

SHOFAR



Monthly Newsletter of the Monterey Peninsula Jewish Community
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New Member Shabbat January 26

Join us and help us welcome this year's new CBI members.

We hope all our new members will enjoy a nice Shabbat dinner on Friday, January 26 beginning at 6:30 PM. CBI wants you all to know how much we appreciate your presence in our community. Shabbat services are at 7:30 following the dinner and will include a special blessing for our new members. A delicious oneg will be enjoyed by all who join us that evening. Let's help our congregation continue to grow. CBI members are encouraged to invite potential members to this dinner and service. Shabbat dinner is free for all our new members.



Save this date! Many of our members have secret talents that they will be sharing with us **Saturday evening January 13, at 7:00 PM.** This will be a delightful evening of singing, instruments and more! Find out who has real talent! This is an evening to visit with other CBI members, enjoy some delicious foods after the show, and have fun. Now is the time to add your name to the performance list. Call Bob Fenton if you want to sneak onto the pulpit turned into a stage for CBI's own version of "Who's Got Talent?" This evening will be filled with smiles and laughter, toe tapping and clapping.

Carmel Jewish Film Festival January News



WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE! You can now view the 2018 film line-up and watch trailers for each film. You can purchase your sponsorships and order your tickets. Simply go to www.carmeljff.org.

SPONSORSHIPS keep the CJFF going. Thank you to our past supporters. We hope you will consider becoming a sponsor this year, especially those who have never done so before. There are special benefits, including free tickets, reserved seating, and the listing of your name in our program and on the pre-film screen presentation.

DON'T BAKE? DON'T COOK? CJFF is seeking **Reception Sponsors.** If you do not bake or cook, you can become a *reception* sponsor by donating \$75. The reception committee will take care of the food and set-up for you. You can participate to the extent that is comfortable for you.

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From the Rabbi's Desk...

I am writing this shofar article the day after President Trump announced his plans to move the US Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, in essence recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's true capital. In response, Palestinian leaders have called for days of rage, actually encouraging rioting in the streets, even if this harms their own communities. Leaders around the globe have condemned President Trump's statement. Jewish leaders' immediate responses have been mixed.

While I wish President Trump's speech had clarified the recognition of West Jerusalem as Israel's true capital and suggested that this leaves open the possibility of a section of East Jerusalem to become the capital of a future Palestinian State, still my gut response is it's about time. After all, in 1995 both the Senate and the House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Previous presidents have stated their support of that position but decided it was not the time to move our embassy from Tel Aviv and upset the ongoing peace process discussions. Like all the other nations of the world, we quietly left our embassy in Israel's business center, Tel Aviv.

But Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. It was established as Israel's center by King David 3,000 years ago and has been our capital ever since. We face Jerusalem when we pray. In our Passover Seder we conclude by saying "Next year in Jerusalem." The holiest Jewish site in the world is the Kotel, the Western Wall, the last remnants of The Temple located in Jerusalem.

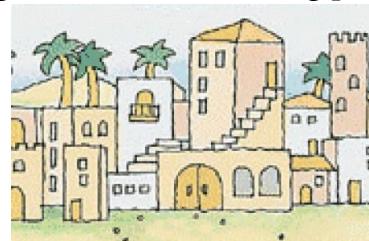
Israel's parliament building, the K'nesset, the Supreme Court and all of Israel's



major government centers are in Jerusalem. The K'nesset is located just a 15 minute walk from Hebrew University where I lived for a year. When visiting Israel our Presidents often have stayed in the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, to be close to Israel's leadership. We know Jerusalem is Israel's capital. Allowing others to deny this fact is allowing them to perpetuate the myth that The Temple did not exist or that Jerusalem is not the heart and center of our people's existence.

While this announcement from the White House appears to be stepping on the toes of those who claim it will make the peace process discussions more difficult, it also affirms a truth, Israel will never accept any peace without West Jerusalem being recognized as Israel's capital. For those who suggest now is not the right time to make this change, I ask them: "when is the right time?" I believe this decision should have been made long ago, after the Camp David Accord or after one of the two Oslo Peace Accords. If we wait for the Palestinians to sign off on the concept that at least part of Jerusalem is Israel's capital, we might then be waiting forever. Too many of the Palestinian leaders struggle with the recognition of Israel's right to exist, much less accepting Jerusalem as her capital. This decision by our president might finally force those who deny Israel's very existence to enter into honest discussions with Israel's leadership.

In April a group of us will be traveling to Israel. My prayer is that by the time we arrive in Jerusalem, this decision by our president will have pushed Palestinian leaders to enter into serious discussions with Israel leaders. Change is always challenging. May this change lead to a true lasting peace. Amen.





