

SHOFAR



Monthly Newsletter of the Monterey Peninsula Jewish Community
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Carmel Jewish Film Festival Will Feature Great Films and Programs

It is difficult to know where to begin, so in this issue of the *Shofar* we will talk about the first half of the festival, covering the remaining films and events in the March issue. All of the films are worthy of your time, and this year's programming will be the best yet.

First and foremost, don't miss the FREE PREVIEW on Saturday, February 9 at 7:30 at CBI. *Bombshell: The Hedy Lamar Story* will whet your appetite for more cinematic excellence.

Opening Night is Saturday, March 2, at the Carmel High School Performing Arts Center. There will be a reception at 6:30 pm, with members of the CHS orchestra providing music. The film, *Carl Laemmle*, will begin at 7:30 pm. You may not recognize his name, but you will be amazed by this story about the man who started the Hollywood film industry. Greg Laemmle, president of Laemmle Theaters in L.A. and a descendent of Carl Laemmle, will talk about Jews and Hollywood and answer questions about the film industry.

On Sunday, March 3, we will welcome back film director Roberta Grossman. (Continued on page 7)



Lunch with the Rabbi

Join Rabbi Greenbaum this month on Thursday, February 7 at noon at Baja Cantina located about a mile east of CBI, when he will lead a discussion on "Antisemitism Today." As 2018 ended the ADL reported antisemitism had greatly increased over previous years. Is antisemitism really on the rise in the United States? What can we do about it? Do we need to make our synagogue more secure? Come prepared to RESPECTFULLY discuss, question and debate these issues. Lunch costs only \$20. Call the CBI office at 624-2015 to RSVP.



BEST YEARS

Let's Go to the Movies

It has been fun the last two years so let's do it again! All those who want to be part of our Best Years group, join us on Thursday February 28 as we meet at the Del Monte Cinema to enjoy a great movie on the big screen! We will tentatively gather in front of the theater at 12:45 p.m. and have a choice of at least a few movies to attend. We do not all have to watch the same movie but can split up depending on your movie choices. Depending on what movies are available that Thursday, we might adjust the meeting time. After the movies have ended, we will regather across the street at Cold Stone for a little ice cream dessert! Because of our CBI Senior Endowment Fund the movie and ice cream are FREE! Look for announcements the middle of February about movie titles and times. Those who want can ride with Rabbi from CBI. Let us know if you will meet at the theater or go with the Rabbi. To RSVP please call the CBI office.

From the Rabbi's Desk...



As I write this, winter has finally hit the Monterey Peninsula. For a while we had colder than normal temperatures, and then, finally the rain came. Although it has ruined a few of my tennis games, I love that we finally started to get the much needed moisture. A friend sent me a little lesson. He shared, "A community gathered together to pray for rain because of the long draught that had inflicted their community. Everyone in the community attended the ceremony, but only one boy brought an umbrella." Now that's faith!

While there is no way for me to predict the weather in the months ahead, I have noticed already that our plants are a little healthier. Maybe now is the time to remind you of one idea I shared during the High Holy Day season. I suggested that our congregation should consider creating a community garden maybe in conjunction with our neighbors just east of us. This could serve as a wonderful teaching tool for our students and participants in the Paradigm program. It could also be an excellent resource for those in our community who otherwise might struggle to find funds to purchase fresh produce. I imagine that if we were successful, we could even use items we grow to support our dinners for the IHELP participants.

I have heard many people speak about wanting to get involved in this type of project, but have not yet seen anyone actually take steps to make this happen. Who will join me in this effort? Please call me at 624-2015 and tell me what role you might take in making this dream become a reality. I need people to chair what I am naming "The Garden Project." We will need people who can help us design it, people to help us build it, people who will help acquire fencing and gardening materials, and of course down the road we will need lots of people to

help with planting, weeding and caring for our garden.

It is nice to say that something is important or one of our values, but until we take action, we are not embracing that value. If you are concerned about our environment, if you are concerned about the hungry, if you are concerned about healthy eating, please join me in this effort. If many of us step up to participate no one job will be too overwhelming. There is a role for every volunteer.

