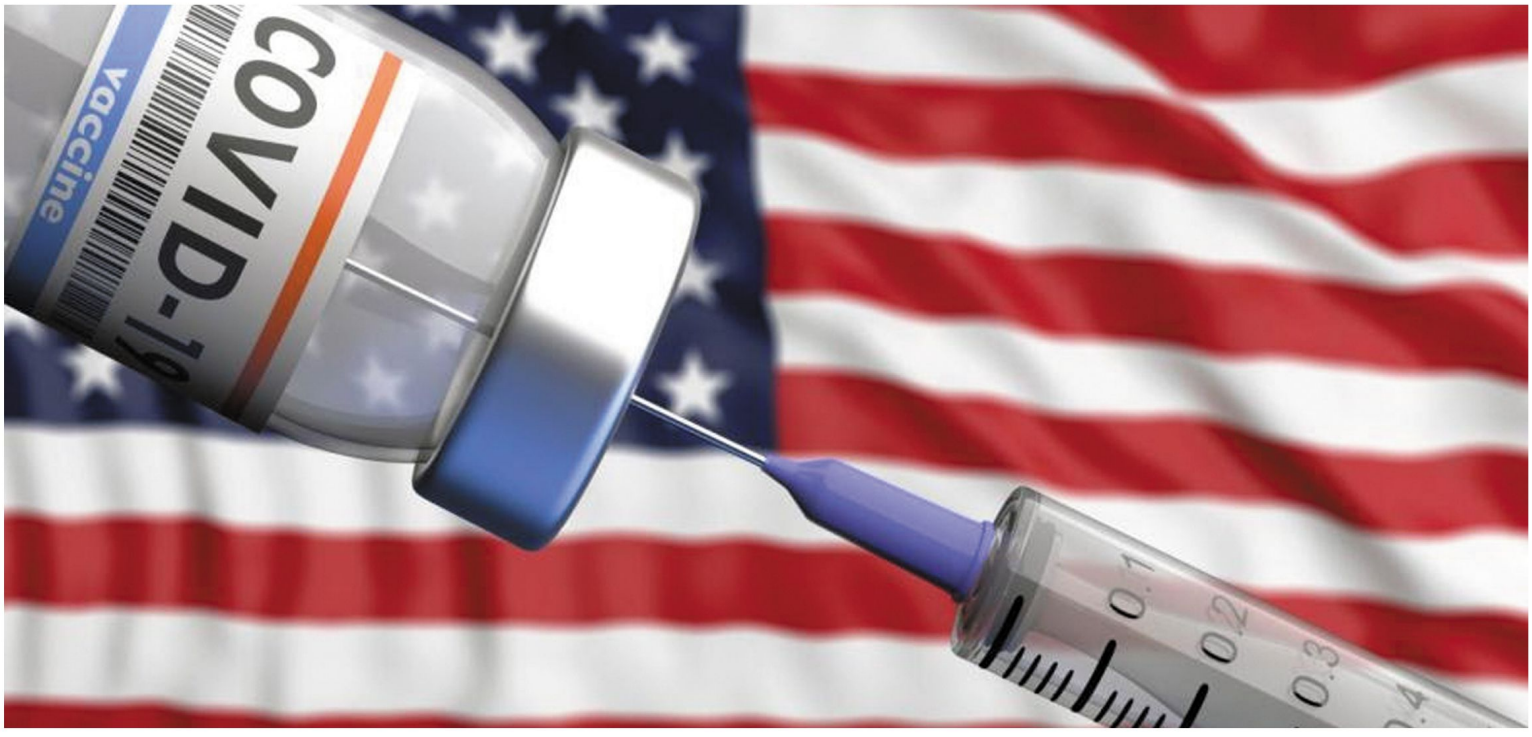
The SCOOP

The happenings of Congregation Beth Israel

February 2021



As the editorial team of CBI's Scoop sat down last month to plan the February issue, the question of what its theme should be arose. The possibilities were endless, with so much going on in our world these days. What should it be?

In the end, though, there was only one word that kept coming up: **Hope.**

Despite the fact that the Pandemic is not over yet, vaccines are now available and are becoming more available for more people every day. More vaccines are being developed and will be delivered soon, one of which has the promise of only one required shot, and also which does not require the intense freezing that the current ones do.

That is some **Hope** right there.

