The SCOOP

The Happenings of Congregation Beth Israel

January 2023

SHALOM friends,

Another year has come to a close, so we say Shalom (goodbye) to 2022. The 12 months have flown by quickly. We have lots of memories, some amazing, some sad, and many somewhere in between.

We think it's good to celebrate what went right in 2022.

At CBI, 2022 showed growth in membership. These new members didn't join simply to attend High Holiday services. They became an integral part of our community's fabric, attending services and functions regularly, and truly getting involved, adding fresh and vibrant energy. Thank you, Maritza Garcia, Ellen Zimel, Sandy Levine, Shari & Irv Miljoner, and Barbara Kaufman, for becoming a wonderful part of the CBI family.

Last year, CBI introduced the return of monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Friday Night services. Rabbi Abe continued to create a joyful and well-attended service. Everyone was able to fully participate in the singing - even if they couldn't read Hebrew - thanks to the development of our very own prayer booklets with transliteration. The oneg's following the service became legendary, with congregants wondering what unexpected surprises will be served. Was it Laura Weill's delicious homemade challah or perhaps Roberta Bouer's hand-made chocolate-dipped pretzels? Regardless of the treat, the onegs were lively, fun, and full of laughter.

January, along with some cold temperatures has arrived, and we say Shalom (hello) to 2023. The new year gives you and CBI the opportunity to set goals and create an even better year than the previous one.

CBI plans to introduce a monthly lecture series from community professionals, covering topics from nutrition to personal finance and so much more. We have set goals to increase membership with a print and electronic marketing campaign, and encourage you, our long-time & new members to help build our community by inviting friends and family to check us out. Once they come into our "home" they will embrace the warmth and vitality that Rabbi Abe conveys to new faces. We invite you to get involved and help support and fulfill our vision for 2023.

January 1st also recognizes World Day of Peace. Whether on a small scale between family and friends, or a much larger scale between nations, we celebrate and pray for Shalom (peace).

Happy and healthy 2023. Have faith in new beginnings!

The CBI Scoop Editorial Team

CBI Celebrates Chanukah at Village Hall

Rabbi Abe sitting on the dais with Village officials, including Mayor Hobbs and State Senetor Thomas

Abe Sabbas embraces his inner Chanukah child

Rabbi Abe with Mayor Hobbs

Rabbi Abe with Senetor Kevin Thomas in front of the Menorah

Rabbi Abe speaking to the multidenominational crowd at the Village Holiday Tree and Menorah lighting event

Famous Jewish People Trivia

(in honor of
National Trivia Day, Jan. 4)

Take this Challenge
and see what you're made of

Descriptions

1 Came up with 'Laser Cats' and is the founding member of The Lonely Island

2 Wrote 'Night'

3 Won an academy award for 'Little Miss Sunshine', also spent a good deal of the movie in the trunk

4 Owner of Bad Robots Productions (Cloverfield, etc.)

5 Famous Holocaust victim who kept a journal

6 Who put on his yarmulke and sung about Chanukah?

7 Went to the 'final frontier'

8 Famously fought the 'Soup Nazi'

9 He could be known as 'The Piano Man'

10 Famous escape artist

11 American Idol judgette

12 Voice actor that asked 'What's up, doc?'

13 Writer/editor of Marvel comics

14 Famous slapstick comedy trio

14 Came up with the most widely known atom model

15 This Jew has sung about throwing a Jew down a well...

16 Skipped a World Series match in order to celebrate Yom Kippur

17 Film actor/maker who did Annie Hall

18 E=mc^2, worked on nuclear bomb.

Answers

1. Andy Samberg 2. Elie Wiesel 3. Alan Arkin 4. J.J. Abrams
5. Anne Frank 6. Adam Sandler 7. William Shatner
8. Jerry Seinfeld 9. Billy Joel 10. Harry Houdini 11. Paula Abdul
12. Mel Blanc 13. Stan Lee 14. The Three Stooges
15. Niels Bohr 16. Sacha Baron-Cohen 17. Sandy Koufax
18. Albert Einstein

Click on the image above to learn 11 Jewish Ways to Honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

TheYear by Ella Wheeler Wilcox

What can be said in New Year rhymes,
That's not been said a thousand times?
The new years come, the old years go,
We know we dream, we dream we know.
We rise up laughing with the light,
We lie down weeping with the night.
We hug the world until it stings,
We curse it then and sigh for wings.
We live, we love, we woo, we wed,
We wreathe our brides, we sheet our dead.
We laugh, we weep, we hope, we fear,
And that's the burden of the year.

The Rabbi Speaks

Dear friends,

The year 2023 is almost here and I can feel great changes coming to our holy and special congregation.

As I wrote in last month's message, the spirit of the congregation feels very different than in the past, and it's not just about leaving Covid-19 behind—but that also helps.

There is a cadre of new souls in our midst that are bringing new and revitalized energy to the ranks, and their enthusiasm is infectious. People are catching on and mirroring their actions. Whether it's about chipping in when volunteerism is needed, participating in services in a heartfelt way, or just hanging out and connecting as a community, these new members are introducing new forms of participation that sometimes I felt were lacking in the past.

And as the Mishna says in the Ethics: One Mitzvah begets another and another and another, and before we know it, a collective of involved individuals make for a very strong community. I'm looking forward to that happening in the near future.

Last month we also did something in our congregation that we had not done in a very long time: We celebrated the naming of a Jewish child, welcoming Irv & Shari Miljoner's grandson, Alijah David into the Jewish community with the beautiful name of Eliyahu Dovid. Alijah's parents, Lisa and Antoine Michel, stood there beaming with Jewish Pride as they welcomed their dear son into the community of the Jewish people.

