The SCOOP

The Happenings of Congregation Beth Israel

May 2025 | אייר תשפ"ה

In honor of **Mother's Day**, let's raise a glass (and a brisket) to Jewish mothers — the world's original multitaskers, guilt distributors, and supreme nurturers. These women aren't just mothers; they're an institution. Who else can simultaneously insist you're too skinny and you eat too much? Jewish moms have perfected the art of the worried phone call, the "just checking in" that somehow spans three hours, and the unsolicited advice that, frustratingly, is almost always right. Sound familiar, CBI moms?

We must tip our hats to the great matriarchs, from real life to television — starting with Mrs. Goldberg herself, from The Goldbergs. Long before reality TV made yelling fashionable, Molly Goldberg was leaning out her Bronx apartment window, solving the world's problems with a pot of chicken soup and a heavy dose of practical wisdom. She wasn't just a character; she was every Jewish mother's spirit animal — loving, meddling, self-sacrificing, and a little bit nosy (but only because she cares!).

Jewish mothers believe in you when no one else does, and they'll make sure you know it — loudly. Without them, who would remind us to wear a sweater in 80-degree weather? Who would love us so fiercely it hurts? Truly, they are a gift — with gift receipts, just in case.

So from our CBI matriarch moms--Muriel Levine and Marianne Bake--to our newest mom--Allie Wahrman Lebovic--and all our beautiful moms, aunts, and mom-like figures in between, we extend our best for a Happy Mother's Day!!

THE CBI EDITORIAL TEAM

Yom HaShoah 2025 @CBI

Yasher Koach and thanks to Sam Seifman for his thought-provoking presentation

l pi sheyitmameha, im kol
zeh, ani ma'amin
Yom Hashoah
Commemoration
April 27, 2025
ur experiences or knowledge of the Holocaust...
Motivate you to be more resilient in your own life; to go be
pain or sorrow you may have experienced?
Help you to become more determined to value life, and
appreciate the ones around you?
Influence you to be more tolerant or to show compassio
Make you think about what kind of legacy you want to lea
your children, grandchildren, friends and family?
Viktor

The Rabbi Speaks

Dear friends,

This time of year is marked by many special moments in the Jewish calendar, especially in the modern Jewish calendar. This is the month where we celebrate the **independence of Israel,** as well as remembering the **Fallen Soldiers and the victims of terrorism** in Israel. Interestingly, we commemorate the fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism on the same day because, to us, they are all the same: precious human beings who sacrificed their lives to declare the self-determination of the Jewish people in our ancient Homeland. The fallen soldier fell on the battlefield, and the civilian succumbed on the streets and in the cafes of Israel, which, unfortunately, have become, during the last 77 years, a battlefield too. That's our reality. The Israeli Army was created as a defense against the enemies of Israel, not as an offensive one to gain territory or to dominate a people. It's right there in the name: **Israel Defense Forces/Tzava Haganah L'Yisroel.** We don't celebrate Death—neither of ourselves, nor of our enemies—and never will. We celebrate Life and aspire to peaceful coexistence. That has always been the plan, and it will continue to be the plan.

This time of year is also when we perform a Jewish tradition every single day of the month. We count the Omer, which, over the years, has also traditionally come to mean a time for self-reflection, edification, and refinement. This is the time of year that we are supposed to prepare for the great holiday of **Shavuot—the Revelation at Sinai**, which is coming up at the very beginning of next month.

Remembering Israel and all those who have sacrificed for it enables us to engage in this profound exercise of self-reflection. If so many gave their lives for us, how much more should we strive to live life to its fullest and in its most ideal state, each with our potential to fulfill?

We've been discussing all of this in the last few weeks during our Wednesday night class, and we will continue to explore this topic as we move forward throughout the month.

Here's to the **continuity of Israel** and the Jewish people, and to the Jewish people being strong and humble all at the same time. We achieve this through self-reflection and our incremental refinement. Counting each day, making each one count, just like we commemorate each fallen soldier and precious soul who gave their life for our precious Israel.

