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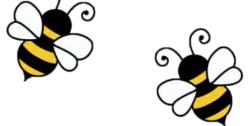
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Sunday	9:30am	Gary Bernett	Office@CBENT.org
Monday	7:15am	Ben Rose	bnesq@aol.com
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Shabbat Friday Evening	7:00pm		Office@CBENT.org
Shabbat Saturday Morning	9:45am		Office@CBENT.org

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.

Upcoming Events:

Opening Day

September 7 at 9 am

Mini Mensch Academy Event

September 7 at 10:30 am

Welcome back BBQ

September 7 at 12 noon

Creative Crafters

September 11 at 1 pm

Bingo Night

September 11 at 6:30 pm

Welcome Shabbat Event

September 12 at 7 pm

Mensch Making Academy Program

September 14 at 9 am

Creative Crafters

September 25 at 1 pm

Shabbat in the Park

September 26 at 5 pm

Parent Education Event

September 28 at 9 am

Mini Mensch Academy Program

September 28 at 10:30 am

Men's Club Eagles Game Event

September 28 at 12 noon



Rabbi Michal

In Simon and Garfunkel's beautiful song "The Leaves that are Green," we hear:

I threw a pebble in a brook
And watched the ripples run away
And they never made a sound
And the leaves that are green turn to brown
And they wither with the wind
And they crumble in your hand
Hello, Hello, Hello
Good-bye, Good-bye
Good-bye, Good-bye
That's all there is

And the leaves that are green turn to brown

With the approach of Rosh Hashanah, Jews throughout the world traditionally engage in reflection so that, through self-examination, there will be foundations for future growth in the coming new year ahead. Achievements, failures, joys, sorrows, and our investment and mindfulness in sustaining and creating human relationships that are loving, respectful, caring, and positive will be hopefully examined, and where there is a need to invest, fix, and prioritize, we will resolve to take action. Or, if needed, let go and leave behind. Looking at our reflection in that mirror of our core "being" is neither passive, nor void of deep honesty and with it, often pain. But it is necessary. Life is a journey of learning and hopefully, growth. It is a gift and a blessing.

Reflection is deeply personal, and yet, it is also an opportunity to really appreciate "community" where we don't have to be alone in this experience. In fact, Judaism commands us to support and love each individual that engages in authentic "Tshuva," and our Sages teach that those opening up to this soul-cleansing process are to be revered even more than the Tzaddik — the righteous individual. Through our sharing of our stories and our experiences, we learn, we make space, and we value each and every community member. The Hebrew root of "Kehilla" — community — IS exactly that, to gather together in mutual support.

The month of Elul supports us in this endeavor as a holy *Kehillah*—community. Please join me on Wednesday evening, September 3, at 7:30 PM, for the second of four gatherings (first was on Zoom, second and third at my home, and finally ending with Selichot at CBENT on September 17) for an interactive, meaningful, and warm experience of reflection, through Jewish teachings and conversation in preparation for the new year. No previous knowledge or familiarity with Hebrew is required. Just the appreciation to be together in an informal and welcoming environment.

Also, please take this opportunity when reading the Shofar, to see what's being offered this year that is new at CBENT! We are all potentially lifelong learners and evolving human beings. Let's have a wonderful year doing this together!

Finally, may we approach the new year of 5786 with an open heart, ready to welcome new opportunities and positive change in our personal and collective lives! Shanah Tovah Umetuka — a sweet and good new year, and prayers for peace, the release of the Israeli hostages, and the ending of this wretched conflict. We must prioritize life and its holiness, as we celebrate the birthday of this world that we have been gifted. Together we will partner in making it better and find ways to focus on what we share in common!

With love and blessings,

Rabbi Michal

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!

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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.

6.12.2026 11.7.2025 4.17.2026 Dates: 10.17.2025 3.20.2026 2.20.2026



Dorothy Brooks

In Memory of Nathan Abrahams

& In Memory of Gladys Abrahams



Rabbi's Fund

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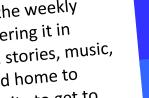
& In Memory of Gloria Feigenbaum

Dr. Eli Lourie & Dr. Jen Shrager

Pam Stein & Alan Gorberg

Sue & Marc Gewertz

In Memory of Dorothy Gewertz





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 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 the structure, the sequence, the editing, the stories in between the lines, 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.



Cantor's Notes

Who does G-d select as a Prophet? What are the qualifications for being chosen? What is a Prophet's function? Notice that I phrase these questions in the present

tense. You, my dear reader, may be a Prophet, too! Only you don't know it yet.

Beginning on Saturday, September 6 (*Shabbat Ki Teitzei*), Rabbi Michal and I will introduce a Shabbat study opportunity before each Saturday morning Shabbat service. These study sessions will begin at 9 a.m. — and will feature coffee and cake at the study table to enhance the casual feel of these sessions. Rabbi and I will alternate as leaders, using that Shabbat's Torah or Haftarah text to facilitate discussion. Rabbi will be focusing on Musar, understanding the values of Jewish culture. I will be leading discussions on Prophets and Prophecy to explore how our value system changed over time and how the Biblical Prophets played a key role in promoting these changes. Our goal will be to answer the questions I posed above.

