



Tisha B'Av Service in Person
6:15—7:00 PM Seudah Shlishit
Friday Dinner
7:00—8:00 PM Tisha B'Av
A Contemporary Conversation
8:00 PM Havdalah Service



SHOFAR

Erev Tisha B'Av August 2
Tisha B'Av August 3

Summer Edition

July/August 2025

5 Tammuz—7 Elul 5785

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Upcoming Events:

Sizzling Summertime
Celebration BBQ
July 16 at 5:30 PM

Shabbat in the park
July 18 at 5 PM

Creative Crafters
July 10 at 1 PM @ WELS

Creative Crafters
July 24 at 1 PM @ WELS

Devotion by the Ocean
August 8 at 5:30 PM

Creative Crafters
August 14 at 1 PM @
WELS

Shabbat in the park
August 15 at 5 PM

Membership Gathering
August 26 at 4:30 PM

Creative Crafters
August 28 at 1 PM @
WELS



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Minyan Times & Leaders

Sunday	9:30am	Gary Bennett	Office@CBENT.org
Monday	7:15am	Ben Rose	bnesq@aol.com
Tuesday	7:00pm	Rabbi Michal	rabbimichal@cbent.org
Wednesday	7:00pm	Cantor Steve	cantor@cbent.org
Thursday	7:15am	Joe Pless	jess222@gmail.com
Shabbat Friday Evening	7:00pm		Office@CBENT.org
Shabbat Saturday Morning	9:45am		Office@CBENT.org

Check the weekly announcements for Shabbat services being in person or on Zoom. If a minyan is needed for a yahrzeit, please call the office at 610-356-8700 so an email can be sent out to congregants asking for their participation.

Rabbi Michal



My first year as Rabbi has been rich in getting to know our very special community, my dear and dedicated colleagues, a relatively large number of our members, and the rituals, rhythms, and culture that make this holy congregation 'tick'. It has been a year of familiarizing myself with the existing services, very sparingly experimenting with some new formats for religious experiences, initiating some new programming, and identifying how I, as 'Rabbi Michal', can best serve our community, and 'fit in' comfortably with you. It also has been a year where, in close partnership and cooperation with the Cantor, the Religious Committee as well as the Board, have taken forward policies concerning religious practice and guidelines, so that there is clarity and guidelines; for examples, the new Kashrut Policy and relevant training, the Patrilineal Descent policy, as well as some new traditions within our services that congregants suggested. In addition to the programming, I got to work with the various 'arms' in our community, partnering with them, which has been a source of great joy and inspiration. I also volunteered weekly, teaching approximately 35 seniors from the Wels Center sessions on famous debates within Jewish history, which has been fun! I have also been humbled and honored to officiate at a number of life cycle events ranging from baby namings, *B'Mitzvot*, and deaths.

All beginnings are a mixed bag of both trial and error, acclimatization, adaptation, and boundary formations. Gaining trust and partnership in our shared goals has been a major focus, and it has been mostly successful. I have invested much time with our younger families, with our youth, and in partnering with our amazing Director of Education, Ellen Glassman, and Cantor Steve in evolving our curriculum, our professional development, and in introducing new and exciting initiatives. I have also taken on myself to learn how to grow my work with multi-heritage and multi-faith families through the 18-month 18Doors program, sponsored by this wonderful organization.

It has been a very full and exciting first year, and I wish to thank everyone who contributed to making me feel welcome, cared for, and have served as guides and teachers with love, patience, and kindness. As a result of all this learning and experience, I am now planning to introduce new programming, which I hope will be of interest to many of you to try out. Read further in this issue of the Shofar for brief summaries and dates.

With Love,
Rabbi Michal

Question: What do you pay to spend a day on the beach?

Answer: Sand dollars.

Rabbi's Fund

Janet & Marc Belitsky

*In Memory of Molly Belitsky
and Sonny Belitsky*

Frank Tobin

In Memory of Ann Tobin

ASK THE RABBI, Oy Vey!

Starting October 4, 2025, 9 to 9:45 AM



In Rabbi Michal's first year at CBENT, one of the most joyous and fulfilling experiences was congregants of all ages posing questions to the Rabbi on a broad range of topics ranging from 'how to connect to prayer', to 'who had access to the Temple', to 'What is the connection between Rennet in cheese and Kashrut', to 'How long shall one say Mourners' Kaddish' for a loved one', to 'How do Jews regard Jesus', to 'How can Jews be Jews and not believe in G-d', to 'Did Adam and Eve have belly buttons'. And in our tradition, there is no such thing as a 'bad question'. On the first Shabbat of every month, preceding the two services of the 'Shabbat for Soul Service' and the 'Library Minyan', you are invited to meet up over good coffee and a nosh, while sharing your questions! And though Rabbi may not be able henceforth to sleep at night, she will do her best to make sure you do!

