The Menorah Member Update

October 2026

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Upcoming Services & Events - Oct. 2026

Thu.	Oct. 1	7:00pm	Men's Club's "Scotch, Steak & Salmon in the Sukkah"
Fri.	Oct. 2	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat service
Sat.	Oct. 3	10:00am	Zoom-Only Yizkor & Shabbat a.m. service
		7:00pm	Simchat Torah celebration
Sun.	Oct. 4	9:00am	Minyan & Bagel Breakfast - Bagel Breakfast sponsored by Harvey Meer in celebration of the 7th birthday of his granddaughter, Willow Rae Schreiber
		10:00 am	Family Simchat Torah Celebration
Thu.	Oct. 8	12:00pm	Senior's Lunch
		7:30pm	On-Zoom and in person - Sisterhood Book Club
Fri.	Oct. 9	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat service - Oneg sponsored by the Kugelmass-Levin family
Sat.	Oct. 10	9:30am	Bat Mitzvah of Sammi Levin
		11:45am	Kiddush sponsored by the Kugelmass-Levin family
Sun.	Oct. 11	9:00am	Minyan & Bagel Breakfast
		7:30pm	Zoom-Only Sisterhood Gathering for Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan
Tue.	Oct. 13	8:00pm	Monthly Board Meeting - In person & via link from home
Fri.	Oct. 16	7:30pm	Zoom-Only Erev Shabbat service
Sat.	Oct. 17	10:00am	Zoom-Only Shabbat a.m. service
Sun.	Oct. 18	9:00am	First Day of Hebrew School
		9:00am	Minyan & Bagel Breakfast
Sat.	Oct. 17	10:00am	Zoom-Only Shabbat a.m. service
Tue.	Oct. 20	7:30pm	Zoom-Only Sisterhood Movie Discussion
Fri.	Oct. 23	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat service
Sat.	Oct. 24	10:00am	Zoom-only Shabbat a.m. service
Sun.	Oct. 25	9:00am	Minyan & Bagel Breakfast
Fri.	Oct. 30	7:30pm	Casual Erev Shabbat service
Sat.	Oct. 31	10:00am	Zoom-only Shabbat a.m. Service

Sponsor a Friday night oneg, Shabbat morning kiddush, or Sunday morning bagel breakfast.

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

The Cantor's Drash from 9/11

Watch Cantor Lenny's inspiring Erev Rosh Hashanah Drash.
See his highlights below. Click to the right to watch the entire Sermon.

Watch the Sermon



Twenty-five years ago, on a beautiful Tuesday morning, the world changed, and tonight, on Erev Rosh Hashanah, twenty-five years later, we gather together to begin a new year, but twenty-five years isn't necessarily long enough for memory to disappear, because some memories don't disappear. They become part of us.

On Rosh Hashanah, we stand before God and say: Zochreinu l'chayim — Remember us for life, remember us, our lives, our families, and those who are no longer here.

But here's the other side of that coin. Memory isn't only about the past, memory is supposed to change the future, and that may be one of the deepest messages of the High Holy Days.

We don't come here simply to remember what happened. We come here to ask: What will I do differently because I remember?

Twenty-five years ago, thousands of people woke up expecting an ordinary day, and they never came home. If I knew that this year was precious, would I live it differently?

View Contact Info for CBI Executive Board or the Cantor

Bat Mitzvah Message & 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!

Donate to Sammi's Project

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	Roy Klein	Tammy Lane	Eric Van Guyzen
Cherry Clarke	Bill Lazarus	Alice Krieger	Bill Lazarus	Goni Vardi
Danny Fischbein	Connie Klein	Wally Krieger	Marie Shust	Pam Zisner
Sidney Fleischer	Ken Klein	Audra Landou	Harriette Turk	

Hamakom Yenachem - Comfort for Your Loss:

Condolences to Sid Fleisher and Gail Starr and family, on the recent passing of Toby Fleisher.
Condolences to Peter Reiff and family, on the recent passing of Peter's sister, Robin Hayes.
Condolences to Rick Lipshultz and family, on the recent passing of Rick's brother, Steven Lipshultz

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 winning best actor at the Grove Film Festival for his role in his short film "The Bowl".
To Cantor Lenny for the recognition of "The Bowl" as a semi-finalist at the Teaneck International Film Festival.