There were about thirty friends and family of the Miljoners in attendance who came to support them at this blessed moment, many of them who were quite impressed with our service, congregation, and warm, heimish atmosphere.

I can only hope for many more such beautiful life-cycle events at CBI.

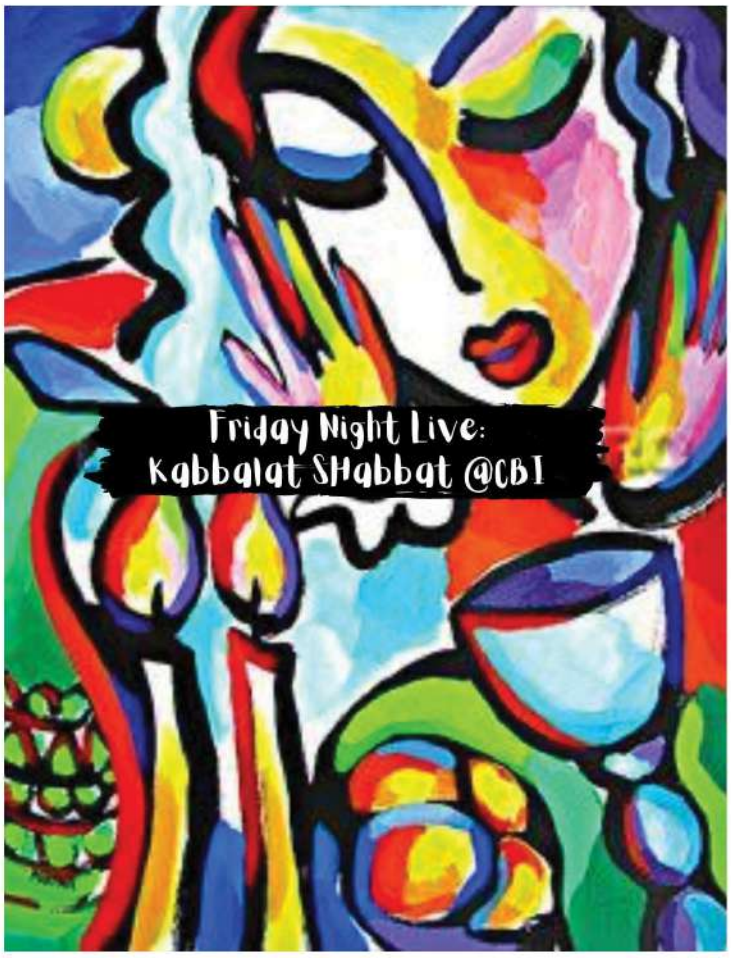
The class on Wednesday nights is continuing into the next year and beyond, with an excellent attendance record and increased interest. Please keep coming back and please keep your curiosity at full throttle. The Jewish people are built on curiosity and a culture of inquiry and learning, and let us be part of that culture among the many congregations the world over (there will be no class on January 11).

On the 14th of this month, Lois Glanzer will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah at 87 years young. Please try to be there with her friends and family as she undergoes this long-in-coming event. She has worked very hard to prepare for this day, and support from all of us would make it that much more special.

Here's to new and invigorating energy in our congregation in the coming year.

Warmly,
Rabi Abe

Upcoming Events



Musical Kabbalat Shabbat @CBI

Join us these Friday nights

January 20

February 17

March 24

@7:30 PM

Oneg to follow services

Registration required by the Tuesday prior on our website homepage

www.cbicg.org

Bring a friend and family

" I appreciate your offer, but I was really hoping to marry a doctor!"

"I told you we wandered too far from the hotel. This looks nothing like Waikiki Beach!"

Come on, laugh a little!

Mazel Tov Corner

Congratulations to
Shari & Irv Miljoner
(and family) as they celebrated the baby naming of their Grandson Alijah David (Eliyahu Dovid)
on Dec. 17

&

Mazel Tov to
Lois Glanzer
on her upcoming
Bat Mitzvah @CBI on January 14

Healing Nook

Best wishes to
Tilda Lovinger
as she recuperates at home after a car accident

&

Best wishes to
Alan Mantis
as he returns home after a couple of months in rehab

January Yahrzeits

- Ina Abo 1/1
- Doris Soblick 1/1
- Beatrice Janvey 1/4
- Don Nierenberg 1/4
- Simon Faver 1/5
- Erwin Shepard 1/5
- Allen Albert 1/6
- Miriam J. Maurer 1/9
- Tiffany Greenfield 1/13
- Helen Alexander 1/14
- Mia Rothschild 1/15
- Donna Block 1/16
- William Cahn 1/17
- Mildred Rappaport 1/19
- Benjamin Soblick 1/20
- Betty Karen 1/23
- Grace Janvey 1/24
- Ann Steinger 1/25
- Victor Feldman 1/27
- Claude Hercovicci 1/27
- Sol Schachter 1/27
- Sarah Brodsky 1/30
- Barbara Friedman 1/30
- Louis Weitzman 1/30

In Memoriam & Yahrzeits

Amy Zaum, (yahrzeits of Sadie & Max Zaum; Yizkor for Blanche & Nathan Zaum)

Marianne Baker--(yahrzeits of Greatniece, Tiffafny Lynn Greenfield; Sister, Barbara Friedman; Fiance, William Cahn)

Hon & Mrs. Stephen A Bucaria--(in memory of our dear friend, Robin Krauss)

Frances Dunkel and Leslie Bernstein--(in memory of Claire Schoenfeld)

Donnna Silvetro--(in memory of Claire Schoenfeld)

Alan Mantis--(in honor of Claire Schoenfeld, a friend to all)

Marsha Mandell--(yahrzeit of Howared Mandell)

Alan Mantis--(yahrzeit of Sarah Fricklas)

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