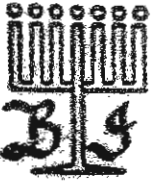




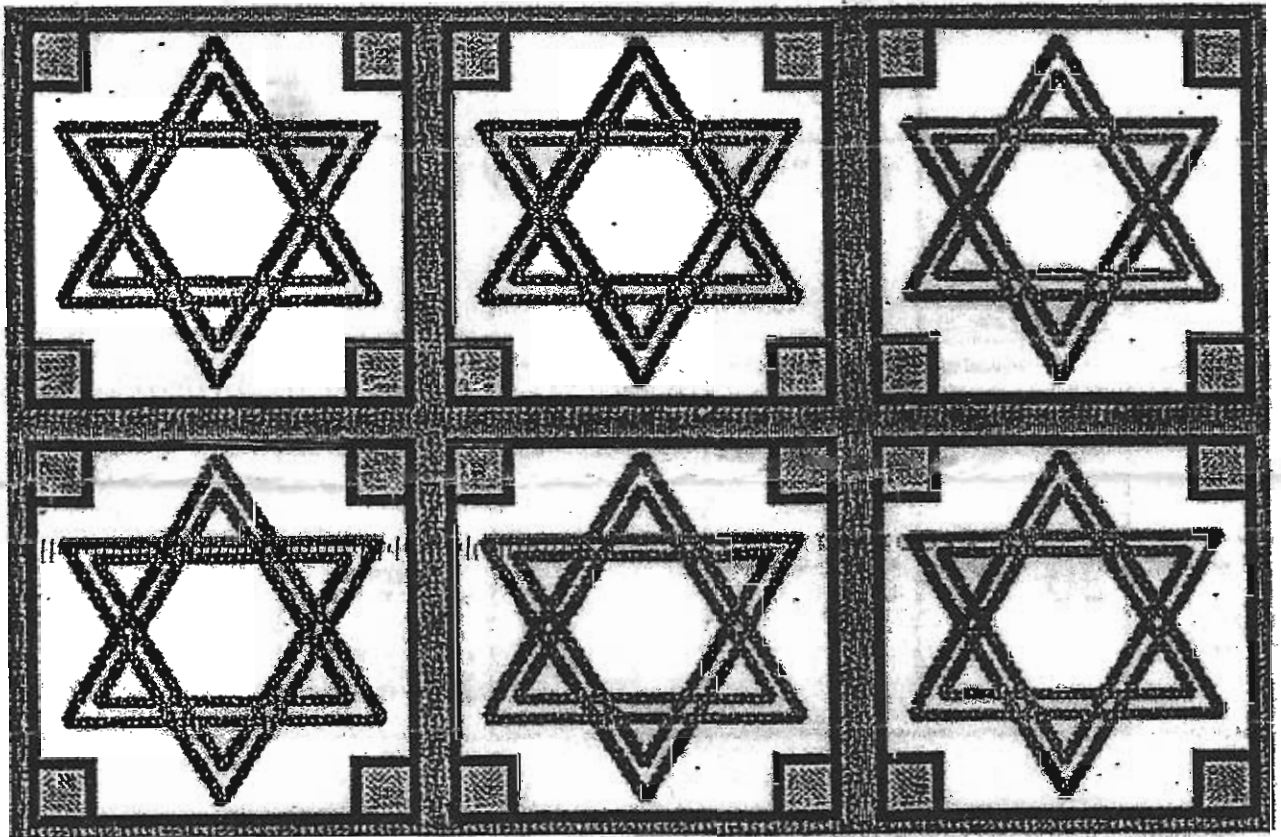
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JANUARY, 2019



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO US ALL, BIG AND SMALL

CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL BY "EMES"

While the federal government lets ideology overrule scientific facts and has withdrawn from the Paris Agreement, our home state of New York has begun to act



Wind Turbines © Kent Mason

A Cleaner Future for New York Poll Results Reveal New Yorkers Want Clean Energy

With the boldest plan in the nation, New York's "Reforming the Energy Vision" (REV) initiative is reinventing our electricity system to reduce costs, increase reliability and most importantly, reduce greenhouse gas emissions. New York State has set an ambitious goal of reducing 80% of carbon emissions by 2050, which means New Yorkers will need to rethink energy each and every day. The Nature Conservancy commissioned public opinion research to learn what voters want for New York's energy future. The results were stunning and powerful.