A more critical question is, **Who are our Prophets today?** Could you be one? In ancient times, prophecy was a valued commodity. Emperors and Kings relied on their Prophets to guide them. Our Biblical Prophets became far more notorious, as many had the temerity to write down their prophecies, later collected into our present-day Bible. I use the word "notorious," as most of our Prophets were not very popular with the leaders of their times. (Think Moses vs. Pharaoh — or Jeremiah, who was imprisoned by leadership angered by his words.)

Our Rabbis claim that Prophecy died out in the early Second Temple period, with Malachi the last of the Biblical Prophets. In our science-oriented world of today, Prophecy is typically sneered at as an ancient superstition. I propose that Prophecy is not dead, and that we see samples of it daily through the media. Our leaders use Prophecy to help them win elections. There are many other examples how Prophecy continues to impact our lives today.

Please join us on Shabbat mornings, beginning September 6, at 9 a.m. for the onset of these study sessions with Rabbi and me. They will end at 9:40 a.m., in time for all to enter the Sanctuary for Shabbat services.

Here's the best part: You are not required to stay for services. Of course, we would love to have you stay and daven with us as a community, but we understand if you can't. Either way, I look forward to seeing you a bit earlier on Shabbat mornings as we study Jewish Values and our Prophets and Prophecy, together.

Shanah tova v'teikateimu. May you be inscribed for a year of life, success, and happiness.

Cantor Steve



Ben & Joan Rose
In Memory of Jerome Rose

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

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.

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Cantor Steven Friedrich

In Memory of Leah Friedrich & Jacob Cooperman





President: Marc Belitsky

The Jewish calendar is filled with moments that invite us to reflect, rejoice, and reconnect with our faith, our traditions, and one another. As we journey through the sacred cycle of Jewish holidays, we are reminded not only of our shared history but also of the importance of our spiritual home — the synagogue.

At Congregation Beth El-Ner Tamid, our inclusive community comes together under the leadership of Rabbi Michal, whose guidance, wisdom, and compassion help make every holiday more meaningful and every gathering more purposeful. We are looking forward to Rabbi's second year, now that she has put down roots and immersed herself in our community.

We will kick off September with a Men's Club-sponsored Back to School Barbecue, a Sisterhood Whine and Cheese party, Bingo night, and a Board Installation Shabbat — all in the first week. A year-long calendar offers our members religious, educational, social, and mitzvah-oriented opportunities. Please connect with us.

Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the High Holy Days. As we gather to hear the shofar's call and reflect on the past year, we are uplifted by the teachings and prayers led by our Rabbi. The synagogue becomes a space of personal and communal renewal, offering comfort and direction as we enter a new year with hope and intention.

On Yom Kippur, we engage in deep introspection and seek forgiveness for the ways we have fallen short. Through powerful sermons, heartfelt prayers, and the sacred atmosphere cultivated in our Sanctuary, our Rabbi and Cantor will lead us through a day of spiritual cleansing and recommitment to our values. Your presence and participation help create the spiritual energy that makes this day so transformative.

Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah will follow, offering joyous moments to dance, sing, and celebrate the Torah. The energy and enthusiasm of our community, led by our Rabbi and dedicated synagogue staff, make these celebrations especially meaningful. These holidays remind us of who we are as Jews — and help us to renew our spirit and identity each year.

CBENT is more than just a building, it is a sacred space where we pray, learn, celebrate, and grow together. We build friendships and memories. The guidance of our Rabbi is essential in making the holidays come alive, turning ancient traditions into present-day meaning. Behind every service, event, and moment of inspiration is a dedicated team working tirelessly to support the spiritual and communal needs of our congregation.

As we enter this season of holidays, we ask you to consider how you can support our synagogue. Whether through volunteering, attending services, or making a financial contribution, your involvement ensures that we can continue to thrive as a strong, inclusive, and welcoming Jewish community.

May this season bring blessings of health, peace, and joy to you and your loved ones. And may we all continue to find strength and inspiration in our shared traditions and the community we build together.

Shanah Tovah u'Metukah — Wishing you a good and sweet new year!

We Are Welcoming, Yet We Need to be Vigilant About Our Collective Security

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. The High Holidays will soon be upon us, and I am excited to see many of you at CBENT in the coming weeks. Preparations have been ongoing by clergy, staff, our officers and Board, and many volunteers including the Security Committee. The goals for the High Holiday season include making our experiences meaningful, educational, spiritual, enjoyable and secure.