About a mile down the road from the synagogue Carmel Middle School has successfully created their own community garden. We do not have to reinvent the wheel as we create our project. Let us use their successes to guide us. In our congregation we have experts in many fields. Let's combine our resources and our expertise to bring our Garden Project to fruition.

Our biblical narrative is clear about the importance of working the fields. Our pilgrimage festivals Sukkot, Passover and Shavuot are also a celebration of the Fall, Spring and Summer harvests. Already on CBI grounds we have grown our own *s'chach* to cover our Sukkot. Maybe we can grow our own Etrog tree as well. Let us plant items we can use at our Passover Seder.

We are truly blessed to live in a place where the earth generously gives us so much produce. Let us celebrate this blessing together. Amen.





From our
President
*Cara Lieb, President
Board of Trustees*

stepped out of the self-imposed ghetto of my childhood, and into the wider world, where I discovered many wonderful new things.

Kashrut fell away. Shabbat slipped. I discovered friendship and love awaiting me in the "enemy camp." Studying Eastern religion, intermarrying, relishing sacred music from all religions--I have developed my own perspective. Nonetheless, I look back fondly, lovingly, at the benevolence, safety, and intimacy of the Jewish community where I was nurtured and embraced by Yiddishkeit. Finally, I have to say that every day of my life I thank my parents, Harry and Shirley, for giving me that firm grounding in the heart and soul of Jewish life, so that I could chart new directions without losing my way.

Our Jewish Stories featuring: Pauline Troia

This month's installment of "Our Jewish Stories" comes from someone you will recognize immediately, Pauline Troia. What would our High Holy Days--and so many other musical events--be like without her keyboard accompaniment? It's difficult to imagine. . . . Here's her bio in a nutshell:

My Jewish story begins with the story of my parents, Harry (Aaron) and Shirley (Sarah) Cotell. They were part of the second wave of European Jews who arrived in Chicago at the turn of the 20th Century (the Ashkenazis). From the shtetl, to the West Side of Chicago, to the suburbs, they all moved along together: typically advancing their educations at the Jewish Institute, learning English--but speaking Yiddish at home.

Expectations were high for my siblings and me. We had to earn good grades, put in hours of music practice, and attend Hebrew school after regular classes. It was a busy life, but somehow, we found time to ride our bikes around the block, and to play dangerously on the rooftops.

We were strictly kosher then--I still have the multiple sets of dishes to prove it! We walked to Shabbat services. My elementary school was 99% Jewish. The sense of Jewish identity and community was pervasive and strong.

That identity is still rock solid within me. I love the Hebrew language, Jewish studies, Jewish humor and the richness of our musical liturgy. I grew up totally steeped in it. But I eventually



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Our ancestors knew how to recycle – recall the delightful folk story about the tailor who turns his worn coat first into a vest and when that wears out into a hat, and then later a tie and when all that is left is a

button, he has enough for a story. Nowadays we can learn from this as we figure out what to do with the mountain of stuff that surrounds us.

The prevailing message has been that recycling is the answer – turning used materials into new products. But even when we do recycle we rarely make products of equal value, we ‘down cycle.’ Recycling plastic into other products requires a lot of energy and water. There are trade-offs at every corner. Aluminum, glass and steel are the only recyclables that can actually be restored to their original use, and the market for recyclable material is rapidly changing. China, the largest importer of US recyclables, has closed its doors to much of these materials.

Monterey County’s haulers and landfills have collaborated to help end-users identify what can be recycled with the new app WHAT GOES WHERE <http://whatgoeswhere.info> The app may surprise you. For example, in the City of Monterey you can’t recycle your clear plastic clam shell container, but you can if your trash is picked up in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Here at CBI, the Jewish Food Festival has a long relationship working with the Monterey Regional Waste Management District and our hauler, Waste Management, to assure our event is as sustainable as possible. Last April, the JFF was recognized as a Small Planet Champion by the MRWMD. We are proud to be a leader in Monterey County on this issue.

The moral of the story is that recycling is not enough. We need to make a better effort at reducing waste and tie those efforts to improvements in our lives. There are endless ways to achieve this goal – consider bringing a water bottle next time you leave the house (fewer plastic bottles to be made/used). Reuse and repair whenever possible (make yourself a vest from that jacket). Donate re-useable items helping those in need. Start a compost pile (reducing waste and improving the soil). The bottom line is that being mindful consumers will help ensure a sustainable future for generations to follow.

