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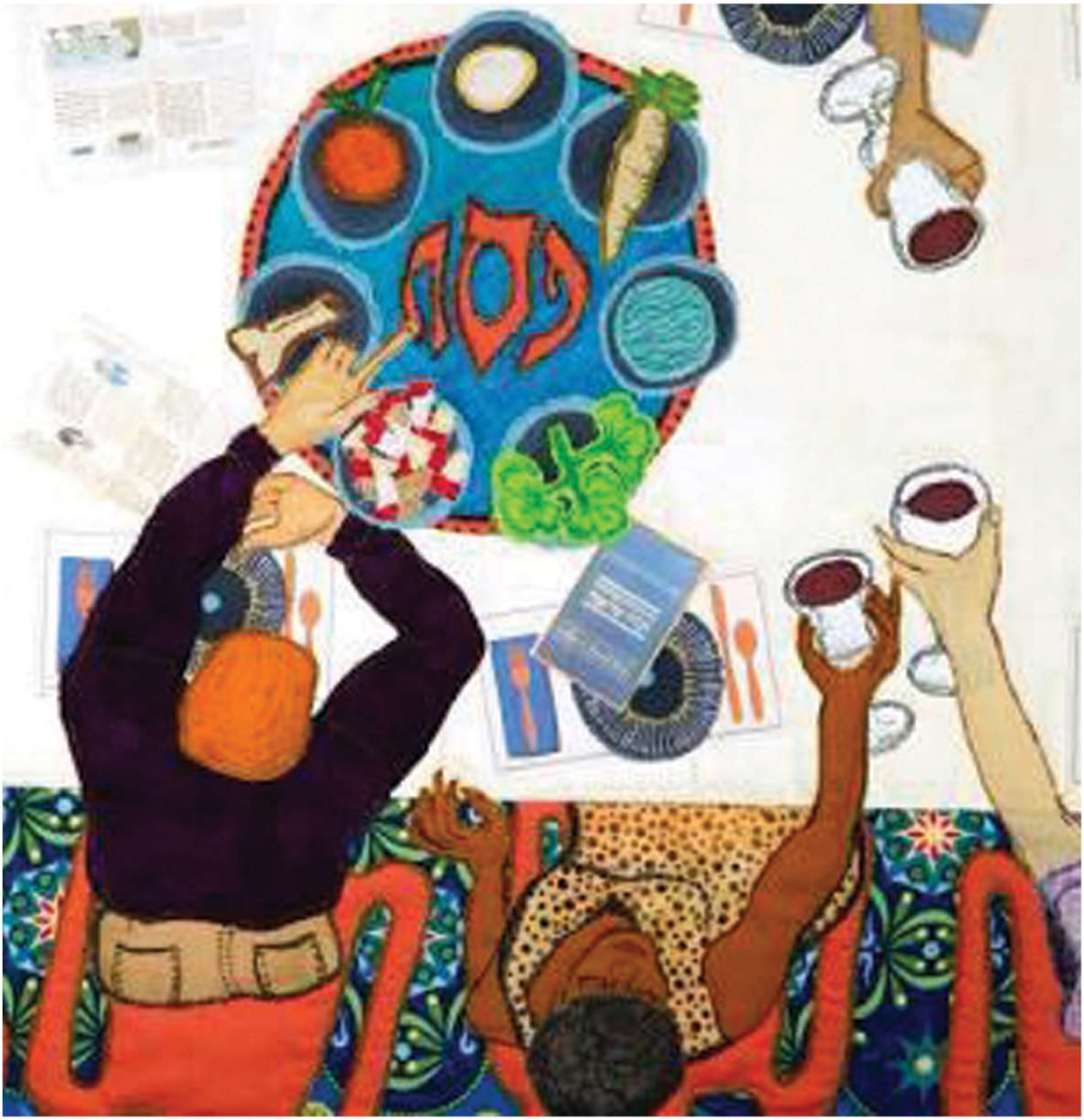

THE 2025 PASSOVER DILEMMA (this happens about every nine years)

Ah, the classic Passover shuffle—when the first Seder crashes straight into Saturday night! If you're traditional-but-not-so-observant, yet still want to do Passover right, here's the game plan:

1. Bye-Bye, Chametz

All your beloved carbs—breads, bagels, and that one lone Cheerio under the couch—must be gone by Shabbat morning (before the fourth hour of the day,
(halachically speaking)). You can sell it, burn it, or donate it before Shabbat, but it's gotta go.