Warmly,
Rabbi Abe

Upcoming Events

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announcement

CBI will be holding its congregation meeting and elections for its Board of Trustees next month. 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 the opportunity to serve on our Board, please contact **Richie Krauss** by **May 15** at **rskboat@aol.com.**

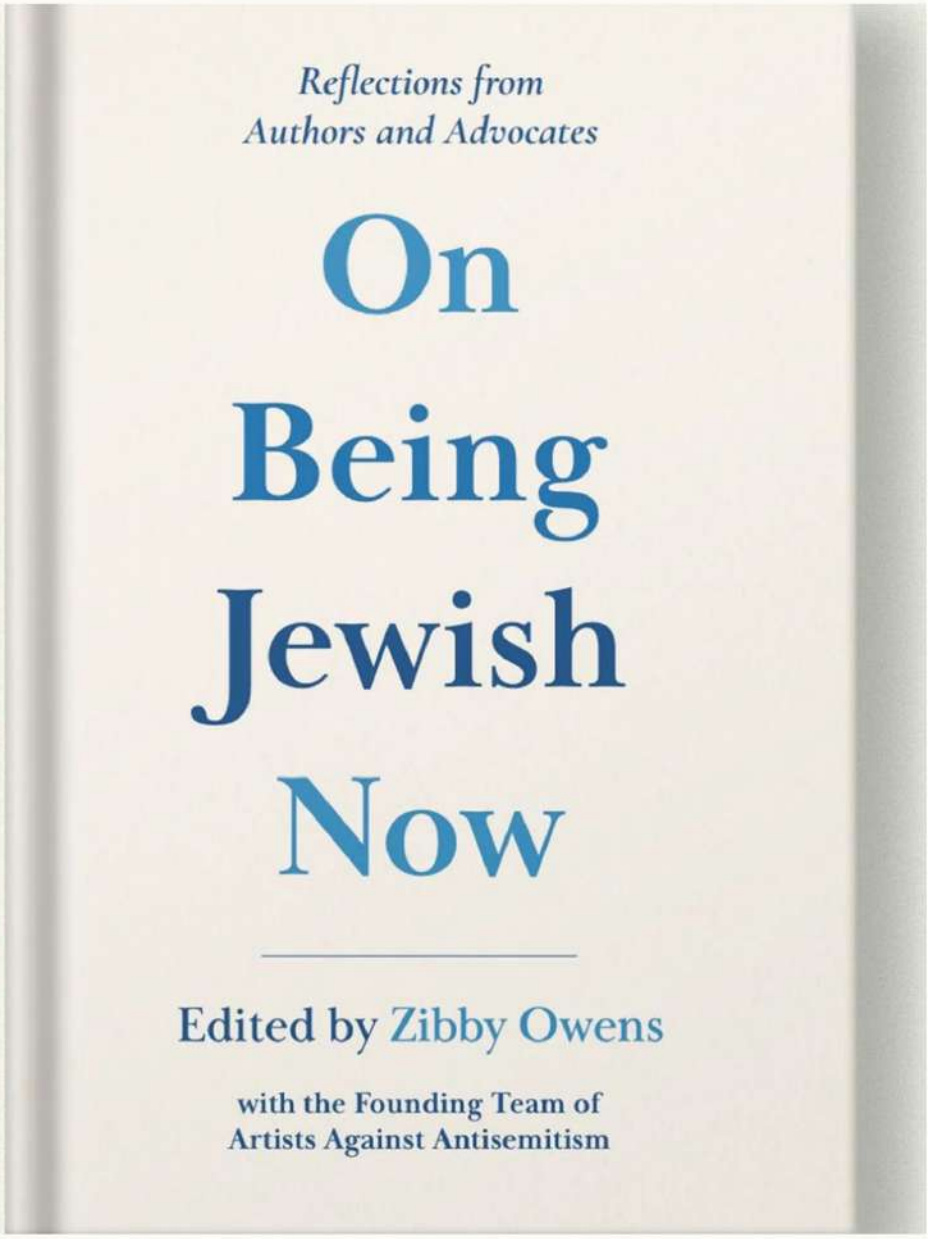
The election and meeting will be held on Sunday, June 22, at 10 AM.

Please make every effort to attend in person.

Our Inaugural Book

Get it. Read it.

GOOD BOOKS, GOOD TEA, AND GOOD COMPANY



CBI BOOK CLUB

Facilitated by Mindy Leeper

Sunday, June 8, 2025

11 AM - 1:00 PM

Text Mindy by June 1 at 516-680-2862 to RSVP and for directions to her home.