Dear Editor:

We wish to recognize and give thanks to those who helped make the celebration of Jerry Rubin's life on December 30th at the Congregation so special and beyond our wildest expectations. We couldn't have found a better setting and a warmer welcome anywhere.

We want to thank Abra Teitler, Abby King and Rabbi Bruce for planning the event so well that it came off without a kink. And the food service... so delicious and well served: Kudos again to Abra Teitler, Melina Breaux, Karen Loomis, Sandy Russak and Susan Schwartz, and any of you who contributed goodies to the bountiful spread.

Additional thanks go to Rabbi Bruce for his role as Master of Ceremonies, and for his help in restoring the Synagogue back to normal- all those chairs!

We are also so glad that so many shared in our celebration!

Gratefully yours,

Suellen, Nancy and Emily Rubin



CBI Book Club

February 12, 1:30 PM,
home of Karen Wiskoff (wiskoff@aol.com).
Book: A BOY IN WINTER by Rachel Seiffert

March 12, 1:30 PM, Congregation Beth Israel.
Book: WAYS TO DISAPPEAR by Idra Novey

April 9, 1:30 PM, home of Karen Wiskoff
(wiskoff@aol.com). Book: THE DOOR by
Magda Szabó



CBI Writers' Group

Our writers group will get
together on Thursday, February
21, at 10:30, in the CBI Library.
All are welcome.

Thinking about honoring a
loved one or a special occasion?

Consider a plaque at CBI

A leaf on the Tree of Life \$180

A Yahrzeit Plaque in our sanctuary \$360



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JOIN THE FUN!

March 23, 2019

7-10pm

- Appetizers, wine, beer, soft drinks
- Dance to the music of Andrea's Fault
- Silent auction
- Costumes (optional)

\$54 per person

RSVP: (831) 624-2015

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CJFF FREE SNEAK PREVIEW



**BOMBSHELL:
THE HEDY
LAMARR STORY**

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 9
7:30 PM**



**CBI Super Bowl "Tailgate" for I-HELP -
Donations Needed**

CBI will host the I-HELP men on Sunday, February 3 at 3pm to watch the Super Bowl. The seventh grade class is providing dinner but snacks for the game would be greatly appreciated. We would like to make a big batch of nachos. If you can provide tortilla chips, shredded cheese, beans, salsa, soda, or other snacks, please drop them off at CBI anytime before 3pm on 2/3. Please label the items and leave them in the kitchen.

For information or snack ideas, please contact Matthew or Charlene Schuss at cnmne3@comcast.net or (831) 250-7170. Thank you for contributing to this mitzvah!

AT HOME WITH CBI 5779

This year we have a really nice selection of events for At Home w/CBI. There are dinners, music, relaxation, desserts, and much more. There is limited room at every event. If you see something you like don't wait until the last minute because it may sell out. The hosts of each special gathering underwrite the expenses. This allows all the money paid by participants to go directly to supporting CBI.

A very special thank you to all the event sponsors. This fundraiser couldn't happen without them. And it won't be successful without your support. Everyone is encouraged to share these very special events with your friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcome.

March 16th - Dinner and a Movie - This event is in collaboration with the CJFF and sponsored by Bob Fenton, Debra Givner & Malina Breaux. Enjoy a delicious dinner at the Fenton/Givner's cooked by Malina. Then walk to CBI for a dessert reception followed by The Last Suit with reserved seating. \$60 per person (\$36 if you already have your movie & reception ticket)

March 30th - Dessert & Wine Reception at the Lakind's - Toni & Randy are excited to share their beautiful Tierra Grande home with stunning valley views. With Toni's 12 year experience owning Toni's Desserts in Houston, Texas you are sure to be delighted with the sweets and the sights. \$36 per person

April 14th - Bragging Brunch at the home of Rosemary Lande - Bring photos and/or stories about children, grandchildren, relatives or pets and enjoy sharing with others. (Polite dogs are allowed.) A delicious brunch will be served including scones, babka, rugelach, bagels, lox, blintz soufflé. Tea, coffee and champagne will add to the festivities. Don't be shy. You know you have special thoughts to share. \$36 per person