We have also just inaugurated a new President in our country, one who pledged to "manage the hell" out of the vaccination delivery program, and who pledged to make the conquering of the virus his main focus, while also trying to unite—or reunite—the country.

That's **double Hope** right there.

There is a general sense that things will be getting better soon, and we hope that such is the case.

And as the country goes, so does our Shul.

We have undergone many challenges this past year, but Hope abounds.

Our congregation has more activities than we can ever remember (see below), our Rabbi is a leader we can really rally behind, we are Livestreaming our services on the internet, we have a professional image all around, and our branding is solid.

Now we just need to bring that Hope from our hearts into the real world.

Tell your family and friends about us, attend the services and classes, and bring that Hope to your spiritual home, aka CBI of Cathedral Gardens.

Until next month,
The CBI Scoop Editorial Team

Sponsor a Shabbat, you ask? Yes, you've read that right! But we are on Zoom now, and there's no Kiddush. True, but there are still expenses involved in conducting services on Zoom, and you can be the person who dedicates and sponsors a Shabbat in honor of a loved one. You will be acknowledged for this, both by the Rabbi in real-time and on the screen. You get to honor a loved one, and CBI benefits from your generosity ($36). Win-win.

The January Shabbatot were sponsored by:
--Ilene & Robert Rothschild (in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary)
--Judy Slatsky (in honor of her mother's Yahrtzeit (Ann Halpern Marlin (Chanah))

Which Shabbat would you like to sponsor? Tell Ronnie Liebman at 516-781-8630.

And remember, our service starts each Shabbat at **10 AM** at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8437536779.

A Message from our BINGO Chairperson, **Lina Newman**

For the past four months, as I organized our monthly CBI Zoom Bingo, I have tried to be more creative each time around. Each time, I try to elevate the experience by attracting more players and creating an enjoyable experience for all participants--and a profitable one for CBI.

Our most recent Bingo event was most memorable since many of the winners donated their winnings back to CBI. I personally wish to thank all of them for their generosity. Many thanks to Aileen Goldberg for inviting her friends to join us! Many thanks to my dear friends, Ron and Olga Augustson, and my Cousin Lori Maslow, for joining us each month and sharing the passion that I have for CBI fundraising.

Please tell your neighbors, friends, and your family about this enjoyable Sunday afternoon event and invite them next time--and include your grandchildren too. It's a great way to have a virtual experience with them.

Looking forward to seeing many more of you at our next bingo session.

We meet again Sunday, February 21, @ 2:00 PM.
See you then, and good luck!

Lina

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Presented by

Dr. Eric R. Mandel

Lecture followed by Q&A

Monday, February 15
@7 PM

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THE WHOLE MEGILLAH!!

CBI'S PURIM 2021 PROGRAM

2/20

A Night of Comedy
with
Mark Brier

Saturday Night
@8:00 PM
Click to Register

2/25

Megillah Reading
with
Rabbi Abe's Hilarity and L'chaims

Thursday Night
@7:30 PM

The Rabbi Speaks

Dear congregant and friend of CBI,

Believe it or not, we are welcoming the month Adar—the month of Purim. It was a year ago on the Jewish calendar when we were warned that Purim celebrations should be muted and people should avoid big gatherings. At CBI, that was the last large gathering that we had, a week before we shut down. That was the beginning of the Virus. In the U.S., no one believed that a year later we would still be in the calamity that is Covid-19, 400,000 victims (as of the time of this writing) and counting!

But things are turning around.

We just inaugurated a new president, the Vaccine is here and being distributed, and there is a good feeling about things in the air, despite the last vestiges of the darkness we have to overcome before we can vanquish the virus.

Purim is a holiday that is all about turnarounds and joy, two things we need in abundance right now.

During the time of the story of Purim, the Jews were in a position where their lives hung in the balance, and their future was uncertain. They were desperate, as we are today, for a major turnaround.

And boy did they get one.

In fact, the Megillah, which we'll be reading on Purim (February 25th), has a phrase for this. In describing the details of the story, the Meggilah uses the words "ונהפוך הוא"—"and the opposite happened"—when describing how the Jew's fortunes turned around. Instead of being enslaved and scheduled to be eliminated, they were able to rule over their enemies and regain their independence and freedom.

