The SCOOP

The happenings of Congregation Beth Israel

February 2023

Dear friends,

No, the picture above is not one that we photographed but it is a representation of the beautiful bounty of the earth that we are all so privileged to be able to partake in.

Fruit, in general, is sweet, luscious, plump, decadent, (and healthy and full of vitamins), and indicates the gifts that Mother Nature/God provides for us.

But we don't always remember that when we bite into a delicious, say, apple or peach.

But once a year Judaism specifically celebrates the Tree and, by extension, all of the gifts that Earth gives us to remind us that we should be more intentional when we indulge in these beautiful, natural treasures.

To that end, the holiday of Tu Bishvat, which is coming up this month, is referred to as the New Year for Trees, and which has come to be a holiday that celebrates Earth and its gifts.

We, at CBI, will be celebrating this beautiful holiday by having a Tu Bishvat Seder, that is, sitting together as a community and celebrating the seven fruits with which Israel biblically was blessed—and some other fruits as well.

We will share our thoughts about what the Earth and Trees mean to us, especially in this era of global warming and climate crisis.

So please, if you can, attend on Shabbat, February 4, when the Seder will take place at the kiddush after the service (see flyer below).

We look forward to seeing you there.

The CBI Scoop Editorial Team

CBI Super Bowl LVII Fundraiser

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Final Score:	$400

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A copy of the grid will be posted on our website on February 9.

Questions? Contact Richie Krauss @ 516-459-7679

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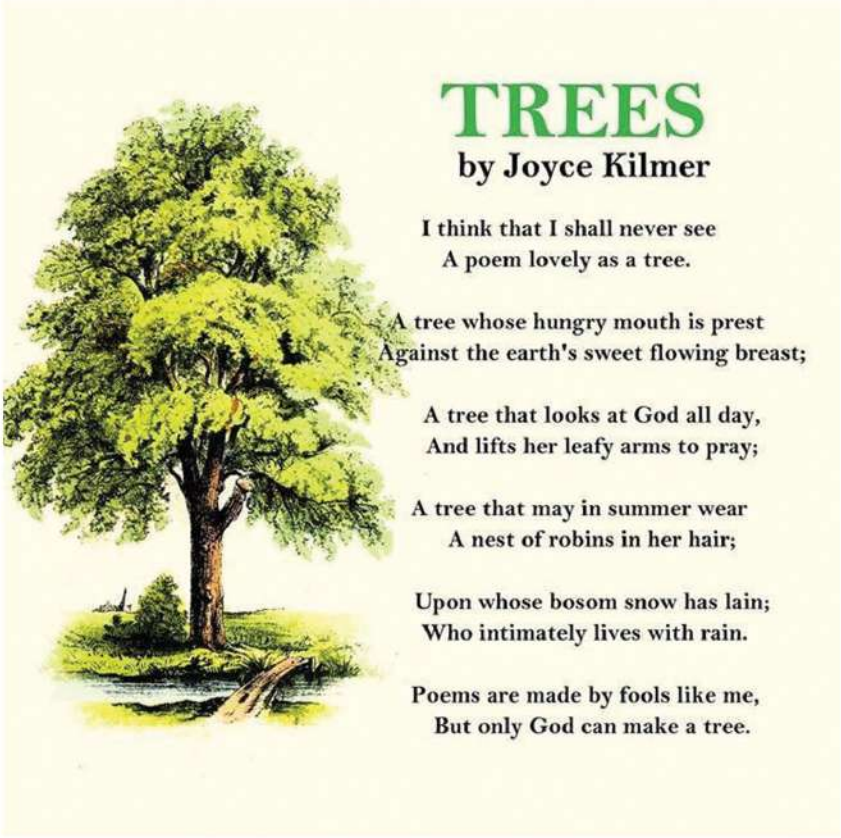
I Remember When: Highlighting CBI Families

Mort and Judi Beroza Man/Woman of the Year

This annual award is given in honor of Mort and Judi Beroza, who were active members of Hempstead's Temple Beth Israel for over 60 years, exemplified an immense passion for the sport of lacrosse, as well as a deep commitment to service, family, and community. Their son, Bill Beroza, was a 2x All-American at Roanoke, played for team USA (including captaining the gold medal team in 1982), has been inducted into the Roanoke, NY Jewish Sports, Virginia, Long Island, and US Lacrosse Halls of Fame, and is one of our founding board members *(from Israel Lacrosse's Newsletter; Click here for more info)*



The Rabbi Speaks

Dear friends,

In January 2020, I was in Denver for a rabbinical conference where I met colleagues, gleaned ideas, and connected with a host of like-minded rabbis. Little did I know then that that conference would not happen for another 3 years, the one from which I just returned and had a great experience, similar to the one in 2020, but, really, oh so different.