From our President *Todd Hornik, President, Board of Trustees*

Every month I wait for and wonder at what will be the inspiration for these messages. This month it came easier than usual. The Hanukkah season provided the perfect backdrop to remind me of all the good things that happen here and around CBI. Just before the Holiday began, Donna and I were in Boston for the URJ biennial conference. I studied holy texts, listened to impassioned speakers, learned more about Israel and the state of world Jewry, networked with other temple Presidents from around North America, prayed Kabbalat Shabbat with over 6000 others, sang well into the night with fabulous musicians and enjoyed the first dusting of beautiful Boston snow. The five day event was truly a rededication of my Judaism and enthusiasm. Back home, we kindled the lights and I got to see another mini-miracle – the transformation of CBI's bare social hall to a beautifully decorated, dinner hall. Over 70 people gathered on the Fourth night to celebrate, eat, spin dreidels and attend services. On the fifth night, we met at a friend's home to light candles. The theme I'm outlining here is one of diversity in approach. In one month I was able to enjoy and express my faith and my practice with thousands, a hundred or so and just over a dozen and each experience was wonderful. It's part of the fun and the challenge of being involved here at CBI. For a community of just 260 households, CBI manages events of all sizes and all levels of participation. The upcoming Carmel Jewish Film Festival and the Jewish Food Festival bring in thousands, Shabbat dinners and other programs like the Stand With Us program with Israeli soldiers brings in good sized groups and other time at CBI there's a solid couple of

dozen of us – always learning, always finding a moment of interest, (often eating) and always having time to connect and be with each other. CBI proudly continues to be the central focus for Jewish life in the Monterey area. This month, take some time to immerse yourself in all we have to offer. Flip to the calendar on page 14 and find something that interests you. Take a moment to reflect on how to advance on the path that you walk here at CBI. We're looking forward to seeing you.



Best Years Favorite Event: Lunch Out!



Join us on Thursday, January 25 at noon as we enjoy what is clearly one of the most popular Best Years events, lunch together at the Baja Cantina. Meet us at Baja at 7166 Carmel Valley Road or call the synagogue to car pool with the rabbi. This free lunch, paid by the CBI Senior Endowment Fund is always a delicious meal. Please bring ideas for future Best Years events. Do you have a suggestion for a movie or speaker or event? Enjoy visiting with other members and feast on delicious Mexican/American foods. Drinks are included as well! To RSVP for this program call the CBI office at 624-2015. Please let us know if you need a ride for this event.



I-HELP Outreach

CBI Sponsored... **I-HELP:**
Interfaith Homeless
Emergency Lodging

Program I-HELP for Men

December - The December 3rd I-HELP dinner was sponsored by the 4th / 5th grade religious school class coordinated by Wendy Rosenthal. We had a very full house given the cold weather and all 25 men were served a delicious dinner and provided with breakfast foods. We had several new men joining us, as the I-HELP program has been successful supporting their participants in finding jobs and housing and enabling them to leave the program.

Safeway gift cards and new warm socks and clothing, which many of you donated, were given to each I-HELP participant as a holiday gift. Thank you for your generous donations!

Thank you to the students and parents for providing a wonderful nourishing meal, to the students for creating welcoming place mats and to the teachers for leading this important lesson on the mitzvot of feeding and sheltering those in need.

January - The 2nd and 3rd grade religious school class will sponsor the January 7th dinner. Room parent Lisa Averbuch will coordinate the meal and ensure that the program participants are warmly welcomed.

If you have any questions about I-HELP or interest in supporting the program, please contact Charlene or Matthew Schuss at cnmne3@comcast.net or call 250-7170. Thank you!



I-HELP Outreach for Women

The Women's IHELP program continues to evolve with staffing changes and better understanding of the needs of the community of homeless women we seek to serve. Scheduling is subject to change, but CBI is currently scheduled to next host Women's IHELP on Monday evening, January 29, 2018.

Please contact Social Action Trustee Susan Schwartz at schwartzs@redshift.com or 831-595-7623 if you can supply food and/or help set up and serve and chat with our guests.

Thank you to all who donated to IHELP through Monterey County Gives and to all who donated socks and warm clothes for needy men and women. Please contact Susan Schwartz if you would like to be involved in collection and distribution of clothing for women, perhaps as a Bar or Bat Mitzvah Project or Mitzvah Day activity.

CBI to host IHELP Women on Monday, January 8

At the request of our neighbor, Carmel Mission, CBI will provide the venue for Women's IHELP on Monday, January 8, 2018. The IHELP Volunteer Committee of Carmel Mission will bring all the food and beverages for dinner, breakfast and take out lunch, but needs us to provide a place for the women to eat and spend the night. The Mission will be unavailable due to construction and repairs to the water system.

Please contact Susan Schwartz (831-595-7623) or (schwartzs@redshift.com) if you are available to help with set up or if you would like to come help the Carmel Mission volunteers greet our guests. This seems like a good opportunity to meet our neighbors and to see how another organization arranges their IHELP dinners.

