

The Menorah Member Update

September 2026

In This Month's Update:

Upcoming Services & Events	Page 1
Governing Committee Message	Page 2
Bat Mitzvah Message & Project	Page 2
Spring Roundup	Page 3
Good & Welfare	Page 3
Support CBI	Page 4
Fund Card Donations	Page 5
Yahrzeit Donations	Page 6
Yahrzeit List	Page 6
Hebrew School Info	Page 8
Interesting Articles	Page 8
Menorah Advertisements	Page 8
Menorah Patrons	Page 8

Upcoming Services & Events - Sept. 2026

Fri.	Sept. 4	7:30pm	Zoom-only Erev Shabbat Service
Sat.	Sept. 5	8:00pm	<i>Selichot Service & Film & Discussion: "The Butterfly Circus"</i>
Sun.	Sept. 6	8:30am	<i>High Holiday Setup</i>
		9:00am	Minyan & Bagel Breakfast
Tue.	Sept. 8	7:30pm	Monthly Board Meeting - In person & via link from home
Fri.	Sept. 11	8:00pm	<i>Erev Rosh Hashanah Service</i>
Sat.	Sept. 12	9:30am	<i>Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Service</i>
		1:15pm	<i>Taschlich Service (in the temple parking lot)</i>
Sun.	Sept. 13	9:30am	<i>Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Service</i>
Fri.	Sept. 18	7:30pm	Zoom-only Erev Shabbat Service
Sat.	Sept. 19	10:00am	Zoom-only Shabbat Shuvah Service & Shabbat a.m. Service
Sun.	Sept. 20	8:30am	<i>Men's Club Build "Ike Gavzy" Sukkah</i>
		9:00am	Minyan & Bagel Breakfast Bagel Breakfast Sponsored by the Kugelmass-Levin Family
		6:00pm	<i>Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre services</i>
Mon.	Sept. 21	9:30am	<i>Yom Kippur Service</i>
		~11:50am	<i>Yizkor Memorial Service</i>
		5:30pm	<i>Yom Kippur Concluding Service</i>
Tue.	Sept. 22	6:30pm	<i>Post-High Holiday Temple Reset</i>
Fri.	Sept. 25	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Sat.	Sept. 26	10:00am	Zoom-only Shabbat a.m. Service
Sun.	Sept. 27	9:00am	Minyan & Bagel Breakfast
Wed.	Sept. 30	7:00pm	Sisterhood Sukkah Evening

To sponsor a Friday night oneg, Shabbat morning Kiddush, or Sunday morning bagel breakfast, click [here](#).

Please continue to check the CBI website (bisrael.com) & the weekly Shul Shmooz for the schedule of in person & Zoom Services and any new events that may be added

Governing Committee Message

We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready to jump in and help out at CBI. In the weeks ahead, there's a lot going on—and we need your support in many ways.

We're already well into the planning for the High Holidays. That includes recruiting people to participate in the services, update prayer books and Torah covers, set up chairs, and much more and then to reverse the process afterward. Just as we finish, we'll transition right into setting up the sukkah and celebrating Simchat Torah. All of this takes time and hands-on help.

Throughout the year, we will hold a wide range of events—some large, some smaller—such as Sisterhood and Men's Club programs and activities. These include Rosh Chodesh services, a food drive, cooking for a shelter, game nights, and more. We will also host a Chanukah dinner, put together Shalach Manot bags for Purim, and have other fundraising events. We need you to take part in these events and/or help with planning them.

In addition to our programming, we also need support in running CBI. There are several open board positions, including membership, events, fundraising, Men's Club, public relations, and others. If you're not interested in serving on the board, there are still ways to get involved by assisting with the responsibilities those roles carry on a single project basis. Without your help, the work won't get done.

We're at a crossroads, and CBI can't continue without volunteers. We have only a few paid positions, and it's volunteers who keep the temple running. Please reach out to either of us to learn how you can help.

Susan Casper and Ellen Sonkin

To contact the Executive Board or the Cantor, please click [here](#)

Bat Mitzvah Message and Project: Sammi Levin

Hi! My name is Sammi Levin and I am going to become a Bat Mitzvah in October of this year. My family has been members at CBI for about three-and-a-half years after being at many other synagogues. I go to Sprout Lake, a Jewish sleep-away camp, every summer, and I see on a daily basis how important it is for Jewish kids to have a community where they can connect to their culture.

For my mitzvah project, I want to help bring more new families into CBI. When my family first started here, we were welcomed by a big community, and [now] I want to help create that community for other kids.