Dates: 10.4.2025

11.1.2025

12.6.2025

1.3.2026

2.7.2026

3.7.2026

4.11.2026

6.6.2026



WELCOMING THE SHABBAT ANGELS TOGETHER

Shabbat at Rabbi's Table

Starting 10.17.2026 6:30-9:00 PM at Rabbi's Home



Much of Jewish tradition revolves around one's 'home'. Shabbat is the epitome of personalizing and welcoming the most beautiful of the weekly blessings and gifts, a day of rest. Come join Rabbi Michal in ushering it in around her table with fresh Challah, good Middle Eastern food, stories, music, and warm conversation! Monthly, Rabbi will open her heart and home to community members and their families and enjoy the opportunity to get to know more community members, and of course, your Rabbi. Please call the office or email Rabbi at rabbimichal@CBENT.org to claim your dinner each month. Seating is limited to 11 and is first reserved, first served.

Dates: 10.17.2025

11.7.2025

12.5.2025

1.30.2026

2.20.2026

3.20.2026

4.17.2026

6.12.2026

IN the BEGINNING...there was the letter BET...

The 'Word' - Portion of the Week Torah Study

Starting October 16, 2025, 7:30-8:30 PM on Zoom



We will have just celebrated Simchat Torah, the ending of readings of the Torah scroll, and the beginning again of the reading of Genesis, *Bereshit*. There are so many words, narratives and storylines in the Five Books of Moses that are at the core of our Jewish foundations of faith, history, culture, and legacy. These words have inspired the three Abrahamic Faiths and their teachings and have been the source of storytelling of multiple cultures, ancient and modern, worldwide. If you love literature, then come study and have fun with Rabbi Michal and other teachers, who will highlight weekly parts of the portions to be read on Shabbat. Become well-versed in the structure, the sequence, the editing, the stories in between the lines, and the character development, as well as the reasons why this literary work has been called 'The Book of Books for All Times'. Torah study will never be boring! Thursday evenings, weekly 7:30 PM. No prior knowledge required.



Question: What do you call a witch who lives on the beach?

Answer: A sandwich.

Question: What do you call a snowman in July?

Answer: A puddle.





6:15 - 7:00 PM Seudah Shlishit Join us for a light meal.

7:00 - 8:00 PM Tisha B'Av A Contemporary Conversation.

8:00 PM Havdallah Service

RSVP to CBENT Tish B Av

or Contact the CBENT office office@cbent.org



CONGREGATION

BETH EL - NER TAMID

A vibrant & inclusive community

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<https://cbent.shulcloud.com/event/teaching-havdalah--tisha-b39av-service-zoom.html>

Cantor's Notes



Did You Know . . .?

You don't have to be a Rabbi or a Cantor to have a function in our synagogue ritual life. Traditionally, three lay positions are vital to a smoothly functioning religious service. Since Talmudic times, the *Parnas* (president), the *Shammash* (assistant or helper), and the *Gabbai* (treasurer) have all been ensuring that the clergy could do their work properly. At CBENT, the equivalent of the *Parnas* is the Executive Director, who oversees his *Shammashim* (our office and maintenance staff) and the *Gabbaim*. The *Shammashim* in the Sanctuary assist both the clergy and the *Gabbaim*.

The position of *Shammash* in the Sanctuary has disappeared chiefly in American synagogues. (The term is also used for a candle on a *Chanukiah*.) That is unfortunate, as there is a great need for the re-establishment of the position in our Sanctuary. The *Shammash* would be a *Gabbai* in training, learning their functions.

A position established in Talmudic times, a *Gabbai* originally served as a community's treasurer and tax collector. They were the synagogue fundraisers. They raised money by assigning *aliyot* to their congregants. They would announce the honoree's name before the *aliyah*, along with a public announcement of a charitable contribution to be made after the Sabbath. As the Talmud required an honor guard to stand by the Torah whenever it was opened for reading, the two *Gabbaim* already on the *Bimah* to announce contributions were given this duty as well. This is why there are always two *Gabbaim* on the *Bimah* on either side of the Torah. Since they were already standing on the *bimah*, they were assigned the task of following the Torah reading in a printed *Chumash*, correcting quietly any errors in pronunciation or cantillation made by the reader. It is ironic that in modern times, the *Gabbai* has retained all his *Bimah* duties, but is no longer needed as a collector or treasurer of synagogue funds. Today, the *Gabbai* is a position of honor and respect in our Sanctuaries.

A *Shammash* in the Sanctuary assisted the *Gabbaim*. As a *Gabbai* in training, the *Shammash* would make sure that all the ritual items needed for a service were made readily available. This would include preparing the Torah for the day's reading and selecting and assisting honorees in carrying or dressing the Torah. A *Shammash* could become a *Gabbai* once trained to assist the Torah reader on the *Bimah*.

Would you like to be a *Shammash* and prepare to become a *Gabbai*, or a *Gabbait*? (Yes, women may also serve in these positions.) Summer is a great time to begin your training. Our current *Gabbaim* (Gary Bernett and Vance DiCristo), Rabbi Michal, and I are willing and ready to train you for this vital function. Since a *Gabbai* is a volunteer, it is crucial to have more than 2 available, as age or illness may prevent our current *Gabbaim* from attending a service. Feel free to approach any of us to begin your training this summer. Your participation will help make our religious services run more effectively.

See you in shul,

Cantor Steve



Cantor's Fund

Cantor Steven Friedrich

In Honor of the Birth of Morgan Samuel DiCristo

Debbie & Henri Levit

In Honor of the Birth of Hershel Ellis Schwarz

Joan & Ben Rose

In Memory of Benjamin Berkowitz




Torah Restoration

Laura Schreiber

In Memory of Morris Rosenblum




Adult Education Fund

Debbie Weiss

In Memory of Marjorie Linda Paul

Beloved Sister



Question: What do sheep do on sunny days?