Torah Connections

Michael Waxer



The place that 'Will See Peace'

Recently the world seemingly went on fire when President Trump made a statement, following a prior U.S. decision, to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, and to relocate the U.S. Embassy there. It is important to remember that the capital of Israel has *always* been Jerusalem, whether we are talking about ancient Israel, or Israel today. Jerusalem has been the capital of modern Israel since its re-establishment almost 70 years ago; this is a fact.

Jews are familiar with the connection that Jerusalem has to Judaism, as Jerusalem is repeatedly referenced in the Tanakh, and fills our daily, weekly, and annual prayers. How common is the expression, "Next year in Jerusalem!"? So how can the recognition of the fact, that Jerusalem *is* the capital of Israel, lead to so much violence, rage, and hatred? Washington is the capitol of the U.S., how strange if groups insisted that New York was the capital, not Washington?

The real issue, of course, is that Jewish Israel *itself* is what many folks want to eradicate.

Many of the groups that have been rioting, *Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran...* these are the same entities who say Israel has no legitimacy at all. These same groups have pledged to destroy Israel, and to wipe her off the map. Now we can see that this 'rage' may not be related to the recognition about Jerusalem, but more related to their real goal, which is to completely destroy Jewish Israel.

Mount Moriah, the place God told Abraham to go to with his son Isaac (Genesis 22:2), to teach humans that they should never perform child sacrifice, is the same spot where King David built the first Temple, and is the same hill where the remains of the second Temple are still, today. This spot is in the center of modern day Jerusalem, yet groups loudly claim there is no Jewish connection to this location. Similarly, Abraham's cave (Cave of Machpelah, Genesis 23:1-20) was recently named as a "Palestinian" heritage site, denying Jewish history.

These attempts at rewriting history are very real. When attempts at rewriting history of Jerusalem and Israel are not successful, we see the current 'rage' and violence. Recognition of Jewish history in Israel, and recognition of its capitol, Jerusalem, challenges the 're-writing of history' by acknowledging the clear and ever-lasting connection of Jewish Israel to Jerusalem.

It is worth noting that one meaning of Jerusalem, *Yerushalayim*, means, 'Will See Peace'. Under full Israeli sovereignty since 1967, all faiths have been able to visit and pray in Jerusalem; all are welcome. In the years prior, when Jordan had control of some of the city, that was not the case. In fact, to this day, Arab towns, cities, and nations do not allow in Jews. Let us all pray that the Arabs will choose to accept a Jewish Israel, and there can actually be peace.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They will prosper that love her". " May there be peace within your wall, serenity within your palaces."

(Psalms 122:6-7, some might recognize the last verse as the 'Y'hi Shalom' song).

If you have any comments regarding 'Torah Connections', please e-mail to: mlwaxer@sbcglobal.net. Torah Connections is the sole opinion and property of the author and it does not necessarily reflect the position of Judaism, CBI, and/or the Board of Trustees.



CBI Book Club

January 9, 1:30 PM, home of Karen Wiskoff (wiskoff@aol.com). Book: AND AFTER THE FIRE by Lauren Belfer

February 13, 1:30 PM, home of Sharon Goldenson (sharon.goldenson@gmail.com). Book: THE POST OFFICE GIRL by Stefan Zweig

March 13, 1:30 PM, LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED. Book: THE FORTUNATE ONES by Ellen Umansky



Thank You to Our Oneg Hosts

We are grateful to the following people who make our December and January Onegs a beautiful experience:

December 1, 2017: 1st&2nd Grades students & families

December 8, 2017: Judy & Gary Simon In honor of their 40th Anniversary

December 15, 2017: Chanukah Pot Luck

December 22, 2017: Bee Epstein-Shepherd In memory of her mother, Milli Singer

December 29, 2017: This date is available. Call to host.

January 5, 2018: Malina Breaux in honor of Illia Thompson

January 12: 6th Grade students & families

January 19: This date is available. Call to host.

January 26: This date is available. Call to host.

As you know, it is our congregant participation that helps to make CBI unique and dear to us. CBI has maintained the rich tradition of members "making" Oneg Shabbat - the joy of Shabbat. Help keep this wonderful tradition alive by hosting an Oneg in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special person or lifecycle event. Contact Administrative Assistant, Abby King in the CBI office to schedule this simple yet meaningful mitzvah.



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Chartered in 1954 as the Jewish Community of the Monterey Peninsula, Congregation Beth Israel today serves the spiritual, educational, and social needs of Jews on the Peninsula. We derive programming and administrative strength from our affiliation with the Union for Reform Judaism and offer traditional programming to meet the needs of most Jews on the Monterey Peninsula. The Congregation sponsors weekly worship services on Shabbat evening and Shabbat morning; observances of all holidays and festivals; and formal educational programs from toddler through adult. We operate our own school on weekend mornings and midweek afternoons, and we also maintain a Judaic library.

