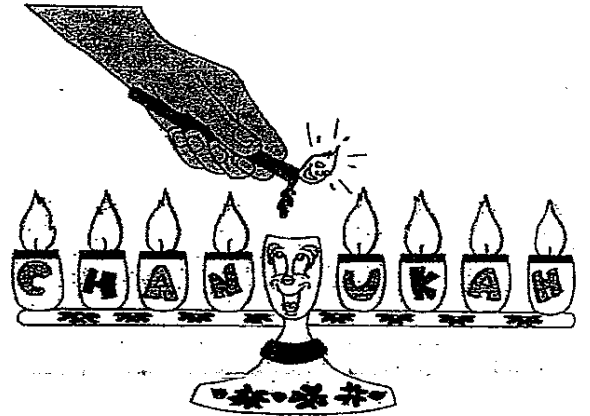


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Chanukah Party!

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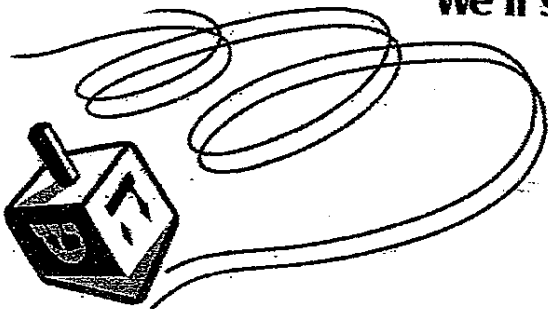


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## B'NEINU (BETWEEN US)

*“That which has been is that which shall be,  
and that which has been done is that which shall be done;  
and there is nothing new under the sun.” – KOHELET (AKA ECCLESIASTES) 1:9*

**A**t our Ritual Committee meeting last month, we discussed making some changes to our Saturday morning service. Instead of giving a *d'var Torah* or a sermon every week, we will also examine the prayers themselves. Come and learn about *Aleinu*; as in what line was taken out of the prayer and why. Are there languages other than Hebrew and English that are used in our service? (Yes.) Which psalms are used and why? You get the idea.

We'll cover as many as we can and, contrary to the meaning of the word **סידור/siddur**, in no set order. Requests accepted in advance, please. ☺

Along with learning the purpose behind some of the prayers, I will also prepare transliterations of some of them. This will help those who cannot read Hebrew to learn the words – and even some of the melodies!

As with every service: no prior experience is needed in order to participate and come out ahead!



**W**e kick off December with a **Shabbat Dinner** followed by a Friday night service. You've seen the flyer... hurry up and RSVP if you haven't already! Dinner is at 6pm on **Dec. 1st** followed by the service at 7:30pm.



While November has a few holidays in it, the month of Cheshvan had none. And so with Kislev upon us, we prepare to welcome the **Festival of Lights**. Last year the holiday fell “late” (although

still on the 25th of Kislev); this year our first candle gets lit after sundown on December 12.

Then, on **December 14th**, I encourage you to join us at **Hempstead Village Hall, 99 Nichols Court** for our **Annual Menorah Lighting @ 4:30pm**. Many of you may not live within the Village, but it has been *CBI's home* for 102 years! Come show your support. Following the lighting, please join us for some refreshments back at CBI.



**I**n my article from December 2016, I admonished the rhetoric used in the previous month's election campaigns. One year later, our country has experienced too many acts of hatred that have resulted in the deaths of far too many innocent souls.

It is normal to approach the end of one year while looking ahead to the new year as being one filled with hope and promise. While the days are literally at their darkest at this time of year, we have the lights of the Chanukah candles to remind us that better days are ahead and that our faith in a better world is not so far-fetched.



I wish all of you a wonderful 2018, filled with good health and good *mazel!*



— *Rabbi Michael*  
516.547.3581 [RABBI.MICHAEL@ME.COM](mailto:RABBI.MICHAEL@ME.COM)

# Letter from the President

As 2017 draws to a close, I've been reflecting back on many things.

I remember when I was a kid and I knew I wanted to become a dentist. That was my passion. Later as I watched my kids grow up, I wanted to make sure they became responsible adults. Now, as I enter retirement, my passion is to see CBI flourish.

We all have strengths and weaknesses. We all have talents. I know I'm good at organizing things. Robin is creative. What is your talent?

I wonder if you can find some way to use your talent to help us at CBI. Are you a good salesperson? Fundraising needs you. Are you passionate about Torah? Ritual needs you. Are you good at fixing things? House committee needs you. The list goes on and on.

You've seen the questionnaire we sent to you. If you've already returned it, thank you. Your comments and suggestions will be taken seriously. If you have not sent it back, I hope you will. Please remember to send it to my home address and not the temple. If there is something you want to say and feel uncomfortable, you can be anonymous. Of course, if you say "yes" to wanting to be on the board, you will need to disclose who you are!

It's been a privilege to serve as your President these past 4 1/2 years. Our congregation is comprised of members from reform, conservative and orthodox upbringings. Some of you only come on the high holidays, some of you come on Saturdays. Regardless of our differences, we are bonded together thanks to CBI.

Make a New Year's resolution to become more active at CBI. Find something to be passionate about. Find a way to use your talents and hopefully use them to help us.

Wishing you all a happy Hanukkah, and a happy, healthy New Year.

