The SCOOP

The Happenings of Congregation Beth Israel

November 2023

When we put the finishing touches on last month's Scoop, things were normal—or relatively so. Our feature picture was about Sukkot, and we were looking forward to entering the new Jewish calendar year with the zest of a small community forging along.

But October 7 changed that all for all of us, and we can now say that all of our lives are different and as abnormal as it gets. Instead of pumpkins and Fall and Thanksgiving, this month is all about Israel. We were forced into this position by the barbaric attacks on the Jewish communities around Gaza brought on by pure and unadulterated evil people and their ideology, and we stand with our brethren in Israel, as well as with the entire Jewish and non-Jewish communities around the world who are able to see with crystal clarity the evil that was perpetrated on those precious souls on that day.

And that's why we postponed our "Israel at a Crossroads" lecture to this month because when October 15 came around, Israel was at a totally different Crossroads than the one we intended to discuss prior to Oct 7. Instead, on the 19th of this month, Rabbi Abe and Dr. Mandel will have a thorough conversation about the situation in Israel (wherever we will be then), raising money for Israel in the process.

Dr. Mandel is a real expert on all things Middle East—especially Israel—and we are lucky to have him join our community and share his knowledge with us. We look forward to seeing you on that Sunday morning, and please tell your friends as well.

With wishes for healing among the Israeli people and the Jewish nation.

Am Yisroel Chai | יח לארשי מע

The CBI Editorial Team

CBI's Chesed/Community Kindness

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN
CBI IN CELEBRATING THE
UPCOMING MARRIAGE OF

DR. RICHARD KRAUSS &
DEBORAH SMITH

ON THE OCCASION OF
THEIR AUFRUF

Shabbat
November 18
10 AM
Kiddush luncheon to follow

RSVP required by Nov. 10
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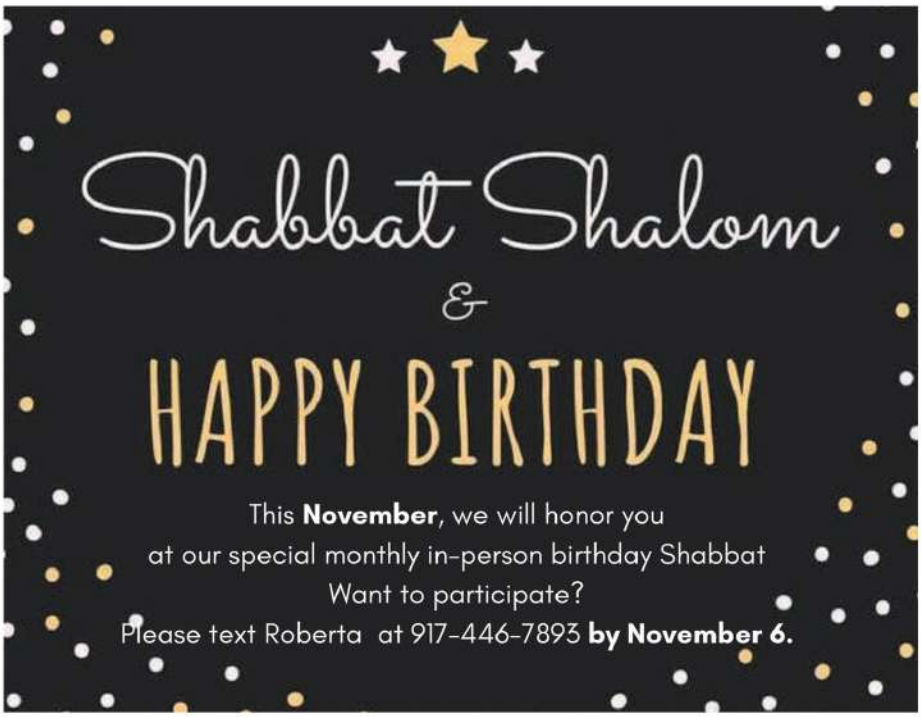


Click on the Stuffing for a
Thanksgiving Recipe with a Jewish Twist

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

Sam Seifman

Please make him feel welcome and introduce yourself when you see him in Shul.

The Rabbi Speaks

Dear friends,

Sometimes we are at a loss of words, and we all seem to be in that position in the last few weeks.

The massacre of the October 7 attacks that the Jewish community has not seen since the Holocaust—and then to see it in Israel, the Homeland of the Jews, the place where we were supposed to be safe from that kind of carnage—is simply too evil and barbaric for us to know how to respond in a comprehensive way. It's a date that will forever live in infamy.

And, yet, we must go on and find the words—and actions—to respond with force and definitive action. The Israeli people responded that way in the face of the failure of their leaders to protect them. They responded in unison, in unity, and with a cohesive voice. Gone was the nonsense of the disharmony of the last year, and, in its stead, was the force of the sleeping giant of the "start-up nation" that collectively tackled the fallout of the traumatic and tragic day.

