The SCOOP

The Happenings of Congregation Beth Israel

July 2024 | סיון-תמוז תשפ"ד

In the face of rising antisemitism, embracing and celebrating our Jewish heritage becomes even more essential. By cherishing our traditions, from lighting Shabbat candles to retelling the story of the Exodus during Passover, we affirm our identity and resilience.

Our rich history of perseverance, community, and learning fosters a deep sense of pride.

Acts of kindness, like tzedakah (charity) and tikkun olam (repairing the world), reflect our enduring values. Celebrating Jewish culture, music, and language strengthens our unity and defies those who seek to undermine us. By openly embracing what we love about being Jewish, we honor our ancestors and inspire future generations to carry our legacy forward with pride.

In the KVELLER article "100+ Things to Love about Being Jewish" linked here, writer Jaime Herdon reminds us of everything she loves about being Jewish, especially in these challenging times.

100+ Things To Love About Being Jewish

The Scoop team asked several CBI members about their Jewish joys and appreciation for our religion and culture:....there seems to be a common thread!!

Susan Bass: "I appreciate how my Jewish upbringing gave me the tools to lead a moral life and to respect my fellow man; it also provided me with the tools to make great potato latkes!!

Irv Miljoner: "Being Jewish makes me feel closer to God. I also happen to love bagels, knishes, and matzah balls."

Roberta Bouer: "I absolutely love visiting different synagogues, both near and far, sitting among an unfamiliar congregation. when an unmistakable spiritual connection through prayer and song overwhelms me with pure joy,

That is some serious Jewish pride"

Rob Rothschild: "What do I love about being Jewish? Noodle pudding, stuffed derma, chopped liver, corned beef, everything bagels with lox spread and chicken soup!"

What a beautiful day it was when we celebrated **Muriel Levine's** 100th birthday and witnessed her grin of delight when she discovered that she was also celebrating her "Bat Mitzvah."

Here are some great snaps from the day.

May she continue contributing to our community in all the ways that she does!

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Dear Friends,

Yes, summer is upon us, and we will all be doing fun things and getting away, but that does not mean we are slowing down at CBI. Shabbat is still Shabbat, no matter how you cut it, so CBI continues celebrating and honoring the special day with prayer, dance, community, and laughter.

At this juncture, as we welcome the summer of 2024, my cup runs over with blessings and anticipation for exciting things: Allie and I are expecting a baby boy, we have moved to bigger and better digs, and CBI is chugging along at a fine pace.

And that's because of all of you.

There have been some marvelous milestone celebrations in the community—an almost half-century of marriage, a 100th birthday, celebrating grandchildren, a baby naming, and others—and at every event, I've found myself marveling at how wonderful it feels to be part of this community. I assume you feel the same during the services, though I would have difficulty judging that since I am very much in it. You know, the fish in water kind of thing.

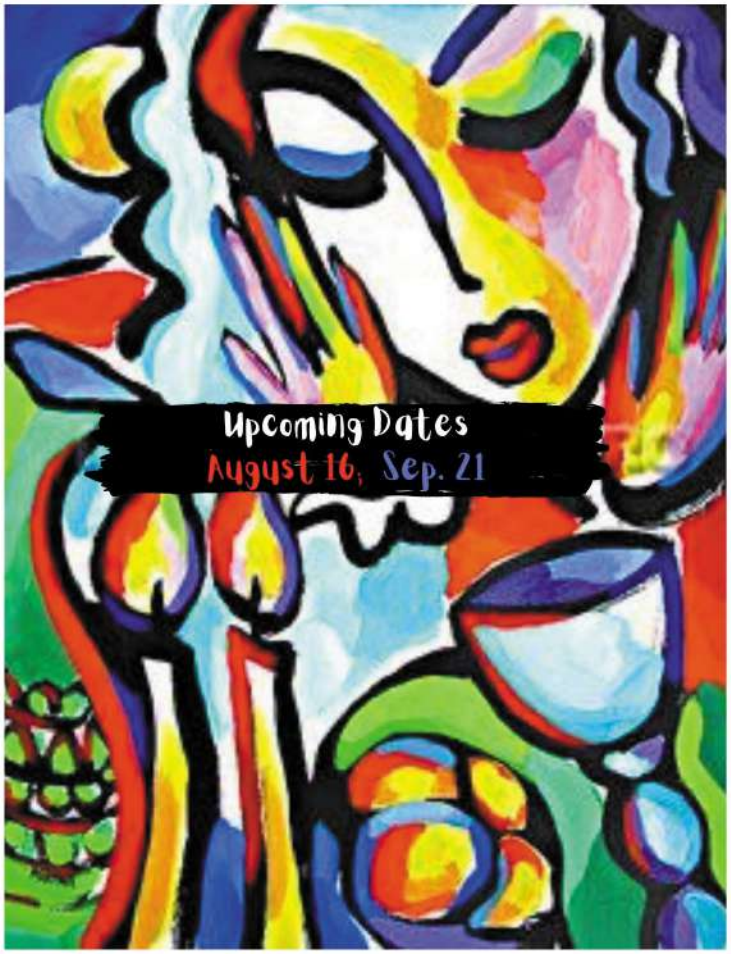
The summer is usually reserved for earthly pleasures, but it's also important not to deprive your soul of nourishment and nosh.