Answer: Have a baa-baa-cue.

Understanding Prophecy- NOW MORE THAN EVER?

What are Jewish values? Have they always been the same? How do we know when we are (or are not) acting or behaving Jewishly? Today, it's our Rabbis who guide us in these matters. However, their inspiration derives from the Prophets of our Bible. Please join our pre-service study session on most Shabbat mornings. Using the Haftarah for the *parashah* of the week as study text, we will examine the values demonstrated by the Biblical Prophets, and how they changed over time. Our goal will be to see how those values apply to us today. Along the way, we will see how prophecy evolved.

Join Rabbi Michal and Cantor Steve weekly at 9 AM on Shabbat, with coffee and nosh, for 45 minutes of study, discussion, and connection to our legacy and history.



President: Marc Belitsky



We hope you are enjoying the summer. CBENT's administration and committees are busy preparing for the upcoming year. There are High Holiday services, educational programs, social events, kid's programs and more. We encourage you to get involved by either joining a committee and help create these events or simply come and enjoy them in person. CBENT's website (www.CBENT.org) has been updated, and we encourage you to use it. There is a lot of information including a real-time synagogue calendar to keep you apprised of all our activities, view the upcoming events and to R.S.V.P. for events via the ShulCloud link.

CBENT is open all year long, although we decrease school activities, we don't go on break during the summer. We have scheduled events such as a Trustee's barbecue, Devotion by the Ocean, Shabbat in the Park and more. Of course, we will continue to have regular services on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, Shabbat morning and at other posted times. Our evening services are on Zoom and Shabbat morning is hybrid. We would love to see you in person in the club room for our warm and intimate service. If you need to say *Kaddish*, please call the office so that we can make sure you have a minyan.

We are one community, and we are here to try to meet the needs of all our congregants. We hope you enjoy the summer, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Marc Belitsky
President



Bernett Family Fund

Gary & Bonnie Bennett

In Honor of the Birth of Morgan Samuel DiCristo

Gary & Bonnie Bennett

In Memory of Robert Berkowitz

Cantor Steve & Ann Friedrich

In Honor of the Birth of Hershel Ellis Schwarz

Question: Why are gulls name seagulls?

Answer: If they were by the bay, they'd be bagels.

Men's Club

We ended the year on a high note with the end of year Gala honoring our Congregant of the Year, Vance DiCristo. The Louis Pettinelli Jazz Duo entertained us, Panache Catering fed us, and Vance and his relatives and friends made the night special.

We are looking forward to another great year in 2025-26. Our next Men's Club events will be the Back to School BBQ on September 7 and setting up the Sukkah on October 3. Other events next year include an Eagles watch party in October, a mitzvah project in October, a brunch with Speaker in November, Chanukah raffle and Latke brunch in December, Men's Club Shabbat in January, our Super Bowl fundraiser in February, the World Wide *Tefillin* wrap in February, a JRA food packing & delivery event in February, a mitzvah project in April, *Yom Hashoah* candles in April and our end of year dinner in June.

Thanks to all for making 2024-25 a great year and helping us raise funds for the Synagogue. Have a great summer and we hope to see you at the Back to School BBQ in September!



Landscaping Fund

Marilyn & Rick Bamash

In Memory of Lauren Abrahamson

Marilyn & Rick Bamash

In Memory of Ernest Isaacsohn

& Rabbi Judith Abrahamson



Building Maintenance Fund

Nancy, Sam and Simon Fox

In Memory of Father/Grandfather Seymour Fox



General Fund

Karen & Andy Rosenfeld

In Memory of Jordana Ostroff

Amy & Bill Wegener

In Honor of Vance & Andrea's Grandson



Question: Why do bananas use sunscreen?

Answer: Because they peel.

Mensch Making Academy & Mini Mensch Academy Ellen Glassman, Education Director



We're growing!! Spread the word! This year, we are excited to have a class solely dedicated to students in Gan/Kindergarten - separate from our 1st and 2nd grade class! Kaitlin Koffer is returning to CBENT to teach Kindergarten. You may remember Kaitlin when she taught with Rachel Handis in 2012 and 2013. Kaitlin left to get married and pursue her PhD in Public Health. We're delighted that she will be returning! (and that she, her husband Dave, and son Felix, will be joining us as new CBENT members). We're thrilled that Gigi Gorson-Morrow will

continue teaching 1st and 2nd grades, Penny Meyers will teach 3rd, 4th and 5th, Ellen Glassman will teach 6th and 7th grades and Ruth Henninger will teach Hebrew High. Thanks to the generosity of the Dick Packel Learning Support Fund, Shari Robbins will return to be our learning support teacher. And thanks to the Julie Gorson-Morrow Fund, Miss Andi will return to inspire our youngest learners in our Mini Mensch Academy. I am incredibly grateful to have devoted faculty who are passionate about teaching our students.