For my project, I am going to help Cantor Lenny lead tot-Shabbat programs and come up with activities that can be fun for kids as well as parents.

In addition to fun programs, we are hoping to serve Shabbat dinner along with the activities. However, that can get expensive. So I need your help.

I would appreciate if members would donate to help cover the cost of the dinners each month. We know that this can get expensive, so that is why this mitzvah project, and the entire shul, would really benefit from whatever you wish to contribute. On behalf of my mitzvah project, and CBI's membership initiative, thank you!

Spring Roundup



Members and friends of CBI participated in the temple's annual Yom HaShoah service, which included the lighting of 6 candles in memory of the 6 million Jews who perished during the Holocaust and an additional 18 candles, to signify "chai."



In honor of Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, members of the "CBI Singers" performed at CBI and again, along with Cantor Mandel, at the Jewish Home Assisted Living in River Vale.



Good and Welfare

Do you know of someone who is ill, suffering, or in need of help or support?

Please contact Cantor Lenny (cantor@bisrael.com), Good and Welfare (goodandwelfare@bisrael.com) and/or CBI's Governing Committee – Susan Casper or Ellen Sonkin (president@bisrael.com) for the appropriate action.

Refuah Sheleyma – Wishing Complete Healing to:

Audrey Bida	Barbara Hayden	Wally Krieger	Joyce Meyerhardt	Marie Shust
Cherry Clarke	Stephanie Kaplan	Audra Landou	Lisa Pollack	Harriette Turk
Merl Dank	Alice Krieger	Tammy Lane	Don Segal	Goni Vardi

Hamakom Yenachem - Comfort for Your Loss:

Condolences to Bernard Schoenfeld and Family on the recent passing of "Heshy" Schoenfeld
Condolences to Howard Gruber and family on the recent passing of Marvin Gruber

Mazel Tov:

To Lynn & Peter Reiff on the marriage of Brian and Sara
To Andrea & Jay Collier on the marriage of Jeremy and Ashley
To Cantor Lenny for his film, "The Bowl" receiving an Honorable Mention recognition at the Hollywood Shortsfest

Support CBI

DONATE MONEY & YOUR TIME!

Email president@bisrael.com to let them know you want to help and volunteer.
To donate, go to bisrael.com, click the "Donate" button, and fill out the online form.

Thank You to Our Members Who Volunteered to Lead Services in August!

August 2 & 16: David Spatz
August 9 & 30: Bernie Schoenfeld
August 14: Sisterhood members
August 23: Chaim Rybak
August 28: Michael Stern

Fund Cards & Donations

(\$10 minimum per card) – Contact: fundcards@bisrael.com

Please consider donating to any of the CBI Funds listed below.

Bernice's Kitchen Fund – for all occasions – in memory of Bernice Kuperinsky – funds used for kitchen equipment

Cantor's Discretionary Fund – benefits organizations, members, causes, and/or purchases at the discretion of the Cantor

Cantor Sid Derner Fund – for all occasions – funds used for existing building needs

Eternal Light Fund – to remember and acknowledge those who have passed away

Freyda Fund - for all joyous occasions - in memory of founding member, Fran (Freyda) Klein. Freyda, means "joy"

Get Well/Good & Welfare Fund – provides food, flowers, etc. to those who are ill, suffered a loss or need temple support

Irving Reikes Memorial Garden Fund – for all occasions – funds used to maintain the gardens around the temple

Social Action Fund – funds used to help those in need

Focus on Israel Fund – funds used in support of CBI's Israel-focused programs

Lucky Number Club

A Calendar Raffle that runs for 9 months from 10/1/26 to 6/24/27.

Every week you have the chance to win \$180 (and You CAN win more than once!)

Donation: **\$36** per number; **\$100** for 3 numbers. There are **2** ways to get your Lucky Numbers.

Go to bisrael.com, click the "Lucky Number" button & fill out the online form *OR*

Mail a check payable to "Congregation B'nai Israel to P.O. Box 345, Emerson, NJ 07630 Attn: Lucky Number Club"

Winning numbers will be determined at a drawing held every Thursday afternoon.

Winners will be notified on Friday by email, and a check will be mailed directly to each winner.

If gambling is a problem for you or anyone in your family, dial 1-800-GAMBLER or visit www.800gambler.org.

Special Thanks

Dear Cantor/Rabbi Lenny, CBI Board and CBI membership,

Judy and I are deeply appreciative for the outpouring of caring we have received on the loss of my brother, Judy's brother-in-Law, Heshy, from everyone. Heshy was very supportive of Israel and visited many times during his lifetime, so planting a tree in Israel, in his name, is a wonderful way to keep his memory alive.