From a security perspective, I want to start out by saying that we have not received any specific threats to CBENT. However, law enforcement is acting under a **high threat level** in general and we must take our collective security seriously if we are to achieve all our other goals this holiday season. Accordingly, here are our "Ten Security Commandments" plus one bonus commandment this year for **EVERYONE** to follow and/or understand:

- **See Something** If something does not look right, seek out an usher, CBENT officer or security guard. Don't assume someone else will.
- **Doors for Entry and Exit** Everyone must follow the rules and only enter and exit through the Sanctuary/ Felinton side of the building. **PROPPING OPEN DOORS IS NOT ALLOWED**. It only takes a few seconds for a trespasser to enter through an unauthorized door.
- **Tickets and Entry Setup** The table for checking in and showing your tickets will be right outside the doors on the Sanctuary/Felinton side of the building. Bring your ticket, and do not assume the person checking you in will recognize you. Once your ticket has been checked, the door will be opened from the inside for you to enter the building.
- **Suspicious Bags/Items** If you must bring something into the building other than your handbag or Tallit bag, **be prepared for it to be inspected** and do not leave it unattended.
- **Cell Phones** They are allowed in the building and should be used in case of emergency, but please leave them in silent mode.
- **Security Team** As usual, this entails a team effort by Marple police, private security guards, ushers **and YOU**. If everyone is vigilant, we are all more secure. If you spot a potential issue, seek out a team member.
- **Run, Hide, Fight** This is the recommended order of action by law enforcement and security professionals if an active violent situation were to occur.
- **Lockdown Devices** They have been in place for several years inside each room. Our staff, Board and security team have all been shown how to use them.
- **Panic Buttons** Members of the security team will have both fixed and mobile panic buttons that can send a direct message to our alarm company.
- **Stop the Bleed, First Aid Kits and AEDs** These are strategically located throughout the building and clearly identified.
- **New Zoom Link** This will be provided to lower the chance of a service on Zoom being interrupted.

Thank you for adhering to the above and helping to make the High Holidays more secure for you, your family and friends, and our collective community.

L'shana Tovah!

Mark Bernstein Security Committee Chairperson



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

We're heading into a new Mensch Making Academy and Mini Mensch Academy school year with energy and excitement! Fueled by my own learning this summer while attending the NewCAJE16 conference in Baltimore with Rabbi Michal and Andi Joseph. NewCAJE — a pluralistic organization that embraces every denomination and aspect of

Judaism — is dedicated to inspiring educators to do the holy work of linking one generation to the next through Torah, literature, history, text study, Jewish values, music, art and more. Some of you may remember CAJE — the Coalition for Alternatives in Jewish Education — when it was located in Elkins Park. NewCAJE is grounded in the values and mission of CAJE, but was rebranded to reflect the new demands on Jewish educators. The needs of students and families have changed. There are new technologies and new approaches to learning. As it was written, the Torah has not changed — but the way we make it relevant and meaningful has. I came home from the conference, fired up by all that I had learned, the resources that were shared, and thrilled that I am part of a network of Jewish educators who love collaborating, teaching, and inspiring youth and their families! I am grateful to Rabbi Michal for connecting Andi Joseph and me to this conference and encouraging us to attend.

I savored every day of summer. I woke up and intentionally thanked G-d for giving me the privilege of working with our families and their children. I loved seeing so many of our congregants at Devotion By the Ocean, Shabbat in the Park, the Trustees BBQ, and the Membership Committee's Open House. I am grateful to Arthur Pollin for his generosity and partnership. Our gatherings over the summer felt like treasured family reunions. I was happy to learn that when I sent out school registration packets for parents to complete, and shared an initiative whereby the first 10 families to register would receive a special gift, that 10 families registered during the first two days of receiving it!

In the upcoming months, I can't wait to share our new programs, school initiatives and learning opportunities for both students and parents! Take a look and see what you'd like to participate in:

- **Beginner's Hebrew for Adults with Rabbi Michal.** This program is open to parents and congregants and will meet from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Wednesday, beginning on October 29.
- Shabbat School and Lunch. On the first Saturday of every month students in grades Kindergarten through Hebrew High will gather for Shabbat School from 9:45 a.m. to 12 noon, followed by lunch for all! There will be a creative service offered simultaneously with a traditional service, so parents can choose which one they want to attend. (Feel free to try them both out!) Students will take part in services as well as have class time with their teachers. Want to sponsor one of our lunches in honor of a birthday, anniversary or momentous occasion? Let Ellen know! When we have Shabbat School on Saturday, there is no Hebrew School on Sunday!

- Ask the Rabbi!! From 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., on Saturdays when we have Shabbat School, Rabbi Michal invites parents and congregants to ask questions and ponder life's mysteries over a cup of coffee. Every question is important! No experience necessary! Just bring your curiosity!
- Family Educational Journeys/Adult Education. Once a month of Sundays throughout the year, Rabbi Michal will be offering Family Educational Journeys for parents (grandparents and congregants too!) from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. No experience necessary! Topics will be driven by participants. What would you like to learn about? Let Ellen or Rabbi know! There is no experience or Hebrew background necessary to attend these classes. It will be empowering for our students to know that while they're learning, their parents, grandparents and congregants will be challenging themselves to learn too! Classes will be 45 minutes in length long enough to learn, question and wonder, and still run weekend errands and have a little time to yourself.
- **Better Together.** If you're 62 years and older, join us once a month for a program that encourages our Beth Elder seniors to mentor and engage with our 6th and 7th grade students, along with our teens and Madrichim/role models to learn, share experiences and thoughts, explore, experience, cook and wonder together!! This year, we will have two_special programs honoring the memory of two beloved Better Together participants Sandy Melnikoff and David Schreiber, who are missed by our students and faculty. We invite everyone to attend. For the past four years, we received a grant from Better Together a nationwide program. Although the grant is complete, our school is going to continue to fund this program (through Bingo!) as it's important for our teens to learn from and spend time with our adults!

