The SCOOP

The Happenings of Congregation Beth Israel

October 2020

What's KNOT to Like!

The CBI community has a tradition of recognizing happy occasions of its members and friends.

You can only imagine our joy and excitement for our treasured Rabbi Abe and his bride-to-be, Allie Wahrman, when they tie the knot on October 18. While Covid-19 curtailed their original wedding plans, the couple will be married, with a small group of close family in attendance, in a meaningful backyard ceremony at the bride's family home in Philadelphia.

The couple met in Manhattan in 2016, when Rabbi Abe was looking to sublet a portion of his apartment, and Allie, seeking a new place to live, answered his internet post. While the roommate possibility didn't work out, something much better resulted from the meeting: they each found their soulmate instead.

Allie, who grew up in a traditional Conservative Jewish home, couldn't have imagined that one day she'd be marrying a man from a Hassidic background. However, their mutual passion for traveling the globe, working at fixing the injustices in our world, and simply trying to make the world a better place, helped solidify their adoring relationship.

MAZEL TOV to Allie and Rabbi Abe. CBI wishes you love, joy, and happiness on this wonderful Simcha.

Join CBI for Outdoor Yizkor Services

Please join us this Shmini Atzeret (October 10) for an outdoor Yizkor service at 12 PM (weather permitting; regular holiday service starts at 10 AM in the sanctuary). It will also be streamed on Zoom for those that can't attend in person. Those that attend will also be given a special gift-bag from CBI. If you will be attending, please rsvp here.

SAVE-THE-DATE

B-I-N-G-O is coming to CBI on October 18, 2020 at 2:30 PM.

Enjoy the game in a new virtual way, hosted by Lina & Michael Newman.

All supplies will be sent to you upon registering.

RSVP (ASAP) by contacting Lina Newman for details at linanewman26@gmail.com
or 704-773-3901.

The Rabbi Speaks

Prior to the High Holidays that we just experienced, I was not sure how our Zoom services would go. Would people feel the spirit of the holiday? Would people be able to follow along? Would they be able to feel the person sitting next to them falling asleep on their shoulder? Well, the former, thankfully not, but all the rest of it surpassed my highest expectations.

We were able to pull off a most magnificent High Holiday prayer service with all the trimmings, save for in-person participation. Given the current circumstances and the limited team that we have, it was quite extraordinary.

This year we also added music to the mix with our accompanist, Max Silverstone, adding his musical touch with several instruments. It all added up to a wonderful, spiritual, and soulful service.

What's more, we also had the pleasure of the company of about 30 households that have never been part of the CBI family. That is a blessing indeed, and we hope that many of them continue to partake in the community's events—both spiritual and social—that we offer at CBI.

As you all know (see above), I am getting married this month to my beloved, Allie (October 18), and will be somewhat preoccupied with the preparations for the next few weeks.

After we return toward the end of the month, and with the holiday season behind us, we will pick up where we left off before I went AWOL to prepare for the High Holidays.

This means classes, services, kumzitzes, and other events—some in-person (with social distancing and masks) and all on Zoom (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8437536779). Please look at the calendar on our website to keep abreast of all these programs, and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

With blessings for a year of health and peace,
Rabbi Abe

The President's Corner

Dear CBI Family,
When I became a Bar Mitzvah in 1964, CBI was a traditional Conservative synagogue.

Who could've imagined how much we would change. Music, clapping, singing, and even dancing. Members travel from all over Long Island because of the warmth, inclusiveness, and the unique spirituality that Rabbi Abe conveys.

We have become a non-denominational synagogue, where, regardless of one's background, everyone is welcome, and everyone feels welcome.

And thanks to Zoom, we are all able to participate from wherever we are. Despite the dire circumstances of Covid-19, I am thankful for the technology that has allowed me and many others to participate in CBI programming even in the midst of this pandemic.

Unfortunately, everything can't be done on Zoom. Our social functions and fundraisers had to be canceled this past year, but our financial obligations remain. Like many synagogues, our dues do not cover our expenses.

During this time, we need your Kol Nidre pledges more than ever. Please give generously. Think of the clothing you didn't buy because you didn't go out, the restaurants you didn't eat in, the gas you didn't use, and the vacations you didn't take. Maybe some of that can help us, and with the help of God, we will get through this together.

Rabbi Abe is in the sanctuary every Shabbat morning and services are held both in person as well as on Zoom. Donations can be easily made on our website at www.cbicg.org.