That's the theme we are living today. The opposite of the Plague will soon be upon us where instead of sorrow, joy will reign, instead of illness, robust health will be the norm.

That's the Purim way. A complete about-face from the suffering and anxiety.
So have a Hamentash, drink a little L'chaim toast, and get ready for a Purim that will be the beginning of our turnaround in 2021.
Warm regards, Happy Purim, and as always, see you on Zoom--and in CBI--very soon.

Rabbi Abe

The President's Corner

Dear congregants and friends,

It wasn't that long ago that we were a small synagogue struggling in a community with very few Jewish households. We had many dedicated congregants but they were aging. They recognized that without younger participants CBI couldn't survive.

We hired a new Rabbi. With him came new ideas. He incorporated music into our services. He taught us the meaning behind the stories in the Torah and made them relevant. Both the older and the younger generations began smiling and enjoying services more. We all felt the spirituality in our beautiful sanctuary.

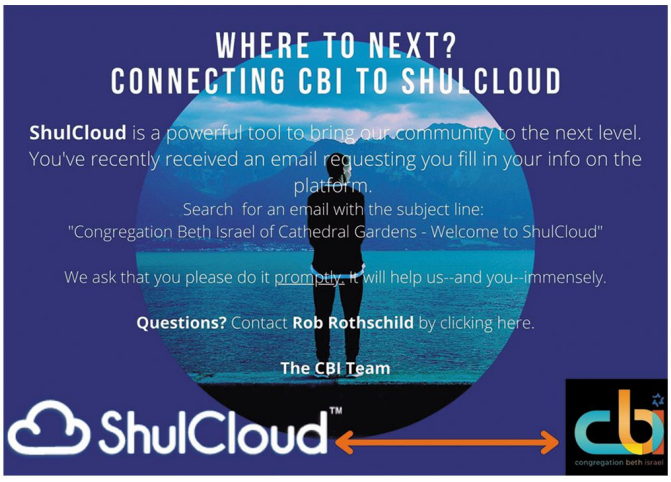
And then came Covid. Rabbi Abe started holding Shabbat services on Zoom. It was a learning curve for everyone. Congregants began listening in. More began to participate. Even our older congregants learned to use Zoom. You could live anywhere, still have an Aliyah and yet remain safe in your home.

I am now happy to announce that in addition to Zoom, CBI's services are streaming live on Facebook. Just look for Congregation Beth Israel of Cathedral Gardens on the social media platform. Tell your friends. Tell your kids. Anyone can listen in for a little while or listen in for its entirety. The possibilities are endless; **every Saturday morning at 10.**

We've certainly come a long way. Hope to see everyone on Shabbat.

Warmest wishes to all,

Richard Krauss
Acting President



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

Let members and friends of our CBI community feel good by sending them a personalized greeting for their celebratory occasions.

For a $2 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 card mailed to them.

Please make your selections and send your written list and payment by **February 12**, so we can start preparing the cards. For more info, please contact Ronnie at 516-781-8630.

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

Your support of this fundraising program is appreciated.

cbi's First Online Auction

Sunday, Feb. 28
@ 2PM

There are 3 ways to participate:

1.You can simply bid on the items being auctioned.
2. You can be a generous donor of items/services to be auctioned.
3. You can do BOTH!! (We really encourage this option the most!)

Here's how it will work:

- To donate items for our auction, promptly contact Event Chairperson, Lina Newman, at **704-773-3901 or linanewman26@gmail.com.** Items can be new, pre-loved, or gently used. They must be in good condition.
- Lina will schedule you for a Zoom meeting time-slot on **Feb 21** to review your donated items to determine final selections for the auction.
- All donors will be responsible for shipping & handling their items to the highest bidder. Winning bidders need to submit payment before items will be shipped to them. Your donations and handling costs are **tax-deductible**.
- Checks payable to Congregation Beth Israel or credit card payment on the CBI website are preferred. All proceeds from this fundraiser event will benefit CBI's Operating Budget.

We encourage you to invite your friends and family to donate items/services to our auction, and as importantly, we need you to join us for lots of spirited bidding!