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Don't Miss This Event

Saturday Evening
MAY 10, 2025 | 8 PM

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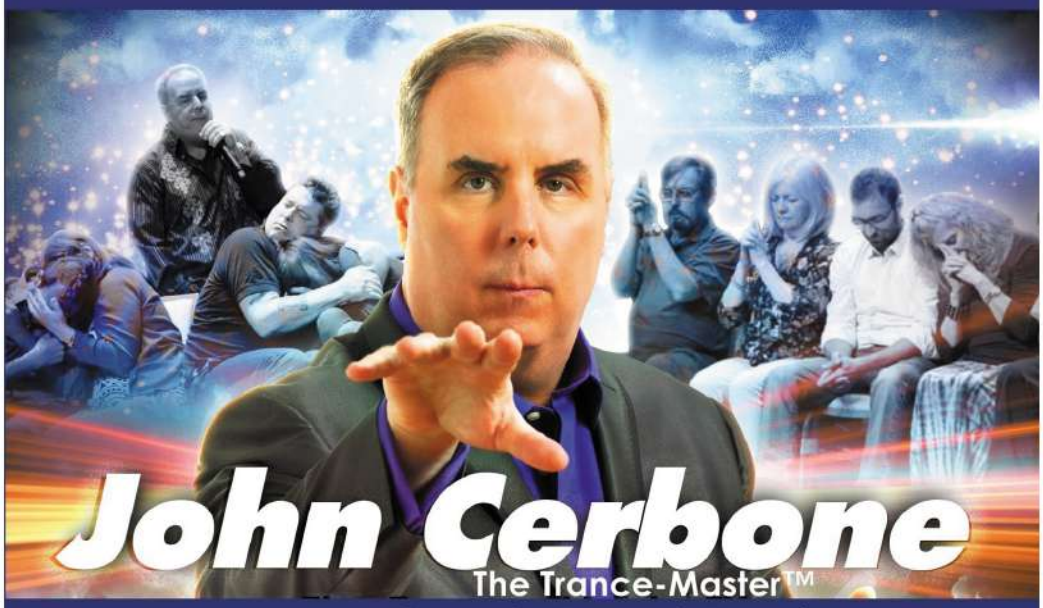

Comedy Hypnosis Experience

- **Invite your friends and family!**
- Reserved table space for groups of 6+ invited guests
- Complimentary wine & noshes
- 50-50 Raffle

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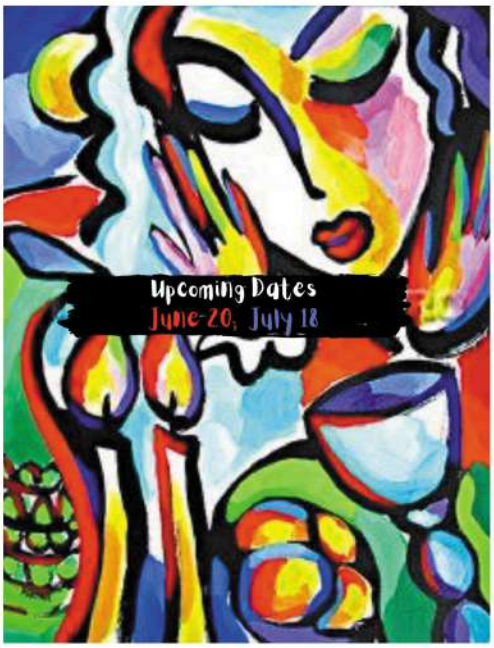
Click to register and make online payment

