The SCOOP

The Happenings of Congregation Beth Israel

October 2021

As you look at that beautiful bridge in the picture above with the Fall foliage all ablaze around it, let's use the bridge as a metaphor for our congregation.

It's been a long year and a half, but we are looking forward. We are only looking forward. We are always looking forward.

And just as a bridge is built to overcome the obstacles that stop us from moving forward, so should we look at the strength and the spirit that brought us till here, take the inspiration that we received from the High Holidays, and move forward ever stronger and ever more spirited.

That is our only option.

The editorial team would also like to note that this is the 13th Scoop issue, which means we've been publishing it for more than a year now, and that has all been in the middle of Covid. We would also like to note that our entire new website has also been a total "Covid" project. It was created and went live all during Covid.

Which tells us that if we can do that kind of quality work in the middle of the pandemic, we can do even more as we cross the bridge that takes us out of it.

Let's continue on this journey together, and let's cross that bridge together.

Here's to a bright and beautiful future.

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Each week we come together in song, prayer, and fellowship. Why not sponsor one of these beautifully enriching services. We are now moving back into the synagogue so that the sponsorship is back to the way we've always been the past 100 years.

Why not 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 throughout the service and your fellow congregants when you meet and chat throughout the week. You get to honor a loved one and CBI benefits from your generosity. Win-win.

The September Shabbatot were sponsored by:

An Anonymous Donor (in honor of Zelda Jonas)
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An Anonymous Donor (in honor of Ronnie Klein-Liebman)

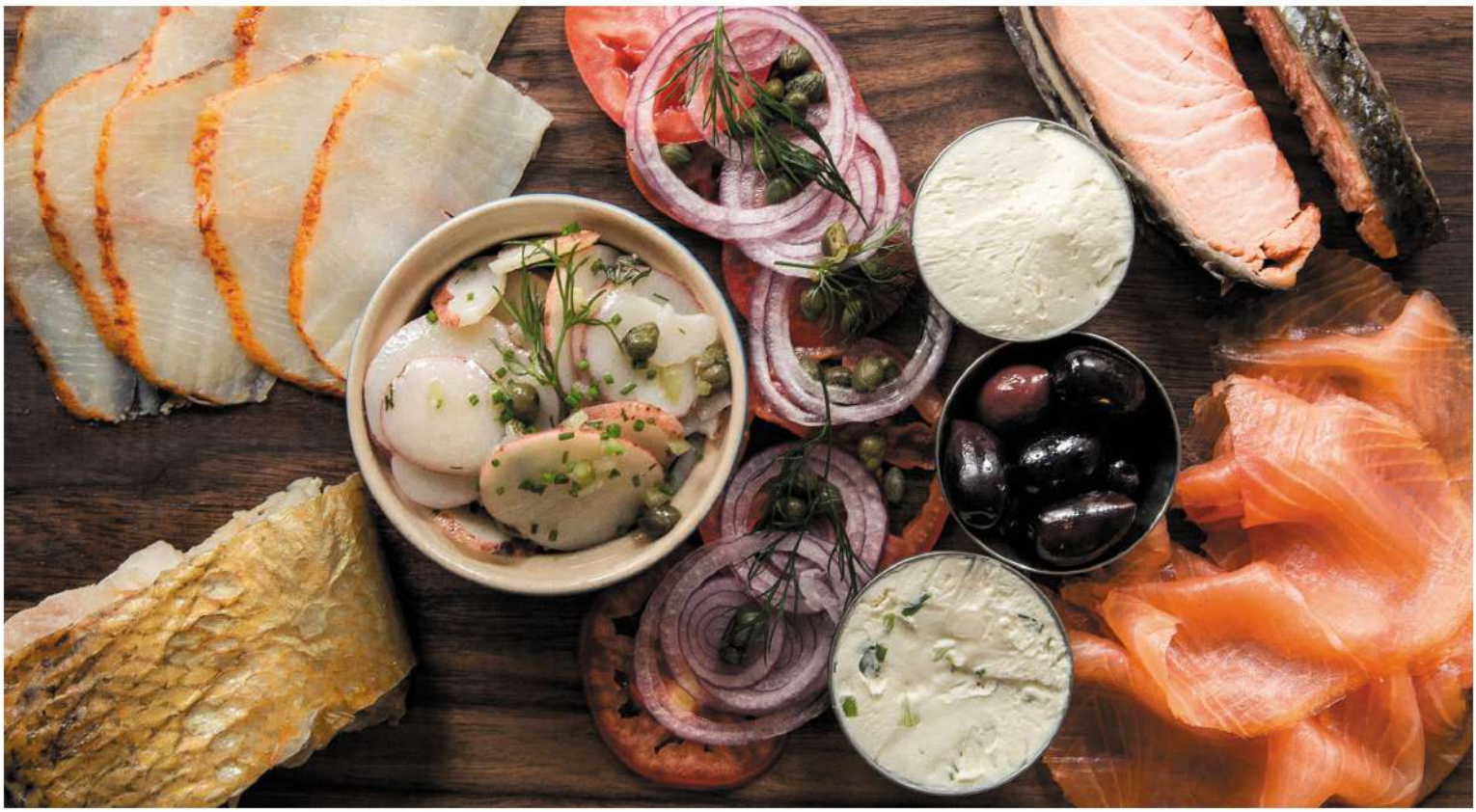
Which Shabbat would you like to sponsor? For more info, **contact Ronnie Liebman** at 516-781-8630.

