The SCOOP

The Happenings of Congregation Beth Israel

September 2024 | אב-אלול תשפ"ד

Rosh Hashanah, our Jewish New Year, isn't just about blowing shofars and dipping apples in honey; it's also prime time for the pomegranate's big debut.

Why? Because this fruit isn't just juicy, it's symbolic. With its countless seeds,
the pomegranate represents the 613 mitzvot, or commandments, in the Torah—a reminder that Jews are supposed to be bursting with good deeds, much like the pomegranate is bursting with seeds.

But there's a sassy twist here. The pomegranate is basically the Jewish mom of
fruits. It's there to remind you, "Don't just sit there! Do something meaningful!" And just like a Jewish mom, it's also full of hidden complexity—there's sweetness in there, but it comes with a bit of tangy reality.

So on Rosh Hashanah, when you're nibbling on those seeds, you're not just enjoying a snack; you're taking in a mouthful of tradition, aspiration, and maybe a subtle nudge to be a better person this year.

Who knew fruit could be so pushy?

Happy Elul
The CBI Editorial Team

Important Message -- Response Needed

Dear CBI Members,

While often a difficult thing to plan for, our congregation has The Hebrew Congregation of Hempstead section at New Montefiore Cemetery with available graves for use by our members at the time of their need.

You must be a current member in good standing for a minimum of five (5) years to be entitled to a plot. If and when interment is needed, CBI will issue the deed.

If you require a grave prior to the five years of membership, a grave fee will be prorated at fair market value.

You must respond to this outreach by October 30th. Otherwise, you will not be entitled to a grave at a later date.

Please respond promptly so we know how to provide it for you.

Contact Richie Krauss via email at rskboat@aol.com.

The CBI Cemetery Committee

CBI's longstanding tradition of its
High Holiday Flower Fund is underway.

Please consider a donation to wish your friends a happy New Year, to honor a family member, or to remember someone special.

Contact our remarkable centenarian, **Muriel Levine**, for details at 516-483-4258.
(click here to make your payment)

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DURING OUR SERVICES AND EVENTS

The Rabbi Speaks

Dear friends,

As I write this, we've just found out that six of the hostages languishing in the dungeons of Gaza have been discovered dead and murdered by Hamas. The pain is raw, and it makes me—and, I'm sure, you—angry; the senselessness of it all, the Kafkaesque nature of playing with people's lives as if they are chips on a casino table in Las Vegas.

The fact that we know Hamas was going to hold on to their bodies knowing how sacred we feel Life is and in addition to how sacred the human body is in Jewish law even after the soul leaves its physical confines is a testament to their cruelty and callousness in light of their perverted Cause.

Concurrently, within this pain, we also feel hope for the future. The Jewish people are a resilient bunch, given our history and suffering throughout the ages. We will prevail.

As we welcome the month of Elul, the month that is the preparation for the High Holidays/Days of Awe, I encourage you to think about your past year and how you can approach the new one in an improved way that will make you proud. That is what this season is all about. Not just coming to the synagogue three times a year, but that those three times are to be the cherry on top of the cake you've been building and leading up to it.

The spirit of CBI is strong and getting stronger each week. It's palpable and real. Those who are there each week know what I'm talking about; those who are not, I invite you to find out.

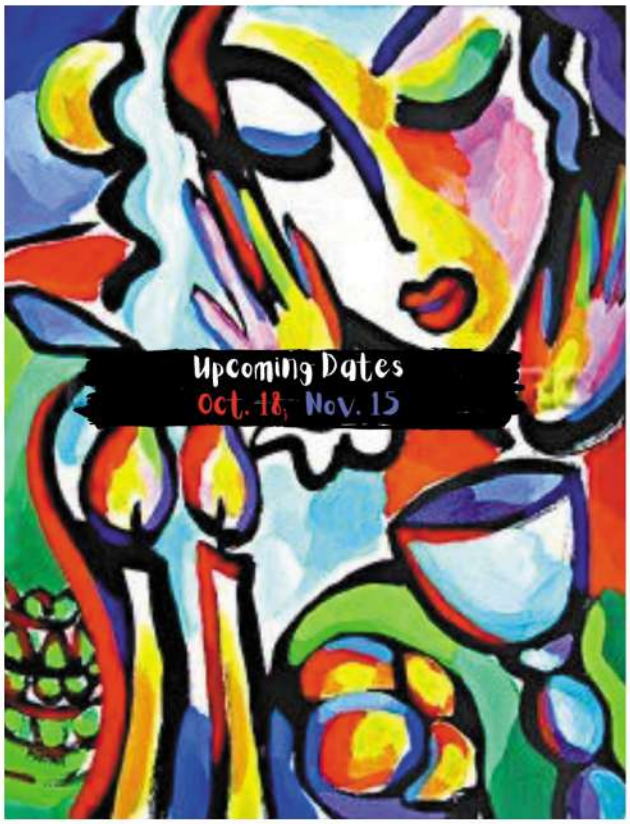
To prepare for this special season, we are resuming the Wednesday night class @8 on Zoom, focusing on the High Holiday prayers and special davening of those days (see flyer below). This year, let the prayers ring and reverberate in your heart with Kavanah, that special Jewish word for intention and meaning.