2. Kiddush but No Challah?
Since Shabbat is still in effect, you need to eat something for Hamotzi at dinner—but challah is a no-go, and matzah is off-limits too (until the Seder). Enter the "egg matzah loophole"! Many eat Matzah Ashira (egg matzah is one example of that) at Shabbat meals, but check your tradition. If that's a no, then just stick to other Kosher-for-Passover foods.

3. Shabbat to Seder Mode
Technically you can't start preparing for the Seder on Shabbat, so try to make sure everything is set up before candle-lighting Friday evening! That means cooking, table setting etc.

Now, take a deep breath—it's a lot, but it's doable! And, hey, four cups of wine help. L'chaim!

Wishing our beautiful community and your families a very sweet and joyous Pesach!
Make sure to take note of our Passover holiday schedule below for dates and times of services.

The CBI Editorial Team

Purim 2025 @CBI
If you weren't there, you missed a really good time!

The Rabbi Speaks

Dear friends,

Change is hard. Going from one state to another never comes easily, especially when it is a meaningful change—from one good thing to another.

Our ancestors, the Israelites who left Egypt, were the paragon for change as they went from a state of Slavery to Redemption, with all the challenges that come with that type of transition. They had a slave mentality for generations, and then, suddenly, they were free to do as they wished. But, as with all change, much disconcertment and fear came with that freedom. "Where would they sleep, where would they eat, how would everything work out?"

Our ancestors went through that change and came out on the other side. God split the Red Sea for them, He rained down Manna from heaven, and directed them with pillars of clouds and fire by day and night. There were many bumps along the road, but in the end, things worked out, and the Jewish people, as we know it today, eventually emerged from that massive change.

There have been many iterations of change at CBI throughout the years, and we are going through another. If we all embrace the change and are committed to building a beautiful community, we will emerge stronger from it as well.

As we go from the month of Joy—Adar—to the month of Redemption—Nissan—let's allow those two ideas to lead the way. There's nothing that Joy and Redemption cannot accomplish, but only if we allow it to. We all know that, when being negative and pessimistic, the human being has the enormous capacity to impede any progress or growth. However, when we allow things to flow and are united, things usually work out for the better.

This Passover, let us all allow the Redemption of Passover to affect our limiting constraints—individual and collective.

Wishing you a happy and zissen Pesach, may the hostages be soon redeemed, and may there be imminent peace in Israel.

Warmly,
Rabbi Abe

Upcoming Events

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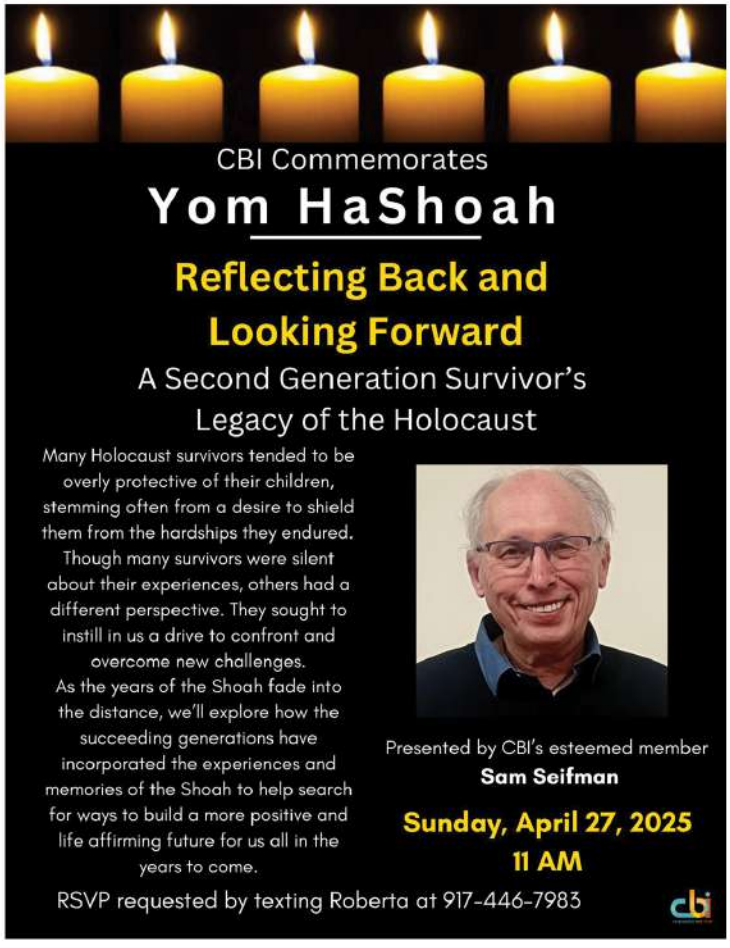
announcement