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Bruce Greenbaum - *Rabbi, D.D.*

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A New Synagogue Directory is Coming.....

We plan to produce a new synagogue directory at the beginning of the year. It will include names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses for all adults and the names of the children living in your household. If you prefer that your information not be included please let us know by January 15, 2018 at shalomcbi@aol.com.



A Message from Israel Action Committee

On February 10 at 7:30 PM there will be a very informative lecture at CBI on BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanction) aimed at Israel. In these turbulent times, especially after the US recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, it is important that we know as much as we can about this movement and how to counter it. We are fortunate to have an excellent resource to learn about this topic, Stand With Us. On that evening we will have 2 speakers, Johanna Meckel who is the director of the Northern California Stand With Us and Max Samarov (see his bio below). I think that it is important that we have a good turnout, especially from the CBI community and any friends that might be interested. Please pass this on to your teenagers, especially those who will be attending college in the near future.

Max Samarov is the Executive Director of Research & Campus Strategy at StandWithUs, an international Israel education organization. Max grew up in Boston and is a first generation American. His parents left the Soviet Union to escape the racism and discrimination Jews faced there, and other members of his family ended up in Israel - a place he has traveled to and lived in for extended periods throughout his life. Max graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara, class of 2011, with a degree in Political Science and International Relations. He interned at the Office of Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), before joining StandWithUs in 2012. The focus of his research is Israel, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the discourse about these issues on campus. He has also spent the last five years helping to educate, organize, and empower students and others across North America in the struggle against anti-Israel boycotts and other forms of bigotry. Max has been quoted by many media outlets including the Associated Press, Inside Higher Ed, Haaretz,

and Israel's Channel 10. His articles have been published in the Huffington Post, Jerusalem Post, Times of Israel, The Tower, and the Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles. He also contributed a chapter to *The Anti-Israel Agenda: Inside the Political War on the Jewish State*, a book published in August, 2017.

Thank you,
Saul Eisenstat, MD
Israel Action Committee

Communities of Practice on Teen Engagement

Our congregation has joined 9 other Reform congregations from around the country to share ideas and discuss how we might strengthen engaging our teen population. Over an 18 month period we hope to evaluate our teen programs, examine what we want to offer our teens, and then develop a program that meets their needs in an engaging and meaningful way. Our educator Louise Riddle Kaufman along with Rabbi Greenbaum, Youth Activities board member Vivi Fenwick and Religious School teacher Bari Tolliver serve as our core members of our Communities of Practice (COP) team. Working with Union for Reform Judaism facilitators, our Core Team of 4 people meet with the nationwide network monthly to learn from professionals in the field and each other through a "virtual call." The core team also meets monthly with our URJ coach to plan the monthly working meetings for our larger CBI Congregational COP team. The Congregational team is composed of a dozen people including teachers, parents and teenagers. The larger group applies the issues addressed at a national level to our local community. Hopefully the outcome from this 18 month effort will be a stronger youth program at our synagogue that will attract our teens, keeping them involved, and strengthening their connections to our Jewish traditions.



Eighth Annual Carmel Jewish Film Festival

March 3-24, 2018

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, CARMEL

BODY & SOUL: AN AMERICAN BRIDGE

This story of one of the most popular songs in the jazz repertoire illustrates the complex interplay between

Jewish composers and Black musicians at a time when both groups faced open discrimination.

Documentary / USA / 2017 / English / 58 min

6:30 PM Reception and Jazz Band Performance / 7:30 PM Film, followed by Q & A with filmmaker Robert Philipson

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, LIGHTHOUSE CINEMAS, PACIFIC GROVE

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

A lovesick German-Jewish boy faces the aftermath of losing his family – and a slice of his manhood – in this comedy of pubescent awkwardness.

Comedy / Germany / 2015 / German, English subtitles / 85 min

7 PM Film

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, GOLDEN BOUGH PLAYHOUSE, CARMEL

THE WOMEN'S BALCONY

When a mishap at a Jerusalem synagogue leads to a major rift in a devout community, its women find their voice and learn to speak truth to patriarchal power.

Drama / Israel / 2016 / Hebrew, English subtitles / 96 min

6:30 PM Reception / 7:30 PM Film, followed by discussion with Rabbi Leah Novick and Dr. Joyce Antler, Brandeis University professor emerita of American Jewish history and gender studies

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, LIGHTHOUSE CINEMAS, PACIFIC GROVE

1945

August 12, 1945, 11 AM: Two Orthodox Jews appear at the railway station of a Hungarian village, and the townspeople must come to terms with their own actions during the Holocaust.

Drama / Hungary / 2017 / Hungarian, Russian, English subtitles / 91 min

3:30 PM Film

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL, CARMEL

OPERATION WEDDING

The true story of a group of Soviet Jews attempting a daring escape from the USSR.