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.

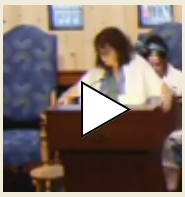
Congratulations to This Year's Sid Derner Volunteer of the Year Award Recipients:

- Carolyn Ginsberg
- Sammi Levin
- Bernard Schoenfeld

This Year's Kol Nidre Appeal Speech by Naomi Weinberg

This year's appeal was once again in the style popularized by Naomi that contains well over 45 movie titles. Watch it and name as many titles you can. Or read it and see how the titles were incorporated. And please make a donation by clicking the link below, donating online, mailing your pledge card or mailing a check to CBI.

Watch the Appeal



Donate to Kol Nidre Appeal

Read Movie-Themed Appeal

Thank You to David Spatz Who Volunteered to Lead Services on September 4th & 6th!

High Holiday Set Up and Reset

Thanks to all of the volunteers who help transform the Sanctuary and Social Hall to beautiful space to celebrate the High Hoidays.





Fund Card 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

Fund Card Donations

Eternal Light Fund
TO: Nancy Passow
In memory of your beloved brother, Jimmy Reinish.
FROM: Marie Shust

TO: Bernard Schoenfeld
We were so sorry to learn of your brother's passing. May his memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Sue and Marty Casper

TO: Peter and Lynn Reiff and Famiy
We are so sorry to learn of the passing of your beloved sister, Robin. May you be comforted by friends and loved ones, and may her memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Carolyn and George Ginsberg

TO: Lisa Pollack
Dear Lisa,
We are sad to learn of the passing of your dear Aunt. We know how much she meant to you. May the many beautiful memories you have bring you peace and smiles as you reflect on your time together.
Sending love and hugs,
Judy and Bernard Schoenfeld

TO: Howard and Alane Gruber
I am so sorry for your loss. May you have no more sorrows.
FROM: Marilyn Weinstein

TO: The Gruber family
Dear Howard & Alane & family,
Condolences on the passing of Howard's brother, Marvin Gruber. May you have many fond memories to remember him by.
Best wishes, Ellen Sonkin

Eternal Light Fund
TO: Howard Gruber
Dear Howard,
We send you our deepest condolences on the loss of your dear brother. May his memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Bernard and Judy Schoenfeld

TO: Howard and Alane Gruber
In memory of your dear brother,
FROM: Marie Shust

TO: Gail Starr
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your dear mother. May her memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Sue and Marty Casper

FOCUS ON ISRAEL
TO: Cantor/Rabbi Lenny
We want you to know how much we appreciated your efforts and drashim during the High Holidays, especially with regard to the "phone-in" technique during the Torah service on the 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah. Because of you, all who attended from home or in Emerson were able to feel a sense of togetherness and community when the rains tried to keep us apart. Keeping us connected as you did was wonderful and made the service that much more beautiful and meaningful.
Todah rabah, Naomi & Bruce

Good and Welfare Fund
TO: The Collier family
Dear Andrea & Jay
Congratulations on the marriage of Jeremy and Ashley. I hope they have many years of good fortune, laughter, and love.
FROM: Ellen Sonkin

TO: Michael and Gail Starr and Family,
Our sincere condolences to you, your dad Sidney, and your entire family on the passing of your beloved family member Toby. May her memory be for a blessing.
Sincerely, Ellen and Dave

TO: Dear Peter and Lynn Reiff, and Family,
It is always so difficult to lose a dear family member, but especially so just after celebrating your special family Simcha, and while the message of the High Holidays still resonates. Please accept our sincere condolences on Robin's passing, and may her memory be for a blessing. Love,
Ellen and Dave Michelson