Instead of demonstrating against their neighbors, they demonstrated acts of loving kindness toward each other. Instead of the vile poison of partisan politics, coming from their mouths were words of compassion and those of a fraternal order. Intentional, positive action took the place of apathy and jeering. The idea that all Jews are a family and inherently connected and responsible for each other took the place of a "am I my brother's keeper?"

Here in the relative safety of the United States, we must act the same. We must be there for our holy brothers and sisters in Israel and take part in the campaign against the evil they are trying to eradicate from next door. We are not on the ground and can't fight in the army or even work as a volunteer in a call center, but we can give them our spirit, morale, and financial help.

If you have a relative or friend in Israel, now is the time to pick up the phone and call them. Just be there for them. Hug them through the phone or FaceTime. If you don't know anyone personally, make sure you support Israel with donations and packages with supplies the country can use in its time of need.

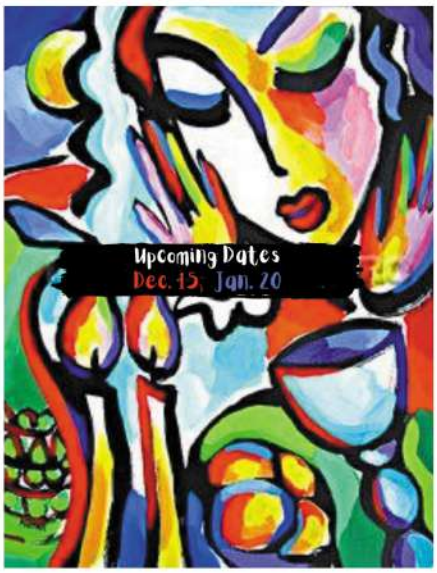
Now is the time to act, and not sit it out and remain on the sidelines.

With wishes for spiritual, emotional, and physical healing for the people in Israel, as well as for those of Israel's neighbors who truly would like to live in peace and harmony.

Am Yisroel Chai | עם ישראל חי

Warmly and in sorrow and with hope for a better tomorrow,
Rabbi Abe

Upcoming Events



Musical Kabbalat Shabbat @CBI

Join us these Friday nights

November 10

December 15

January 20

@7:30 PM

Oneg to follow services

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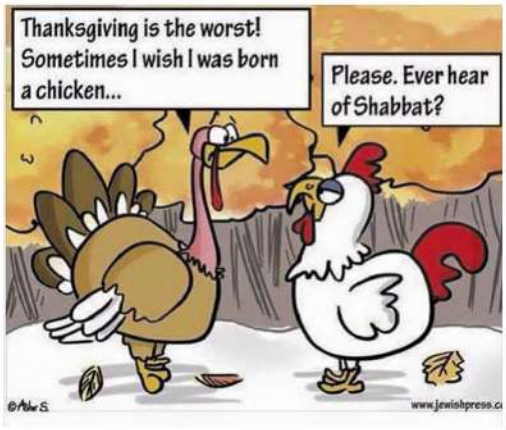
Bring a friend and family

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

A big thank you to **Suellen Agulnick** for sponsoring the Kiddush on October 14 and **Aileen & Lenny Goldberg** for the Oneg on October 20



Come on, laugh a little!

November Yahrzeits

• Paul Slatsky	11-1	• Beatrice Brass	11-17
• Sylvia Mishket	11-4	• Leon Benedict	11-20
• Alfred Drexler	11-4	• Hal Feldman	11-21
• George Broder	11-6	• Ruth Goldberg	11-24
• Nathan Kerner	11-6	• Rachel Gutman	11-24
• Irving Lashen	11-7	• Yetta Ginsberg	11-26
• Harriey Leeper	11-8	• Max Miljoner	11-29
• Rebecca Janvey	11-15	• Nessim Reboh	11-30

In Memoriam & Yahrzeit Donations

Mike Hyman (in memory of Shanna Chaya bat Avigdor Mendel)

Gail Broder Katz (in memory of Eleanor Nierenbrg)

Kevin Brandes (in memory of Eleanor Nierenbrg)

Muriel Levine (in memory of Eleanor Nierenbrg)

Amy Zaum (in memory of Blanche & Nathan Zaum)

Donations

Deborah Smith (for the New Year)

Susan Bass (for the Israel Conversation Fundraiser)

Roberta Bouer (sponsored Kiddush)

Ilene & Robert Rothschild (for the Israel Conversation Fundraiser)

Noel & Robin Ratner (thanking Rabbi Abe for Eleanor Nierenberg's service)

Miranda Salomon and Lawrence Pearson (To the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund)

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Miranda Salomon and Lawrence Pearson (honoring our mother, Marion Salomon, and her mother, Jean Kerner)

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