Documentary / Israel, Latvia / 2016 / Hebrew, Russian, English subtitles / 63 min

7 PM Film, followed by panel discussion with Natasha Lipkina, Galena Bordetsky, Alex Bordetsky, and Michael Segel, and dessert reception

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, MIDDLEBURY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, MONTEREY

MUHI: GENERALLY TEMPORARY

Muhi, a boy from Gaza, and his grandfather, have been living for seven years in an Israeli hospital, their lives a tug of war within the conflict that divides their worlds.

Documentary / Israel, Germany / 2017 / Hebrew, Arabic, English subtitles / 89 min

6:30 PM Reception / 7:30 PM Film, followed by panel discussion with Tehila Eisenstat, Saul Eisenstat, and Richard Gerber

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, MIDDLEBURY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, MONTEREY

FANNY'S JOURNEY

Based on a true story, a brave, resourceful girl leads a small band of orphans through Nazi-occupied France to safety in Switzerland.

Drama / France, Belgium / 2016 / French, English subtitles / 94 min

3:30 PM Film

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL, CARMEL

AN EVENING OF AWARD-WINNING SHORT FILMS

7 PM Films, followed by Q & A with *Maydeleh and the Prisoner* filmmaker Maya Ben Yair and lead actor Milt Kogan, and a dessert reception

THE TRANSFER

Conflict arises while a young Israeli officer and two soldiers transfer a prisoner.

Drama / Israel / 2017 / Hebrew, English subtitles / 22 min

TOYLAND

Germany, 1942: A German boy disappears after his mother says Jewish neighbors are going to “Toyland”.

Drama / Germany / 2007 / German, English subtitles / 14 min

THE LITTLE DICTATOR

Stuck with an infamous moustache, history prof Yossi must confront history, his family, and himself.

Comedy-Drama / Israel / 2015 / Hebrew, English subtitles / 28 min

MAYDELEH AND THE PRISONER

A Holocaust survivor must learn to trust his foreign caretaker who knows nothing of his history.

Drama / USA, Israel / 2007 / English / 26 min

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL, CARMEL

STURGEON QUEENS

The story of the legendary Russ & Daughters, the most famous appetizing store in the world and a staple on New York's Lower East Side for 100 years.

Comedy-Documentary / USA / 2014 / English / 52 min

6:30 PM Reception / 7:30 PM Film, followed by complimentary dessert

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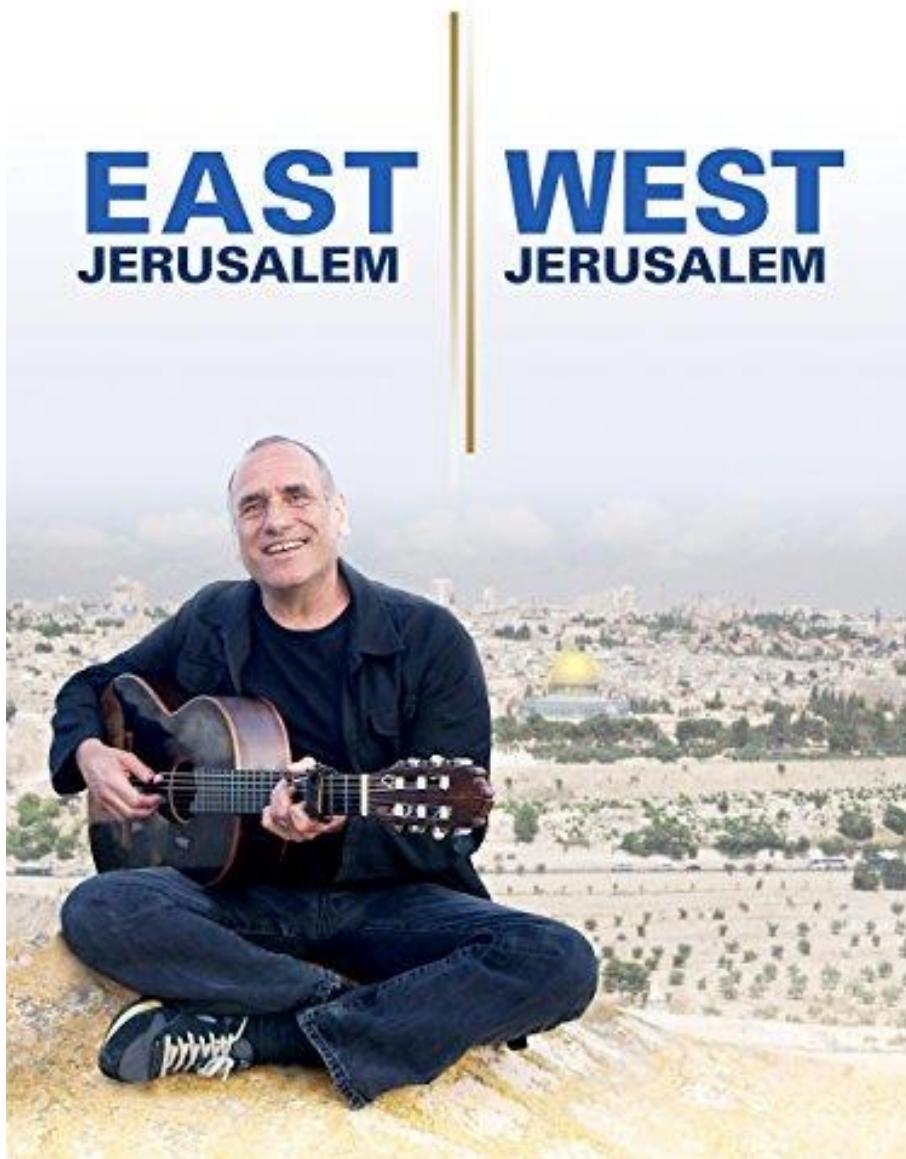
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Carmel Jewish Film Festival