Thank you again to our warm, caring CBI family. We are proud to be part of this family.

Bernie Schoenfeld

Fund Card Donations

Eternal Light Fund

TO: Bernard and Judy Schoenfeld and Family

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Bernard's brother Heshy. May you be comforted by friends and loved ones, and may his memory be for a blessing.

FROM: George and Carolyn Ginsberg

TO: Bernie and Family

Condolences on the passing of your dear brother, Heshy.

FROM: Marie Shust

TO Judy and Bernard Schoenfeld

So sorry for the loss of your dear brother and brother-in-law, Howard Myron Schoenfeld. Sending you and family heartfelt condolences. May his memory be for a blessing.

FROM: Renee and Warren Kuperinsky

TO: Bernard and Judy Schoenfeld and Family

In memory of Bernard's brother, Howard

FROM: Idelle and Gary Schwinder

Eternal Light Fund

TO: Bernard and Judy Schoenfeld

Sending heartfelt condolences on the passing of your beloved brother.

FROM: Wally and Alice Krieger

TO: Judy Schoenfeld

Hoping you are feeling better very soon and that we will see you back at the Temple. Missing you.

Fondly, Ellen Sonkin

TO: Bernard, Judy, and the Schoenfeld Family

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your brother, Heshy. It's so hard to lose any family member, but especially a sibling. We know he will be held close in your hearts, and may his memory be for a blessing.

With love, Ellen and Dave Michelson

TO: Bernard and Judy Schoenfeld

In memory of your beloved brother and brother-in-law Howard Myron Schoenfeld. May his memory be a blessing.

FROM: Susan and Evan Kushner

Eternal Light Fund

TO: Bernie and Judy Schoenfeld

So sorry to hear of your brother's passing. Thinking of you at this difficult time.

FROM: Marcel and Ellen Plaut

TO: Bernard and Judy Schoenfeld

In memory of Howard Schoenfeld - So sorry to hear of the death of your brother. May you have many fond memories of great times together for years to come.

Best wishes, Ellen Sonkin

TO: Linda Rosengart

You are amazing. I am so glad to hear that the recovery has been quick and successful and that you are back on the road to your normal activities. Hope to see you soon.

Fondly, Ellen Sonkin

TO: Bernard and Judy Schoenfeld

In memory of Heshy Schoenfeld

FROM: Lisa Pollack

Good and Welfare Fund

TO: Bernard and Judy Schoenfeld

I am so sorry for your loss. May you have no more sorrows.

Love, Marilyn Weinstein

TO: To Bernard and Judy Schoenfeld

So sorry to hear about your brother's passing. May his memory be a blessing.

Love, Lori & Scott Yoselow

Get Well Fund

TO: Judy Schoenfeld

Wishing you continued health and vitality for quick and complete healing.

Love, Carolyn and George Ginsberg

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

TO: Bernard and Judy Schoenfeld

Our sincere condolences on the loss of Bernard's brother.

Love, Linda and Steve Shapiro

Irving Reikes Memorial Fund

TO: The Collier Family

Mazel Tov on the Uf Ruf for your son. And for the simcha to come. May your family continue to grow and bring you much joy!

FROM: George and Carolyn Ginsberg

General Fund

TO: Bernard and Judy Schoenfeld

We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your dear brother. May his memory bring you comfort.

Love, Jayne and Richard Rubinfeld-Waldron

Freyda Fund

TO: Bernard and Judy Schoenfeld and Family

In memory of Howard Myron Schoenfeld. May his memory be for a blessing.

FROM: Robin and Steve Ingram

Focus on Israel

TO: Bernie and Judy Schoenfeld

You have our sincere condolences and support during this difficult time following Heshy's passing.

With heartfelt sympathy,

FROM: Naomi & Bruce Weinberg

TO: Linda & Steve Shapiro

We were thrilled to learn of Lenna Eleanor's arrival. Mazel Tov to you and your family!

FROM: Naomi & Bruce Weinberg

Social Action Fund

TO: Linda & Steve Shapiro

Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Lenna Eleanor. Wishing your family a lifetime of love, joy, and wonderful memories with Lenna!