We know that the best way to grow and strengthen our school and CBENT community is through word of mouth. Tell your friends. Talk about us. Advocate for our school. Encourage your friends to call or email me to learn more and take the grand tour of our synagogue. Let everyone know about our Mensch Making Academy (Kindergarten through High School) and Mini Mensch Academy (for young children and their families - babes in arms through pre-K) and share why they might want to consider sending their children and grandchildren to our school. Need inspiration on what to say? Here's who we are and what we offer!

- The Mensch Making Academy is more than a school. It's a community of learners and a partnership between students, families and Jewish educators. We encourage kids and parents to be curious about Judaism, ask questions, explore Jewish values, wonder, create meaningful rituals and traditions for their families and collectively look for ways to repair the world.
- We are the first school on the East Coast to be piloting the Yofee Tofee Hebrew Decoding Curriculum! Our faculty are looking forward to using this highly organized, systematic and colorful way to teach recognition of Hebrew letters and decoding and increase language acquisition
- Using a curriculum rooted in SEL - Social Emotional Learning and PBL - Project Based Learning, we empower our students to grow up with a sense of pride and what it means to 'feel Jewish, be Jewish and do Jewish' - being a *Mensch* - and focusing on Torah, Jewish values, prayer, holidays, rituals, customs, traditions, spirituality and Israel.
- Students learn a great deal about Judaism. Every child however, learns differently. Our experienced faculty, clergy, and learning support teacher (funded in loving memory of Dick Packel who believed that all students should have a Jewish education tailored to their needs) differentiates instruction to personalize each student's learning styles, strengths and interests. With a maximum of 12 students per class, we offer learning environments tailored to those who learn quickly and benefit from additional challenges as well as those who need additional support.

- Our inclusive community welcomes students and parents with no prior knowledge of Judaism. This year, Rabbi Michal will be offering monthly opportunities for parents to question and learn - look on the calendar for **Family Education Journey** dates, **Beginners Hebrew** classes and “**Ask the Rabbi - Oy Vey!**” gatherings before Shabbat for the Soul/Library Minyan services and Shabbat School. Together, Cantor Steve and Rabbi Michal will be offering classes focusing on “**Shabbat Beit Midrash; Mussar and Prophets** along with **48 Jewish Virtues - How Do We Welcome Them Into Our Lives?**” and **once a month in person, Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat services followed by dinner** (*Kabbalat Shabbat* is a great way to welcome Shabbat, unplug from the workweek and enjoy) Children love when their parents come to school and learn too!
- Families enjoy getting together socially before, during and after school! With and without their kids!

We offer the best snacks in Delaware County!!

Invite your friends to the Trustees Summer Sizzlin’ Indoor BBQ, Shabbat in the Park, Devotion By the Ocean, the Membership Gathering and weekly Shabbat services to see our congregation in action! Savor every second of summer! I’m looking forward to seeing all of our families on Sunday, September 7 at 9 AM for our opening day ceremonies!

With love from Ellen



Dick Packel Fund

Sue & Neil Sukonik

In Memory of Sandy Melnikoff

Natalie Packel

In Memory of Frances Packel

Cathy & Joel Goldstein

In honor of Natalie Packel's 90th birthday

From CBENT Community

Mazel Tov to Natalie Packel on her 90th birthday



Religious School Fund

Audrey & Arthur Pollin

In Memory of Jordana Ostroff

Elaine Zeiger

In Memory of Helen Zeiger & Dave Silver

Audrey & Arthur Pollin

In Honor of the Birth of Hershel Ellis Schwarz



Ellen Glassman Mitzvah Fund

Diane & Rich Schwartz & Family

In Honor of the Birth of Hershel Ellis Schwarz & In Memory of Jordana Ostroff

Ken Frank

In Honor of the Birth of Hershel Ellis Schwarz



OUR CHILDREN WILL BE INSPIRED THAT YOU WANT TO LEARN AS WELL

Family Education Journey with Rabbi Michal

Starting Sunday, September 28, 2025, 9 to 9:45 AM

Once a month, Rabbi Michal invites our beautiful families to join her in celebrating together the mosaic of Jewish culture, heritage, and tradition. Through the lens of 'all questions are good ones', and meeting parents where they are at currently in their lives of Jewish connection and involvement, we will enhance and build our foundations of community, purpose, and appreciation of why we want our kids to be part of the links in our chain of continuity. Fortified by coffee and nosh, bring questions, dilemmas, and meaningful conversations about how we connect to and feel when belonging to our community as its families.

Dates: 9.28.2025

10.19.2025

11.23.2025

12.14.2025

1.25.2026

2.22.2026

3.15.2026

4.19.2026

5.2.2026



WE'VE GOT THIS!

Beginners Hebrew with Rabbi Michal

Starting Wednesday, October 28, 5 to 6 PM at CBENT during the school year.

It's NEVER TOO LATE to learn a second language! Learning to read Hebrew in a fun and engaging way, WILL open doors to supporting our children and grandchildren as well as ourselves. Whether as part of the *B'Mitzvah* prep, or our understanding of our Torah, *Siddur*, or singing Hebrew songs, or even communicating with our Israeli relatives, starting from Alef is key! As a Hebrew educator for over three decades, Rabbi Michal will help you establish the foundations and mindset to succeed. Spaces are restricted to 8 people on a first-come, first served basis to launch this exciting new skillset and door-opening journey!



CBENT GIFT SHOP: OUR NEWEST ITEM.....JUST IN TIME FOR THE NEW YEAR!



