



Shofar



Upcoming Events:

Teens Cook for Friends

December 3 at 6 pm

Shabbat School Event

December 4 at 9:45 am

Mini Mensch Academy Program

December 6 at 11 am

Light One Candle Event

December 7 at 4 pm

Interfaith Hanukkah/Christmas Event

December 10 at 4 pm

Latke Bingo

December 14 at 10:30 am

Lighting a Menorah as a Community on Zoom

December 18 at 7 pm

Mini Mensch Academy Program

December 19 at 5:30 pm

Ruach Hadash

December 19 at 7 pm

Mini Mensch Academy Program

December 29 at 10 am

Shabbat School Event

January 3 at 9:45 am

Mini Mensch Academy Program

January 4 at 11 am

Teens Cook for Friends

January 7 at 6 pm

Havdalah/Dance

January 10 at 5:30pm

A Night with Itzhak Perlman & Klezmer Music

May 3



Oh no! The flames on the menorah are missing & I need you to find them! Look through the pages of December's Issue to find them to complete this puzzle.

December 2025

11 Kislev—11 Tevet 5786

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Minyan Times & Leaders

Sunday	9:30am	Gary Burnett	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

When someone, like me, is born on a Jewish holiday, it is always an opportunity to add a layer of meaning and identify the 'calling for belonging'. And yet, finding significance in being born on Purim has always been a challenge personally. Anyone who knows me will immediately recognize the fact that I don't like 'masks' of any kind, both in costume and in individual identity and pretense.

Speaking as adults, Purim has two central themes to consider: We had to hide who we are in order to survive, and we are grateful for our survival as a people, to the beholden powers, in this context, the Persian rulers.

So why am I discussing Purim now in the month of Kislev? Because this month is the time when we celebrate 'Channukah. And Purim is the opposite of Channukah in its central themes. In Channukah, the fight of the Maccabees was against conformity and pretending to be Hellenists. It was a fight not only against the oppressing empires of the Seleucids and its Greek culture, but also internally, amongst those Jews who forsook their Jewish religious and cultural uniqueness and legacy, so as to be accepted by the Greek influenced leadership. Even the Temple's priests were at war with each other because of this. And the second major theme is about the celebration of Jewish autonomy and self-rule which the Hasmonean family led by Matityahu and his five sons and daughter established through their military prowess, priesthood, and ultimate success. Even if short lived.

The themes of these two holidays are diametrically and thematically opposed. And yet, both are incredibly significant to our Jewish experience, history and appreciation.

As Jews in the Diaspora, there is a constant struggle for balance surrounding questions such as: How much do we like and feel comfortable to 'stand out' as a minority? How 'vulnerable' do we feel, and do we recognize the 'costs' of making a stand, as 'Jews' because of our religious teachings, ethics and history? And yet, when we do 'stand up for who we are' with pride, conviction, and purpose, look at what we have accomplished? Firstly, a state of Israel where Jews can be free and safe from millenniums of persecution from hateful antisemitism, and where they, at least in the past, could express their Judaism in creative, pluralistic, and autonomous ways. And yet, currently, this battle for Jewish identity and statehood is at its peak today within Israel, just like in the times of the Seleucid and later the Roman occupation, where there was extremism and intolerance amongst our own people. Between Jewish extremism and the citizens of a democracy, where Israel IS a state for ALL its people, Jew and non-Jews alike. And we, as progressive Jews must speak out against a Judaism that is bigoted and intolerant which for us must be unacceptable.

So, the differences of Channukah and Purim aren't just about the difference between the Latke and the Hamantaschen, the oily food of Jewish freedom or the emulation of the oppressor 'Haman's ears. In

Channukah we are commanded to put our lights in the windows for all to see and to make a symbolic statement of pride in who we are and symbolically showcase our beautiful legacy. In Purim, we wear masks, wear costumes, and pretend to be something 'else'.