TO: The Reiff family
Dear Peter & Lynn
Congratulations on the marriage of Brian and Sara. I hope they have many years of good fortune, laughter, and love.
Best wishes, Ellen Sonkin

Get Well Fund
TO: Andy Weinstein
We send mishaberachs your way and wish you a complete and speedy recovery!
With love & support, Naomi & Bruce

Yahrzeit Donations

Donations in Remembrance

Harvey Meer to honor the memory of Victor Meer
Audrey Bida to honor the memory of Sylvia Berkowitz
Tobi Beslaw to honor the memory of Marcus William Weiden
Marcel and Ellen Plaut to honor the memory of Meta Plaut
Fran Silverberg to honor the memory of Bernard Silverberg
Lawrence Kaufman to honor the memory of Herbert Kaufman
Lawrence and July Grapin to honor the memory of Sally Kalish
Alice and Wally Krieger to honor the memory of Rae Weisberg
Hanna Wechsler to honor the memory of Harry Wechsler



Make a Yahrzeit Donation in Remembrance

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
Solomon Vigotsky	20 Tishrei	10/1/2026	
Joel Breger	20 Tishrei	10/1/2026	Brother of Ellen Breger
Akiva Taubenslag	21 Tishrei	10/2/2026	Relative of Belinda Hecht
Miriam Diamond	22 Tishrei	10/3/2026	
Betty Klibinoff	22 Tishrei	10/3/2026	Relative of Diane Bobbins
Sarah Horowitz	22 Tishrei	10/3/2026	
Sheila S. Faerber	22 Tishrei	10/3/2026	Mother of Michael Faerber
Lillian Zirl	23 Tishrei	10/4/2026	
Matilda (Tillie) Boltuch	23 Tishrei	10/4/2026	Relative of Bruce Boltuch
Jack Zelman	23 Tishrei	10/4/2026	Relative of Steven Zelman
Julian Schreiber	23 Tishrei	10/4/2026	Relative of Meryl Schreiber
Louis Lobell	23 Tishrei	10/4/2026	Relative of Judith Newell
Louis Noah Ornitz	23 Tishrei	10/4/2026	Relative of Barbara Ornitz
Bernice Karpman	23 Tishrei	10/4/2026	Relative of Stacey Karpman
Ruth Lorraine Masters	23 Tishrei	10/4/2026	Mother of Scott Masters
Brian Robert Brintz	24 Tishrei	10/5/2026	Relative of Robert Brintz
Lillie Schiff	24 Tishrei	10/5/2026	Relative of Cathy Brintz
Sol Grodin	24 Tishrei	10/5/2026	Relative of Ira Grodin
Lawrence Willing	24 Tishrei	10/5/2026	
Murray Martin Schwalbe	24 Tishrei	10/5/2026	Relative of Steven Schwalbe
Benjamin Buckler	25 Tishrei	10/6/2026	
Aaron Schiff	25 Tishrei	10/6/2026	Relative of Cathy Brintz
Edith Jaffe	25 Tishrei	10/6/2026	
Esther Friedman	26 Tishrei	10/7/2026	Relative of Harriette Turk
Phillip Dym	27 Tishrei	10/8/2026	
Lillian Bressler	28 Tishrei	10/9/2026	Relative of Abe Bressler
Marjorie Mondschein	28 Tishrei	10/9/2026	
Mabel Dobbs	29 Tishrei	10/10/2026	Relative of Roy Klein
Martin Reinish	29 Tishrei	10/10/2026	Father of Nancy Passow
Jacob Swerlick	1 Cheshvan	10/12/2026	Relative of Harriette Turk
Reba Milano	2 Cheshvan	10/13/2026	

May all of their memories be for a blessing.