\$10 each, TWO for \$18 or FOUR for \$36

CBENT Kosher Kitchen Education

Join us to learn all about the new *Kosher Kitchen at CBENT*.
Rabbi Michal and Scott Noye will explain and demonstrate the new
rules regarding our Kosher Dairy, Vegetarian, and Pescatarian Kitchen.

We will review the requirements needed to participate in
"Cook at Home"

This program will allow approved participants the
opportunity to cook at home and bring food to the synagogue to be
shared with congregants at select events.

Willing participants will be given a take home "Kosher Cook at Home"
bin with kosher utensils and cookware to be used only when cooking
for the synagogue. More details will be discussed at our meeting.

Choose to attend one or all the upcoming meetings.

Meetings will be held at CBENT and RSVP is MANDATORY.

Wed., 7/9 7:30 PM

Tues., 8/5 7:30 PM

Tues., 8/19 10:00 AM

RSVP to Scott Noye at

scottnoye@gmail.com or 610-505-5617



Sisterhood



ATTENTION: CALLING ALL MITZVAH MAKERS!!

With Yom Kippur just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about the "Good Deeds" that need to be done. Join Sisterhood in supporting Autism Speaks by knitting/crocheting Emotional Support Chickens. If you already know how to knit/crochet, it's a gift to help people "on the spectrum" with a huggable multi-colored chicken of their very own. If you want to learn how to

make a chicken, help is available at our Crafting classes twice a week at Wesley. So far one of our students from the Religious School has joined the class and is doing great!! Can't knit or crochet but want to fund a knitter? Please email me at marilynpres@gmail.com, or call me at 215-477-6250 for more information.

Our annual Mazelgram campaign to wish each other our best for the new year is in full swing. Please help us raise funds by mailing your list of names to Laura Schrieber as soon as possible. Thanks again for your continual support.

Happy Clucking,
Marilyn!



Question: What did the beach say to the tide when it came in?

Answer: Long time, no sea.

A WOMAN'S VOICE AND BLESSING: REVISITING AN ANCIENT TRADITION in MODERN TIMES

Rosh Chodesh—Celebration of Women and the New Moon

Starting October 22, 2025, 7:30-8:30 on Zoom



It is said that because women did not partake in or contribute to the sin of the Golden Calf at the base of Mt. Sinai, they were rewarded with the gift of the celebration of a monthly day of rest from work at its beginning. The famous kabbalistic text of the *Zohar* likens the moon to the *Shechina*, the Divine presence, which mystics considerate it to be the feminine aspects of G-d. These and other narratives inspired Jewish women throughout the ages to celebrate Jewish womanhood, and so shall we at CBENT! In partnership with the Sisterhood Committee, meeting on Zoom from the comfort of your 'home', we will share from the Jewish canon and traditions experiences through readings, music, poetry, and liturgy through the lens of Jewish womanhood. Each month we will welcome a female guest in a range of fields, who will share from their contributions and holy work in the world. All are welcome!

Dates: 10.22.2025
1.14.2026
4.15.2026

11.12.2025
2.18.2026
5.13.2026

12.17.2025
3.18.2026
6.17.2026



Question: How do you prevent a Summer cold?

Answer: Catch it in the Winter.



Question: What do you call a cat at the beach?

Answer: Sandy claws.

July 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

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Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 7:00 PM Evening Minyan with Rabbi Michal 7:30 PM Religious Committee Meeting	2 7:00 PM Evening Minyan with Cantor Steve	3 7:15 AM Morning Minyan	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 9:45 AM Shabbat Service
6 9:30 AM Morning Minyan (zoom)	7 7:15 AM Morning Minyan	8 7:00 PM Evening Minyan with Rabbi Michal 7:30 PM Executive Board Meeting	9 7:00 PM Evening Minyan with Cantor Steve 7:30 PM Executive Board Meeting	10 7:15 AM Morning Minyan 1:00 PM Creative Crafters @ WELS	11 7:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat (zoom)	12 9:45 AM Shabbat Service
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LET'S OPEN OUR HEARTS TOGETHER

Preparing our Souls for the New Year 5786

Traditionally, in this final month of the Jewish year, continuing our ancestors' legacy, we are asked to enhance a practice of inner reflection so that we can identify areas we'd like to work on regarding our relationships with our fellow beings, our approaches to our environments, and how we treat ourselves. We are encouraged to create spaces for nurturing our souls, which in our busy and overstimulated lives and schedules, we tend to neglect. I invite you to join our special group on **Wednesday evenings, at 7:30**, for an hour on Zoom, from the comfort of 'your space', with no required prior knowledge, for a time of quiet and spiritual capacity building together. Engaging with translated texts through music, conversation, and nourishing connection, these three sessions will prepare us for the beautiful '*Selichot* service' and to be 'ready' to receive the High Holidays and the new year of 5786.

Dates:

8.27.2025 @ Rabbi Michal's home 7:30 PM

9.3.2025 @ TBD 7:30 PM

9.10.2025 @ TBD 7:30 PM

9.17.2025 *Selichot* in person at CBENT 6:00 PM



Question: How can you tell that the oceans is friendly?

Answer: It waves.