May 5th - House Concert at the home of Astrid and David Awerbuck - Get ready for a magical afternoon of music as Alisa and Kimball entertain you with sweetly paired voices and compelling lyrics. David and Astrid will provide a beautiful

venue for this private concert. With wine and food, what better way to spend a Sunday afternoon? \$90 per person

June 8th - Monterey Museum of Art Private Tour sponsored by Julie and Stuart Chase - Enjoy an evening of art, drinks and hors d'oeuvres at the Monterey Museum of Art. Join the museum's Executive Director, Stuart Chase, and our own administrator, Julie, for an intimate look at this ground-breaking show, David Hockney's Yosemite. Stuart will speak about the show and Julie will provide the yummy accoutrements. You and your friends will have an inside look at the show and the inside scoop on the museum's exciting plans. \$54 per person

TBD - Writing & Art Workshop sponsored by Illia Thompson and Janet Steinberg



Thank You to Our Oneg Hosts

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

January 4: Rob and Paige Weisskirch -
In loving memory of Rob's father Max Weisskirch.

January 11: 4th and 5th Grade Religious School students and Families.

January 18: Rosemary Lande -
In loving memory of her mother Esther Garfield

January 25: Bobbie and David Ehrenpreis -
In loving memory of Bobbie's father Oscar Elinsky

February 1: Students and Families of our 6th Grade class.

February 8: Shelagh Baseman -
In loving memory of her mother Cecily Renov

February 15: Alex & Jessica Pavelka

February 22: Friends and family of Erin Shoemaker - In honor of Erin becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Scholar in Residence



An award-winning filmmaker with a passion for history and social justice, our latest Scholar in Residence, Roberta Grossman, joins us at CBI on March 1 and 2. She has written, directed, and produced more than 40 hours of film and television that tell stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things in the name of justice. Roberta Grossman's films have the rare quality of being educational and entertaining, empowering and critical. Grossman will speak with us about her approach to making Jewish films, often about powerful Jewish women. She says of her work, "my films are pretty obviously biographical: they are about Israel, the Holocaust, and the American Jewish experience in the 20th and 21st centuries."

Friday, March 1 following a catered dinner at 6:30 and an abbreviated Shabbat service at 7:30 PM:

Ten Years/Five Films: Telling the Jewish Story. A talk about Jewish history and a career making Jewish films with clips from *Hava Nagila (The Movie)*, *Blessed is the Match*, *Above and Beyond*, *Seeing Allred*, and *Who Will Write our History?*

Saturday, March 2 at 10:30 AM:

Sisterhood is Powerful - and Jewish. A talk with clips from Roberta's films about her on-screen heroines Hannah Senesh, Rachel Auerbach, Gloria Allred, and the powerful Jewish women behind the scenes with a panel including Marta Kauffman and Nancy Spielberg - who helped her bring their stories to life.



Carmel Jewish Film Festival (continued from page 1)

Do you remember *Hava Nagila* and *Above and Beyond*? Roberta, along with executive producer Nancy Spielberg, have created a documentary, *Who Will Write Our History?*, about a secret Warsaw Ghetto archive. It is currently playing in mainstream theaters in NYC and LA, and the film has won numerous awards world-wide. There is a reception at 2 pm and the film at 3 pm at the CHS Performing Arts Center. Roberta will participate in a Q & A following the film.

The film *Itzhak* was a favorite of the committee. Who isn't amazed by the talent of Itzhak Perlman? This documentary about his life will be shown at The Center for Spiritual Awakening in Pacific Grove on Wednesday, March 6, at 7 pm, and a dessert reception will follow.

Picture of His Life is a huge coup for our festival! It has not yet been released, but we are showing it at MIIS on March 9 at 7:30 pm. A reception precedes the film at 6:30 pm. The filmmaker, Dani Menkin (*On the Map*) will join us again. Even more amazing, the subject of the film, Amos Nachoum, will also participate in a Q & A. The Center for the Blue Economy at MIIS is partnering with the CJFF for this event.