One aspect that I love about our congregation is that our Mensch Making Academy interfaces with every arm of the synagogue. We're excited to partner with the Men's Club on Opening Day of School/Sunday September 7 for an indoor barbecue at noon. Our school is looking forward to **Dedicating the Paper Clip** and having an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 25. Our school will help Harold Sampson bring his vision to life for the Paper Clip as Dr. Stanley Jacobs unveils signage informing readers of the Paper Clip's significance — and why it's imperative for us to continue learning (and passing on) its lessons from generation to generation. We look forward to the Trustees' Hanukkah Latke and Hebrew Letter Bingo party on Sunday, December 14, where our kids win big, reinforce their recognition of Hebrew letters, and eat well! We thank Sisterhood for welcoming our teens to attend the production of "Suffs" at the Kimmel Center for half price. "Suffs" is about the "brilliant, passionate and funny American women who fought tirelessly for the right to vote." We appreciate the time, energy and knowledge Rabbi Michal and Cantor Steve share with our kids in school. And we thank the congregation, especially those who come to Shabbat services and serve as *Gabbaim*, for taking our upcoming *B'Mitzvah* students under their wings, encouraging them to practice and lead prayers on the Bimah, and supporting their Mitzvah projects!

Thank you everyone, for taking an interest in our school and helping to strengthen Jewish identity in all of our students!!

Road Trip! Perform a Mitzvah and Feed Those in Need Through JRA/Jewish Relief Agency with the Mensch Making Academy! Better Together, Mensch Making Academy Parents and Congregants — Join our school and the Love Thy Neighbor Committee and Perform a Mitzvah on Sunday, September 14! We'll be traveling by school bus to the JRA Warehouse, 10980 Dutton Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154 and, once packed, we'll be delivering the food to residents in one apartment building. The bus will pick us up in CBENT's parking lot promptly at 9 a.m., and we'll return to beautiful Broomall between 1:15 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. This is a great mitzvah to perform while not having to drive to Northeast Philly on your own! (If you'd prefer to drive yourself, feel free to meet us there at 10 a.m.)

Please follow all the steps below and register by 12 p.m. (noon) on Monday, September 8. If you don't pre register by September 8, JRA will not permit you to enter their building. Let Ellen know once you've registered! Thanks!

Use this <u>link</u> to register for JRA

All children and adults need to be individually registered in order to enter the warehouse. Parents can add their children in the section on the registration page to add other individuals.

Enter your First Name & Email Address. (If only your child is volunteering, enter their first name and your email address.)

- a. First-time volunteers and those who haven't completed a volunteer profile will first be prompted to fill out a profile and sign a waiver. Once complete, click the orange "Next" button.
- b. Returning volunteers should use the same first name and email address they previously used to create a volunteer profile, so they are not prompted to do this again.

Scroll down until you see the blue boxes (for volunteer packing shifts and delivery route selection).

Click + A2 : Food Packing (All Ages Shift) to expand the box.

Find your group name (Reserved for group: CBENT Mensch Making and Mini Mensch Academy) and check the box.

Scroll to the bottom to answer a few additional questions including the name of your group.

Click the orange "Sign Up to Volunteer" button.

A confirmation email will be sent to you.

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

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Mensch Making Academy, Better Together and Love Thy Neighbor trip to JRA in September 2024! Come with us and continue doing this Mitzvah on September 14, 2025!





Miss Andi and Miss Ellen love bringing Shabbat to life with K'tonton, even during the summer months!



It was fun to welcome Shabbat in the Park with Andi Joseph and the dinosaurs who came knocking at our door! We loved having Rabbi Michal, Rabbi Nathan from Beth Israel in Media and Shelley Rappaport—the Kehillah Coordinator from Delaware and Chester County—join us as well as congregants and friends who helped us out and participated. Endless thanks are sent to Vance DiCristo for meeting and greeting everyone at our events! Our next Shabbat in the Park is on Friday, September 26, at 5 p.m. in Ridley Creek. Register for the exact location!



It was fun to wake up on Saturday morning after Devotion By The Ocean and gather together in front of Downbeach Deli and enjoy fish and bagels!



Starting Wednesday, October 28, 5 to 6 PM at CBENT during the school year. WE'VE GOT THIS! Beginner's Hebrew with Rabbi Michal 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!

Shabbat always feels sweeter and more spiritual with our toes in the sand at Devotion By The Ocean!



Games and prizes accompanied a delicious meal after Devotion By The Ocean. Thank you Arthur Pollin, for keeping Home Goods in business and purchasing the best door prizes!



