The SCOOP

The Happenings of Congregation Beth Israel

September 2022

Within a few weeks, members of our community, along with Jews from around the globe, will welcome the High Holidays. Like many elements of Judaism, this observance has been a lifelong tradition--in some way, shape, or form.

So now, we invite you to take the quiz below to see how savvy you are with your Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur knowledge. (The answers are at the end of the quiz).

If you score 100%, be sure to let Rabbi Abe know and you will get an honorable mention in the next issue of The Scoop (and a latke, come Chanukah).

On your mark- get set- GO…..and no cheating!

A. What is the literal translation of the phrase "Shana Tova"?
1. Healthy New Year
2. Easy Fast
3. A Good Year
4. Happy Birthday to the World

B. What month on the Jewish calendar precedes Rosh Hashanah and is designated for introspection and repentance?
1. Tevet
2. Cheshvan
3. Tishrei
4. Elul

C. What is Tashlich?
1. An informal ceremony where congregants take a break from services to go have fun at the beach or by a pool of water.
2. Ritual hand-washing that occurs before Rosh Hashanah services.
3. A ceremonial practice derived from a Biblical passage that says "You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea"
4. A yearly pilgrimage to the Sea of Galilee to celebrate the New Year.

D. What is Kol Nidre?
1. A declaration of absolution recited at the beginning of the evening service on Yom Kippur,
2. An ancient Aramaic song detailing the creation and destruction of the universe
3. A prayer marking the start of the Maccabi Games
4. A poem written by the Baal Shem Tov celebrating the beauty of God's creation and is often recited during Rosh Hashanah.

E. Why do we eat round challahs with raisins on Rosh Hashanah?
1. To symbolize the round hat worn by the Kohain Gadol (High Priest) on the first day of Rosh Hashanah?
2. To symbolize the sweetness of the New Year and the circular passage of time through the calendar.
3. Because the Torah said the Israelites baked round loaves while they wandered through the desert.
4. We don't. We eat round challah to mark the end of Yom Kippur.

F. What is Tekia?
1. A reference to shofar blowing.
2. Three intermittent blasts.
3. One long shofar blast.
4. Nine short rapid blasts.

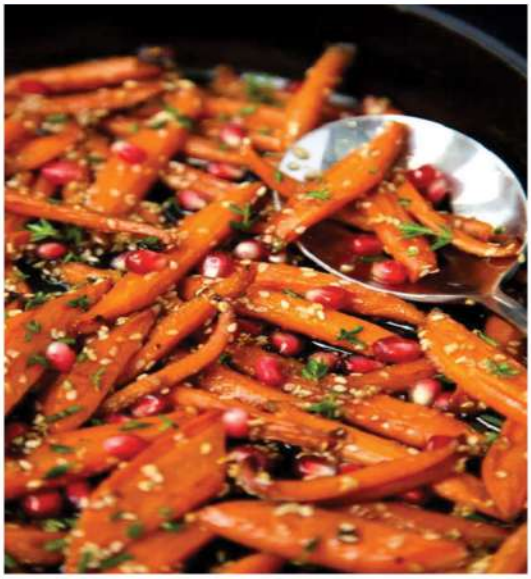
G. What are the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur known as?
1. Yom Teru'ah
2. The Mishnah
3. Days of our Lives
4. 10 Days of Awe

H. Why do we blow the shofar?
1. To ensure we will have a sweet new year
2. It's a spiritual alarm clock reminding us to mend our ways
3. To symbolize the fast has ended and Rosh Hashanah has started
4. To awaken everyone for the Rabbi's sermon

I. One word you'll hear often on Yom Kippur is Teshuvah, meaning:
1. Atonement
2. Repentance
3. Returning
4. All of the above

J. What Haftorah is read during Mincha on Yom Kippur day?
1. Isaiah
2. The story of Chana
3. Jonah
4. Abraham sacrificing his son Isaac

ANSWERS:
A. 3
B. 4
C. 3
D. 1
E. 2
F. 3
G. 4
H. 2
I. 4
J. 3



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CBI is excited to welcome its newest members to our community:

Shari & Irv Miljoner

Maritza Garcia

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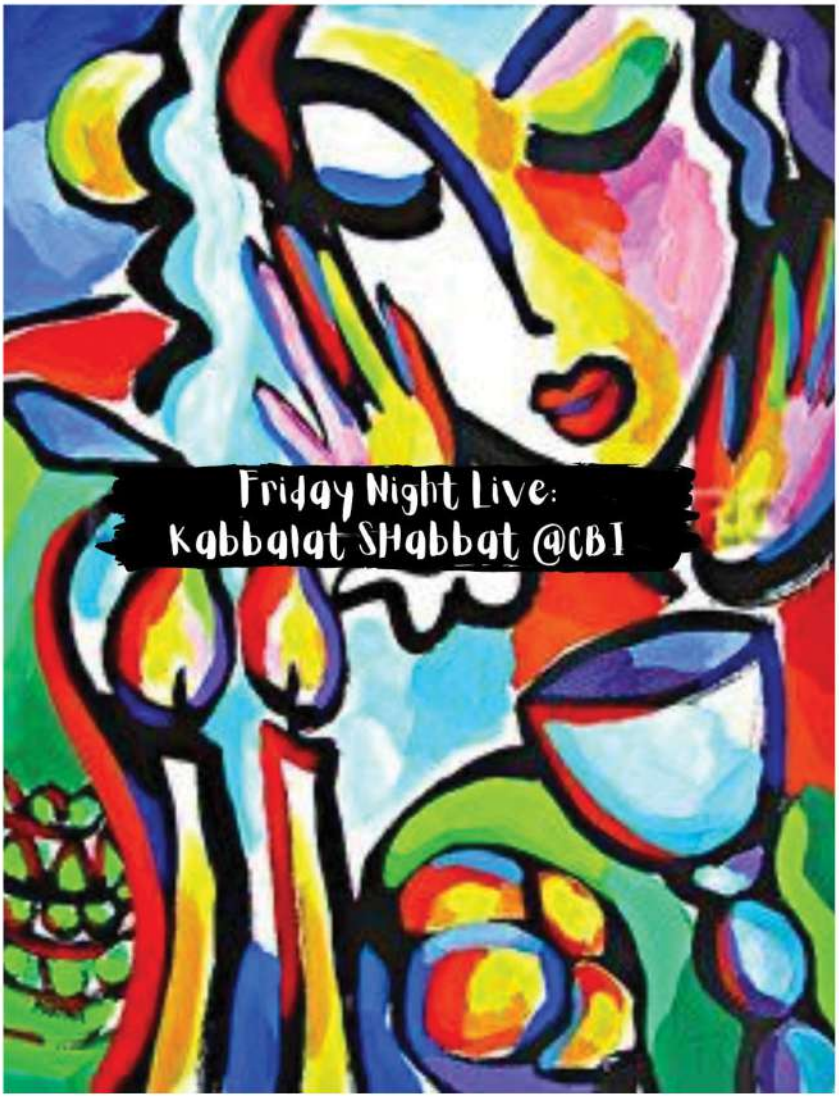