Summer

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:00 PM Kabballat Shabbat (zoom)	2 9:45 AM Shabbat Service 7:00 PM Havdalah and Tisha B'Av Service (zoom)
3 9:30 AM Morning Minyan (zoom)	4 7:15 AM Morning Minyan	5 7:00 PM Evening Minyan with Rabbi Michal 7:30 PM Religious Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Kosher Cooking Learning Session.	6 7:00 PM Evening Minyan with Cantor Steve	7 7:15 AM Morning Minyan	8 5:30 PM Devotion By the Ocean (at the Shore) 7:00 PM Kabballat Shabbat (zoom)	9 9:45 AM Shabbat Service
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48 Jewish VIRTUES- HOW DO WE WELCOME THEM INTO OUR LIVES? Let's hone in...

Shabbat Beit Midrash: Musar and Prophets

Most Shabbat mornings starting Saturday, September 6, 9 AM

Musar

Teaching about and legislating 'Kindness', or 'Compassion', or 'Decisiveness' doesn't necessarily help you to 'be' more of these or any other character traits that help us become 'better individuals'. *Musar* is a Jewish spiritual practice and pedagogy that cultivates and motivates our spiritual practice in how to live and experience a meaningful and ethical life, deeply grounded in daily practice and behavior. Based on a series of virtues and their cultivation, our souls and our interactions bring quality to improve and enhance our relationships and interactions in our lives. *Musar* is about personal transformation through a Jewish lens in mindset and routine application.



Question: What kind of music do killer whales like?

Answer: They love to listen to the orca-str.



Question: What does the sun drink out of?

Answer: Sunglasses.

7/1/2025 Ruth Bender
 7/3/2025 Jacquelyne Law
 7/3/2025 Adam Poppel
 7/9/2025 Ashley Dziados
 7/10/2025 Robert J Dolson
 7/11/2025 Sharon Greenberg
 7/11/2025 Marina Fried
 7/12/2025 Natalie Packel
 7/12/2025 Seth Aaron
 7/13/2025 Stewart Homel
 7/15/2025 Shelley Chaitt
 7/16/2025 Alan Fried
 7/18/2025 Nancy Bradburd
 7/19/2025 Jennifer Hoff
 7/19/2025 Alexander Axelrad
 7/28/2025 Margie Berger



7/8/2025 Michelle & Rich Fuiman
 7/15/2025 Ann & Steve Friedrich
 7/26/2025 Yael & Bill Golton
 7/28/2025 Janet & Marc Belitsly





8/1/2025	Barry Brenner
8/1/2025	Leona Sandler
8/2/2025	Eileen Daley
8/2/2025	Eric Bamash
8/3/2025	Joseph Zeitlin
8/5/2025	Frances Lesser
8/6/2025	Marthe LaVan
8/8/2025	Sondra Gutkind
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8/17/2025	Amy Blake
8/18/2025	Lara Akerman
8/19/2025	Marsha Millman
8/20/2025	Benjamin Rose
8/22/2025	Phyllis Weisfield
8/23/2025	Elaine Cohen
8/26/2025	Aimee Miller
8/26/2025	Marcia Brason
8/27/2025	Rhonda Cetlin
8/31/2025	Judi Ostroff
8/31/2025	Alan Gorberg

8/2/2025	Marilyn & Eric Bamash
8/4/2025	Judith Hausen & David Stall
8/7/2025	Marcia & Paul Abrams
8/8/2025	Amy & Bill Wegener
8/11/2025	Helene & Michael Berkowitz
8/12/2025	Sondra & Michael Gutkind
8/18/2025	Bess & Robert Koenigsberg
8/22/2025	Debbie & Scott Goldberg
8/22/2025	Penny & Ed Meyers



The Trustees of CBENT Present:

SIZZLING **Summertime Celebration**

A Community Get Together For All Ages

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

5:30 PM - for Families with Young Children

Music with Andi Joseph

6:00 PM - Indoor Bar-B- Que

Congregation Beth El - Ner Tamid

715 Paxon Hollow Road, Broomall, PA



\$ 18.00 per person - \$30.00 Per young family (under 40),

kids under 13 free! Prospective families - free!

Registration is required: Contact CBENT!

Email: office@cbent.org | (610)356-8700 | www.cbent.org

<https://cbent.shulcloud.com/event/trustees/school-summer-bbq.html>

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Shabbat

in the park! **Broomall, PA**

Friday, July 18, 5 PM

**Featuring Miss Andi
Songwriter/Performer Extraordinaire!**

<https://cbent.shulcloud.com/form/Shabbat%20in%20the%20Park%207-18-2025.html>

***Address upon Registration**



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Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy!

Snacks and water will be available
for all who pre-register. Register at:

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Shabbat
in the Park
Friday, August 15
Media, PA



CREATIVE CRAFTERS



Summer DATES

The Creative Crafters at CBENT meet twice a month on Thursdays at WELS - Wesley Enhanced Living from 1 pm - 3 pm

Knitters, crocheters, needle pointers, sewers, jewelry bead makers and any other crafters are welcome to join in the fun to create their work in a friendly environment. We are working together to make winter and holiday knit wear to benefit the homeless and Murphy's Giving Market!

FREE INSTRUCTIONS
Beginners welcome!



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10 & 24

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For more information
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marilynpres@gmail.com.