For ticket information visit the website at www.carmeljff.org or call 800-838-3006. The program will go to print in another week, so if you still have not become a sponsor, please do so this week. It is your support and participation that keeps the CJFF going.

Catered Shabbat Dinner with Filmmaker Roberta Grossman

Friday, March 1 at 6:30 PM.

\$20 per person, \$12 children under 10

Reservations required by noon on Tuesday, Feb. 26th.



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FAMILY NEWS

Condolences

To the family of CBI member Steven Levey.

To the family of Naomi Pollack on the passing of her mother, Martha Barotz.

to the family of Amanda Freedman on the passing of her father, Henry Sharp.

May their memories be a blessing to us all.

Simchas

Installation and Mezuzah blessing at the new business of member Cary Stiebel: The Reef, innovative local retail cannabis store.

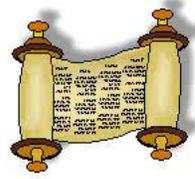
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Torah Connections:

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Quantum Entanglement

A new scientific theory, *quantum entanglement*, might give us insight into understanding Torah. This theory first tells us that atomic particles are filled with potentials, but their precise location is not determined until they are measured. The action seals the decision, but until there is the action, the choices are entirely open.

This matches well with our understanding of the myriad of choices made each day by each person, essentially the decisions regarding good and evil, better and worse, the sacred and the mundane. Each outcome has potential, which is not set until we each have made the decision. In other words, our individual destinies are *not* pre-determined.

Quantum entanglement further suggests that as each action is now taking place, *it triggers another identical action elsewhere, at the same time*. The concept we have of 'space' is being changed by this theory, as matter may not need to 'travel thru space' to be in a different location. This theory, although difficult to fully comprehend, says that space does not exist the way we think it does.

We have discussed previously the idea of a 'physical universe', and another 'spiritual universe', each co-existing yet having very different operating systems, or rules of operation. This new science theory may help to explain this relationship between these two universes.

Each person is created with a foot in each of these universes, even though we may think we are solely in the physical. This is hinted to us in the verse:

"And God said let us make man in our image after our likeness..." [Genesis (Bereisheis) 1:26]

We get stuck in the physical due to the fact that our senses are constantly bombarding us with information, so we choose to fill ourselves with this barrage of information. The spiritual part of ourselves also requires a type of space, or, perhaps more accurately, we need to create pathways or openings that can connect with, or receive, information from this spiritual realm.

This Torah verse gives us guidance on how to open ourselves to this other, non-corporeal, universe:

"And make for Me a sanctuary and I will dwell in their midst" [Exodus (Shemos) 25:8]

Now science has a new theory of existence, that an action in one location can have another action occurring in a very different place. Hopefully this idea reminds you of previous ideas we have explored, wherein an action in one universe triggers an action in the other universe. In a way, quantum entanglement is a scientific way to explore this difficult concept.

The Torah uses 'light' as the word, or the metaphor, for sharing spiritual energy, such as in the following well known Torah verse:

"And God said 'Let there be light, and there was light'." [Genesis (Bereisheis) 1:3]

Light, a type of energy, is in a constant relationship with matter (the physical universe), discovered by Einstein in a previous scientific break-thru. More recently, the Big Bang theory connected to the Jewish idea of 'a beginning'. Now, this new science theory is another step towards understanding how the physical universe might interact with the non-physical universe.

Each of these scientific theories may connect ancient Jewish wisdom with our modern world.

In Jewish thinking, elevating the physical is one way to interface with the Spiritual Universe. This is one of the reasons we are given the Torah commandment,

"Speak to the entire assembly of the Children of Israel and you shall say to them 'Holy shall you be for holy am I Hashem your God.'" [Leviticus (Vayikra) 19:2]

Holiness, the simple transformation of simple and everyday occurrences, is one tool Hashem gave us to experience the Spiritual Universe, and to share the light, or energy, between the two universes, elevating them both in the process. Quantum entanglement may be the scientific way to explain this same phenomenon.