New York voters expressed nearly unanimous support for REV with 89% favoring more wind power, 94% endorsing more solar power and 95% hoping for a modern grid system. A majority of New Yorkers deems global warming a serious problem and voters are ready to change their behavior to help meet the goals of REV. Simple steps to help meet these goals range from curbing electricity use during

periods of high demand to replacing appliances with energy-efficient models. Voters are even willing to pay more for clean energy, especially if it means future generations will live in a state less dependent on fossil fuels.

Conservancy staff members are sharing these powerful findings with decision-makers and using the data to demonstrate that New Yorkers want clean energy and are willing partners in the new energy economy. The Conservancy is using the research results to call for ambitious clean energy goals and programs that will accelerate New York's progress towards a clean energy future.

"New Yorkers know personally how climate change is already impacting their lives and their communities and are not waiting to act," said Richard Kauffman, Chairman of Energy & Finance for New York, which leads the REV initiative on behalf of Governor Cuomo. To learn more, visit nature.org/nyenergy.

From the Desk of Rabbi Abe

Dear CBI congregants,

As 2019 dawns on us, and we all welcome a new year full of anticipation and giddy with resolutions, let us all try to put the past year in perspective and try together, as a cohesive group, to take on the new year as one team.

While there's been some transition around CBI over the past five months--and I know some of you feel a little insecure with the goings on--I feel that there's been a lot of good things happening here, too.

And, in that regard, I'd like to declare conclusively that I, as Rabbi of your congregation, only want to make CBI more alive, more engaged, more engaging, more learned, and more spirited. That's why I'm here. In short, I have only the best intentions for your dear synagogue, and I look forward to the day when we'll all be on the same page in the same book.

I come from a very learned and eclectic Jewish background, and I'd like to bring all that I have been privileged with in the Jewish arena, and give/gift it to you. There are many kinds of people in this synagogue, and I'd like to help as many of you as I can, each on your individual levels.

Some like a very traditional service, and I try to bring some of that spirit to the table. Some like some English in the service, and I try to add that, too. Some--or all-- appreciate songs and music, and we had a most amazing musical Kabbalat Shabbat service in mid-December,--which many of you loved. I fulfill requests too: for her Bat Mitzvah, Rosemarie Mandart asked if I could sing "You Raise Me Up" acapella in honor of her parents of blessed memory, and I was happy to comply with her request.

My point is that I'm trying to reach all of you, and also trying to create a bit of a stir in the community to get non-members to join us as members, or even for them to just show up for a Friday night or Saturday davening

service. I want people out there to know, that CBI of Hempstead is a fun and spiritual place to come to, and that when someone is in the mood to feed their souls, CBI is the place to do it.

My aim is to bring lively Jewish spirit to CBI, and I feel like I'm beginning to scratch the surface of that process. I ask for your participation in this noble goal.

I look forward to your input, ideas, and spirit in the year ahead.

Warmly,
Rabbi Abe Lebovic

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**THE CONGREGATION MOURNS THE PASSING OF OUR LONG TIME MEMBER**

**MARTIN MISHKET**

**MAY HIS NAME ALWAYS BE FOR A BLESSING**

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WE ARE COMMANDED: TIKKUN OLAM

Pushing Up Daisies

DEATH IS PART OF THE CIRCLE OF LIFE, BUT TRADITIONAL modern burials—with airtight caskets and preserving chemicals—often feel far from natural. Outside Nashville, Tennessee, a new nature preserve and a green burial site aim to change that. Larkspur Conservation at Taylor Hollow is situated beside The Nature Conservancy's Taylor Hollow State Natural Area, which includes remnants of oak forest.