Free Sneak Preview

Sunday, February 11 4:00 PM CBI Social Hall



David Broza, the Israeli singer-songwriter, sets out to realize his dream of cooperation and dialog between Israelis and Palestinians through music. During 8 days and nights of joint creation in an *East Jerusalem* studio, a hopeful message of equality and unity arises.



A Message from Your Caring Committee

"The Caring Committee is here to serve you. Many of your fellow congregants have volunteered to help after surgery or illness by providing meals or transportation, or just visits and friendship. Because of HIPPA laws which protect your privacy only the person in need or their representative can request help. When you want the help of the Caring Committee call the Rabbi or office staff. This is the only way we will know of your need.

Should you be mourning we can help by providing a minyan, food, or other services. But again, you must let us know of your need."



Happy Birthday



Nancy Kessler	1	Edward Zander	12	Rabbi Leah Novick	21
David Benjamin	3	Jon Shoemaker	13	Sandra J. Kahn	22
Susan Greenbaum	3	Jack Uydess	14	Catherine Winter	22
Todd Waldman	3	Len Foster	15	Dr. Steven J. Packer	25
David Kleinman	4	Debra Kassels	16	Genoveva Price	26
David Rosenberg	4	Jaclyn Marcus	16	Eileen Schneider	26
Julianne Leavy	6	Leta McCarty Messinger	16	Alden Adolph	28
Peter Stern	7	Chery1 Crose	17	Jonathan Annis	28
Mike Vitiello	7	Vanessa Diffenbaugh	20	Rena Feuerstein	30
Illia Thompson	8	Theodore Gold	21	Steven River Gurtin	30
				Richard Harrit	30



Wedding Anniversaries

Aaron & Maureen Rosenblatt	2
Donald & Marcia Pompan	8
Cindy Brodsky & Terrence Gargiulo	14
Andrew B. & Cynthia T. Lipsig	15
Leonard & Sheri Chodosh	20
Norman & Diana B. Jacobson	29

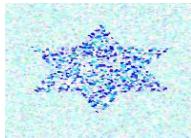
Our Congregation strives to offer love and support to fellow congregants in times of joy and celebration, as well as in times of trouble and sorrow. One of the ways we do this is to let the congregation know your news. Please let us know if there is a simcha you wish to share (or know someone else's that they are willing to share), or a wish of encouragement or condolence that can be shared.

Temple Family News



Condolences to Hersh & Lizbeth Davis on the passing of Lizbeth's mother. Phyllis Koch passed away on December 13.

Condolences on the passing of Alexandra Fallon's father, Irving Gross. Mr. Gross passed away on December 14th, 2017. Father to Alexandra Fallon and grandfather to Hudson, Charlie, & Briggs Fallon.