Admission:
$40 CBI members
$45 Non-members



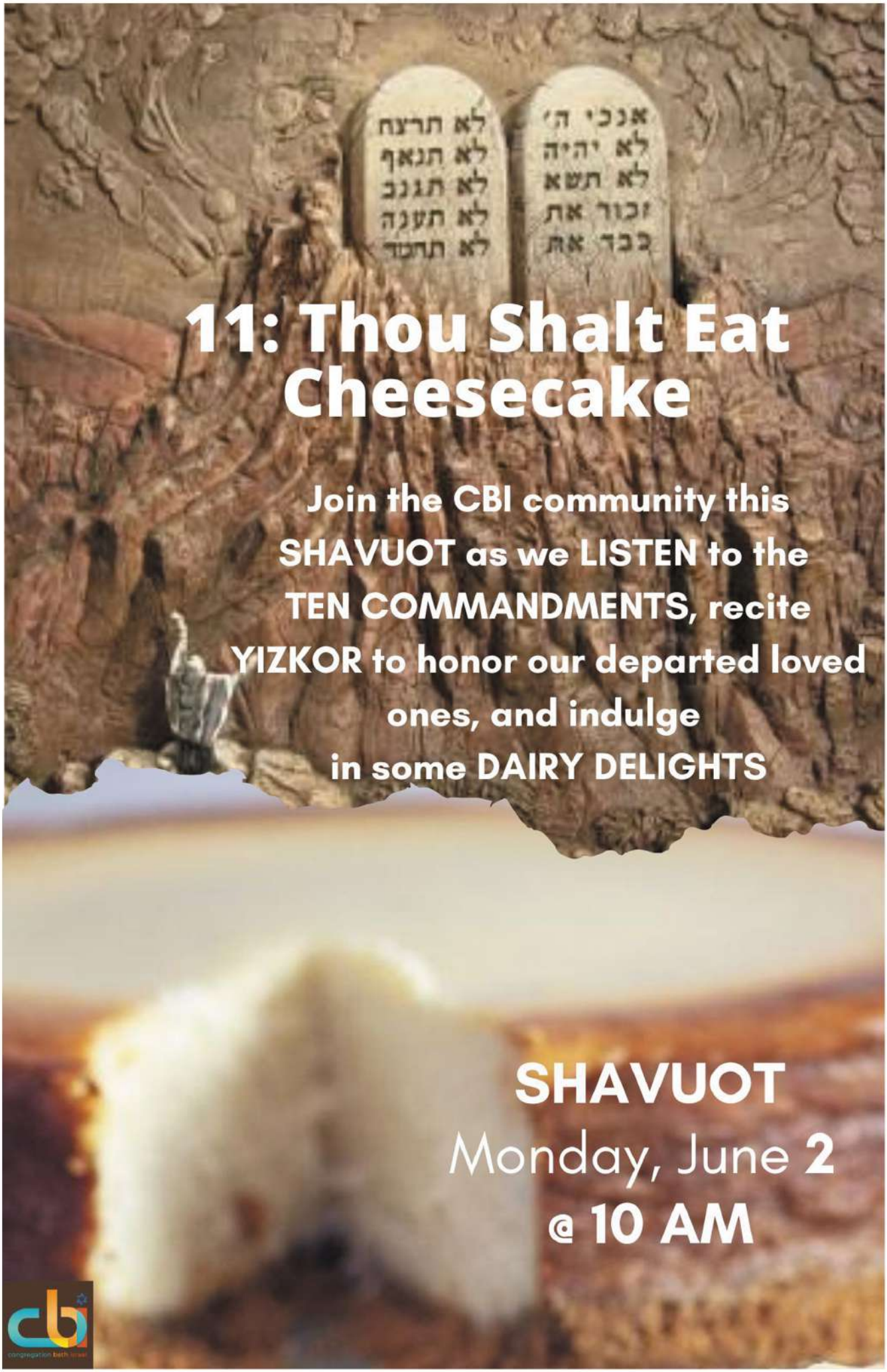
Musical Kabbalat Shabbat @CBI

Join us these Friday nights
May 9
June 20
July 18

@7:30 PM

Oneg to follow services

Bring your friends and family


11: Thou Shalt Eat Cheesecake
Join the CBI community this SHAVUOT as we LISTEN to the TEN COMMANDMENTS, recite YIZKOR to honor our departed loved ones, and indulge in some DAIRY DELIGHTS
SHAVUOT
Monday, June 2
@ 10 AM

Presents
BACK TO JEWISH SCHOOL
WITH RABBI ABE
Wednesdays @ 8 PM
On Zoom by clicking here

CBI Game Day: MAHJONG
Every Tuesday @noon at CBI
All Levels Welcome
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Bring your
kosher lunch and friends
RSVP by Monday to
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A BIG thank you to:

Marlene Cepeda
for procuring a donation of Challah and desserts for CBI's enjoyment