FROM: Renee and Warren Kuperinsky

Yahrzeit Donations

Donations in Remembrance

Donna Kaufman to honor the memory of Florence Kaufman
Judy Schoenfeld to honor the memory of Edwin F. Lanceit
Ileene Yashpeh to honor the memory of David Yashpeh
Renee and Warren Kuperinsky to honor the memory of Robert Kronenfeld
Lisa Pollack to honor the memory of Charlotte Levy Pollack
Donna Kaufman to honor the memory of Roy Kaufman
Jeffrey and Patricia Siegel to honor the memory of Rubin H. Miller



To make a donation in remembrance, Click: [YAHZEIT DONATIONS](#)

Yahrzeit List

Our Yahrzeit Listing includes familial relationships, when known.

If you have corrections or additional details, want to have your name removed from a Yahrzeit remembrance, or wish to purchase a Yahrzeit plaque – please contact Lynn Reiff at memorial.coordinator@bisrael.com.

Deceased Name	Hebrew Date	Secular Date	Mourner
Meyer David Schneider	19 Elul	9/1/2026	Relative of Rachel Bazel
Harry L. Wechsler	19 Elul	9/1/2026	Husband of Hanna Wechsler
Judith D. Boyd	19 Elul	9/1/2026	Mother of Michael Boyd, Relative of William Boyd
May Feinman	20 Elul	9/2/2026	
Francine Kulek	20 Elul	9/2/2026	Sister of Toby Fleisher, Relative of Gail Starr
David Tauber	21 Elul	9/3/2026	Relative of Joan Eben, Relative of Marc Glazer
Jennie Reitknecht	21 Elul	9/3/2026	Relative of Miriam Ziegelheim
Elaine Feigelman	23 Elul	9/5/2026	
Edward E. Silverberg	23 Elul	9/5/2026	
Oscar Faltitschek	24 Elul	9/6/2026	
Sophie Lipis	26 Elul	9/8/2026	Relative of Linda Rosengart
Asher Amity	27 Elul	9/9/2026	
Rose Sklar	27 Elul	9/9/2026	
Eileen Davis	28 Elul	9/10/2026	Relative of Tracy Ganbarg
Seymour Roth	28 Elul	9/10/2026	Relative of Joan Eben
Julius Brooks	28 Elul	9/10/2026	Grandfather of Nancy Passow
Victor Meer	1 Tishrei	9/12/2026	Relative of Harvey Meer
Ruth Kutzin	1 Tishrei	9/12/2026	Mother of Larry Kutzin

Yahrzeit List

Deceased Name	Hebrew Date	Secular Date	Mourner
Mary Stein	2 Tishrei	9/13/2026	Relative of Roy Klein
Devorah Grosflan	3 Tishrei	9/14/2026	Relative of Belinda Hecht
Marcus William Weiden	3 Tishrei	9/14/2026	Relative of Tobi Breslaw
Meta Plaut	4 Tishrei	9/15/2026	Relative of Marcel Plaut
Sue Cohen	4 Tishrei	9/15/2026	Relative of Tobi Breslaw
Robert O. Bird	5 Tishrei	9/16/2026	Relative of Cynthia Bird
Abraham Sadowsky	6 Tishrei	9/17/2026	Relative of Walter Krieger, Relative of Laura Braverman
Rae Weisberg	7 Tishrei	9/18/2026	Relative of Alice Krieger
Blanche Fassler Taub	7 Tishrei	9/18/2026	Relative of Belinda Hecht
Reva Jaffe	10 Tishrei	9/21/2026	
Sally Kalish	10 Tishrei	9/21/2026	Relative of Lawrence Grapin
Bernard Silverberg	10 Tishrei	9/21/2026	Husband of Fran Silverberg
Henry Silverberg	11 Tishrei	9/22/2026	Relative of Fran Silverberg
Byrdie C. Anton	11 Tishrei	9/22/2026	
Ronald "Ron" Glazer	11 Tishrei	9/22/2026	Relative of Marc Glazer, Relative of Joan Eben
Nathan Holtzman	13 Tishrei	9/24/2026	
Victor W. Kleinfeld	15 Tishrei	9/26/2026	Relative of Marian Bluestein
Edwin Levine	15 Tishrei	9/26/2026	Grandfather of Michael Levine, Father of Daniel Levine
Arlene Fultonberg	15 Tishrei	9/26/2026	Mother of Susan Casper, Wife of Donald Fultonberg
Shirley Salesky	16 Tishrei	9/27/2026	
Herbert Kaufman	17 Tishrei	9/28/2026	Father of Lawrence Kaufman
Molly Vogel	18 Tishrei	9/29/2026	Relative of Arnold Vogel
Minnie Ziegelheim	18 Tishrei	9/29/2026	
Max I. Herman	18 Tishrei	9/29/2026	
Hilda Katz	19 Tishrei	9/30/2026	Relative of Ruth Hirschel
Yetta Herman	19 Tishrei	9/30/2026	

May all of their memories be for a blessing.