Those buried at Larkspur are interred in biodegradable caskets or shrouds, without embalming chemicals. A road, but no fences, separates TNC's adjacent forest from the land. The preserve is rich in wildflowers, including the blue-eyed Mary, a state-endangered wildflower that covers the forest floor with a carpet of cerulean each spring.

The space aims to honor the dead while connecting surviving family members to nature in a personal way, says Larkspur Conservation's John Christian Phifer. "Each burial becomes a gift in conservation." —KIRSTEN WEIR

"Each burial becomes a gift in conservation."

GREEN GOODBYES: At a new Tennessee cemetery, biodegradable caskets help conserve the land.

IT'S FREE, FREE, FREE

OPERA AT CBI

SUNDAY

JANUARY 6, 2019

DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM

CLOSE AT 12:30 PM

DAIRY LUNCH PERMITTED

PERFORMANCE BEGINS

AT

12:45PM

THERE WILL BE ONE INTERMISSION



**Congregation Beth Israel of Hempstead
presents Bingo at Ben's!**



**Join CBI for an afternoon of fun and lunch
Monday, February 18th (President's Day)**

**1PM Lunch followed by Bingo
with our one and only host Marvin!**

**BEN'S DELI
140 Wheatley Plaza
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**\$36.00 per person includes soup, sandwich,
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I can take someone with me in my car _____
I need a ride _____
I will meet you at Ben's _____

SISTERHOOD NEWS & VIEWS by j Levy-Slatsky & I Levy January 2019

Latkes, but no vodkas for our fabulous Chanukah party with Sensational Sounds on Dec 2nd, YES; Israeli dancing with Alan Bloom, dining on Wing Wan Chinese, raffle, watching movie Calendar Girls on December 25th at 1 PM, CHECK; New Year's celebrations with family & friends, RIGHTO.

Thank you to all for attendance & cooperation at Sisterhood events.

OMG we're in January 2019 and you know what that means? Preparing for Purim; In particular, we're taking orders for Shalach Monas packages; please submit order forms early.

And of course our new Purim Shpiel, Esther Chamilton, Sunday, March 24th at 1 PM with more dancing, prancing & singing.

WANTED

LEADING ROLES, SINGERS, DANCERS, ASST DIRECTOR, STAGE & PROP MGR., MUSICAL DIRECTOR, COSTUMER

Come join us for laughter, connectivity, religiosity and a memorable vignette of how Shushan came to CBI.

We have two new **Sisterhood Fundraisers** this year:

- 1) **SISTERHOOD Recipe Book:** We've been collecting recipes for our Sisterhood/CBI cookbook, keep them coming, deadline end of February 2019; recipes don't have to be your own to submit.
- 2) **SISTERHOOD CALENDAR GIRLS** calendar: Our Sisterhood riske calendar for the 2019-2020 season where various groups will represent specific months 16-18 months; all invited to participate to form your own monthly groups; included in the calendar and personalized with your own birthdays, anniversaries, graduations etc. Paul Skulsky is our in-house photographer, date/time TBD.

Hannah & The Rabbi Lunch, Learn & Meditation continues to be a popular new addition to Sisterhood so join us on Thursday, January 10th at 12 Noon. Are you interested in getting together for an outing lunch & a movie January 13?

Sisterhood CBI CALENDAR GIRLS

Which will be your month?



COMING TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CBI SPRING 2019

Sisterhood Recipe Book



Menu recipes for appetizers, drinks, pasta, entrees, tapas, dessert, Passover AVAILABLE Summer 2019

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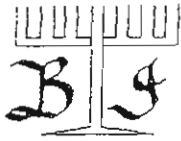
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