Richie

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**THINKING AHEAD,**  
**MARIANNE BAKER, COMPTROLLER**

**WASN'T IT GREAT LISTENING TO CANTOR MARK DURING THOSE LONG HOURS OF THE ROSH HASHONAH AND YOM KIPPUR HOLIDAYS?**

**PICTURE THOSE THREE DAYS WITHOUT THE MUSIC. THERE WAS A TIME AFTER THE CONGREGATION TRIED TO REGAIN ITS BEARINGS IN A NEW, SMALLER VENUE AFTER SO MANY YEARS IN OUR TARAESQUE HOME AT 94 FULTON WHEN THERE WAS NO MUSIC.**

**NO ONE HAD PAID ATTENTION AS THE SHOPS AND BUSINESSES LINING THE MAIN PART OF THE VILLAGE BEGAN TO MOVE AWAY AND THE MEMBERSHIP BASE THAT HAD ALLOWED US TO HAVE MORNING AND EVENING MINYANS AND FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SERVICES EVERY WEEK BEGAN TO DISAPPEAR. NO ONE NOTICED THAT THE YOUNGSTERS IN OUR HEBREW SCHOOL GREW UP, LEFT FOR COLLEGES AND DIDN'T COME BACK TO JOIN THEIR PARENTS AS MEMBERS OF CBI.**

**THE CONGREGATION THAT HAD ALWAYS HAD A RABBI, A CANTOR, A CHOIR AND A CHOIR DIRECTOR SUDDENLY FOUND ITSELF IN A SMALLER PLACE WITH A SMALLER BUDGET. AWAY WITH ALL FRIPPERIES INCLUDING THE MUSIC!**

**THEN AFTER YEARS OF THE AUSTERITY DECREED BY THE COMPTROLLER (ME), A STILL, SMALL VOICE (ALSO ME) WAS HEARD MAKING A MOTION TO HIRE A CANTOR FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS, IMMEDIATELY SECONDED BY THE LATE JOE LEVIN. IN THE DISCUSSION THAT FOLLOWED, THE BOARD AGREED THAT WE OWED IT TO OURSELVES TO BEAUTIFY OUR SERVICES AND TO MAKE DONATIONS IN ORDER TO FUND THIS NEW HIRE. THIS WAS THE CANTOR FUND ESTABLISHED. THERE WAS AND STILL IS NO BUDGET FOR THE CANTOR, BUT WE DO HAVE THE CANTOR FUND TO WHICH MEMBERS AND NON MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE VARIOUS AMOUNTS DURING THE YEAR. IN THEIR WILLS, FLORENCE AND AL GOLDBERG AND THEN EVELYN HOLLANDER LEFT FUNDS TO BE DRAWN DOWN ANNUALLY TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS OF A HOLIDAY CANTOR. BUT THESE ARE ALMOST USED UP.**

**THINKING AHEAD, WOULD YOU WANT TO SPEND THOSE THREE LONG DAYS WITHOUT THE CANTOR? WE HAVE A WHOLE YEAR TO ACCUMULATE THE FUNDS, BUT YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. ANY AMOUNT, ANY TIME, FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY, YOUR ANNIVERSARY—GIVE YOURSELF THE GIFT OF MUSIC FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS WITH A CHECK OR CHECKS TO THE CANTOR FUND.**

**I THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR HELPING TO MAKE OUR SERVICES MORE BEAUTIFUL AND MEANINGFUL.**



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MURIEL LEVINE to Dr Stanley Rothman in memory of his daughter, Caroline.

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TO ALL OF MY CBI FRIENDS:

Although I will be in Florida over the long, cold winter, I am always reachable by phone and email, 516 641 2203 and LSS500@aol.

Take good care, be in touch, stay safe and healthy. See you in the spring.

Shalom, Lynn

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THERE ARE STILL SPACES OPEN ON THE TREE OF LIFE IF YOU WISH TO MEMORIALIZE OR CONGRATULATE A DEAR ONE.

SEE MARIANNE OR CALL THE OFFICE.

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## BEST WISHES TO OUR JANUARY—FEBRUARY 2018 BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Start 2018 off by sending your personal good wishes to your friends at Beth Israel on the occasions of their birthdays and anniversaries! Although this is a Sisterhood project, all Temple members are invited to participate.

Circle the names of those you choose to acknowledge and your name will be included in the greetings mailed to those congregants. A donation of \$1.50 is requested for each name you have selected. Proceeds will be used by Sisterhood for the benefit of our Temple.

Please return your list and check (made out to Beth Israel/Sisterhood) by **December 15** to Eleanor Nierenberg, 605 Meadowoods Drive, East Meadow, NY 11554

Allow your friends at Temple to acknowledge your special dates. Let Eleanor know if you're not already on our lists. Join in!

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Bernie Drexler  
Larry Goldstein  
Mia Helling  
Gloria Kaplan  
Gail Broder Katz  
Edith Mishket  
Michael Newman  
Paul Skulsky  
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Alan Steinger

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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Patricia and Morris Rothstein  
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### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Marianne Baker  
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Burton Kushner  
Robert Levine  
Fred Liebman  
Allan Louzin  
George Matray  
Rabbi Michael  
Mildred Rosen  
Amy Rossman  
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Conrad Sabin  
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Marion Weiner  
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### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Marcia and Robert Levine  
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Number of names circled \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$1.50 per name. Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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