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Deceased Name	Hebrew Date	Secular Date	Mourner
Deborah Cara Zenker	3 Cheshvan	10/14/2026	Relative of J. Zenker
Frances Cushman	3 Cheshvan	10/14/2026	Mother of Susan Kushner
Joseph Rosengart	4 Cheshvan	10/15/2026	Relative of Linda Rosengart
Daisy Parker	4 Cheshvan	10/15/2026	
Roslyn C Herman	5 Cheshvan	10/16/2026	
Mark Kannry	5 Cheshvan	10/16/2026	Relative of Enid Kossar Kannry
Sophie Klirsfeld	5 Cheshvan	10/16/2026	
Rozalia Kleiner	6 Cheshvan	10/17/2026	Relative of Hanna Wechsler
Albert Heller	7 Cheshvan	10/18/2026	Relative of Sherrie Ratner
Harry Noble	8 Cheshvan	10/19/2026	Relative of Bruce Noble
Jesse Kaplan	8 Cheshvan	10/19/2026	Relative of Sandy Kaplan
Bessie Hodus	8 Cheshvan	10/19/2026	Relative of Roberta Santiago
Jack Sonkin	8 Cheshvan	10/19/2026	Father-in-law of Ellen Sonkin
Hilde Meyerhardt	8 Cheshvan	10/19/2026	Relative of Joyce Meyerhardt
Barbara J. Steinberg	8 Cheshvan	10/19/2026	Aunt of Naomi Weinberg
Esther Tannenbaum	9 Cheshvan	10/20/2026	Relative of B Tannenbaum
Morris Klein	10 Cheshvan	10/21/2026	Relative of Anne Rosner
Emma Rose Adoff	10 Cheshvan	10/21/2026	Relative of Leonard Adoff
Israel Kaplan	11 Cheshvan	10/22/2026	
Marcia Levens	12 Cheshvan	10/23/2026	Mother of Carolyn Miron
Rose Steinman	13 Cheshvan	10/24/2026	Relative of Aron Richman
Betty Richman	15 Cheshvan	10/26/2026	Mother of Aron Richman, Mother of Gerald Richman, Mother of Laura Richman
Bernard Simmons	15 Cheshvan	10/26/2026	
Abraham Weitsman	17 Cheshvan	10/28/2026	Grandfather of Michael Abrams
Esther Kligman	17 Cheshvan	10/28/2026	
Rashel Y. S. Meer	17 Cheshvan	10/28/2026	Relative of Harvey Meer
Edith Aisenman	18 Cheshvan	10/29/2026	Mother of Craig Aisenman
Sylvia Zelman	19 Cheshvan	10/30/2026	Relative of Steven Zelman
Dave Mandel	20 Cheshvan	10/31/2026	Father of Lenny Mandel
Richard Bloom	20 Cheshvan	10/31/2026	Relative of Larry Bloom
Abraham Krugman	20 Cheshvan	10/31/2026	Relative of Carole Shale
Estelle Krugman	20 Cheshvan	10/31/2026	Relative of Carole Shale

May all of their memories be for a blessing.

Hebrew School 2026-2027



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.

First Day of Hebrew School is Oct. 18

For more info, contact: education@bisrael.com

OR Submit an Inquiry Form, click: CBI Hebrew School Info

To register for Hebrew School, click: Hebrew School Registration

Tell Your Friends!

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



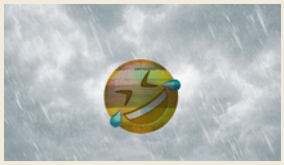
Preserve Your Memories A Look Back at What Matters the Most by Rabbi/Cantor Lenny Mandel Read Article



A New Season of "Fauda" Tackles Oct. 7 - The New Season Centers Both Trauma & Revenge in a Post Oct. 7 World. Read Article



A Muslim Educator & Rabbi: One Ideology Threatens Us Both Read Article



The Yiddish Expression 'Man Plans, God Laughs' Is My Life Motto. These days, things rarely go as planned. That's OK. Read Article

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