The SCOOP

The Happenings of Congregation Beth Israel

November 2024 | תשרי-חשון תשפ"ה

Our member, Rob Rothschild, tells a story about a precious religious article that brought back a treasured memory.

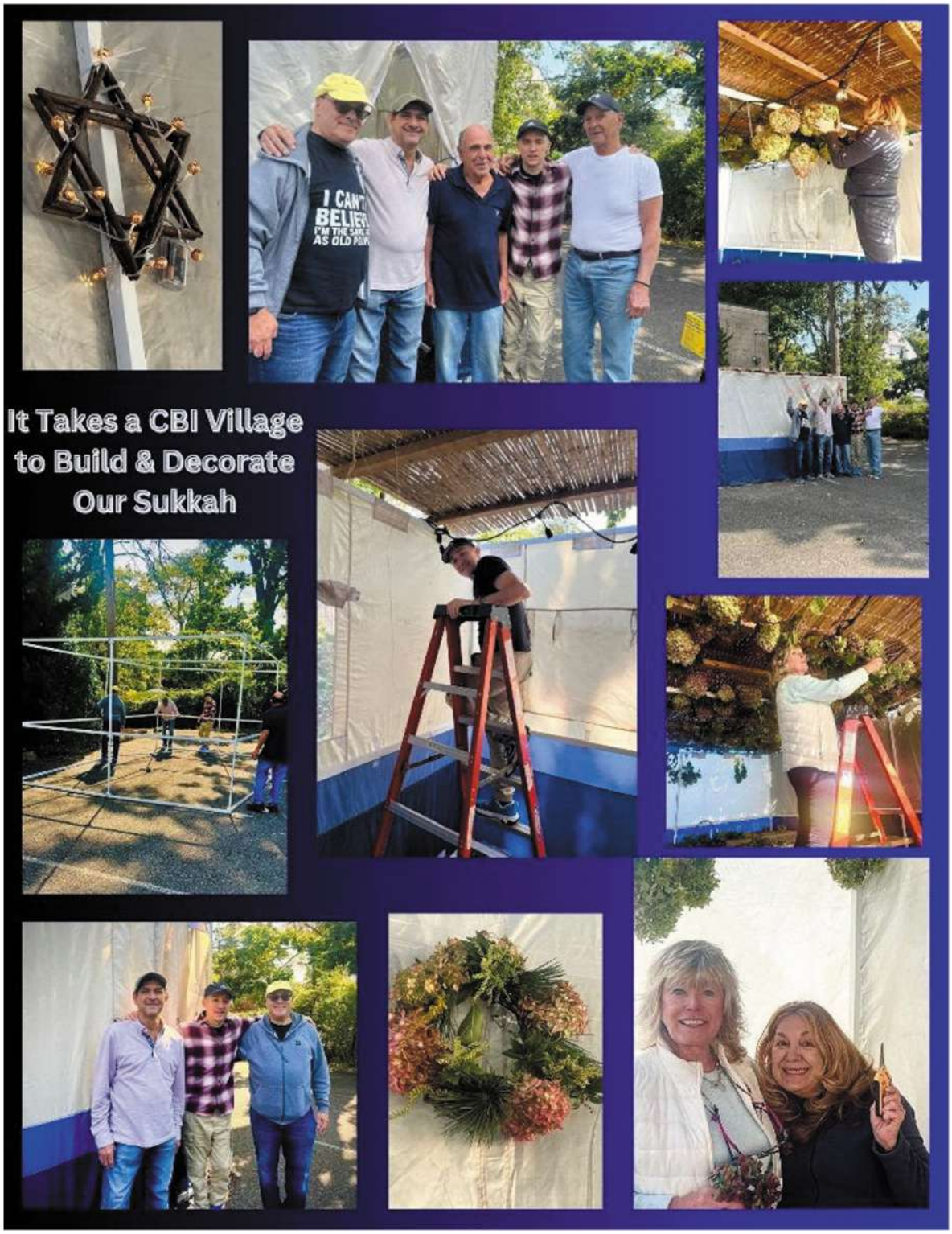
The Value of Finding a Lost Tallis

Each year, on Rosh Hashanah I grab my tallis and head to CBI. This year I couldn't find it. The tallis actually belonged to my father. I've always found comfort wearing it as it reminds me of our trips to Shul on the holidays where we would stand together and pray. I don't attend services very often, but when I do I remember those times together with so many good feelings.