Hebrew School 2026-2027

THERE HAVE BEEN 5,786 YEARS OF JEWISH HISTORY.
HOW MUCH OF IT DOES YOUR FAMILY KNOW?

STORIES
Timeless tales of strength, wisdom and imagination.

MUSIC
Songs that carry our heritage from generation to generation.

ART
Creativity that expresses who we are.

TRADITIONS
Customs and celebrations that connect us.

COMMUNITY
Friendship. Belonging. A place to grow together.

We can help.
FREE HEBREW SCHOOL
 4 years old through 3rd Grade - Sunday Only

Sign up now!
 QR code: <https://www.bisrael.com/education>

CBI
 CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL
 1172 East Ridgewood Avenue, Suite 6
 Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450
 Tel: (845) 294-6906
 Fax: (845) 294-6280
 E-mail: allan@millsteinc.com

CBI is excited to offer a FREE HEBREW SCHOOL for children 4 years old through 3rd grade!

These Sunday-Only Classes will include: Songs - Culture - Crafts – and a Bagel Breakfast for the entire family.

It's a fun and engaging program to provide a joyful introduction to Jewish learning. All families welcome!

Signup going on now!

Temple membership not required.

For more info, contact: education@bisrael.com

OR Submit an Inquiry Form, click: [CBI Hebrew School Info](https://www.bisrael.com/education)

To register for Hebrew School, click: [Hebrew School Registration](https://www.bisrael.com/education)

First Day of Hebrew School is Oct. 18

Tell Your Friends!

A Few Articles Which May Be of Interest (Thank you to Ellen Michelson, who shares these articles)



**A picture at an exhibition
 How my mother escaped Germany
 by Rabbi/Cantor Lenny Mandel**
 Click: [Lenny Article](#)



Jews Don't Eat Mayonnaise (And Other Myths Our Jewish Parents Told Us). Click: [Mayo](#)



The Very Jewish History of the Teddy Bear.
 Click: [Teddy](#)



Extreme Judaism! 12 Facts About Jewish Life in the Polar Regions
 Click: [Facts](#)

MENORAH ADVERTISEMENTS

ALLAN L. MILLSTEIN, CPA, LLC
TAX ACCOUNTANTS & CONSULTANTS

1172 East Ridgewood Avenue, Suite 6
 Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450
 Tel: (845) 294-6906
 Fax: (845) 294-6280
 E-mail: allan@millsteinc.com

Allan L. Millstein, CPA

TAX PREPARATION • TAX PLANNING • ACCOUNTING • AUDITING

SALT of the EARTH Center for Healing

811 Chestnut Ridge Rd. Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977
 845.290.0678 www.saltoftheearthcfh.com

Home of Himalayan salt cave therapy!

SHERYL SILVER
 Owner
 Health Coach

DR. SUSAN TORON
 Owner/Chiropractor
 Functional Nutrition

JOAN D'ELIA, ASP, CNE, SRES
 Sales Associate

201-803-6231 Cell
 201-930-8820 Office
 862-345-3382 EFax
 Joan.Delia@CBMMoves.com

COLDWELL BANKER
 RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

50 Broadway
 Hillsdale, NJ 07642
JoanDelia.com

Owned by a subsidiary of NRT LLC.

MENORAH PATRONS

Richard and Shelly Birnbaum
 Barry & Marian Bluestein
 Stephn Brody & Susan Hertzberg
 Joan Eben
 Peter & Tracy Ganbarg
 Robert & Bonnie Greenblatt
 Stanley & Marilyn Halprin
 Belinda Hecht & Howard Youngman
 Ruth Hirschel

Vivian Holzer
 Stanley & Francine Kaplan
 Donna Kaufman
 Kenneth & Constance Klein
 Bill Lazarus
 Vivienne Levenson
 David Meinhard & Ellen Breger
 David & Ellen Michelson
 Allan & Jacqueline Millstein

Victoria Pasher
 Fred & Robin Pierce
 Marcel & Ellen Plaut
 Peter & Lynn Reiff
 Marc & Rachelle Saperstein
 Bernard & Judith Schoenfeld
 Gary & Idelle Schwinder
 Donald & Fern Segal
 David & Sheryl Silver

Ellen Sonkin
 Michael & Gail Starr
 Harriette Turk
 Hanna Wechsler
 Marilyn Weinstein
 Steven & Joan Zelman
 Robert & Pam Zisner