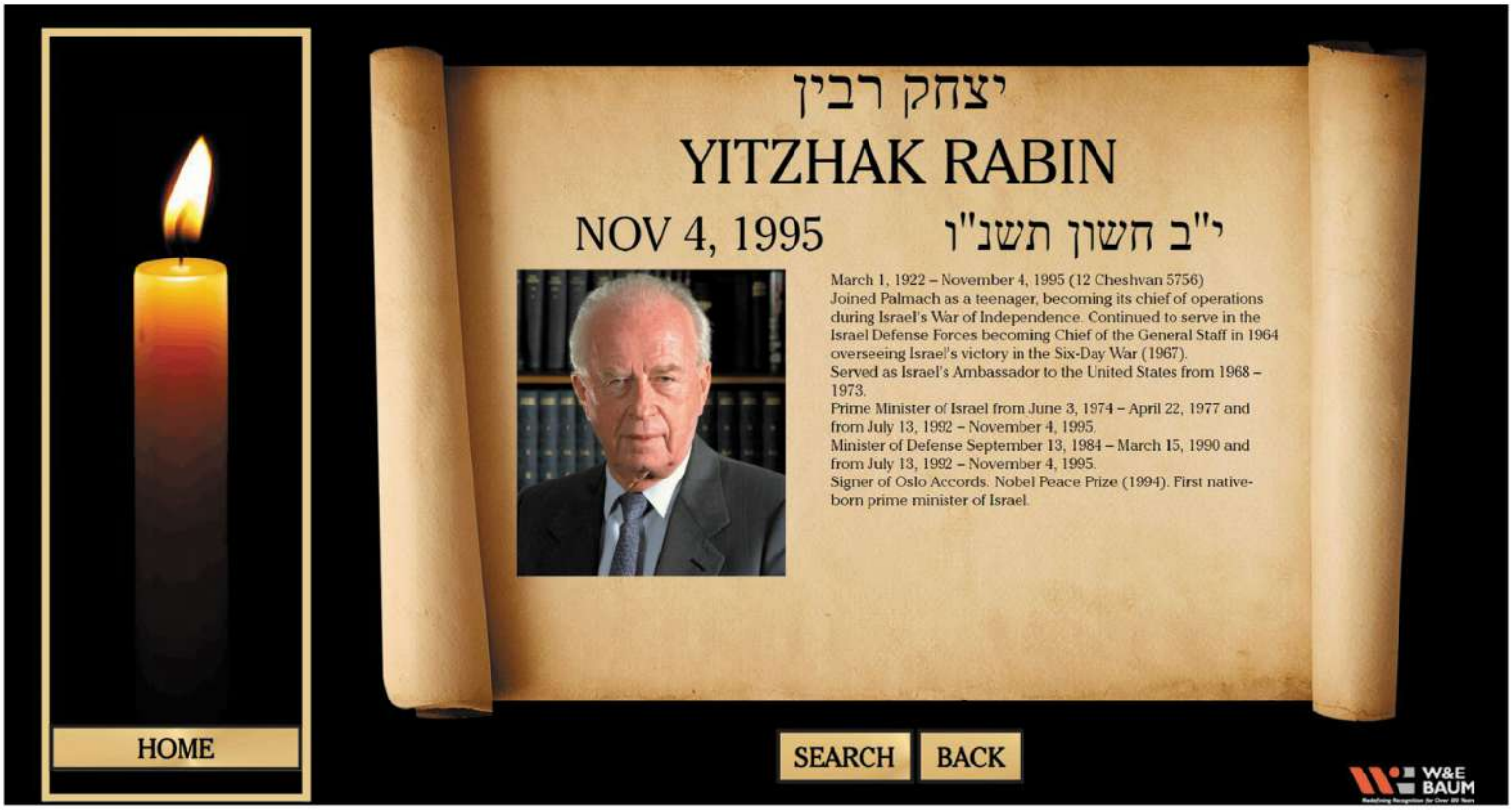
Mindy Leeper
for sharing her Passover treats to help indulge our Pesach senses

"No, Thursday's out. How about never—is never good for you?"

"Well, I'd better go now, I'm almost at the wall."

"Oh, yeah? Lewis, you're fired! You apparently forgot this is a cartoon, and I can read every word you think!"

Come on, laugh a little 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

May Yahrzeits

Mark Bass	5-2	Sidney Chalphin	5-19
Bessie Jacobs	5-4	Eve Etterman	5-20
Mattin Cohen	5-12	Claire Parvin	5-20
Ann Rothman	5-13	Dina Baruch	5-22
Katie Pasternak	5-14	Abraham Chissel	5-23
Conseetion Rivergh	5-16	Martha Goldman	5-25
		Rose Glasser	5-26

In Memoriam & Yahrzeit Donations

Ellen Zimel (In honor of my loving father, Julius Zimel)
Sudan Bass(In memory of my beloved husband, Mark Bass)
Sam Seifman (yahrzeits of Sophie and Harriet Seifman)
Tilda Lovinger (lyahrzeit of husband, David Lovinger)
Barbara Kaufman (yahrzeit of my dad, Bernard H. Slosberg

Other Donations

Jefferey & Lori Hahn (In honor of Mindy and Monte Leeper's 43rd Anniversary and celebratory Kiddush/Luncheon.)
Ellen Zimel (in honor of The Leeper's Anniversary)
Susan Bass (To Roberta Bouer for all her hard work and efforts for CBI)
Aileen & Lenny Goldberg (in honor of Monte & Mindy Leeper's anniversary)
Marianne Baker & Alan Mantis (a speedy and complete recovery to Frieda and Alan Brodsky's 4-year-old grandson, Dylan Jax, aka Moshe Binyamin)
Frieda and Alan Brodsky (in thankfulness for our grandson Dylan's recovery from surgery)
Marianne Baker (to congratulate granddaughter, Danielle, on being named Freehold High School (NJ) scholar/athlete of the year))

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