I hope and pray that by next year we will be able to interact maskless and greet each other in person.

Wishing a beautiful year to all,
Dr. Richard Krauss

Simchas to Celebrate Fundraiser is Back!

Who doesn't love being remembered on their birthday or anniversary?

Starting this month, let members and friends of our CBI community feel good by sending them a personalized greeting for their celebratory occasions.

For a $2.00 donation (per name), we'll do all the work. You won't have to make a trip to buy a card or even buy stamps. Let us know who you would like to acknowledge by selecting names from the Simcha list below and mail your list to CBI, along with the total amount due for this fundraiser. Your name and good wishes will be included in the greeting mailed to them.

Please make your selections and send your written list and payment by October 20, so we can start preparing the greetings.

Mail to: Cong. Beth Israel
141 Hilton Avenue
Cathedral Gardens, NY 11550
Attn: Marianne Baker or Ronnie Liebman

Your support of this fundraising program is appreciated.

October Birthdays

- Abe Sabbas
- Claire Schoenfeld
- Barbara Karen
- Sid Rosenzweig
- Hon. Zelda Jonas
- David Fenster
- Len Goldberg
- David Levine
- Eli Soblick
- Kenneth Levine
- Irene Sloan
- Howard Weill
- Barbara Abrams

October Anniversaries

- Debbie & Alan Goldstein
- Yael & Joe Coppolino

November Birthdays

- Aileen Goldberg
- Suellen Agulnick
- Robert Rothschild
- Robert Weinstein
- Robin Krauss

November Anniversaries

- Rosemarie & Al Murray
- Robin & Richie Krauss
- Lorraine & Allen Albert
- Angela & Abe Sabbas
- Susan & Bernie Drexler

December Birthdays

- Alan Mantis
- Steven Krull
- Larry Rossman
- Bianca Susnovski
- Ellen Rothman
- Marsha Mandel
- Lorraine Albert
- Rosemarie Murray

December Anniversary

- Joanne & Samuel Levant

October Yahrzeits

- Louis Levant 10-02
- Jerome Kushner 10-03
- Adele Chisell 10-04
- Sophie Glassberg 10-04
- Milton Jonas 10-05
- David Soblick 10-12
- Inessa Sosnovski 10-12
- Elias Schutzman 10-16
- Benjamin Small 10-16
- Norman Abo 10-17
- Marc R Agulnick 10-20
- Henry Neider 10-23
- Max Zaum 10-23
- Walter Bass 10-24
- Lena Gerber 10-25
- Elliott Kantor 10-26
- Bruce Schoenfeld 10-26
- Celia R Stein 10-28
- Jack Newman 10-30
- Joseph Schutzman 10-30

Condolences

To **Matilda Lovinger** on the passing of her machatainisteh, Bella Wolff, former CBI Board of Trustee member
To **Zelda Jonas** on the passing of her sister, Gloria Landsman

Contributions

In Memoriam & Yahrzeits

Muriel Levine: (father, Aaron Shillet)
Lorraine & Allen Albert: (beloved grandson, Jeffrey Goldsmith)
Alan Mantis: (father-in-law, Irving Fricklas)
Nancy And Terry Goldsmith: (grandfather, Samuel Etterman)
Nancy And Terry Goldsmith: (our wonderful son, Jeffrey Evan)
Nancy Albert Goldsmith: (grandparents, Bessie & Morris Collen; Yetta & Louis Albert)
Marilyn Kushner: (husband, Burton Kushner; father-in-law, Morris Kushner)
Matilda Lovinger: (machatainisteh Bella Wolff)
Angela & Abe Sabbas: (sister, Anna Ullmann)

Mazel Tov, Thanks & Wellwishers

Susan Bass: (good wishes to CBI community for a safe and healthy New Year)
Muriel Levine: (full recovery wishes to Elyse Zuckerman's daughter, Jodi Markowsky)
Marianne Baker: (honoring Zelda Jonas)

Condolences

Muriel Levine: (remembering Gloria Landsman, sister of Zelda Jonas)
Marianne Baker: (remembering Gloria Landsman, sister of Zelda Jonas)

The Clergy Fund

Donations apprecaited

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Roberta Bouer: (for Yom Kippur aliyah and Kol Nidre)

Welcome to our New Members

Danit Sibovitz
Laura & Howard Weill

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