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January, 2019 - Sixth Grade Class - The January dinner was hosted by the 6th grade religious school class and coordinated by room parent, Sara Hinds. During class earlier in the day, Rena (teacher) and Charlene (I-HELP coordinator) presented a lesson on the importance of **hope** and the mitzvot of helping others. The children created inspiring wallet cards for each guest with messages and pictures about the importance of staying hopeful, and that CBI supports them in their journey.

The meal was served just as the power went out at CBI during the big winter storms. The men ate "by flashlight" and truly appreciated the hot food and the shelter of CBI on such a stormy night. Dinner consisted of chili, chicken and rice, along with broccoli, salad and desserts. It was a wonderful meal. Thank very much you to all of the 6th grade students, parents and to Sara for coordinating the food for this special evening.



February 3 - Seventh Grade -

The dinner is being hosted by the seventh grade religious school class. This is also **Super Bowl Sunday!** The men will arrive early to watch the Super Bowl on our big screen! **DONATIONS NEEDED!** Please consider dropping off some snacks that the men can enjoy during the game. Chips, nuts, soda, olives, etc. would be greatly appreciated!

The teachers and I-HELP coordinators will again present a lesson on feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and caring for those in need in support of these important mitzvot. Your support of this important community

mitzvah truly helps to positively change the lives of many people in need. Thank you.

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!

Women's IHELP at CBI

IHELP for Women ended 2018 with a gala New Year's Eve dinner at CBI. The event was sponsored by the CBI Mussar Study group whose members and friends provided a variety of menu items and non-alcoholic seasonal beverages to host the New Year. Special guest Hugo Gerstl serenaded attendees with lively music played on his electric keyboard (and thanks to Lorriane Gerstl for the delicious kugel). Before playing his own musical gig that night at a local pub, Riddle- Kaufman stopped in at CBI and set up the big screen TV so that the guests could follow New Year's Eve broadcasts and sports events.

For more viewing pleasure, the CBI Social Action Fund gave each IHELP attendee a gift card that could be used at the local Del Monte cinema, along with a bag of "movie candy". IHELP leadership had suggested movie theater gift cards as the cinema provides a warm, dry, safe place to spend some time even during the day when IHELP is not in session. Other CBI members contributed toiletries and cosmetics as well as new, warm, colorful socks, enough for each guests to pick a pair.

Special thanks to Bari Tolliver who organized the food contributions and provided festive decorations for the big, family style table. Many thanks to all those who brought food, helped in the kitchen and with set up, who waited out the late arrival of a dead battery bus, and who all stayed to join the guests in conversation and conviviality as we welcomed in the New Year with gratitude for being together and wishes for even better times to come.



Congregation Beth Israel

February 2019

Tevet ~ Adar 1 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  Traditions 6:00 PM 6 th Grade Shabbat Dinner 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Services with special Birthday blessings	2 9:00 AM Morning Shabbat Service 10:45 AM Torah Study
3 9:30 AM Religious School K/7 th 9:30 AM Mitzvah Day planning mtg.  12:00 Katanim 5:00 I-Help-Sponsored by 7 th Grade Students & Families	4	5	6 4:00 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School	7  12:00 PM Lunch with Rabbi @ Baja Cantina	8 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Services	9 10:30 AM Torah Study  CARMEL JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL 7:30 Carmel Jewish Film Festival FREE Preview @CBI
10 9:30 AM Religious School K/7 th Grades	11	12	13 4:00 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6:00 PM Aleynu	14	15  <i>Shabbat Shalom!</i> 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Services	16 10:30 AM Torah Study
17 No Religious School	18 Presidents Day CBI Offices Closed 	19 6:30 PM CBI Exec. Committee Meets	20 No Hebrew School	21 10:30 AM Writers Group @ CBI	22 6:00 PM 2 nd & 3 rd Grade Shabbat Dinner NOTE: There will be no Community Shabbat Dinner 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Services with special Anniversary Blessings	23 9:30 AM Shabbat Study 6/7 th Grades 10:30 AM Service where Erin Shoemaker becomes a Bat Mitzvah 10:30AM Mazel Tots 
24 9:30 AM Religious School K/5 th Grades 9:30 AM My Munchkin & Me	25	26 7:15 Board of Trustees Meeting	27 4:00 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6:00 PM Aleynu	28 12:45 PM Best Years Goes to the Movies Meet at Del Monte Center Cinema (Time is subject to change) 7:30 PM Adult Liturgy Class	1 6:30 Shabbat Dinner with Scholar in Residence – reservations required 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Services with special Birthday blessings & a talk by Roberta Grossman	2 9:00 AM Morning Shabbat Services 10:30 Scholar in Residence: "Sisterhood is Powerful" 7:30 PM Carmel Jewish Film Festival @ Carmel High School.