Scott Berkowitz starring in "Something Rotten"! Scott had the lead role and according to CBENT members who attended, he was "awesome"! Kudos to Scott!!



"Welcome to the Renaissance" and the hilarious, crowd-pleasing musical comedy, Something Rotten!

Travel back to 1590 and Shakespeare's England where two playwright brothers, Nick & Nigel Bottom, are desperate for a hit as they live in the shadow of "The Bard". After visiting a soothsayer that reveals the future of theatre will include singing and dancing, Nick and Nigel set out to write the world's first musical!

Against the "Will Power" of others, the brothers end up realizing the best version of success is when they're true to thine own selves. Something Rotten! is the ultimate love letter to theatre; a musical that celebrates the magic and madness of it all, while reminding us of the power of **believing** in our own ideas.



Ruth Davis

In Memory of Albert Einheber





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In Memory of Jordana Ostroff

Penny & Ed Meyers

In Honor of the Birth of Hershel Ellis Schwarz

Ray & Ellen Vanderhorst

In Memory of Bernice Cetlin



Sisterhood

Lo and behold, it's September again! Time to get ready for school, High Holidays and Sisterhood. All women are invited to join us on September 8 at Diane Schwartz's home at 10 Dartmouth Lane in Broomall at 6:30 for an evening of food, fun, and friendship. RSVPs are a MUST to help us have enough food for you. Please email marilynpres@gmail.com with a short message saying you will attend.

Be sure to join Jenna on Sunday, October 5, at 11:15 a.m. at our next in person book club. The book agreed upon was "To Share an Egg" by Bonnie Reichert. The book is available for purchase at Amazon. More details will follow.

Our tickets for "Suffs," the Broadway musical at Philadelphia's Academy of Music on Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. are selling quickly. The story is the accurate depiction of the 100-year struggle for women to gain the right to vote in America. We are hoping that parents will bring their Mench Making Academy children to see this piece of American history. Sisterhood will subsidize student tickets to offer a reduced cost of \$50. The cost for adult balcony seats is \$95. Orchestra seats are \$135. Payment is not due until Oct. 31 — but reservations are needed by Sept. 30. TICKETS MAKE GREAT HANUKKAH GIFTS — so be sure to plan ahead!!

Also, please take note of landscaping improvements to the outside of our building. The project to remove dead bushes from the Paxon Hollow entrance and the student courtyard was started last year and continued this year. This was made possible by your generous support of our activities.

Always feel free to get in touch with me with any questions or concerns. L'Shana Tova to all!



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

Rosh Chodesh—Celebration of Women and the New Moon **MODERN TIMES**

It is said that because women did not partake in or contribute to the sin of Starting October 22, 2025, 7:30-8:30 on Zoom 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! 11.12.2025 3.18.2026 Dates: 10.22.2025 2.18.2026 6.17.2026 1.14.2026 5.13.2026 4.15.2026



Men's Club

Men's Club invites you to kick off the new school year by enjoying our Back to School BBQ on September 7. The BBQ will take place immediately after Sunday morning's Mensch Making Academy. Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers and refreshments will be served in the Felinton Auditorium. Our suggested contribution is \$5 for children and \$10 for adults.

E - A - G - L - E - S Eagles! Our annual Eagles Watch Party in the TI Room will take place Sunday, September 28 at 1:00 p.m., when the Eagles visit the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Pizza and refreshments will be served, and the cost is \$18.

The following week, Men's Club will be setting up our sukkah on Friday morning, October 3. If you would like to lend a hand, please contact Ray Krautheim.

We look forward to another event-filled year of Men's Club programming, and hope you will join us!

Best regards,

Ray Krautheim & Rich Gordon

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

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.

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:

9.3.2025 @ Rabbi's Home 7:30 PM 9.10.2025 @ Rabbi's Home 7:30 PM RSVP to RabbiMichal@CBENT.org for the address 9.17.2025 Selichot in person at CBENT 6:00 PM



General Fund

Beth & Steve Burak In Memory of Harry Burak Ben & Susan Goldberg In Honor of Debbie Weiss' 80th Birthday