I arrived at CBI without the tallis and looked around for it in the closet, but with no luck I borrowed one of the available loaners. Then I took a seat in the last row, furthest from the entry door. (That is where my father and I always sat together in the Beth Hamedrash at Mount Eden Center in the Bronx. I remember Yom Kippurs when he would smuggle his neatly folded Daily News into the temple, sit in the back and read about the World Series at a time when there were no playoffs or wild card games, and cell phones and the internet were beyond our imagination).

For some reason after finding my seat at CBI, I turned around behind me. There, just a few feet from where I was seated, on the table against the sanctuary wall, was my blue tallis bag.

Sometimes we appreciate things, and people more only when they are gone.



We are grateful for our Sukkah builders and decorators... Rabbi Abe; Isaac Baruch & his friends; Rob Rothschild; Rolando Ramos; Trish Skulsky; Maritza Garcia; and Roberta Bouer.

Honorable Mention goes to Mindy & Monte Leeper for their beautiful Sukkah decor donation, and Taylor Kearns for sharing an abundance of her beautiful hydrangea flowers.

The CBI Community Welcomes its Newest Member

Ezra Joshua Lebovic, born 10/16/24

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DURING OUR SERVICES AND EVENTS

The Rabbi Speaks

Dear friends,

Last month, when I wrote the Scoop message, I was under the impression that this month's Scoop message would be a “regular one". After all, Allie's due-date was November 2, and we thought our life on November 1 would still be pre-baby.

Well, as you all know by now, Allie gave birth to our dear, precious son, Ezra Joshua, on October 16, a couple of weeks early, but what a beautiful surprise he was and is!

We are ecstatic with intense gratitude at the good fortune bestowed on us to be able to have been given the gift of a beautiful child who is healthy, bouncy, rich with expression, and who will forever change our lives for the better. Ezra is keeping us up at night, but we are taking it all in stride and taking in every moment (sometimes through blurry eyes).

I'd like to thank all those who have contributed to the gift basket that was prepared by the community and all those who attended the beautiful Bris ceremony that took place at CBI—and, as I was told, it was just the second Bris that was ever held in the building. A very special thanks goes to Roberta Bouer for making it all happen. We could not have done it without her.

Ezra Joshua says he likes the place and is looking forward to running around its sanctuary and halls before he gets more serious about prayer. We are all, no doubt, looking forward to that.

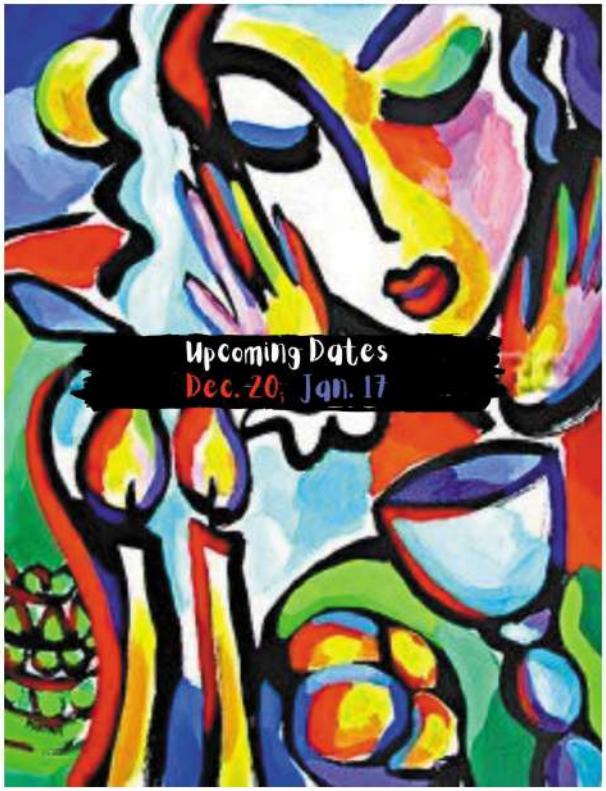
I thank you all for allowing Allie and me to acclimate ourselves to the art of parenthood and parenting. The Wednesday evening classes will begin again this month after the Holiday hiatus. The first one will begin on Nov 6 at 8 PM on Zoom. Topics of classes to come.