CBI Religious School

CBI Youth Calendar for February 2019
Our Youth Calendar for the entire year is now in a
Google Calendar Format.

View and download it through our website:
CarmelBethIsrael.org/Learning

MY MUNCHKIN & ME



Date	Special Events and Activities
Friday, Feb. 1	6 th Grade Class Shabbat 6:00 dinner, 7:30 service Campership Applications Due
Sunday, Feb. 3	Religious School Grades K - 7 (9:30 - 12:00) Specialist - Storytelling Mitzvah Day Planning Meeting 9:30 - 10:30 Katanim Pizza & Movie Party - 12:00 - 1:30 IHELP 7 th Grade (4:00 - 6:00)
Wednesday, Feb. 6	B'nai Mitzvah Class (4:00 - 6:00) Hebrew School (4:30 - 6:00)
Sunday, Feb. 10	Religious School Grades K - 7 (9:30 - 12:00) Specialist - Upper Grade Art
Wednesday, Feb. 13	B'nai Mitzvah Class (4:00 - 6:00) Hebrew School (4:30 - 6:00) Aleynu (6:00 - 8:00)
Sunday, Feb. 17	No Religious School
Wednesday, Feb. 20	No Hebrew School
Friday, Feb. 22	2nd/ 3 rd Grade Class Shabbat 6:00 dinner, 7:30 service
Saturday, Feb. 23	Shabbat Study for Grades 6 & 7 (9:30 - 12:30) Erin Shoemaker becomes a Bat Mitzvah, Mazel Tots - PJ Library Storytime (10:30 - 12:00)
Sunday, Feb. 24	Religious School for Grades K - 5 (9:30 - 12:00) Specialist - Shira My Munchkin & Me (9:30 - 11:00)
Wednesday Feb. 27	B'nai Mitzvah Class (4:00 - 6:00) Hebrew School (4:30 - 6:00) Aleynu (6:00 - 8:00)

Who: Parallel program for parents of babies through school age children
& Babies through Preschoolers

When: Sunday, February 24, 9:30 - 11:00
& one Sunday a month throughout the school year

What: Parenting discussion group based on "How to Raise a Jewish Child" by Karen Kushner and Anita Diamant. Discussion facilitated by Megan Felthoven. This month's gathering will focus on Chapter 5 "Conflict."

Preschool group with PJ Library story and craft with Kerri Goldberg.

Yummy snacks/ breakfast provided for adults and children.

How Much: \$5 drop-in.

Mark your calendars - the March 17 gathering will be very special with author Karen Kushner will joining the group via a virtual meeting.

Come meet new friends or re-connect with familiar faces as you discuss parenting issues.

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





Storytime

February 23, 10:30 - 12:00

Children ages 2 1/2 - 5, with a parent, are invited to hear a PJ Library story with Early Childhood Educator, Chinanit Kershner, make a story related craft, and have fun playing. Parents - make new friends yourself when you bring your child to this special program.

Preregistration is very helpful for the purchasing of materials. The fee is \$20 with preregistration for the remaining 5 events this year, \$5 for a single event with preregistration, or \$10 at the door.

For more information or to preregister, email directorlouse@aol.com.



A PJ Library Program
Thank you to the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and the Hornik Family Foundation for subsidizing this program.



Jewish Family Ideas February 2019

Jews and Presidents Day.
Presidents Day is observed on February 18, 2019.

For Jews, Presidents Day has a special meaning. Both Washington and Lincoln were remarkable friends of American Jews, and their lives and careers resonate as models for religious liberty and the treatment of minorities... During the Revolution, Washington accepted Jews as comrades and officers without a second thought... In August 1790 the new president wrote his famous letter to the Touro Synagogue in Newport, R.I., affirming religious liberty in America. Even more than Washington, Lincoln was a friend of the Jews... As president, Lincoln

supported the rights of Jewish soldiers to have chaplains of their own faith, promoted Jews to important political and military positions, and quickly and vigorously overruled Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's infamous order expelling Jews from his military district.