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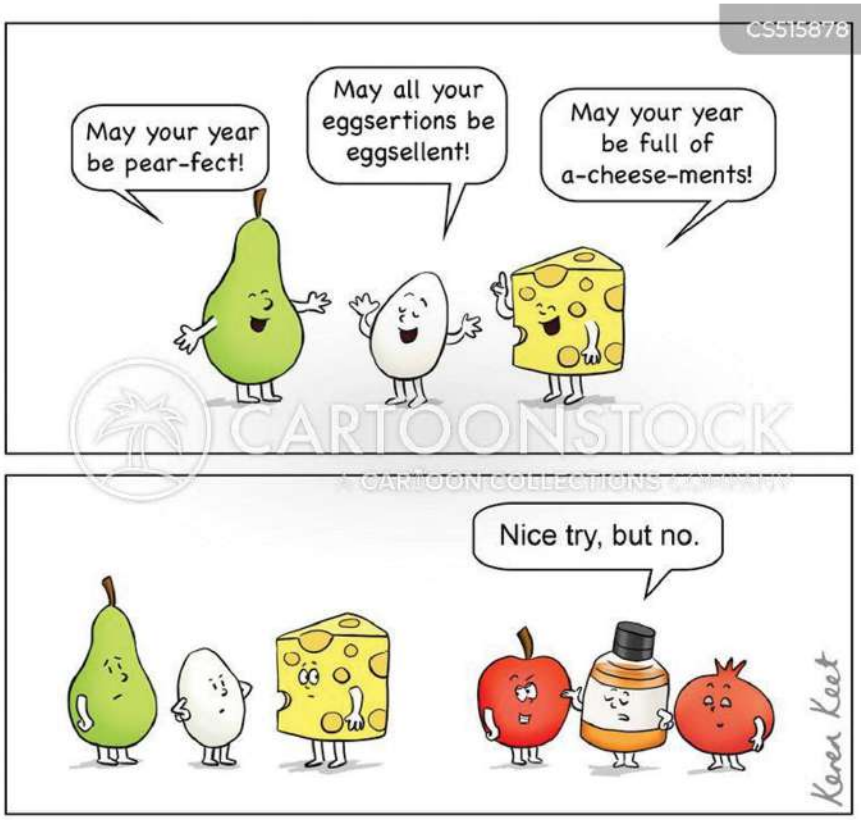

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The Rabbi Speaks

Dear congregants and friends,

The past couple of months have been very fruitful ones for CBI as we are seeing additional faces in our midst, celebrating with us, praying with us, singing with us, and being with us.

As we climb out of the covid malaise and begin to trickle back in person into the synagogue, I'd like to remind all of you that this is your synagogue, your community: it's not mine, or that of a select few, nor of any other specific person, but all of ours. Ergo, it is incumbent upon all of us to do as much as we can to build it up, to make it thrive, to allow it to breathe, to make it a living thing.

This is the time of year to begin thinking about things anew. It's High-Holiday-season time, the time to start fresh, to start over, to look at things in new ways. I'd like to invite you to do just that with your/our congregation. If you have an idea, let us know. If you feel that we/I can be doing something differently to make a bigger impact, give me a holler. Nobody's going to do it for us, and we, as a community, must do it for ourselves.

We have some new blood in our ranks, and I'd like to welcome them. Our newest members are Irv and Shari Miljoner from Oceanside and Maritza Garcia from just a few blocks away. From what I've seen so far, they are the type of people who want to make a difference and would like to fully be part of the community. I'd like to welcome them and their can-do spirit.

I also want to thank all of you who've reached out to me and Allie to send her condolences on the passing of her grandfather, Daniel Gold OBM.

I wish all of you you a happy end of summer, and I welcome you to the CBI of 5783—a year in which I'm hoping we grow physically and metrically, but also, and most importantly, spiritually, communally, and soulfully.

Warmly
Rabbi Abe

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Rabbi Abe

September Yahrzeits

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- Pauline K Levine 9-06
- Rose Brodsky 9-07
- Gertrude Stone 9-07
- Samuel Etterman 9-09
- Anna Ullman 9-09
- David H Isacson 9-10
- Max Mandell 9-12
- Harold Moss 9-12
- Irving Fricklas 9-12
- Jeffrey Goldsmith 9-19
- Joseph Burger 9-22
- Stanley Cohen 9-26
- Samuel Gerber 9-27
- Irving Kornberg 9-27
- Iris Krauss 9-28
- Aaron Shillet 9-30

Contributions

In Memoriam & Yahrzeits

Cantor Mark Zalkin (to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, in memory of Susan Zalkin Z'l)

Lois Glanzer (at the Yahrtzeit of my husband, to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund)

Marianne Baker (Yartzeit of my mother, Gertrude Stone)

Roberta Bouer (in memory of my grandfather, Isidore Becker)

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