And yet THERE IS room for both teachings if they are learning opportunities and openings for dynamic conversations and reflections about who we are... and for that I am grateful. I hope this Channukah brings a deep meaning and significance for light and enlightenment and **I look forward to you joining us through ZOOM online on December 18 at 7 PM to light your Menorot Chanukkah together!**

Shalom, Rabbi Michal

**JOIN US FOR A
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CELEBRATION!**

**FREE COOKIES
FREE
DREIDELS
FREE GELT**

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**COST OF
ADMISSION:
ONE CAN OF FOOD
(OR MORE)
INTERFAITH
CUPBOARD**

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THE CLUB IN
LANSDOWNE COURT
OR AT THE SEPTA
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Cantor's Notes



I Have a Little Dreidel...or a Few

Tonight begins the month of Kislev, unquestionably the happiest holiday on our religious calendar. I eagerly get ready by removing my *Hanukkiot* (*Menorahs*) from storage. I look for any wax residue that had escaped past year's efforts at removal. Alongside my lovely, well-used candelabras was a bag containing my collection of dreidels, accumulated over the years.

As you can see, my dreidels come in all shapes and sizes. Some are made of wood, others of glass, plastic, or ceramic. Some are plain-looking, while others are clearly decorative. Some spin well, while others refuse gyration, falling quickly. Some are square, some are round. A few are elaborate, almost unrecognizable as dreidels.



Regardless of form or material, all the dreidels have one thing in common: they all have 4 Hebrew letters engraved on them—nun, gimel, hey, and shin, in that order from right to left. They are the initials of the phrase “*nes, gadol, hayah, sham*” - a great miracle happened there. It refers, of course, to the miraculous victory of the Maccabees over the Greeks AND the miracle of the day's worth of sanctified oil that lasted 8 days.

I will select a few of the elaborate ones or those that do not spin well for display. I'll save the ones that spin well to share with my children and grandchildren, to play with when we celebrate the holiday later this month. When we play, I will marvel at how we all focus on this toy that has become a powerful religious item, entertaining children, adults, and me year after year. I suspect that every one of our religious school children and their families will do the same.

We will light candles on Hanukkah. They will burn for about an hour or so each night of the festival. We will eat a few latkes and too many *sufganiyot* (jelly donuts). But I know for a fact that we will be spinning our dreidels for hours during those eight days of Light. I am particularly fascinated by one dreidel. It is the tall one

in the back of the picture. The spinner sits on a tall base. Four ceramic stars hang down its sides. On the stars are the full Hebrew names expanded from the standard letters. When spun, the stars swing out from the sides of the top. It is so perfectly balanced that it will spin seemingly forever. We stare at its beauty as it spins, and when it eventually comes to a stop, a dot on its base indicates the winning star. I can play with it for hours.

Surveys indicate that Hanukkah is the most widely observed holiday in Judaism. If that's the case, then the dreidel must be considered the most popular and entertaining of all our ritual items of our time. I suspect it will remain so far into the future.

My favorite dreidel finally comes to a stop. It lands on *gimel*! We win again.

Chag Urim Same'ach

Cantor Steve



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President: Marc Belitsky

This past month we had the opportunity to host the Marple Newtown Clergy Association interfaith service. It is a wonderful opportunity to bring clergy from the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths all together under our roof. The goal is to break down barriers, presumptions, meet our neighbors, and make new friends. Our community has much in common to celebrate. Thank you to everybody that was involved and volunteered. A special thanks to Rabbi Michal for spearheading and leading this event.

This past month we had the honor as well to celebrate two B'Mitzvahs: Helene Kates and Reagan Holt. Both did a marvelous job, and we wish them a heart filled *mazel tov*.

Here at CBENT, we do extensive programming to offer different opportunities for our congregants and give them a sense of belonging to our community. There are, however, costs involved and it has recently begun to become difficult for our budget. Here's how you can help. If you have not already done so, please pay your dues by the end of this year. If you need special arrangements, please call the office. If you are 73 years old or older and you are required to take a mandatory distribution (RMD) from your IRA, 401K, 403B or retirement plan you will be taxed on the income. However, we have a great option for you. If you donate the money to the synagogue, you can avoid the tax. Reach out to the office and our treasurer, Stewart Homel, or our financial secretary, Rich Fuiman, to walk you through the steps.