September 2025 | Elul Tishrei 5785-5786

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Office Closed 9:00 AM Morn- ing Minyan	7:00 PM Evening Minyan with Rabbi Michal 7:30 PM Reli- gious Committee Meeting	4:30 PM Faculty meeting 7:00 PM Evening Minyan with Cantor Steve 7:30 PM Prepar- ing our Soul for the New Year	4 7:15 AM Morn- ing Minyan	5 7:00 PM Kabba- lat Shabbat	9:00 AM Study Mussar & Prophets with Rabbi & Cantor 9:45 AM Shabbat Service
9:00 AM Opening Day at Mensch Making Academy 9:30 AM Minyan 10:30 AM Mini Mensch 12:00 BBQ Sponsored by Men's Club	7:15 AM Morning Minyan 6:00 PM Sisterhood "Whine & Cheese" 7:00 PM Men's Club Meeting	7:00 PM Evening Minyan with Rabbi Michal 7:30 PM Execu- tive Board Meeting	4:00 PM Mensch Making Acade- my 7:00 PM Evening Minyan with Cantor Steve 7:30 PM Prepar- ing our Soul for the New Year	7:15 AM Morning Minyan 1:00 PM Creative Crafters at WELS 6:30 PM BINGO FUNDRAISER Light Supper!	7:00 PM Kabba- lat Shabbat Installation of Board of Direc- tors, Officers, and School Board	9:00 AM Study Mussar & Prophets with Rabbi & Cantor 9:45 AM Shabbat Service
9:00 AM Mensch Making Acade- my JRA field trip 9:30 AM Morn- ing Minyan	7:15 AM Morning Minyan 7:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting	7:00 PM Evening Minyan with Rabbi Michal	17 6:00 PM Mensch Making Academy Chag School Light supper. 7:00 PM Evening Minyan with Cantor Steve	7:15 AM Morning Minyan 7:30 PM Membership Committee Meeting	19 7:00 PM Kabba- lat Shabbat	9:00 AM Study Mussar & Prophets with Rabbi & Cantor 9:45 AM Shabbat Service
21 No Religious School 9:30 AM Minyan	Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:15 AM Morning Minyan 10 AM - 5 PM Challah Fundraiser Pick Up 6:30 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service (Zoom)	Rosh Hashanah (see flyer for details)	Rosh Hashanah (see flyer for details) 7:00 PM Evening Minyan with Cantor Steve	7:15 AM Morning Minyan 1:00 PM Creative Crafters at WELS 7:30 PM Security Meeting	26 5:00 PM Shabbat in the Park— Ridley Creek 7:00 PM Kabba- lat Shabbat	9:00 AM Study Mussar & Prophets with Rabbi & Cantor 9:45 AM Shabbat Service
28 9:00 AM Family Education Journeys 9:00 AM Mensch Making Academy 10:30 Mini Mensch Academy 10:45 AM Better Together 1:00 PM Men's	29 7:15 AM Morning Minyan 7:00 PM CBENT Book Club	7:00 PM Evening Minyan with Rabbi Michal 7:30 PM Board Meeting				

September 2025 - Mensch Making Academy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda	y Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 4:30 pm - 6:30 p Opening Faculty Meeting/ Professional Development		5	6
7 Mensch Making Academy Opening Day 9 am - 12 pm Mini Mensch 10:30 am - 11:30 am BBQ to follow for all, Sponsored by CBENT Men's Club	8	9	10 4 pm - 6 pm Mensch Making Academy Grade: 3-7	6:30 pm BINGO Fundraiser for Mensch Making Academy! Light Supper	12 7:00 pm Installation of CBENT Board & School Board Kabbalat Shab- bat* (In Person) *Kabbalat Shabbat is our Friday Evening Service, Welcoming the Day of Rest	13
14 9 am - 2 pm Mensch Making Academy Field Trip (JRA) for grades 3- 12 9 am - 12 Class at Cbent - Kin- dergarten 1st & 2nd	15	16	17 6 pm - 8 pm Mensch Making Academy Chag School/Selicho Program for all families; light sup per.	et l	19	20
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HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 5786

SELICHOT	Wednesday, September 17	Mensch Making Academy 6:00 PM Chag School/Selichot program for all; Light supper	
EREV ROSH HASHANAH	Monday, September 22	Services on Zoom 6:00 PM	
ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1	Tuesday, September 23	Services begin 9:00 AM	
		Torah Reading (approx.) 10:00 AN	1
		Free Babysitting 10:30 AN	1 12:30 PM
- No. 1		Youth Service (ages 8-12) 10:30 AN	1 12:30 PM
		Teen Service (ages 13 +) 10:30 AN	1 12:30 PM
		Mini Mensch Service (Ages 3-7) 11:00 AN	1 12:00 PM
		Tashlich Service	
		With Mini Mensch, Apples & Honey	
D 2 4		New Ardmore Park, Broomall Following	Services
ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2	Wednesday, September 24	Services begin 9:00 AM	
		Torah Reading (approx.) 10:00 AN	1
EREV YOM KIPPUR	Wednesday, October 1	Kol Nidre 6:00 PM	
YOM KIPPUR	Thursday, October 2	Services begin 9:00 AM	
		Torah Reading (approx.) 10:00 AN	1
		Yiskor Service (approx.)	
		Free Babysitting 10:30 AN	
		Youth Service (ages 8-12) 10:30 AM	1 12:30 PM
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		Havdallah & Break the Fast 7:30 PM	
SUKKOT DAY 1	Tuesday, October 7	Services 9:45 AM	
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SUKKOT DAY 2	Wednesday, October 8	Services	
SHEMINI ATZERET	Tuesday, October 14	Services	
		Mini Mensch & Mensch Making	
SIMCHAT TORAH	Tuesday, October 14	Academy Chag School 5:30 PM	
		Cocktails & Appetizers 6:00 PM	
		Simchat Torah Service with the Shir Joy Band 7:00 PM	
		Dessert Buffet 8:00 PM	
		Dessett Dullet	



September Celebrations!

