The SCOOP

The Happenings of Congregation Beth Israel

May 2023

The MAYbe's of MAY

Who doesn't love the month of May? It comes with longer days, more sunlight, and certainly more time to enjoy the outdoors and be more active.

Besides the weather, May is a great month for foodies. Since there are no major Jewish holiday observances this month, MAYbe you'd like to celebrate National Truffle Day, (surely to be included at an upcoming May Shabbat Kiddush lunch), Chocolate Chip Day, Cinco de Mayo, and National Eat What You Want Day (yes, that's a thing!).

Beyond the food indulgences, what have you wanted to do that you might have procrastinated on starting? MAY may actually be the perfect month to give it a go. Here are some suggestions that MAY benefit you and CBI:

MAYbe you'd like to learn a haftorah over the summer, so you'll be prepared to chant it in the Fall?

MAYbe you'd like to sponsor a kiddush to celebrate your birthday, anniversary, the birth of a grandchild, or honor a Shabbat friend?

MAYbe you'd like to drive a congregant without transportation to our Shabbat service?

MAYbe you play an instrument (or know folks who do) and would like to give your CBI community a pro bono concert?

MAYbe you'd like to volunteer at HATIZLU in Plainview. They are currently in need of social workers or guidance counselors (2X-a-month commitment). Challah bakers can donate their braided bread to their Loaves of Love Program. Contact Rhonda@RGreen@miyjcc.org for more info.

The MAYbe's are plentiful with new ideas and new challenges.

What about you? What is your MAY intention going to be?

Have faith in yourself and MAYbe good things will blossom.

Happy May to ALL!

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The Rabbi Speaks

Dear friends

I write this on Israel's 75th Birthday, on its Independence Day, when we celebrate a country that we all love and that gave us a place to call our homeland, although it has been the homeland of the Jews for millennia.

Throughout the ages, Jews have yearned to return to Israel to live out their spiritual destiny. Today Israel means a million different things to all the citizens that live within its borders. Israel has come a long way in all its years of struggle and birth, and now, at 75, it stands firm and tall among the nations of the world.

Yes, there are many problems as well, but I believe that those are surmountable and will be in the not-too-distant future. Israel cannot afford to keep kicking the can down the road and will have to figure out how to compromise and allow all living in its borders to feel like they belong— Jew and non-Jew, religious and secular, men and women, and everything in between.

We, as a congregation in the diaspora, can only look on and hope and wish for the best for this glorious country that is so intertwined with our history, religion, and culture--and support it in any way we can.

As we make a go of it within our congregation and overcome the obstacles of life that have been thrown our way, let us remember Israel and what it went through to overcome hardship and hurdles. Let us do the same with each and every one of us taking part in the process as much as possible.

Because, like Israel, when a segment of the population is not involved or does not want to contribute as much as the next person, that can only lead to difficulties. Israel will fulfill its full potential only when all its citizens come together as one to accomplish its goals.

So it is with CBI. If we all get involved, this will be a flourishing synagogue and community indeed.

I look forward to seeing you more often and more involved. If you would like to know how, please ask.

Warmly,
Rabbi Abe

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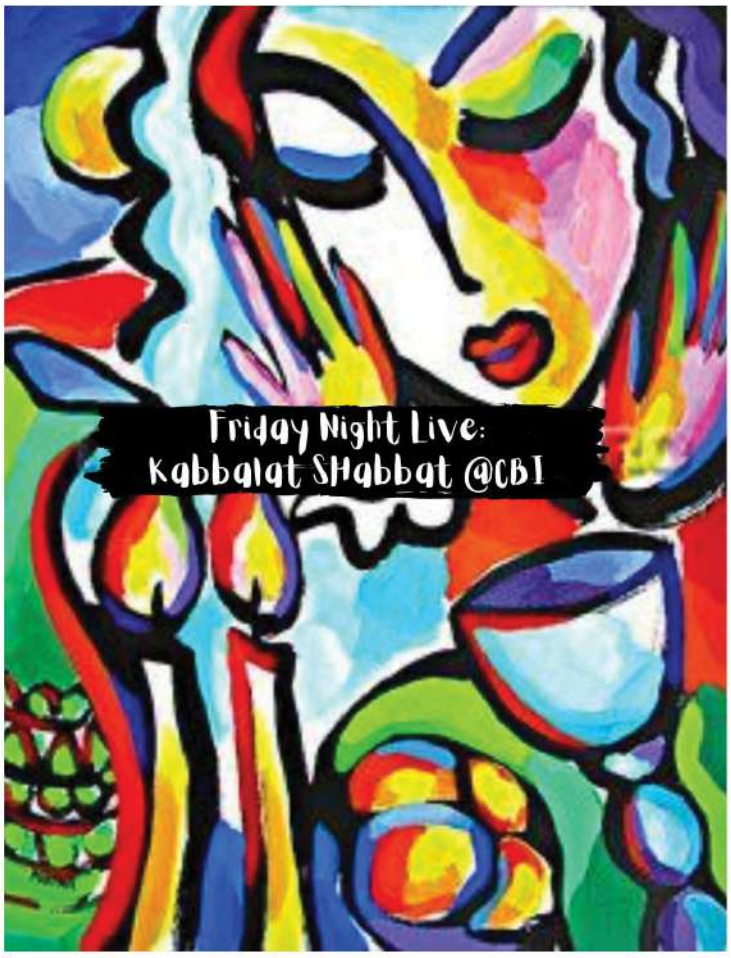
Do you enjoy our Shabbat lunch following our service? What about our dessert Onegs following Kabbalat Shabbat?

Sponsor or contribute toward a Kiddush or Oneg today to celebrate a Simcha or to remember a loved one.

For more information, call 917-446-7983

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

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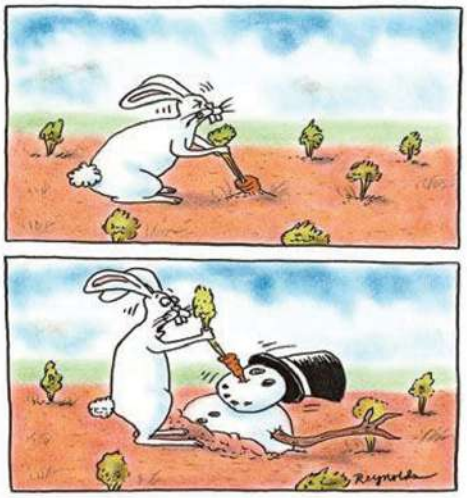
Bring a friend and family

Bubbies and technology



Come on, laugh a little!

May Yahrzeits

- Martin Cohn 5/5
- Ann Rothman 5/6
- Katie Pastarnak 5/7
- Conseetion Rivergh 5/9
- Sidney Chalphin 5/12
- Eva Etterman 5/13
- Donna L Mishket 5/13
- Claire Parvin 5/13
- Hyman Zucker 5/14
- Abraham Chisel 5/16
- Martha Goldman 5/16
- Rose Glasser 5/19
- Mollie Zucker 5/22
- Julius Weinstein 5/25
- Joseph Goldman 5/31
- Gail T Schwartz 5/31

In Memoriam & Yahrzeit Donations

Muriel Levine (In memory of Dr. Herbert Ausebel, an extraordinary and dedicated physician)

Susan Bass (at my mother's yahrzeit)

Susan Bass (at the yahrzeit of Mark Bass, beloved husband, father, and grandfather)

Muriel Levine (at the yahrzeit of my in-laws, Yeta & Sender Levine)

General Contributions

Muriel Levine (In appreciation of the care and concern I received during my bout with

Covid, and wishing Shari Miljoner a complete recovery)

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