The SCOOP

The Happenings of Congregation Beth Israel

July 2023

The Fourth of July, America's Independence Day, holds special significance for Jews, intertwining the values of freedom, resilience, and gratitude within the tapestry of Jewish heritage. This occasion provides an opportunity to reflect on the connection between Jews, Judaism, and the ideals that underpin this cherished national holiday.

For Jews, freedom is a fundamental pillar of our collective history. Throughout millennia, Jews have faced oppression and yearned for liberty. The story of Exodus, symbolizing the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage, resonates deeply with the American narrative of breaking free from tyranny. The shared pursuit of freedom unites both Jewish and American identities, reminding us of the importance of safeguarding individual liberties.

Additionally, the Fourth of July evokes the Jewish value of resilience. Despite enduring numerous hardships, Jews have demonstrated remarkable resilience and adaptability, rebuilding their lives and communities time and again. Similarly, America's history is characterized by resilience, overcoming challenges and emerging stronger as a nation. The ability to persevere in the face of adversity unites Jews and Americans, inspiring us to confront challenges head-on and forge a better future.

As Jews, we are taught to express gratitude for the blessings in our lives. Independence Day provides an opportunity to appreciate the opportunities and freedoms we enjoy as American Jews. We are grateful for the religious liberty and equal rights guaranteed by the Constitution, allowing us to practice our faith and contribute to the diverse fabric of American society.

While celebrating the Fourth of July, let us not forget the ongoing pursuit of justice and equality for all. As Jews, we are guided by the principle of tikkun olam, repairing the world and striving for a more just society. On this day, we can reaffirm our commitment to advocating for the rights of all individuals, ensuring that the values of freedom and justice are upheld.

As we come together to commemorate Independence Day, let us celebrate the shared values of Jews and Americans. In honoring the legacy of our ancestors and the spirit of our nation, we weave the rich tapestry of Jewish identity into the broader fabric of American life. May this Fourth of July be a time of reflection, gratitude, and unity as we continue to work towards a brighter future for all.

The CBI Editorial Team

Try this for a light and summery side dish or entree

Let's celebrate with you on your Birthday!

Starting this Fall, we will honor you at a special monthly in-person Birthday Shabbat

Want to participate? Stay tuned for details in the August Scoop edition

The Rabbi Speaks

Dear friends,

We are in the midst of the Hebrew month of Tammuz, which is traditionally a month that not only does not have Jewish holidays but has one of the Jewish fast days as we mourn and remember the destruction and loss of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem more than 2000 years ago. But we don't wallow in that memory for long. We fast for a couple of days to remember it as part of our history, but then we move on to the business of living and joy and bringing the message of our history into the present. Just as we do throughout the year at CBI. Our synagogue, like all synagogues, is a miniature temple that replicates the Temple in Jerusalem.

So let's bring life to this beautiful spiritual home of ours. Let's live the contemplative life that a synagogue allows us to live. A life unexamined is, well, unexamined, and we need to have places and things to remind us to examine and be intentional.

The summer usually brings in the season of warmth, play, and fun, but we still have our spiritual home and community to check in with in between the picnics, barbeques, and beaches.

I look forward to seeing you here, to engage with you in a good conversation, to connect, to pray, to sing, to learn, and even cry—if that's something you need.

Wishing you a happy and healthy summer.

Warmly,
Rabbi Abe

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A big thank you to Alan Mantis for sponsoring a very generous "Ben's" Kiddush on June 17.

Mazel Tov to the CBI's beloved Muriel Levine on the occasion of her 99th birthday. May she celebrate many more in good health.

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July 2023

Wednesdays at 8 PM

On Zoom by clicking here

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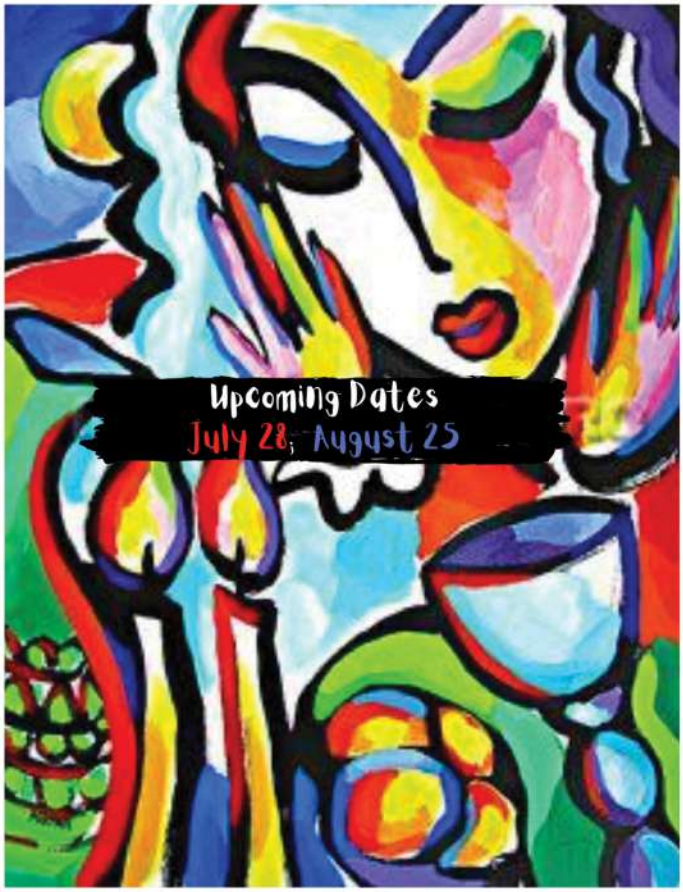