Congregation Beth Israel
January 2018
TEVET ~ SHEVAT 5778

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Years Day CBI Office Closed 	2	3 No Hebrew School 7:30 PM Intro to Judaism Class	4 12:00 PM "Lunch with Rabbi" 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service with Birthday Blessings	5 7:15 PM Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	6 9:00 AM Morning Shabbat Service 10:45 AM Shabbat Study
7 9:30 AM Religious School K/6 th 12: PM Gesher-Visual T'filah 12:00 PM Sababa Meeting 4:00 PM I-Help Sponsored by 2 nd & 3 rd Grade	8	9 	10 4:00 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School 7:30 PM Intro to Judaism	11	12 Traditions 6:15 PM 6 th Grade Shabbat Dinner 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Services	13 10:30 AM Shabbat Study 7:00 PM CBI Talent Show
14 No Religious School	15 Martin Luther King Day CBI Office Closed	16 4:15 Investment Committee 6:30 PM CBI Exec. Committee	17 4:00 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School 7:30 PM Intro to Judaism	18 7:15 PM Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	19 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Services	20 9:30 AM Religious School 6 th -8 th Grades 10:30 AM Shabbat Service & Study
21 9:30 AM Religious School K/5 th Grades 10:00 AM My Munchkin & Me 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM Sababa Rabbi's Restaurant	22 	23 7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	24 4:00 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School 7:30 PM Intro to Judaism	25 12:00 Best Years Lunch out @ Baja Cantina	26 6:30 PM New Member Shabbat Dinner 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Services	27 10:30 Shabbat Service-Ben Lakind becomes a Bar Mitzvah 10:30 AM Mazel Tots
28 9:30 AM Religious School K/6 th Grades 12:00 PM Gesher – Rabbi's Restaurant @ CPK 12:15 Faculty Meeting for Teachers & Madrichim	29	30	31 4:00 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School 7:30 PM Intro to Judaism	1 7:15 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	2 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Services	3 9:00 Morning Shabbat Service 10:45 Shabbat Study

CBI Youth Calendar for January 2018



Date	Special Events and Activities
Wed., Jan. 3	NO Hebrew School
Sun., Jan. 7	Religious School Grades K - 6 (9:30 - 12:00) Specialist - Cooking (Challah) Gesher - Visual T'filah (12:00 - 2:00) Sababa Meeting (12:00 - 2:00) IHELP - 2 nd / 3 rd Grade Class (4:00 - food needed)
Wed., Jan. 10	B'nai Mitzvah Class (4:00 - 6:00) Hebrew School (4:30 - 6:00)
Fri., Jan. 12	6 th Grade Class Shabbat, 6:00 dinner/ 7:30 Service
Sun., Jan. 14	NO Religious School (Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend)
Wed., Jan. 17	B'nai Mitzvah Class (4:00 - 6:00) Hebrew School (4:30 - 6:00)
Sat., Jan. 20	Shabbat Study for Grades 6 - 8 (9:30 - 12:00)
Sun., Jan. 21	Religious School for Grades K - 5 only (9:30 - 12:00) No Specialist My Munchkin & Me (10:00 - 11:30) Sababa - Rabbi's Restaurant @ China Delight (12:00 - 2:00)
Wed., Jan. 24	B'nai Mitzvah Class (4:00 - 6:00) Hebrew School (4:30 - 6:00)
Sat., Jan. 27	Mazel Tots - Tu B'Shevat (10:30 - 12:00) Ben Lakind becomes a Bar Mitzvah (10:30)
Sun., Jan. 28	Religious School Grades K - 6 (9:30 - 12:00) Specialist - Israeli Dance Gesher - Rabbi's Restaurant @ CPK (12:00 - 2:00) Faculty Meeting for Teachers & Madrichim (12:15 - 2:00)
Wed., Jan. 31	B'nai Mitzvah Class (4:00 - 6:00) Hebrew School (4:30 - 6:00)

Our Youth Calendar for the entire year is now in a Google Calendar Format. View and download it through our website:

CarmeBethIsrael.org/Learning

Matzah Tots - Tu B'Shevat

On **Saturday, January 27, from 10:30 - 12:00**, children ages 2 1/2 - 5, with a parent, are invited to celebrate the "birthday of the trees" with Chinanit Kershner. The children will learn about this ecological holiday as they have fun playing, listen to a PJ Library story and making a craft. Pre-registration is very helpful for the purchasing of materials. The fee is \$35 for the remaining 7 events this year, or \$5 for a single event with pre-registration, or \$10 at the door. For more information or to preregister, email directorlouise@aol.com.



A PJ Library Program
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SABABA



Who: All teens in grades 9 - 12

All Jewish kids (affiliation not required) welcome - invite your friends!

What & When:

Sunday, 7 - Meeting to decide February activity

Let your ideas be heard!

Sunday, January 21- Rabbi's Restaurant @ China Delight (Crossroads)
Cost of lunch included with Sababa tuition or \$20.

12:00 - 2:00 (or meet at the restaurant at 12:15). **RSVP.**

Questions: contact Louise Riddell-Kaufman at DirectorLouise@aol.com or the CBI office at 624-2015.

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January Jewish Family Ideas

- ◆ On January 15th we honor the memory

of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In 1963 he gave his monumental "I have a dream" speech. It was one of the defining moments of the civil rights movement. Sometimes a dream is a hope, a vision, a goal.