Here is another amazing opportunity for you to help. All new donations will be matched up to \$20,000. To set the example of how we are all committed to offer financial support for the synagogue, the Brody family has **very** generously guaranteed to match your donations. Many board members have already stepped up and pledged matching the first \$10,000. We are looking to our congregation to also show their support. For every dollar pledged, we can double it! This will help us close out the year in a better fiscal position as we start 2026. Thank you everyone and the Brody's for their support and generosity and to the board members who met the challenge.

Finally, we will be sending out a congregational wide survey. We want to hear from you. Your opinions and insight matters. YOU matter. With the survey results we can measure and evaluate if we are meeting your needs. We can also implement positive changes in the coming year. The survey will be addressing many branches of the synagogue including spiritual, social, educational, administration and clergy departments. We would love to have 100% feedback, and all your responses are anonymous.

Thank you for your cooperation and I wish you a healthy and happy Hanukkah and holiday season.

Marc Belitsky

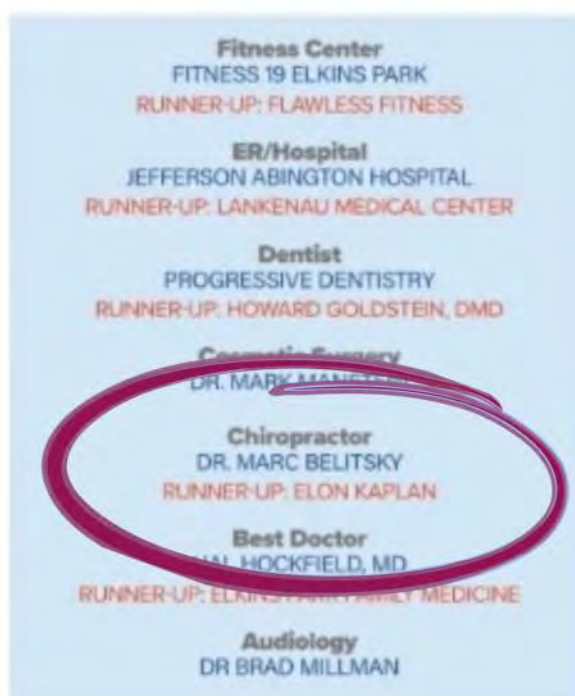
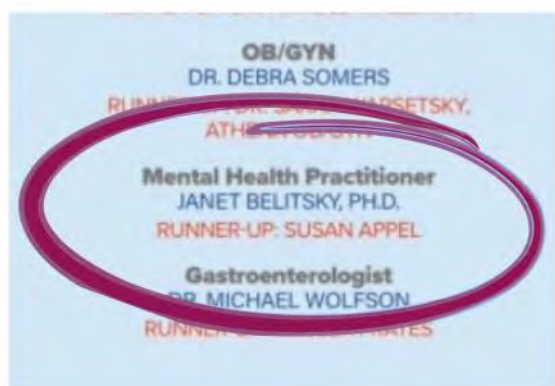


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Mazel Tov!



Mensch Making Academy & Mini Mensch Academy

Ellen Glassman, Education Director

CBENT's Mini Mensch Academy proved that you're never too young to perform a Mitzvah. On Sunday, November 16, our Mini Mensch families joined Miss Andi and Anne Thomas to sing, dance, share books and enjoy each other's company. Knowing that it was Veteran's Day earlier in the week, Dr. Arnold Galer — a veteran of the Vietnam War — was invited to their class. Families made cards with their little ones that said, "Thank You For Your Service" and decorated the cards with artwork and stickers. Dr. Galer was excited to present the cards to the veterans at the VA Hospital.

Our Mini Mensch program meets twice a month with Miss Andi and Anne Thomas on Sunday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. These gatherings are interactive, spirited and fun, introducing little ones — babes in arms through pre-k — to Jewish holidays, Shabbat, traditions, mitzvot/commandments, rituals, tikkun olam /repairing the world, the Hebrew alphabet, Torah stories and more. Once a month, in celebration of Shabbat, we offer an additional Mini Mensch gathering on Saturday morning with lunch afterwards. We also offer Friday evening Shabbat dinners, with Miss Andi engaging everyone in singing and dancing from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., prior to dinner.