I will be there every Shabbat leading our community in song and prayer, thanking the supreme power that makes life possible and gives us the joy of birthing, raising, and educating the next generation. L’dor V’dor! Please be there and bring your friends as we enter a new year of growth.

I look forward to seeing you at CBI and continuing to celebrate this beautiful time in our lives.

Warmly
Rabbi Abe (Allie + Ezra)

Upcoming Events



Musical Kabbalat Shabbat @CBI

Join us these Friday nights

November 22

December 20

January 17

@7:30 PM

Oneg to follow services

Bring your friends and family

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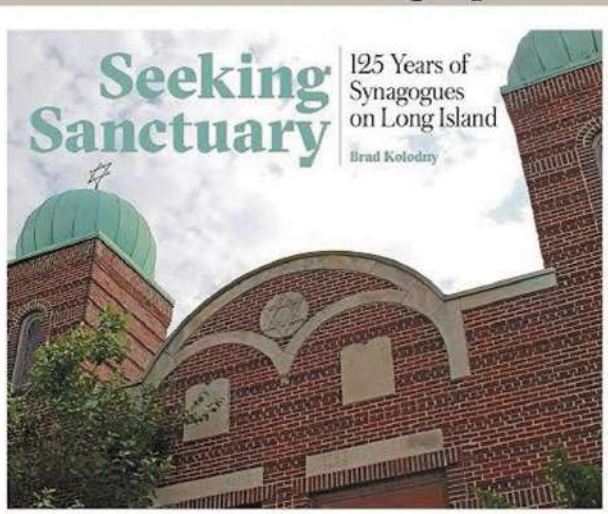
Sunday, Nov. 24

Please RSVP to Roberta by Nov. 18

Join us for a book presentation and discussion with

Brad Kolodny

Author and Photographer



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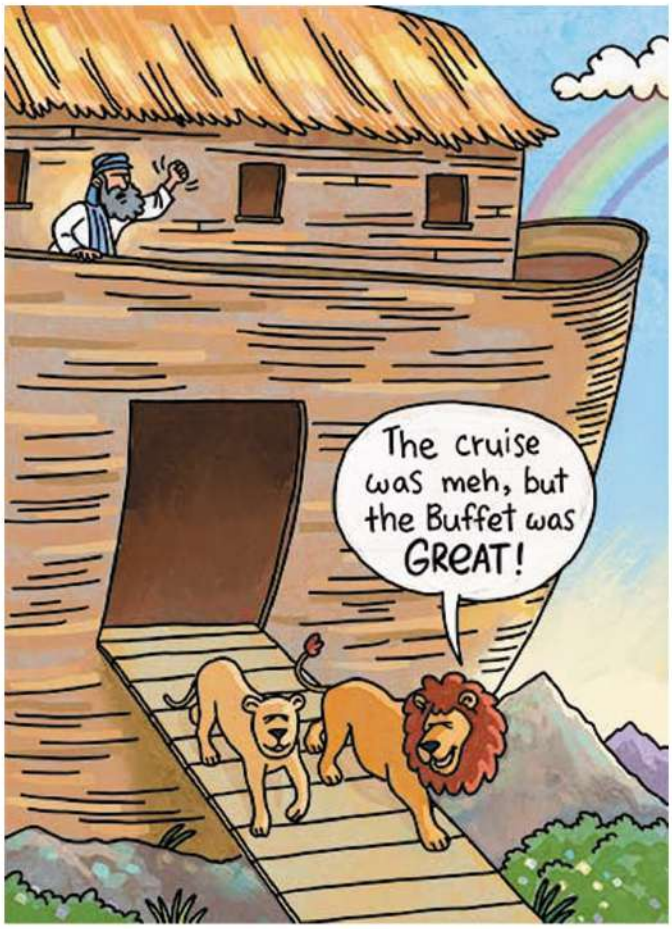