And remember, our service starts each Shabbat at **10 AM**.

Upcoming Events

They Tried to Kill Us, We Won, Let's Eat!
Jewish Food and Antisemitism

Monday, October 27, 2021, @7:30pm



Temple Israel Lawrence cordially invites you to attend the virtual presentation of "**They Tried to Kill Us, We Won, Let's Eat! Jewish Food and Antisemitism,**" with Joel Haber on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

Jews have been oppressed throughout history. But every pot has a silver lining. Let's look at the lighter side of darkness. How have Jews turned challenges into opportunities, and what delicious foods did we draw directly from the crucible of antisemitism.

Joel Haber, licensed Israel tour guide, grew up in New Jersey, lived for many years in Manhattan and Los Angeles, and moved to Israel in March 2009. Joel lives in Jerusalem and works as a licensed tour guide all over Israel. He also researches Jewish food and is writing a book on the subject, as well as blogging and writing freelance articles on the topic.

This program is open to the public and Free of charge. Please register in advance by contacting Alan at alan.freedman@tilny.org.

The Rabbi Speaks

Dear congregant and friend,

We've just come from a wonderful High Holiday season, one that we celebrated on Zoom but also in person. Overall, barring most of us not being able to be with each other in the same room, the spirit of the High Holidays was observed and marked. I received many communications saying as much. We ever garnered a few new members because they were so inspired by the services.

As many of you are now aware, we also met in person on the Shabbat of Sukkot and shared a scrumptious outdoor lunch/Kiddish with delicious deli sandwiches and snacks. And we had our pop-up Sukkah there as well.

It really made my soul sing songs of joy when I was able to lead services in front of your many faces in the sanctuary instead of just staring at a screen. We even had some new faces in the audience, people who were online during the High Holidays and who came to give us a try in the flesh.

It was all very exciting and my hope is that it is truly a new beginning.

We ended up canceling the in-person High Holiday services only because we would have a very large crowd and the Delta variant of Covid was really spreading.

But as we hopefully move away from that, and as more people become vaccinated—especially with the booster shots—it's time to come back and experience services and congregational life the way it was designed to be experienced: together, as one, in the same room.

As we leave the holiday season behind, let us head in that direction.

Try to come to CBI more often in person. Try to make Zoom the exception instead of the rule.

We'll be safe and we'll be cautious.

But, most importantly, we will open up our hearts and souls to the spiritual experience that only human beings coming together as a group can bring to an occasion.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Warmly,
Rabbi Abe

President's Nook

Dear friends

It's been over 18 months since we were all together in our sanctuary. While we are slowly reopening our doors to in-person gatherings, as we did for Sukkot, our main objective is to keep our members safe and healthy. For the High Holidays, I wish I could have seen everyone face-to-face in order to give a hug or handshake, especially as I addressed you on Yom Kippur.

So, here I am again, reiterating the importance of our annual Kol Nidre appeal--and in true "Richie form"--I am going to be blunt and get right to the point.

This has been the toughest year ever for our synagogue. We are barely hanging on as we continue to fight hard, refusing to throw in the towel as many of our fellow area congregations have done in recent years and months.

Here are the facts: Our membership is down. Our modest dues of $375 haven't been increased in several years. Donations have dropped to a new low. It's been a year and a half with minimal fundraising opportunities and in-house events.

Clearly, our membership dues alone do not cover our expenses. We have the same financial obligations as any other small business on Long Island .