CBENT's Mini Mensch Academy came to life after COVID-19. We know that we're living in a world that often feels unpredictable and out of our control. Families are busy juggling careers, kids, financial stressors and scheduling logistics, as well as the emotional well-being of their families. Finding meaningful time to connect to oneself can be challenging. As families, we want to be more involved with helping others — repairing the world — and empowering our children to recognize that they can make a difference; knowing how and where to start, however, often feels overwhelming.

The Mensch Making Academy and Mini Mensch Academy are dedicated to helping students and their families feel like they can make an impact and help change the world. In partnership, families, educators and children gather, fostering a sense of belonging, inquiry and celebration. Curiosity and questions are embraced, and joyful Jewish learning comes to life. If you have children or grandchildren who would like to take part in our Mini Mensch Academy or Mensch Making Academy program, email Ellen Glassman at cbentschool@gmail.com.

Thanks, Ellen



Mini Mensch students welcomed Dr Arnie Galer and thanked him for his service with handwritten heartfelt notes that he will deliver to the VA Hospital



Ellen Glassman Mitzvah Fund

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In Honor of Helene Kates Bat Mitzvah

Religious School Fund

Penny & Ed Meyers

In memory of Joyce Kaps

Rabbi Michal and Cantor Steve blessed every animal, large and small, (stuffed animals too) as we helped our students learn about the Jewish value of *Tza'ar Ba'alei Chayim* - taking care of animals and not causing them needless pain.



With the help of Chef Dad's Table and Scott Noye and Natalie Noye's support of a grant that CBENT received, the treats that cats, dogs and people enjoyed were made possible by *Shamayim* - Jewish animal Advocacy - synagogue vegan challenge cohort 9. Rabbi Michal spent time with our Vav, Zayin and Hebrew High classes to talk about *Shamayim's* mission to inspire people to think about vegan mindful eating and food justice.



Quiver Farms Petting Zoo delighted our Mini and Mensch Making Academy students as we learned about being kind to animals in connection with *Parsha Noach*!



Thanks to Chef Dad's Table and Scott and Natalie Noye, our kids baked dog biscuits and cat treats that we shared with the animals that came to the Blessing of the Animals and to a local animal shelter! They also baked people biscuits that every kid enjoyed!

Our Mini Mensch program partnered with jkidphilly and Chef Dad's Table for a great morning of learning, *mitzvot* and fun with the petting zoo! Thank you Scott Noye and Jewish Learning Venture Parent Ambassadors, Ashley Dziados and Rachel Sakofs, for helping us every step of the way! Our kids (and their parents!) loved this event!



Once again Bingo was enjoyed by all. Laura Schreiber invited her friends and one even won a prize from one of the games! Way to go Laura!

We want to thank Ed Meyers for calling the numbers. He does an awesome job of keeping the games moving with his melodic voice and keen wit.

Kudos to his daughter, Lindsey, who also won a round of Bingo!



Am Yisrael Chai! Mensch Making Academy students love to learn and lead prayers!



Miss Andi and Ellen had so much fun singing and dancing with K'tonton as we welcomed Shabbat together! Doodle enjoyed dancing too!



Men's Club

Mazel Tov to the families of Reagan Holt, Helene Kates, and Annabel Dzubow on celebrating their B'nai Mitzvot. Everyone did a fantastic job! I was amazed by their beautiful voices and the energy they brought to the service, and I look forward to hearing them lead more prayers.

Help support CBENT's future B'nai Mitzvot by buying Men's Club Hanukkah Raffle tickets. The first prize is \$500. Other prizes include Phillies tickets, lottery tickets and a basket of cheer. Additional tickets are available through the CEBNT office. **The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 14, during the Mensch Making Academy's annual Latke Bingo.** See you there!