In all honesty, I feel like I am a different person than I was then.

Over the past three years, we, and the entire world, have undergone an entire transformation the parts of which we are still discovering.

And yet, despite all the changes, there are some things that didn't—and don't—change.

Like the fact that we all need a good community to live a more meaningful life. Like the fact that we all crave a certain amount of spirituality that can be found in the community. Like the fact that praying and singing with--and in--a group of fellow human beings does wonders for the soul. That continuing education throughout one's adult life is good for the brain and the soul. Those facts are pretty much incontrovertible.

And as we forge on into the new year we, at CBI, are continuing to bring those values into our post-Covid lives. We will make our community stronger, we will be there to support each other, we will pray together, we will engage in Mitzvot—good deeds together, and we will learn and educate ourselves together.

Yes, Covid changed us in many ways, but it did not change the core or ourselves. If anything, it made us more determined than ever to continue growing.

Please join us each week on Shabbat, and on Feb 4th for the Tu Bishvat Seder, where we will celebrate the Tree and the fruit that it bears for us, as well as the ecology of the world.

We are here to make the world a better place, starting with our small community.

I hope to see you soon.

Warmly,

Rabbi Abe

Upcoming Events

Join us for our
Tu B'Shevat Seder

February 4, 2023
following
Shabbat Services

Learn about this beautiful, ecological Jewish Holiday, and partake of a bounty of fruits and nuts, and sing some songs about our precious earth and all the gifts that it gives us

With each $36 donation, we will mail up to 10 personalized cards to CBI members of your choice.
$2 for each additional member over the alloted 10
Non-members: $4 per name

Please send in your list of member names by **February 16** to **CBIPurimFundraiser@gmail.com**, or call 917-446-7983 if you have no computer access.

Full list of names/addresses of **non-members** must be submitted by February 16 to above email address.

Online payment or checks must be received in order for cards to be mailed.
A portion of the proceeds will benefit **HATZILU**. **Click here to send in your donation.**

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Save the Date
Purim 2023
Monday, March 6
7:30 PM at CBI
All Welcome
Bring Your
Friends & Family
Refreshments Served
Costumes Encouraged
Prizes Awarded
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February 2023

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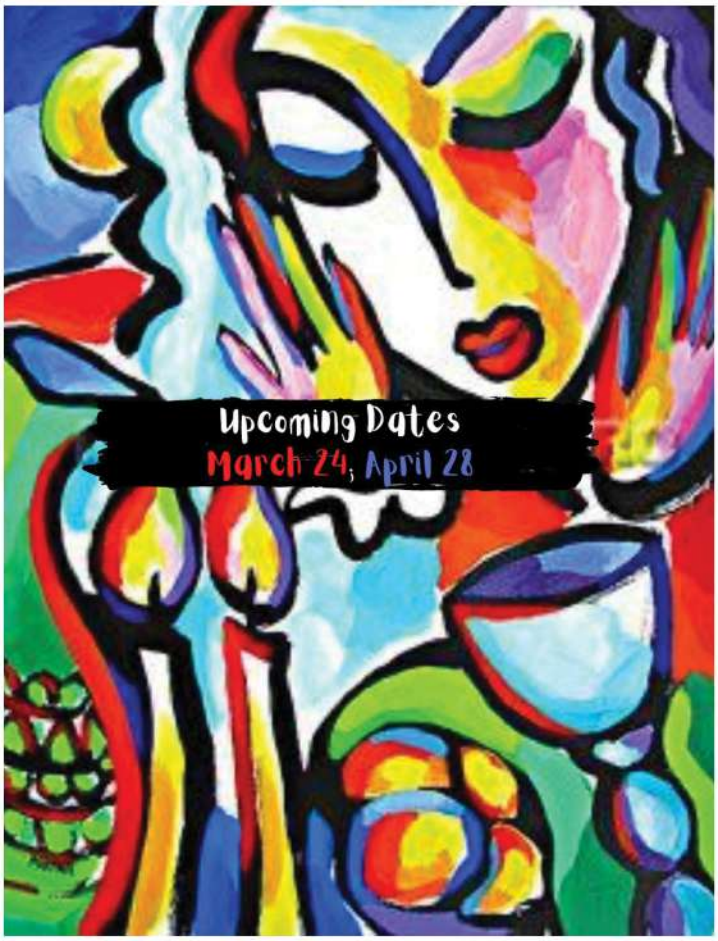