Andrew Brody 9/1/2025

Jennifer Spector 9/5/2025

Ed Meyers 9/5/2025

Joan Lipman 9/6/2025

Rebecca Brody 9/8/2025

Robert Koenigsberg 9/10/2025

Gigi Gorson - Marrow 9/11/2025

Audrey Pollin 9/15/2025

Deborah Weiss 9/17/2025

Scot Goldberg 9/19/2025

Melissa Pollin 9/25/2025

Richard Fuiman 9/25/2025

Meaghan Messner 9/27/2025

Scott Noye 9/28/2025





Joyce & Richard Brody 9/10/2025

Order in time for the Rosh Hashanah holiday!

Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on Monday, September 22.

Challahs

Help Support The Mensch Making and Mini Mensch Academies!

We've teamed up with **Schick's Kosher Bakery** in New York to provide you with delicious round challah to enjoy with your family and friends!

Kosher - Parve - Nut Free

Order Deadline - Thursday, September 4 (Please respect the deadline)

Pick up - Monday, September 22 - 10am to 5:00pm

NAME:		
PHONE:		
ADDRESS:		
EMAIL:		

ITEM	PRICE	QTY.	TOTAL
2 lb. Round Plain Challah	\$9.00		
2 lb. Round Raisin Challah	\$9.00		
2 lb. Round Whole Wheat Challah	\$9.00		
SPECIAL! 3 Challahs for \$25!	\$25.00		
TOTAL ORDER			



Questions? Email Ellen Glassman, Education Director at cbentschool@gmail.com





Make check payable to: CBENT Religious School • Return to CBENT Synagogue Office, 715 Paxon Hollow Road, Broomall, PA 19008



Sunday, September 7 9am - 12 noon



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

Our school is for students in Kindergarten through 10th grade. Madrichim/teen mentors and role models are in 11th and 12th grade.

At noon, the whole family is invited to our indoor BBQ, sponsored by the Mens Club! There will be games and great food. The BBQ is free and open to the community, so invite your friends!

(Please RSVP to Ellen Glassman, Eduction Director at cbentschool@gmail.com so we know how much seating and food we need for all.)

Better Together, seniors 65+, are encouraged to attend the BBQ at noon!



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Creating Mensches (good people) for repairing our world

Opening Day featuring Miss Andi & Anne Thomas!

Sunday, September 7 • 10:30–11:30 am

MINI MENSCH ACADEMY Followed by indoor BBQ and games at noon!

We'll be creating a Rosh Hashanah Scavenger Hunt for families to take home and enjoy for the holidays.

BETH EL - NER TAMID

The BBQ is FREE and open to the community. Invite your friends!

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CBENT's

Mensch Making Academy
and Mini Mensch Academy
invite you to our

Special guest: MISS ANDI!

Sunday, September 7 Noon

Join us for an indoor BBQ after school for food, games and fun!

Sponsored by the CBENT Men's Club

FRIENDS, FAMILY,
AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS
ARE WELCOME!

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Includes Instructions & Brachot (Blessings)

Order by September 10, Pick up October 5 - 6

Fill out this form and return with your payment to: CBENT

715 Paxon Hollow Road, Broomall, PA 19008 or order through shulcloud: https://cbent.shulcloud.com/form/etrog-sale.html

Etrog	Set - Order Form
Name:	Phone:
Email:	
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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!



NEW LOCATION! WELS - 100 HALCYON DR. MEDIA, PA

14 & 28



For more information contact Marilyn Bamash at marilynpres@gmail.com.



Come Welcome Shabbat with us!

Friday, September 12, 7:00 PM

We will be bringing in this Shabbat with pride and joy as we celebrate our New Board Members, and Synagogue Officers.

Installation of Synagogue Officers,

Board of Directors, Executive Board, and School Board

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Desserts following service

RSVP to Installation Shabbat 9-12-2025

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Join us when our

Mensch Making Academy

vists the

Jewish Relief Agency (JRA) Sunday, September 14 • 9 AM

We will learn about food insecurity, pack and deliver food for those in need. Parents and congregants are encouraged to ride the bus with us - Better Together and Love Thy Neighbor, too. Bus will leave CBENT's parking lot promptly at 9:00am.

We plan on returning by 1:15pm.

All participants must pre register online with JRA by Monday, September 8. Check your email for details or email Ellen at cbentschool@gmail.com

in the park. Ridley Creek

Friday, September 26 - 5 PM Featuring Miss Andi Songwriter/Performer Extraordinaire!

https://cbent.shulcloud.com/form/shabbat-in-the-park%209-26-25.html

*Address upon registration















Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy!

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

https://cbent.shulcloud.com/form/shabbat-in-the-park%209-26-25.html

Parent Education

Sunday, September 28 9:00am to 9:45am

Come learn with Rabbi Michal!
Your children will be proud
that while they're learning, you're learning.
No experience necessary!
A cool ring binder will be given to all participants.





EAGLES vs BUCCANEERS

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28 12:00PM - Cornhole Competition!