February Birthdays

- Marianne Baker
- Marion Weiner
- Stanley Rothman
- Gayle Weitz
- Arthur Kornberg
- Mildred Rosen
- Debra Kantor
- Deborah Goldstein
- Amy Rossman
- Michele Burger
- Saul Weissman
- Jay Steinger

February Anniversaries

- Gayle & Murray Weitz
- Linda & David Levine

March Birthdays

- Richard Krauss
- Stanley Small
- Patty Rothstein
- Marilyn Kushner
- Lois Glanzer
- Ken Goldberg
- Linda Levine

March Anniversary

- Angela & Abraham Sabbas

April Birthdays

- Lynn Sevan
- Linda Bindler
- Leslie Rosen
- Rita Bouer
- Marion Salomon
- Terry Goldsmith
- Nancy Goldsmith
- Ilene Rothschild
- Alexander Susnovski
- Frida Brodsky

April Anniversaries

- Christin & Jay Steinger
- Dana & Kevin Brandes
- Suellen & Barry Agulnick

February Yahrzeits

Lillian Nass	2-01	Harry Gerber	2-15
Lillie Weitz	2-01	Leon Sabbas	2-15
Harriet Neider	2-02	Ann Schneuer	2-16
Sadie Rubin	2-04	Dorothy Goldsmith	2-16
Samuel Drexler	2-06	Louis Jonas	2-17
Lillian Moskowitz	2-07	Adriene Mantis	2-17
Lillian Rosansky	2-09	Michael Karen	2-19
Clara Schutzman	2-09	George Glasser	2-23
Oscar Robbins	2-11	Marvin Bernstein	2-24
Lawrence Zimmerman	2-13	Efthiia Sabbas	2-24
Ida Coon	2-14	Claire Schraeter	2-25
Goldy Steinberg	2-14	Meyer Mouer	2-25
Shlomo Gutman	2-14	Sidney Nass	2-27
Pauline Kleine	2-14	Edith Brandes	2-28
Blanche Zaum	2-14	Marvin Fricklas	2-28
Joseph Shulman	2-14	A.L Frank	2-28

Contributions

In Memoriam & Yahrzeits

Ellen & Stan Rothman (in memory of Allen Albert)
Matilda Iovinger, (for the Yahrzeit of her mother, Hanna Herscovicci)
Claire Schoenfeld: (to Lorraine, in memory of Allen Albert)
Ilene and Robert Rothschild: (for the Yahrzeit of Mia Rothschild)
Eli Soblick: (Yahrzeits of his mother-in-law, Helen Alexander, and his brother, Benjamin Soblick)
Sondra Bernstein: (in memory of his parents, Ruth & David Volin.
Lazy Z Ranch: (in memory of the Hollander family)
Marilyn Kushner: (for the yahrzeit of her father, Harry Brodsky)
Muriel Levine, (heartfelt condolences to Lorraine Albert on the passing of her husband, Allen Albert)
Marianne Baker: (condolences to Lorraine Albert on the loss of her husband, Allen Albert, and to Nancy Goldsmith on the loss of her father)
Angela & Abe Sabbas: (condolences to Lorraine Albert and family on the loss of her husband, Al)
Alan Mantis: (to Lorraine Albert on the loss of her husband Allen, and to Nancy Goldsmith on the loss of her father)
Robin Cinnamon: (in memory of Allen Albert)

Mazel Tov, Thanks & Wellwishers

Aileen & Lenny Goldberg: (bingo jackpot donated in honor of Lina and her great Bingo game)
Marsha Mandell: (to thank CBI for birthday wishes)
Ilene & Robert Rothschild: (Jan. 9 Shabbat sponsorship, in honor of their 44th anniversary)
Lois Glanzer: January and February for the Chai Club, get-well wishes to her son-in-law, Joe Allen, and congratulations to Rabbi Abe & Allie.
Marianne Baker: (to wish Lenny Goldberg well following recent surgery)
TD Bank: (affinity program contribution)

General Donation
Aileen & Lenny Goldberg

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
Aileen & Lenny Goldberg

Chai חי Club

Our **Chai Club** is a newly-formed club that supports CBI. It works by donating $18 on the 18th of each month. You can contribute online or send a check to CBI. Activities for Chai Club members will start as soon as the pandemic allows. Contact Ronnie Liebman at 516-781-8630 for all the details.

Thank you for you donation:

Lynn Sevan | Ronnie Liebman
Lina Newman | Roberta Bouer
Alan Mantis | Lois Glanzer
Elyse Zuckerman | Marianne Baker

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