CBI will be holding elections for its Board of Trustees later this spring. A total of 12 trustees will be elected and/or reelected as required per the congregation's bylaws.

If you are a member in good standing and would like to be added to the ballot for an opportunity to serve on our Board, please contact **Richie Krauss** before **May 15** at **rskboat@aol.com**

The election and meeting will be held on Sunday, June 22, at 10 AM.

Please make every effort to attend in person.



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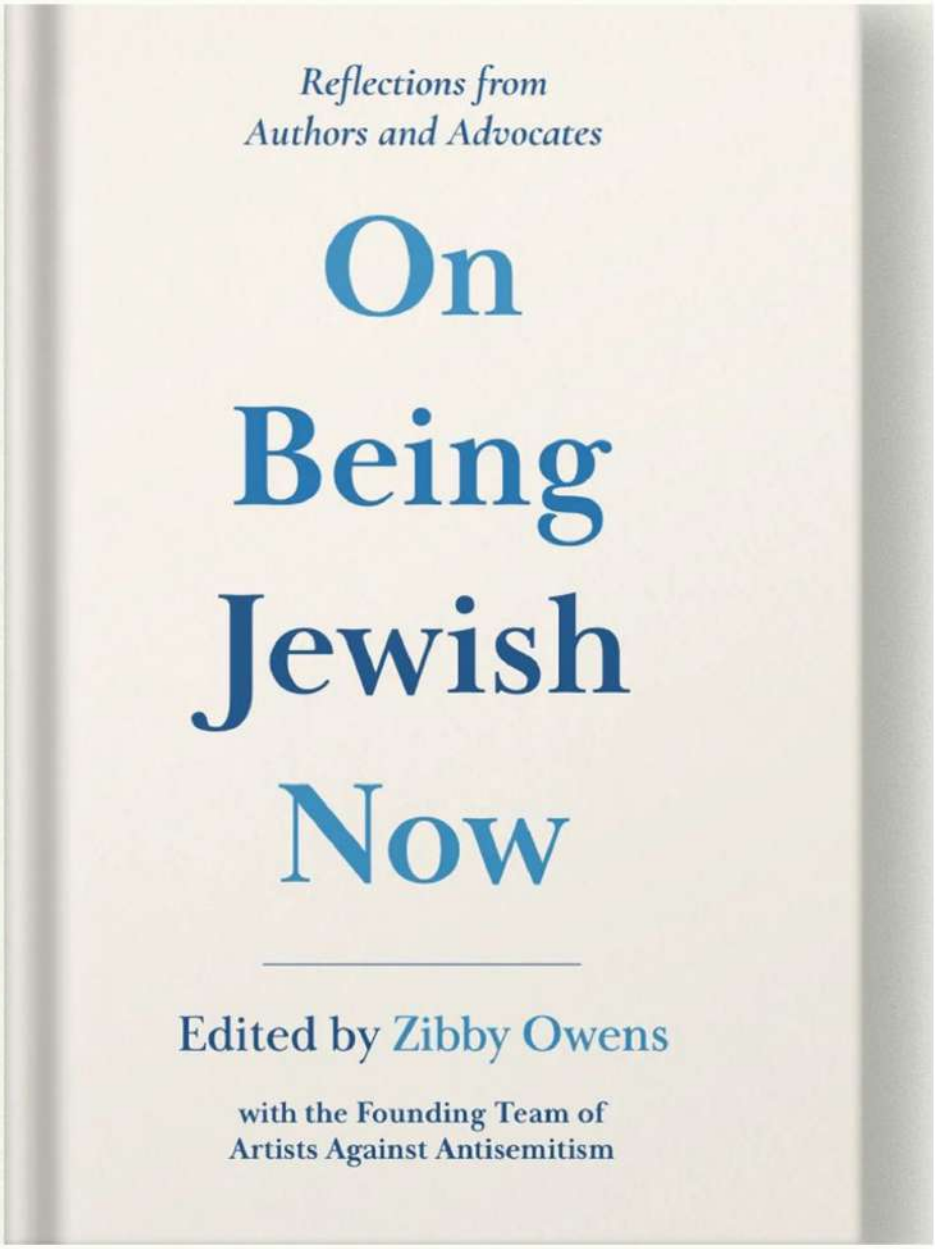