1PM - KICK OFF!
in The Temple Israel Room
Big Screen TV!
Pizza & Refreshments
\$18.00/person

Reservations are required: Call CBENT Office 610-356-8700 or Email office@cbent.org









Creating Mensches (good people) for repairing our world

Join us on

Sunday, September 28 10:30 to 11:30 am

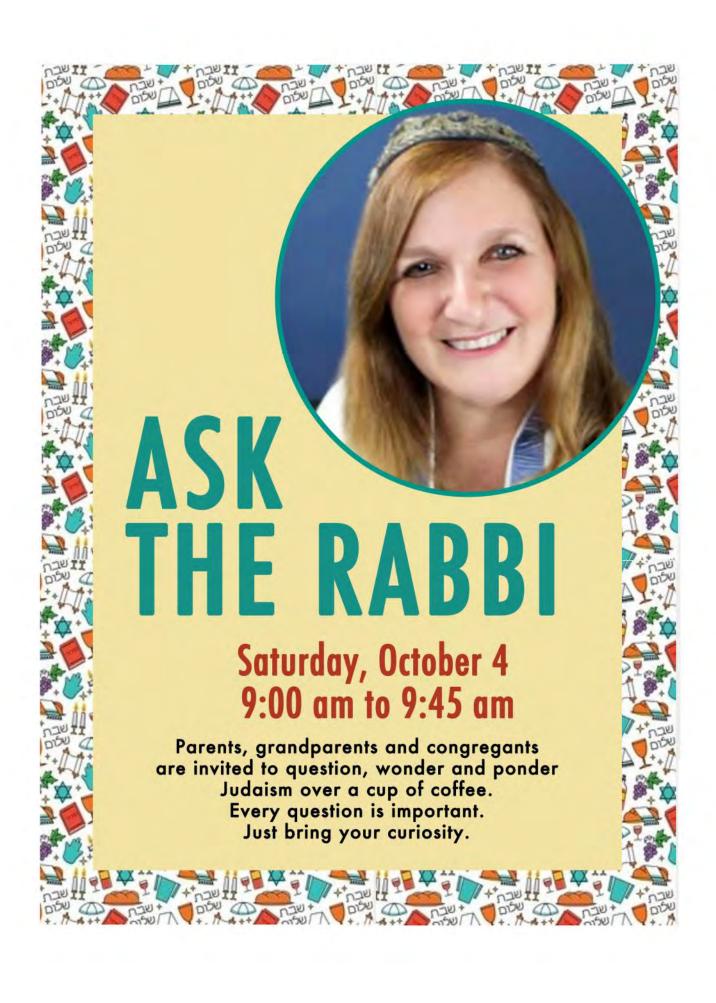
for a special

MINI MENSCH ACADEMY PROGRAM!

Join Miss Andi and Anne Thomas for singing, dancing, storytime and a craft! Invite your friends! This program is free and open to the community.

BETH EL - NER TAMID

RSVP to Ellen Glassman at cbentschool@gmail.com to ensure that we have enough food and seating for all!





Mensch Making Academy

SHABBAT SCHOOL

Saturday, October 4 9:45 am to 12 noon

Parents can choose to attend a traditional or creative Shabbat service. Attending Shabbat School allows everyone to take off the next day as there will be no school on Sunday, October 5.

Mini Mensch will be led by Andi Joseph from 11am to 12 noon.

This is a Lucky 7 service.

Stay for a catered lunch at 12 noon!

RSVP to Ellen at cbentschool@gmail.com by Tuesday, September 30 to ensure that we have enough food and seating for all.

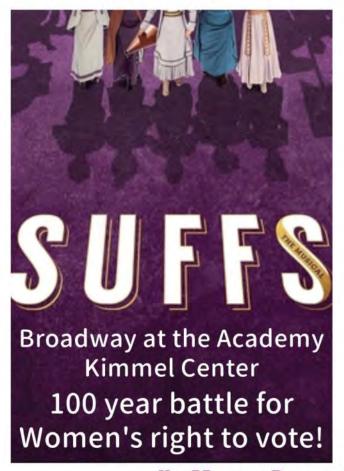






CBENT Sisterhood Theater Tickets!





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

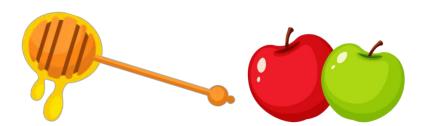


Mission: Congregation Beth El – Ner Tamid is dedicated to fostering a welcoming, vibrant, progressive, and inclusive Jewish community blending the traditions of the Conservative movement with Reconstructionist teachings. We enjoy Jewish spiritual, cultural and social activities, and encourage social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

<u>Vision:</u> 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.

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

- · <u>Community & Inclusivity:</u> 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
- · <u>Lifelong Learning & Inspiration</u>: 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
- <u>Tradition & Adaptation:</u> We cherish the rituals and practices of Judaism while adapting to current times, appreciating the values of both tradition and modernity
- · <u>Social Action & Tikkun Olam:</u> We wholeheartedly support the needs of our wider community in collaboration with other religious and secular institutions.



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