Musical Kabbalat Shabbat @CBI

Join us these Friday nights

February 17

March 24

April 28

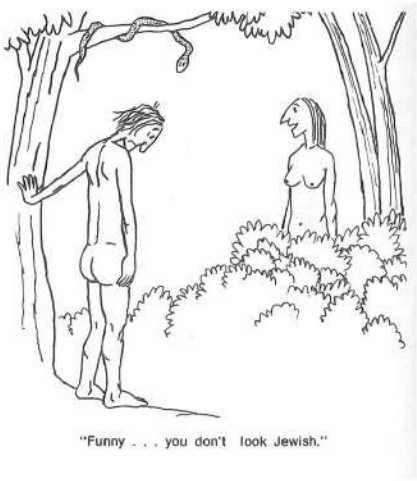
@7:30 PM

Oneg to follow services

Registration required by the Tuesday prior on our website homepage

www.cbicg.org

Bring a friend and family



Come on, laugh a little!

Mazel Tov Corner

If you have a simcha or any happy news to share, please let us know

Healing Nook

Best wishes to

Susan Bass

as she recuperates at home after an injury

&

Best wishes to

Eli Soblick

on his return home from the hospital

February Yahrzeits

- Max Abo 2/1
- Rhoda Gleek 2/1
- Harry Hanft 2/8
- Rhoda H. Rossman 2/8
- Ada Broder 2/9
- Harriet Neider 2/11
- Samuel Drexler 2/15
- Lillian Rosansky 2/18
- Oscar Robbins 2/20
- Ida Coon 2/23
- Shlomo Gutman 2/23
- Paula Kleine 2/23
- Joseph Shulman 2/23
- Blanch Zaum 2/23
- Leon Sabbas 2/24
- Paul Skulsky 2/24
- Ann Schnuer 2/25
- Dorothy Goldsmith 2/25
- Louis Jonas 2/26
- Adrienne N Mantis 2/26

In Memoriam & Yahrzeit Donations

Eli Soblick--(yahrzeits of brother, Benjamin Soblick and wife, Doris Soblick.)

Marsha Mandell--(yahrzeit of Mildred Rappaport)

Sandy Bernstein--in memory of my parents, Ruth & David Volin--long-time members of CBI

Ilene and Robert Rothschild--(at the yahrzeit of Mia Rothschild)

Alan Louzin--(in memory of Stanley Small and Caire Schoenfeld)

Tilda Lovinger--(yahrzeit of my mother, Hannah Herscovicci)

Nancy & Terry Goldsmith (in memory of father, Allen Albert)

Lorraine Albert (in memory of my husband, Allen Albert)

Alan and Marion Steinger, (in memory of father, Erwin Shephard, and mother, Ann Steinger)

General Contributions

Frieda & Alan Brodsky (For the Rabbi's discretionary fund and other temple funds to be chosen by Marianne)

Muriel Levine (in honor of the naming of the grandson of Shari and Irv Miljoner)

Murel Levine (to wish a complete recovery to Matilda Lovinger and Marion Salomon)

Marianne Baker (to thank the Miljoners for the beautiful and meaningful naming of their grandson at CBI and the kiddush that followed

Shari & Irv Miljoner, the Rabbi's discretionary fund.

Shari & Irv Miljoner (a sponsored Kiddush)

Yael & Joe Coppolino (a sponsored Kiddush)

Marianne Baker (to thank Roberta Bouer for delicious and elegantly served Kiddushes and Oneg Shabbats)

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