CBI BOOK CLUB

Facilitated by Mindy Leeper

Sunday, June 8, 2025

11 AM - 1:00 PM

Be ready to participate in a lively discussion about this very important topic

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Don't Miss This Event

Saturday Evening
MAY 10, 2025 | 8 PM

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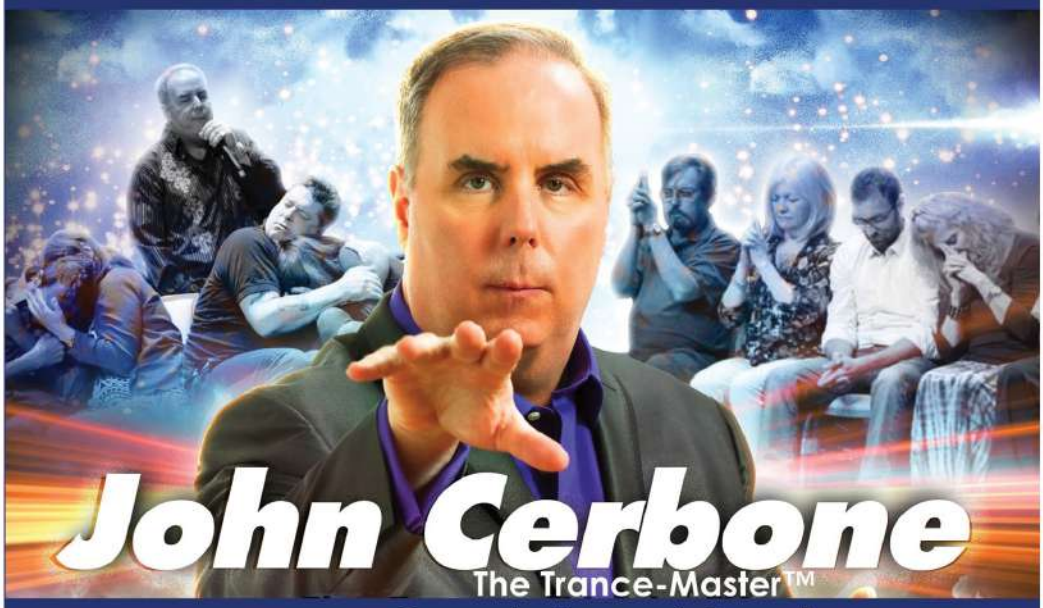

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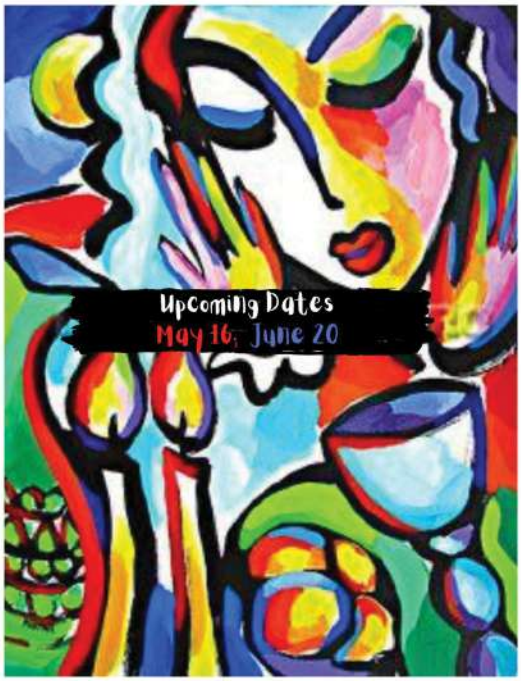
$45 Non-members