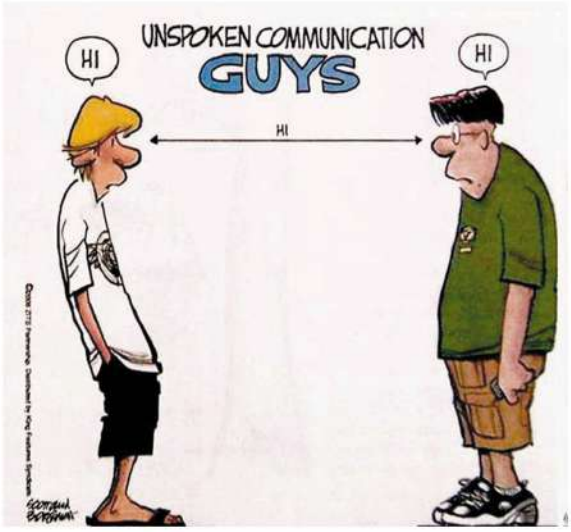

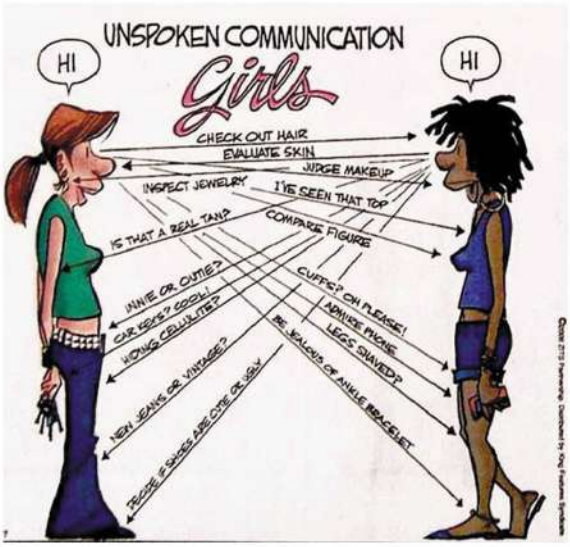

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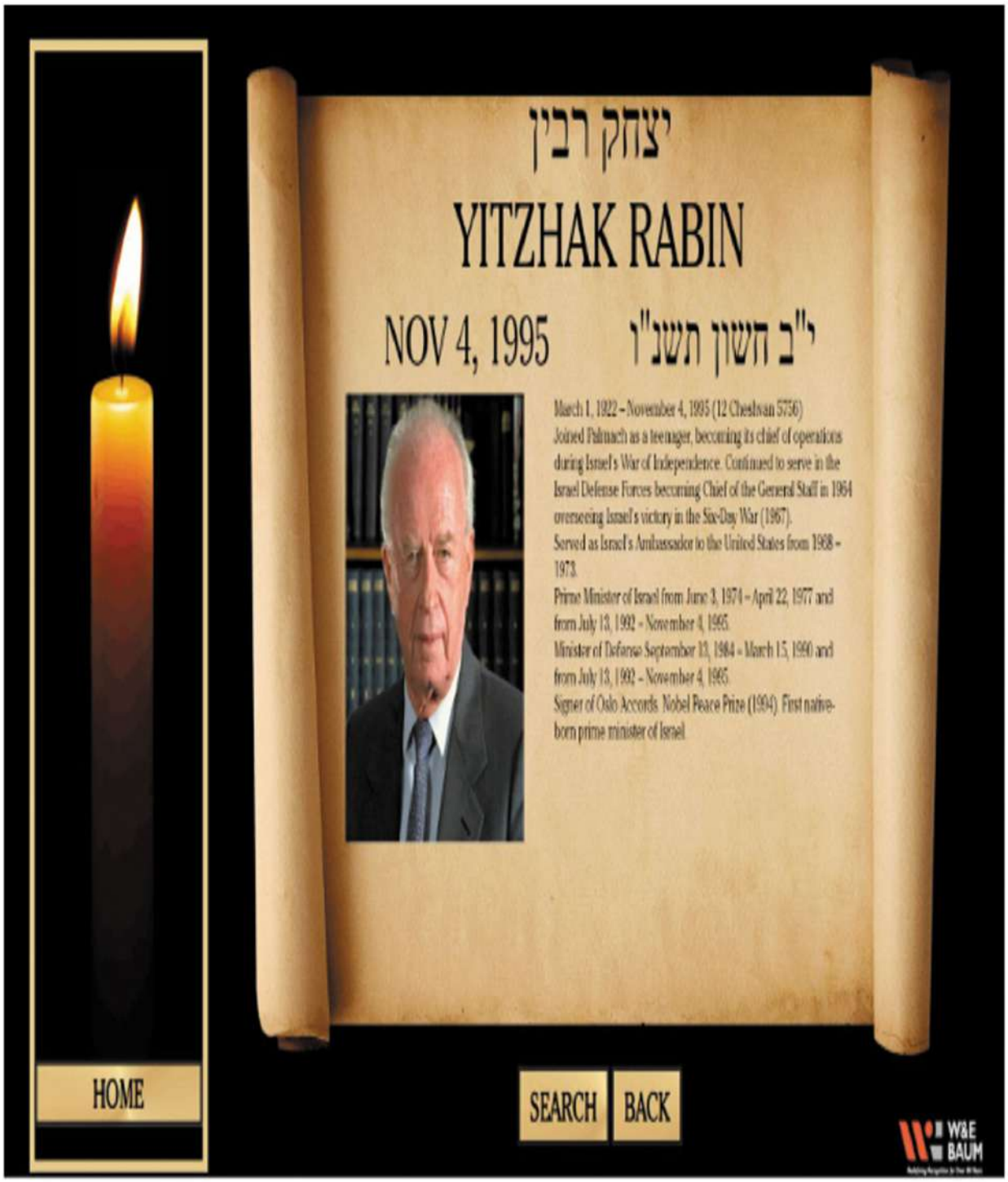

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Share a bio, photo, or anecdote as shown above

(Click here to see the board online)

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November Yahrzeits

Henry Neider	11-6	Alfred Drexler	11-21
Max Zaum	11-5	George Broder	11-23
Fay Meyerowitz	11-15	Nathan Kerner	11-23
Paul Slatsky	11-18	Irving Lahsen	11-24
		Harriet Leeper	11-24

In Memoriam & Yahrzeit Donations

Aileen Goldberg (yahrtzeit of parents, P. Gottlieb, J. Gottlieb, R. Goldberg, A. Goldberg)
Abe & Angela Sabbas (yahrtzeit of my sister, Anna Ulmann)
Sandy Goodman (in memory of Barbara Locasio)
Lorraine Albert (yahrtzeit of my grandson, Jeffrey Goldsmith, who lives forever in my heart)

Donations

Mark Zalkin (wishing the entire Kehillah a happy and healthy 5785)
Marianne Baker and Alan Mantis (in honor of Roberta Bouer)
Robin Cinnamon (in honor of Baby (Ezra Joshua) Lebovic, and congratulating Rabbi Abe and Allie on the birth of their son.)

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