Your Kol Nidre pledges and general donations are more important this year than ever before. We need your help. Please consider increasing your contributions and sponsorships this year so that our synagogue can meet its financial obligations. Please remember that this is your synagogue. Without your donations, our synagogue cannot survive.

Rabbi Abe has worked exceptionally hard these past 2 years. He has reimagined our CBI community with modernized musical services and the use of technology through the grueling Covid period. His beautiful voice and guitar playing have enhanced our services immensely. But we need you to participate regularly in order to experience his talents and feel the renewed spirituality of our congregation. Join us for a Shabbat service. Invite your friends and family, too.

I hope and pray that next year we can resume our lives as they were pre-Covid. I hope that our congregational family can meet in our synagogue as we've been doing for over a100 years.

Again, please give generously. You can do that here.

And may you be inscribed in the book of life for a happy, healthy year.

Best Wishes,
Richard Krauss

By **You**

The CORNER is a new feature of the Scoop that allows CBI congregants to share their thoughts and ideas on books, current events, or personal accounts. The editors reserve all rights to edit for length and clarity. To submit, please send your piece of a maximum of 400 words to ***RobertaBouer@gmail.com.***

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Rabbi Abe

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Please make your selections and send in your written or electronic list and payment ($2 per name) by **September 12**, so we can start preparing the cards. For more info, please contact Ronnie at 516-781-8630.

Click here to make your donation, and don't forget to include the names of your celebrants in the "notes."

Your support of this fundraising program is appreciated.

October Birthdays

- Abraham Sabbas (10/6)
- Claire Schoenfeld (10/7)
- Barbara Karen (10/9)
- Sid Rosenzweig (10/14)
- Zelda Jonas (10/15)
- Mitchell Zucker (10/17)
- David Fenster (10/21)
- Lenny Goldberg (10/21)
- David Levine (10/23)
- Eli Soblick (10/24)
- Kenneth Levine (10/26)
- Irene Sloan (10/27)
- Elyse Zuckerman (10/29)

October Anniversaries

- Yael & Joe Coppolino
- Rabbi Abe & Allie Lebovic
- Debbie & Alan Goldstein

November Birthdays

- Aileen Goldberg
- SueEllen Agulnick
- Judi Slatski
- Robert Rothschild
- Robert Weinstein
- Robin Krauss

November Anniversaries

- Rosemarie & Al Murray
- Robin & Richard Krauss
- Susan & Bernie Drexler
- Angela & Abrahm Sabbas

December Birthdays

- Alan Mantis
- Steven Krull
- Larry Rossman
- Bianca Sosnovski
- Ellen Rothman
- Susan Bass
- Marsha Mandel
- Isaac Baruch
- Lorraine Albert
- Rosemarie Murray

December Anniversaries

October Yahrzeits

- Benjamin Small 10-04
- Norman Abo 10-05
- Marc Robert Agulnick 10-08
- Henry Neider 10-11
- Max Zaum 10-11
- Walter Bass 10-12
- Lena Gerber 10-13
- Elliot Kantor 10-14
- Bruce Schoenfeld 10-14
- Celia Roth Stein 10-16
- Jack Newman 10-18
- Jeffrey Friedman 10-20
- Paul Slatsky 10-23
- Sylvia Mishket 10-26
- Alfred Drexler 10-26
- George Broder 10-28
- Nathan Kerner 10-28
- Irving Lashen 10-29
- Buddy Schoenfeld 10-30

Thank you

The CBI Board of Trustees would like to thank and acknowledge our multi-tasking **Rabbi Abe** and our guest Cantorial student, **Max Silverstone,** for their inspirational High Holiday services this year.

It's a cumbersome undertaking to create a virtual service, with minimal staff support, yet our Rabbi's innovative ideas, thought-provoking sermons and melodic prayers resulted in a meaningful and spiritual Zoom holiday service.

Thank you **Dr. Stan Rothman,** our Ritual Chairperson, for helping organize a portion of the holiday services with the assistance of his Ritual Committee.
Thank you **Kevin Brandes**, who volunteered to assist Rabbi Abe at the synagogue.
Thank you **Roberta Bouer** for making sure that everyone got online for their Aliyot and for your efforts to keep our synagogue functioning .
Thank you **Muriel Levine** for successfully facilitating the High Holiday Flower Fund donations.
And thank you **Rob Rothschild**, our Excel expert, for compiling and maintaining critical administrative information for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Contributions