- Discuss as a family: What are your goals for yourself? What will it take for you to actualize that goal? What hurdles will you need to get over?
- ◆ *Gevurah*: Heroism. Who is a hero? *Gevurah* is about having strength, inner strength, to stand up for what you believe, even when it's really hard.
 - As a family, make a list of your heroes. What qualities do those people have? What lessons can you learn from your heroes?
 - What's the difference between a hero and a super-hero?
 - Talk about ordinary people that you read about or see on TV who became heroes.
 - As a family make a list of Jewish heroes. Is Queen Esther on your list?
- ◆ Book Suggestions:
 - *The Legend of Freedom Hill* by Linda Jacobs Altman. In Gold Rush times two friends, one an African American, the other Jewish, work together to earn the money to free the mother of one of the girls from a slave trader. A lively narrative and powerful images bring this heartwarming story of love, bravery, and friendship to life, and offer readers a little-known slice of

California cultural and ethnic history. Ages 6 - 10.

- *Nachshon, Who was Afraid to Swim* by Deborah Bodin Cohen. As the Israelites rush to leave Egypt after being freed from slavery, young Nachshon is the first to brave the water that must be crossed, even though he is afraid to take the plunge. Inspired by Moses (Real freedom means believing in yourself), Nachshon discovers that redemption means being free from slavery and free from his fears. Ages 4 - 8.

- *Who was Martin Luther King, Jr.?* by Bonnie Bader. Ages 9 - 12. With clearly written text that explains this tumultuous time in history and 80 black-and-white illustrations, this book celebrates the vision and the legacy of a remarkable man. Ages 9 - 12.

Note: Most of the above book suggestions are also PJ Library selections. To sign your children, ages 6 months - 8 years, up for a FREE Jewish book of the month club go to: PJLibrary.org.

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My MUNCHKIN & ME



Who: Parents of babies through school age & Babies through Preschoolers

When: Sunday, January 21, 10:00 - 11:30 & one Sunday a month throughout the school year

What: Parallel programming for Parents and children.

Parenting discussion group led by Megan Felthoven is centered on "The Joys and Oys of Parenting". The January discussion will be based on chapter 5, "Spark Motivation". Parents of school aged children welcome.

Preschool group with PJ Library story and craft based is led by Monica Browning. In November the activities will be around the Jewish value of "Protecting Your Health".

Yummy snacks/ breakfast provided for adults and children.

How Much: \$18 for the session or \$5 drop-in fee. Session price includes the book.

Come meet new friends, or re-connect with familiar faces as you discuss parenting issues. The value focus at each preschool group will parallel the theme of the parent discussion.



Thank you to the Harold Grinspoon Foundation for underwriting this program.

Gesher

Gesher (Bridge) opportunities for 7th & 8th graders!

- **Sunday, January 7 - Visual T'fillah.** Get beyond the prayer book by creating a Visual T'fillah (Powerpoint) for the Friday night service. Lunch available for purchase through the "Teen Lunch Pantry" or BYO. 12:00 - 2:00
- **Saturday, January 20 - Shabbat Study.** Study the parshat shavua (Torah portion of the week) and attend Shabbat morning service. 9:30 - 12:00
- **Sunday, November 28- Rabbi's Restaurant @ California Pizza Kitchen** in Del Monte Center. Have a yummy lunch and an interesting discussion with your friends and Rabbi Greenbaum. Cost of lunch included with Gesher tuition. 12:00 - 2:00 (or meet at the restaurant at 12:15). RSVP.

This program is the required Judaic program to complement Hebrew studies for upcoming B'nai Mitzvah students. Cross the bridge with your friends and classmates - beyond Religious School and into CBI's teen programs.





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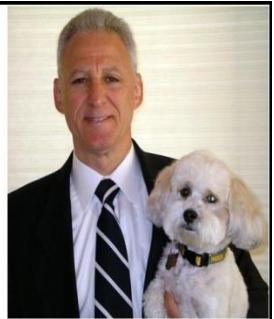
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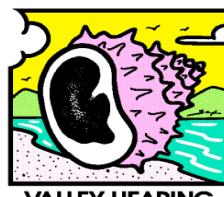
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SOME THINGS HAPPEN FREQUENTLY

A new phenomenon has entered my dome

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I used to talk to myself in my mind
Now it's vocalizing that I find

Strange as it seems with no one around
I bellow out a frustrating sound

The words are logical at the time
Looking for an object that's out of line

Where oh where can this thing be?
I put it out where anyone can see

I look and I ponder to no avail
All the time saying "How can I fail?"

The walls have listened to my urgent
plea
And I know it's somewhere that I can
easily see

So I talk out loud for my own ears to
hear
Wishing for a soothsayer to find my
gear

Whether it's keys or glasses, it matters
not
The anger increases and my mind is
shot

I sit down the disgust in my favorite
chair
And on the arm rest ... guess what's
there?

Parshiot

January 6, Shemot

T: Exodus 1:1-6:1

H: Isaiah 27:6-28:13

January 13, Va'era

T: Exodus 6:2-9:35

H: Jeremiah 46:13-28

January 20, Bo

T: Exodus 10:1-13:16

H: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

January 27, Beshalach

T: Exodus 13:17-17:16

H: Judges 4:4-5:31