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers who helped clear leaves from around the building recently — and a special shout-out to Alan Brown for going the extra mile. Together, we saved the congregation over \$500! Additional working days may be needed, as leaves continue falling; please let me know if you'd like to help with any outdoor (or indoor) maintenance projects over the coming months. Also, thank you to everyone who attended our meet-and-greet and shared their ideas.

Rich and I invite you to join us for our annual **Men's Club Shabbat on Friday, January 23, 2026**. Please reach out to Rich to secure your spot. We invite all congregants to bring their favorite guy—family member or friend—to share in the Shabbat service. With participation opportunities available for everyone, all are welcome to take part in both Hebrew and English.

Rich and I wish your family a warm and enjoyable winter. We look forward to reconnecting with you and your young adults if they are returning home. Please join us at any of our future events, which include a trip to the JRA food pantry and a morning at Top Golf.

B'shalom, Rich and Ray





Sisterhood

Once again, Sisterhood's knitters will present hats, scarves and blankets to Murphy's Giving Market in Upper Darby. If you would like to help by donating *gently used* winter items such as coats, sweaters and other clothing suitable for men, women and children, please bring them to the CBENT lobby for pickup no later than December 3, 2025. Totes will be provided for the donations. Based on the current financial situation in Delaware County, our neighbors need our help. **Anything** you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

Our *Rosh Chodesh* celebrations with Rabbi Michal have been a welcome addition to our calendar. Please join us on December 17, when Rabbi will present us with another exciting evening of information. We will send a link as we get closer to the date.

Mark your calendars and join Jenna Montesano for our *in-person book club and brunch* on January 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The book is **An Unorthodox Match** by Naomi Ragen. Everyone is welcome.

We have a wonderful opportunity to attend a concert titled *In the Fiddler's House* by **Itzhak Perlman**. It will highlight klezmer music and be on May 3 at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia. I was only able to secure a limited amount of Orchestra Tier 1 tickets with the hope that more will become available. It's "first come, first served." The **discounted price** is \$103 per seat (a \$20 savings off the regular box office price). If you are interested, please send me your reservation request with your check payable to CBENT Sisterhood (NO SHULCLOUD, PLEASE) to 630 Williamsburg Dr., Broomall, PA 19008 — or leave it in the synagogue office. Tickets make GREAT Hanukkah gifts!

Wishing everyone a Healthy, Safe and Happy New Year.

Marilyn



Dick Packel Fund

Natalie Packel

In memory of Richard Packel



GIFT SHOP NEWS.....Just in time for Hanukkah!!

We have CBENT mugs for sale: \$10 each or
2 for \$18

Two different styles are available—a regular
mug or a mug with a spoon



Gift Certificates are always available.

The shop has menorahs galore...all sorts of themes and sizes are ready for you to purchase. There are candles that are dripless, colorful, or plain and simple, for you to enjoy this holiday. If not into candles, the shop has battery operated menorahs as well.

Candy gelt (Kosher Dairy) is available for sale at \$1 per bag (less than the \$1.50 in the grocery store)



The Gift Shop is also taking orders for T-shirts or hoodies with the CBENT logo.

As always, we have a nice wine selection available for the holidays and look forward to helping you find what you need to make your Hanukkah extra special for 5786!!

The Gift Shop will be open December 14 from 9 to 12 — Or by Appointment

Teens Cook For Friends!

8th through 12th grades

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SHABBAT SCHOOL

and Shabbat for the Soul
for students and parents.

**Saturday, December 6
9:45 am to 12 noon**

**Parents are encouraged to come for a
creative Shabbat for the Soul Service.**

Attending Shabbat School allows everyone to
take off the next day as there will be no school on
Sunday, December 7.

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

This is a Lucky 7 service

**Stay for a special celebratory catered
luncheon for all at noon!**

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by Tuesday, December 2**

to ensure that we have enough food and seating for all!



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Interfaith Hanukkah and Christmas Gathering at St. Mary Magdalen Church



Wednesday, December 10

3rd through 7th grade students will visit

St. Mary Magdalen Church in Media

(2400 N. Providence Road, Media, PA 19063)

to share the story of Hanukkah and reinforce the importance of tolerance
and respect for all, as well as engage everyone in playing dreidel!