So tan, feast, drink, and be merry, but make sure you still pay attention to your beautiful Jewish soul. You can fill up on some nourishment at 141 Hilton. Make sure you're there and keep telling your friends about us. It's the way to real growth.

See you in Shul.

Warmly,
Rabbi Abe

Upcoming Events



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August 16

September 20

@7:30 PM

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A BIG thank you to

Aileen & Lenny Goldberg
for sponsoring a sumptuous Oneg Shabbat
in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary on June 7. Their family and friends participated with our congregation.
An added treat: a Klezmer trio to enhance the celebration.

Shari & Irv Miljoner
for sponsoring the kiddush on June 29 in honor of the baby naming ceremony of their grandaughter Alyvia Mar/Lavia Miriam. Their invited family and friends really enjoyed the soul of CBI and the delicious food that the Miljoners provided that week in honor of their beloved granddaughter.

A very generous anonymous donor for underwriting a major portion of the fantastic celebration for Muriel's memorable 100th birthday celebration and tremendous appreciation for Muriel's daughter and son-in-law for their financial contribution towards the event.

Come on, laugh a bit.
It will do yougood--
and then some.

July Yahrzeits

• Robin Krauss	7-1
• Joe Levin	7-3
• Bette Jaffe	7-3
• Saul Smith	7-3
• Samuel Stone	7-7
• Irving Rothman	7-8
• Samuel Skulsky	7-9
• Benjamin Ginsberg	7-12
• Abigail Robayo	7-12
• Maria O. Cedeno	7-14
• Samuel Herscovicci	7-14
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• Esther Hanft	7-25
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• Seymour Rosen	7-29
• David Volin	7-29

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Susan Bass (in memory of my husband, Mark Bass;
Alan Mantis (at the yahrzeit of my cousin, Gail T. Schwartz)
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Linda Krull (yahrzeit of parents, Edith and Joseph Dolgow)
Marcha Mandell (yahrzeit of Fannie Mandell)
Enid Caruth (in memory of and in honor of Joe Levin, my wonderful dad)

Donations

Muriel Levine (in honor of the first birthdays of the twin grandsons of Debbie & Richard Krauss)

Marianne Baker, Alan Mantis, Sharyn & Bruce Zinn, Maritza Garcia, Susan & Bernie Drexler, Angela & Abe Sabbas, Alan Glassman, Susan Bass, Richard Krauss, Judi Slatsky, Ellen Zimel, Robin Cinnamon, Ilean & Rob Rothschild (In honor of and wishing Happy Birthday to Muriel)

Roberta Bouer (in honor of my favorite Centenarian, Muriel Levine, on her amazing milestone birthday!!)

Angela & Abe Sabbas; Susan Bass (congratulations to Irving and Shari Miljoner on the baby naming ceremony for grandchild Alyvia Mar/Lavia Miriam)

Ellen Zimel: (in honor of Aliviya's beautiful baby naming)

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