Devotion by the Ocean 2025

Friday, August 8 – 5:30PM



Join CBENT
in Ventnor, New Jersey,
at Newport Ave. down on the beach.

Welcoming Shabbat with your toes in the sand feels extra special! After services invite your friends and family for a delicious Shabbat dinner at Beth El Synagogue, 500 N. Jerome Avenue in Margate. Dinner price is \$59.00, wine, spirits and dessert included, subsidized by the trustees of CBENT.

Staying overnight? Join us on Saturday morning, August 9, at 9:30AM for breakfast at Downbeach Deli, on the patio, Essex & Ventnor Ave. in Margate for fish & bagels. RSVP's are a must.
Sponsored by the Pollin & Glassman Families.

If you have a shore home with extra room, and are willing to host a congregant, please Contact Ellen Glassman.



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Warm Your Pockets With Some Cool Cash!

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The Mensch Making Academy presents
**Light Supper Provided by:
Sunshine Catering**

BINGO!

NIGHT!

Proceeds will benefit CBENT's Religious School

Thursday, September 4
Doors open at 6:30 pm

Bingo admission - \$25 per person
includes 2 Bingo cards for the cover all game.
Additional Bingo cards must be purchased with cash.



ADULTS ONLY

RSVP to insure seating 610-356-8700

Bring Cash ONLY—All prizes are cash

Food & Drink are included with entry fee

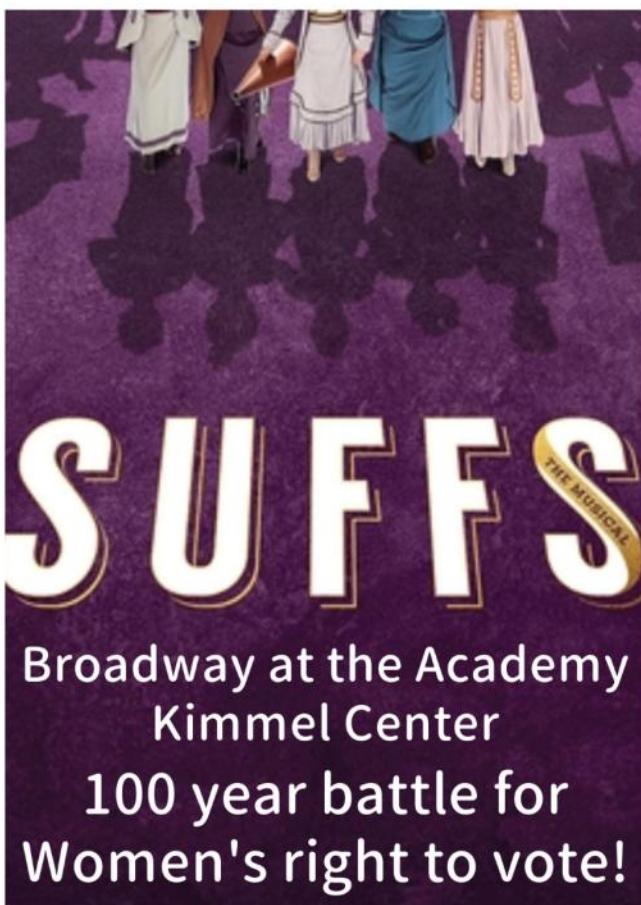
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CBENT Sisterhood Theater Tickets!

SUFFS



**Sunday
January 11
2026
6:30 PM**

Sisterhood has reserved 70 tickets for CBENT Members and Students of Mensch Making Academy Ages 11-18 Balcony and Orchestra Seats!

Balcony ----	\$100.00
Orchestra ----	\$150.00
Student price Balcony	\$50.00 Subsidized by CBENT Sisterhood

No Money Due until the Fall!

TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS CONTACT MARILYN BAMASH!
marilynpres@gmail.com



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MORE THAN JUST A SCHOOL!



Creating Mensches (good people!) For Repairing Our World.

CBENTs Mensch Making Academy and Mini Mensch Academy are dedicated to helping students and their families feel like they can make an impact and help repair the world. Through Jewish community, tradition, and values, children will explore values that support being a mensch - a good person, and engage in activities and learning that will help them contribute to their own Jewish identity, contribute to our CBENT community, and contribute to the world. In partnership, families, educators and children will

gather, fostering a sense of belonging, inquiry and celebration. Together, we will explore Jewish traditions and culture and learn how to be leaders in both our CBENT community and our greater world.

CBENTs Mensch Making Academy is more than just a school. It's a place where curiosity and questions are embraced. Joyful Jewish learning comes to life! Our diverse and inclusive community is involved in activities exploring family rituals and traditions, Jewish values, B'nai Mitzvah prep and social action. CBENTs Mensch Making Academy fosters Jewish identity and creates opportunities for children and families to belong, believe and learn!



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Contact Education Director, Ellen Glassman at

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DONATIONS TO DESIGNATED, NON-DESIGNATED & RABBI'S FUND

Congregation Beth El – Ner Tamid has many worthy Designated Funds. Below you will find the mission statement for each of these funds. Please consider making a donation in memory/honor of someone to one or more of these funds. In addition, donations can be made to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.

DICK PACKEL LEARNING SUPPORT FUND

The funds defray the cost of the Dick Packel Special Needs Education Program and any other special education needs for the children of the Religious School. In addition, the funds help defray the cost of Religious School tuition for families in need.

THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

To help defray, augment and enhance the programming for Beth El - Ner Tamid's Religious School students.

THE SHAMES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To provide money for families in need of financial assistance in order to pay for Religious School fees, tutoring, textbooks, trips and items necessary to the education of the children involved. This fund will be allocated jointly with the Shames family, the Rabbi, Principal of the Religious School and Executive Director.

THE DOROTHY & WILLIAM SAMPSON FUND

The funds will defray the cost of bringing lecturers, speakers and programming for educational purposes or whatever capacity the Board and Founder/s may determine.

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

To provide funding towards Jewish and Israel themed educational program, classes and speakers for the CBENT adult community 18 years and older. The Adult Education Committee shall allocate funds for programming. In lieu of an Adult Education Committee, Rabbi, Hazzan and the Education Director will have input on adult educational programming.

THE RABBI & AMY BLUM SOCIAL ACTION FUND

A designated fund to honor Rabbi Barry Blum on his retirement, The Rabbi Barry and Amy Blum Social Action Fund will in the best tradition of Jewish Tzedakah, identify and support programs that address food insecurity, increase self-sufficiency, provide acts of loving kindness, and promote social justice to enrich the quality of life for those in need.

THE JULIE LYNN GORSON-MARROW MEMORIAL MUSIC FUND

The Julie Lynn Gorson-Marrow Memorial Fund is established for the musical education and enjoyment of CBENT children.

ELLEN GLASSMAN MITZVAH FUND

The purpose of this fund is to continue Ellen Glassman's legacy of kind, compassionate and generous mitzvot. Funds may be used to help others in ways that will enhance their lives.

MORRIS ESTHER BERNETT BOOK FUND

Provide the Congregation new editions of Etz Hayim. Once sufficient quantities of the book have been purchased, the Fund can be used to purchase replacement prayer books or other devotional books as needed and as determined by the Rabbi and/or Religious Committee.

CBENT Friends Designated Fund

The CBENT Friends Designated Fund is established in order to provide funds for social events for the adult membership and prospective new members of CBENT congregation.

Designated Fund of Torah Restoration

The fund will be made available for all and any repairs necessary to make a torah kosher and useable. This includes all fees and materials that a scribe needs to repair torah(s). The religious committee shall approve the spending of funds.

Please note that there are also opportunities to donate to the General Fund of the synagogue in the name of Funds that do not meet the requirements to be a Designated Fund. See the list below of "Undesignated Funds".

UNDESIGNATED FUNDS

Davidow Fund
Hulnick Fund
K'Tonton Fund
Library Fund
Orloff Fund
J. Jay Wolf Fund
Landscaping Fund
Judy Linder Fund
Dori Riesenfeld Fund
David Schwartz Fund
Florence Friedlander Scholarship Fund
Cantorial Fund

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Celebrate a Bar/Bat Mitzvah,
Wedding Anniversary, significant
Birthday or Wedding by purchas-
ing a Chai Wall Plaque. Your Sim-
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DEDICATION AMOUNT
Eternal Light \$ 36,000*
School Entrance \$ 10,000
Chapel Chairs (group of 10) \$ 2,500
Sound System \$ 5,000
Chapel Built-In \$ 3,000
Kipah Holders (2) \$ 2,500
Founder \$ 1,500 -\$ 1,999
Jr. Congregation Ark \$ 1,000
Sanctuary Seats \$ 500
Sponsor \$ 100 -\$ 499
*Some members already gave \$5,000

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Honor a deceased loved one by purchasing a
Memorial Plaque. Plaques are placed in the
Hall of Remembrance and provide a lasting
memory. On the yahrzeit date, the plaque is
brought to the sanctuary entrance and mount-
ed on the yahrzeit memorial wall located out-
side the Minyan chapel entrance.
Cost is \$350

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Mission: Congregation Beth El – Ner Tamid is dedicated to fostering a welcoming, vibrant, progressive, and inclusive Jewish community blending the traditions of the Conservative movement with Reconstructionist teachings. We enjoy Jewish spiritual, cultural and social activities, and encourage social action and lifelong Jewish learning.

Vision: Congregation Beth El – Ner Tamid aspires to be the heart of our Jewish community, supporting the religious, social, and emotional needs of our diverse population, with an open invitation to explore and celebrate Judaism.

Values: Congregation Beth El – Ner Tamid centers itself around these five sets of core principles:

- **Community & Inclusivity:** We aim to create a warm and caring family environment where Jews of all ages, backgrounds, races, abilities, gender identities, sexual orientations, and their loved ones feel welcome and Respected
- **Religious Connection & Spirituality:** We create opportunities for people to form meaningful connections with each other and to bring spirituality into their lives

• **Lifelong Learning & Inspiration:** We encourage people of all generations to explore Jewish identity, heritage, and community and to celebrate Judaism through a variety of religious, educational, and social activities

• **Tradition & Adaptation:** We cherish the rituals and practices of Judaism while adapting to current times, appreciating the values of both tradition and modernity

• **Social Action & Tikkun Olam:** We wholeheartedly support the needs of our wider community in collaboration with other religious and secular institutions.

**CBENT LEADERSHIP
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS
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