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat @CBI

Join us these Friday nights

July 28

August 25

September 22

@7:30 PM

Oneg to follow services

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SUNDAY
SEPT 10
11 am

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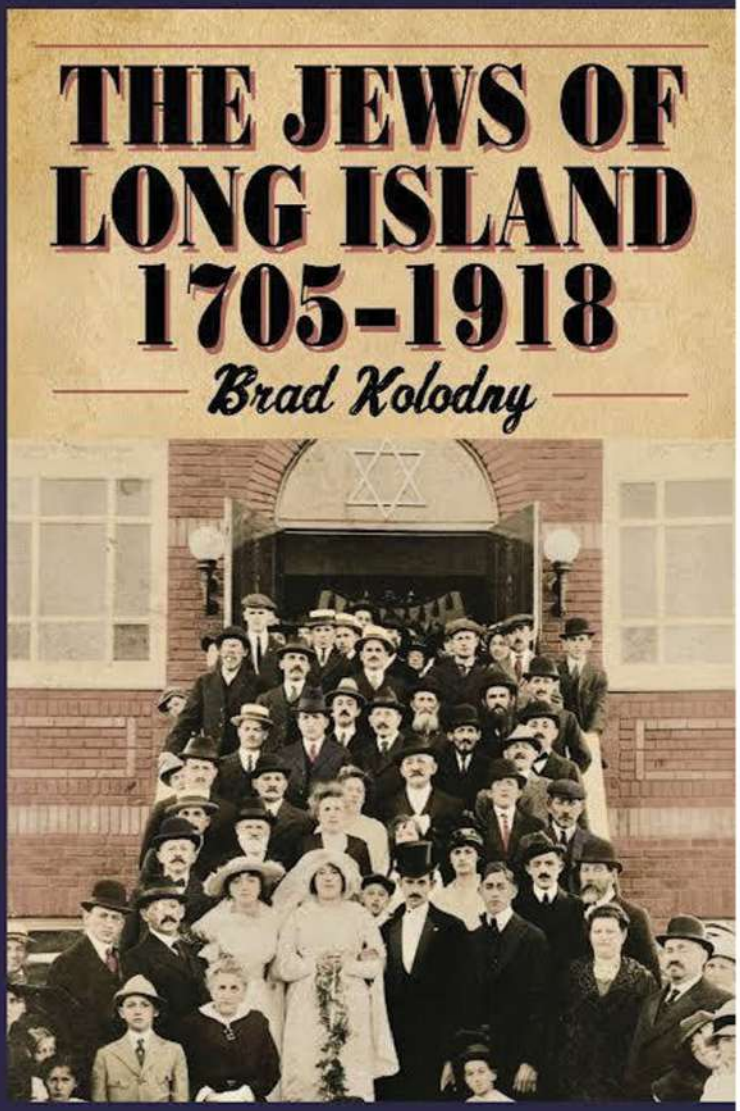

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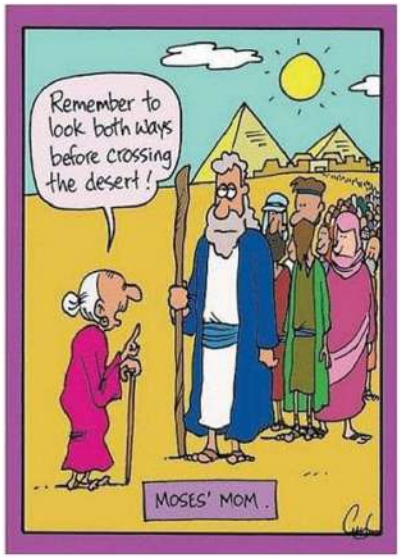

Come on, laugh a little!

July Yahrzeits

- Florence L Slosberg 7/1
- Edna Weinstein 7/6
- Esher Hanft 7/8
- Anna Shillet 7/11
- Seymor Rosen 7/12
- David Volin 7/12
- Saul Bouer 7/15
- Sonia Kuperberg 7/16
- Fannie Glasser 7/19
- Elaine Broder 7/22
- Isidore Guberman 7/23
- Ida Rothman 7/31
- Susan Zalkin 7/31

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