From the Revolution to the Civil War, when anti-Semitism was common and rarely condemned, Washington and Lincoln stand out for their courage and their common sense. They make President's Day an especially important holiday for Jews.

For the full article see: <http://jewishexponent.com/2018/02/14/jews-presidents-day/>

Book Suggestions:

- ◆ *Hanukkah at Valley Forge* by Stephen Krensky, in this fact-based story of the Revolutionary War, a Jewish soldier from Poland lights a Hanukkah menorah and has the opportunity to share the story of the Maccabees with his superior officer, General George Washington. Ages 5 - 7.
- ◆ *The Yankee at the Seder* by Elka Weber. As a confederate family prepares for Passover the day after the Civil War has ended, a Yankee arrives on their doorstep and is invited to their seder. Ages 8+
- ◆ *The Last Brother: A Civil War Tale* by Trinka Hakes Nobel. 11 year-old Gabe's 2 older brothers have already died in battle, but he still decides to accompany Davy, his "last brother," when he joins the Union Army. They march to Gettysburg, and three days of fighting and death are seen through Gabe's eyes. But there are personal moments as well. Gabe meets Orlee, a Confederate bugle boy almost his mirror image; worries about his brother; practices the 60 calls that every bugler needed to know. Ages 8 -11

Note: Most of the above book suggestions are also PJ Library selections. To signup your children, ages 6 months - 9 years, for a FREE Jewish book of the month club go to: PJLibrary.org. For Children 9 - 11, PJ Our Way allows them to choose a free chapter book each month.



2nd Trimester of Aleynu runs through February
New Participants Welcome!

Praying with our Feet: Ingredients of Revolution Part 2

We have explored the concepts of slave, master & free person.
Now we will explore how we can act on this awareness.

Paint a Mural

Paint a group mural to be installed on the playground fence around
the word Aleyunu & its definition - It is upon us



2ND TRIMESTER DATES
FEBRUARY 13, 27

6:00 - 8:00 pm



KATANIM!

Who: 3rd-5th Graders

What: **Pizza & Movie Party!**

(Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs)



Time: 12 - 1:30 p.m.

Where: CBI

When: Sunday, Feb. 3

How much: \$5

Please RSVP including food allergies to Rachael Carroll: rachaelscarroll@gmail.com



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Attention All High School Seniors!

If you are interested in applying for a CBI Merit College Scholarship, now is the time to get started. Applications are available in your high school career center, at the CBI office, or on the CBI website. Be sure to read the criteria for selection carefully. The deadline for completed applications is Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 4:00 p.m., to be returned to the CBI office, Attn. Judy Masliyah, Chair, College Scholarship.

The College Fund has been established for worthy Jewish students on the Monterey Peninsula who are being admitted to a four-year college. Awards are made in May and are presented at the student's high school awards banquet and are recognized at the Senior Shabbat. We honor students who consistently show outstanding academic work, leadership, community dedication and values of Jewish life, with a financial reward and community recognition.

We have awarded 89 scholarships since 1993 when we first started this wonderful endeavor. The committee is grateful to the wonderful contributors who have helped establish and have sustained this fund since its inception. Now, as the deadline arrives, we hope you will consider supporting this wonderful cause with your generous

donation. These funds go directly to the students and your contribution is tax deductible.

Thank you.

Judy Masliyah, Chair, 831-649-3326



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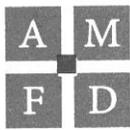
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Parshiot

February 2, Mishpatim

T: Exodus 21:1-24:18
H: Jeremiah 34:8-22;
33:25-26

February 9, Terumah

T: Exodus 25:11-27:19
H: I Kings 5:26-6:13

February 16, Tetzaveh

T: Exodus 27:20-30:10
H: Ezekiel 43:10-2

February 23, Ki Tisa

T: Exodus 30:11-
34:35
H: I Kings 18:1-3