High Holiday Flower Fund

Suellen & Barry Agulnick (wishing the congregation peace at the new year)
Loraine Albert (Celebrating our 3 great-grandsons Mason, Justin, Lucas, and great-granddaughter Dylan, and the arrival of our great-grandson Ryan Allen Albin)
Marianne Baker (In memory of my dear departed)
Susan Bass & Family (In loving memory of Mark Bass)
Roberta Bouer (wishing everyone a healthy year)
Dana & Kevin Brandes (honoring all those who make CBI work)
Yael & Joe Coppolino (wishing our CBI friends and families a very happy & healthy year)
Susan & Bernard Drexler (in memory of our dear frine Susan Bennet; and Paul Skulsly)
Lois Glanzer (in memory of my husband Alan Glanzer)
Aileen & Lenney Goldberg (in honor of Rabbi Abe)
Hon. Zelda Jonas (In memory of my husband Milton Jonas and sister Gloria Landsman)
Phyllis Katz (in memory of Eugene Bindler and Kenneth Katz)
Robin & Richard Krauss (in memory of Richard's mom, Iris; Robin's dad, Hal Friedman; brother Jeffrey Friedman, and cousin Scott Moss)
Laura Levy & Nat Levi (in memory of Laura's parents, Martha & Marvin S. Levy; husbands Ian Cartier and Edward Bodner; son, Richard Bodner, and Nat's Parents, Tillie & Julian Levi)

Muriel Levine (In loving memory of my husband, Milton Levine)
Ronnie Klein Liebman (in memory of my husband, Michael, and my parents Max & Ethel Reasenberg)
Matilda Lovinger (in memory of my husband, David Lovinger)
Alan Mantis (in loving memory of Adrienne N Mantis, beloved wife, mother, and inspirational grandmother; my parents, Frances & Max Mantis; in-laws, Sarah & Irving Fricklas; aunt Nettie Brust Cohen; cousin Marvin Fricklas; brother-in-law, Richard Leon Fricklas, and brother, Stanley Mantis)
Eleanor & Bernard Nierenberg (in memory Lillian & Henry Arak; Leatrice & Philip Arak; Bonnie Arak; Dora & Mandel Nierenberg; Milton Ratner, and Donald Nierenberg)
Angela and Abraham Sabbas (in memory of our sister, Anna Ullmann)
Marion Kerner Salomon (in memory of my father, Nat Kerner, a real mensch, and a real Jew)
Claire Schoenfeld (in memory of my husband, Buddy Schoenfeld)
Lynn Sevan (in honor of my children Keren & Dov Fischer and Danit Sibovits; and grandchildren Eliana, Ephraim, and Eitan; and in memory of Dubby & Morris Goldsmith)
Judi Slatsky (in memory of: my dear husband, Paul ("I will always love you for everything you stood for"); my dear departed parents, Ann & Milton Marlin; and all my departed family members)
Amy Zaum (in loving memory of parents Blanche & Nat Zaum; and brother-in-law, Steve Sorin)
Elyse Zuckerman (in memory of Ina & Norman Abo, and Allan Zuckerman, and wishing good health to Jodi Markowsky)

In Memoriam & Yahrzeits

Nancy Goldsmith: (in memory of my father, Allen Albert, who would have turned 90 on August 25th)
Lynn Sevan & Isaac Baruch: (to the Ostrowskiy family in memory of Florence)
Nancy & Terry Goldsmith: (in memory of our son, Jeffrey Goldsmith, and in memory of Samuel Ettrerman)
Eli Soblick: (at the Yahrtzeit of my father, David Soblick)
Alan Mantis: (at the Yahrtzeit of my father in law, Irving Fricklas)
Michael Hyman: (In memory of my mother, Shayna Chaya bas Avigdor Mendel. May she have an aliya and continue to watch over us)

Mazel Tov, Thanks & Wellwishers

Heidi and Robert Silverstone: (dedicated In Honor of Rabbi Abe Lebovic. Happiness, health, and peace in the new year and always)
Muriel Levine: (wishing my nephew, Sander Levine, a complete and speedy recovery)
Roberta Bouer: Kol Nidrei Appeal
Phylis & Sandy Meyerowitz: (to CBI, following the uplifting High Holiday Services)
Robin Cinnamon: (for the High Holiday Aliyah)
Roberta Bouer: (in appreciation for my Yom Kippur Aliyah)
Deborah Rothschild
Ann & Jeffrey Szulman
Noel & Robin Ratner (thank you for the enjoyable High Holidays zoom services)
Roberta Bouer: (with appreciation to the members who made a birthday donation in my honor)

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Lois Glanzer

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Deborah Rothschild

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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

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