I hope to see you on Zoom throughout the month.

Wishing you a healthy last days of summer,

Warmly,
Rabbi Abe

Upcoming Events



Musical Kabbalat Shabbat @CBI

Join us these Friday nights

September 20

October 18

November 15

@7:30 PM

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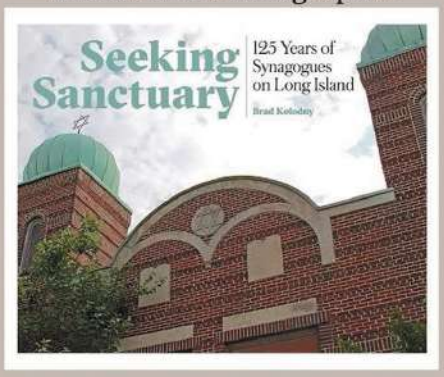
Bring your friends and family

Save the Date -- Sunday, Nov. 24

Join us for a book presentation and discussion with

Brad Kolodny

Author and Photographer



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In Memorium
ESTER CHICAS RAMOS

We send our deepest condolences to Rolando Ramos and his family on the passing of their dear mother and grandmother.

CBI is collecting donations to honor her memory. If you'd like to be part of this endeavor, please make your donation **by Sep. 15** by clicking here.

All donations will be disbursed to the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Long Island**, a charity close to the family's heart.

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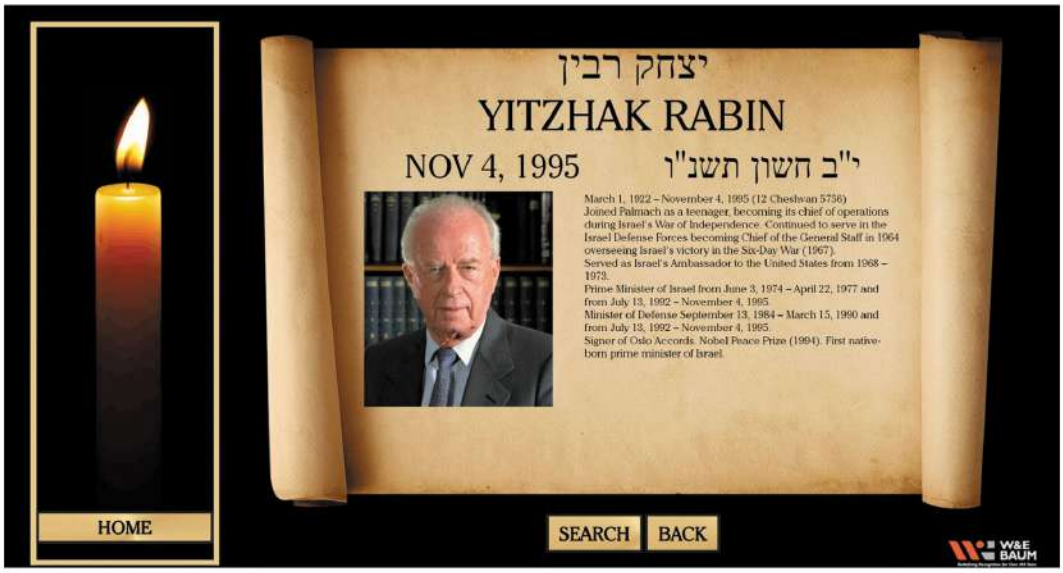

Honor the memory of your loved one on CBI's Digital Memorial Board

Share a bio, photo, or anecdote as shown above
(Click here to see the board online)

For more info, please contact Marianne Baker at 516-486-5140

September Yahrzeits

- **Doris Schachter** 9-1
- **Paul Rossman** 9-4
- **Milton Levine** 9-5
- **Abe Janvey** 9-6
- **Ruth Guberman** 9-7
- **Gayla Louzin** 9-7
- **Stanley Leeper** 9-10
- **Pauline K. Levin** 9-13
- **Gertrude Stone** 9-14
- **Albert Etterman** 9-15
- **Samuel Etterman** 9-16
- **Anna Ullmann** 9-16
- **David H. Isacson** 9-17
- **Max Mandell** 9-19
- **Harold Moss** 9-19
- **Irving Fricklas** 9-21
- **Jeffrey Goldsmith** 9-26
- **Bruce Janvey** 9-27
- **Joseph Burger** 9-29

In Memoriam & Yahrzeit Donations

Marianne Baker (at the Yahrtzeit of my mother, Gertrude (Gittel) Stone)
Susan Bass (in memory of my father, Max Weisman
Cantor Mark Zalkin (in memory of my dear wife, Susan Zalkin
Muriel Levine (for the Yahrtzeit of my mother, Anna Shillet)

Donations

Muriel Levine (My everlasting appreciation to everyone who participated in the wonderful 100 year birthday celebration for me at CBI).

Muriel Levine (The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund)

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