Musical Kabbalat Shabbat @CBI

Join us these Friday nights
April 11
May 16
June 20

@7:30 PM

Oneg to follow services

Bring your friends and family

Pesach 2025 Schedule
Sunday, April 13
Musical Service-Hallel
Matzah-Kiddush
Shabbat, April 19
Musical Service-Yizkor
Matzah-Kiddush

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BACK TO JEWISH SCHOOL
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Wednesdays @ 8 PM
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CBI Game Day: MAHJONG
Every Tuesday @noon at CBI
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kosher lunch and friends
RSVP by Monday to
Judi Slatsky at
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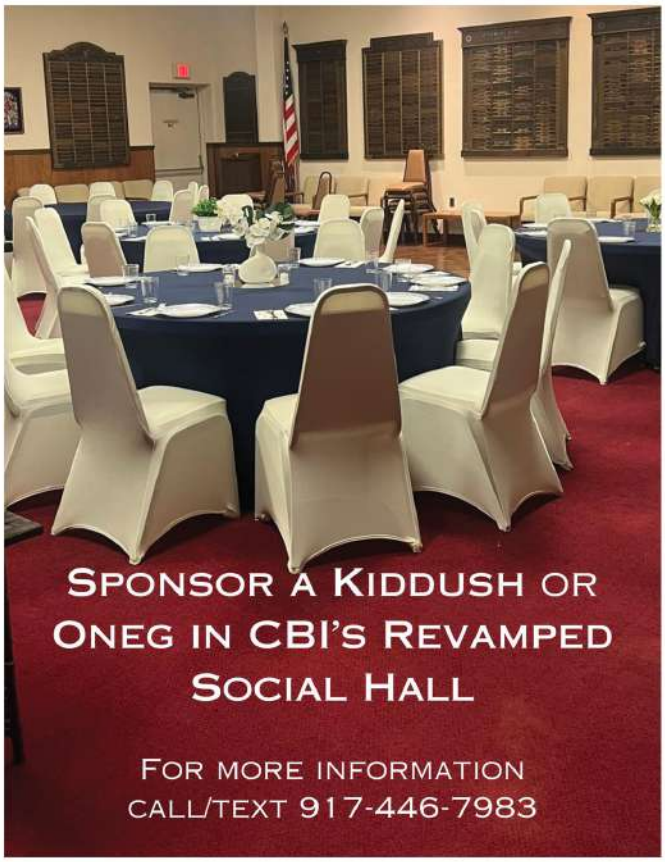
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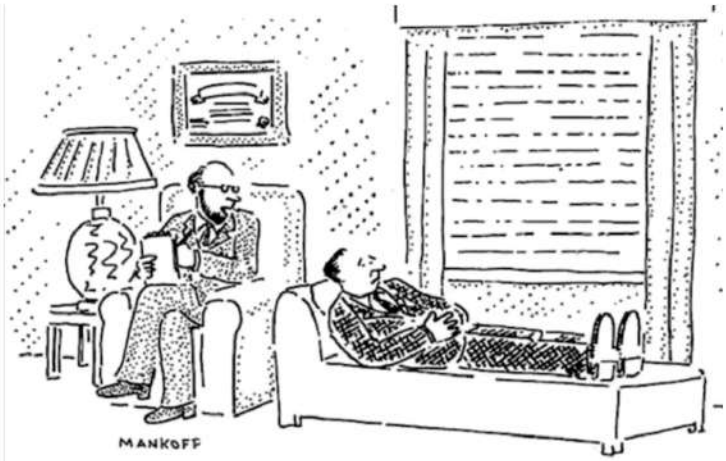
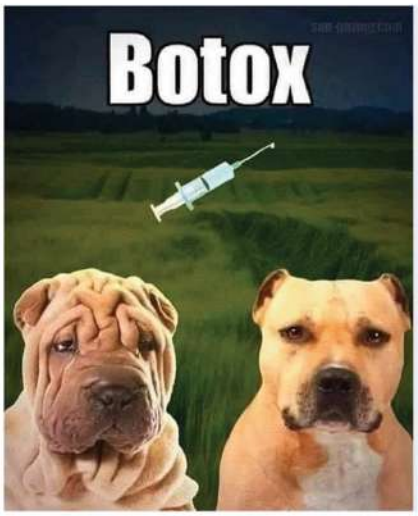
A BIG thank you to:

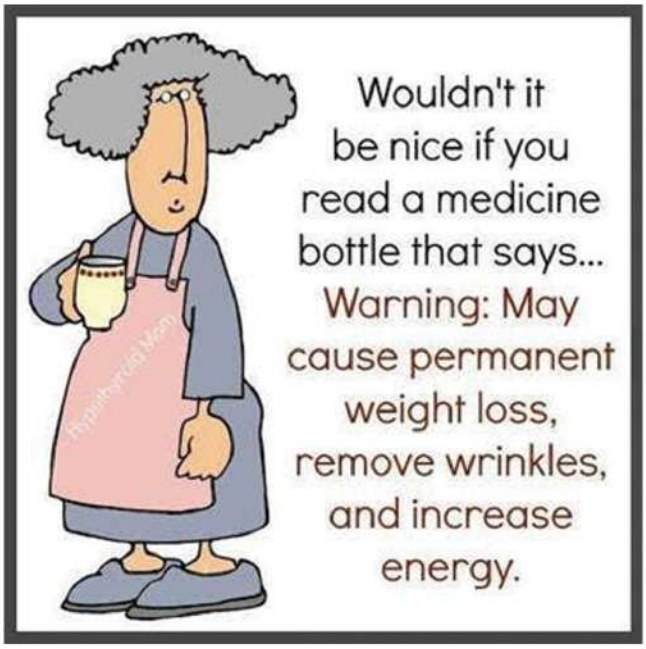
Ellen Zimel
for hosting her 70th birthday celebration
with her friends at CBI

Mindy & Monte Leeper
for hosting a delicious kiddush with their friends
and family in honor of their 43rd wedding
anniversary



"Any other hobbies besides suffering?"





"This is everything you've ever worried about. That's everything you've ever worried about that actually happened."

Come on, laugh a bit.
It will do you good— and
then some.

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

April Yahrzeits

Julian Levi	4-1	Lawrence Rothschild	4-11
Samy Baruch	4-4	Bessie Rutzisky	4-13
Soloman Janvey	4-4	Yetta Abo	4-15
Sender Levine	4-4	Gertrude Glotzer	4-16
Martha Levy	4-5	David Lovinger	4-16
Sophie Seifman	4-5	Ethel Cohn	4-25
Irene Weisman	4-5	Ted Louzin	4-28
Yetta Levine	4-11	Bernard H. Slosberg	4-28
		Julius Zimel	4-29

In Memoriam & Yahrzeit Donations

Susan Bass (In memory of my beloved Mother, Irene weisman)
Ilene & Rob Rothschild (yahrzeit of my brother, Lawrence Rothschild)
Shari & Irv Miljoner (yahrzeit and in memory, Norma Atlas)
Sondra Bernstein (in memory of my husband Marvin Bernstein and my mother, Ruth Volin)
Itzchak Baruch (for the yahrzeit of my brother, Samy)

Other Donations

Pam & Mark Jaffe (Happy Anniversary to Mindy & Monte Leeper with love and good wishes)
Jolene & ArthuBoden (In Honor of Mindy and Monte Leeper's anniversary)
Ilene & Rob Rothschild (Thanks to Rabbi Abe for his MiSheberach prayers)
Gail & Sal Quadrino (in honor of Ellen Zimel's birthday)
Shari & Irv Miljoner (For our enjoyment of the play "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat")
Adele & Frank Murphy (Purim contribution to help with party expenses)
Alan Mantis (to thank Steve Saltzman for tickets to Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat.)
Marianne Baker (Happy birthday, Ellen Zimel and Adele Murphy)
Judy Slatsky, (in honor of Adele Murphy)

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