Meet at St. Mary Magdalen at 4pm. Pick up at 6pm.

Parents are encouraged to attend.

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The Mensch Making Academy's
**Latke Bingo
Hanukkah Party!**

Sponsored by The Trustees and Men's Club

**Sunday, December 14
10:30 am to 12 noon**

Latkes (made with love by the Trustees and Men's Club), Hebrew Alphabet Bingo and prizes!

CBENT Gift Shop will be open for last minute gift shopping.

Pick up your pre ordered latkes and Sufganiot/Krispy Kreme donuts.

Parents (grandparents and Better Together Beth Elders, too!)
are invited at 10:15 am to enjoy a bagel buffet and stay to play Bingo.



CBENT's Hanukkah **RUACH HADASH!**



Friday, December 19

**A spirited musical service featuring the Shir Joy Band,
latkes and decadent desserts!**

**Kindergarten through Hebrew High
and Madrichim - please join us!**

This is a Lucky 7 service!

**If your children play an instrument,
encourage them to bring them!**

**If they don't, come and enjoy playing our instruments.
*There's something for everyone!***



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Invite your friends! This program is free and open to
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Join us on

Friday, December 19 • 5:30

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Join Miss Andi and for singing, dancing, and storytime.
Followed by the Family Dinner.



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Join us on

Monday, December 29

for a very special

**MINI MENSCH
ACADEMY PROGRAM
10am to 11:30am**

Chef Dad, jkidphilly and Mini Mensch are partnering
for a morning of cookie and cupcake decorating!
Sprinkles, icing, storytime, crafts and fun!



Register by emailing

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ALL CONGREGATION EVENT!

Blintzes! Bagels! Borscht! Babka!



The Trustees, Better Together and
The Mensch Making Academy invite you to

Havdalah, Dinner and a DJ Dance!

Saturday, January 10 • 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Join us for a fun and exciting evening! Havdalah is at 5:30pm,
followed by - dancing Hava Nagila, Tzena Tzena, the Hora
and Sweet Caroline! After the dance, Hebrew High sleeps over!

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This program is free but donations are appreciated.

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December 2025 | Kislev Tevet 5786

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:15 AM Morning Minyan 7:00 PM Men's Club Meeting	2 7:00 PM Evening Minyan w/Rabbi 7:30 PM Religious Committee Meeting	3 4:00 PM Mensch Making Academy 5:00 PM Beginner's Hebrew 6:00 PM Teens Cook 7:00 PM Evening Minyan w/Cantor	4 7:15 AM Morning Minyan 1:00 PM Creative Crafters @ WELS 7:30 PM Torah Study	5 6:00 PM Shabbat Table with Rabbi 7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat	6 9 AM Ask the Rabbi 9:45 AM Shabbat service 9:45 AM Shabbat School 11 AM Mini Mensch 12 PM Luncheon
7 No School 9:30 AM Morning Minyan 4:00 PM Delco Kehillah Hanukkah Party	8 7:15 AM Morning Minyan 7:00 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting	9 7:00 PM Evening Minyan w/Rabbi 7:30 PM Executive Board Meeting	10 4:00 PM Mensch Making Academy Interfaith with SS Mary Magdalen 7:00 PM Evening Minyan w/Cantor	11 7:15 AM Morning Minyan 7:30 PM Torah Study	12 5:30 PM Membership Shabbat "Giving Thanks" 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat	13 9:00 AM Study Prophets w/Cantor 9:45 AM Shabbat Service 
Hanukkah begins Sunday 12-14! - Monday 12-22!						
14 9:00 AM Family Educational Journeys 9:00 AM Mensch Making Academy 9:30 AM Morning Minyan 10:30 AM Mini Mensch 10:30 AM Better Together 10:30 Men's Club Latke Bingo 4:00 PM Hanukkah Program @ WELS	15 7:15 AM Morning Minyan 7:00 PM Community Hanukkah Candle lighting. 7:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting Shofar Deadline	16 7:00 PM Evening Minyan w/Rabbi 7:00 PM Community Hanukkah Candle lighting.	17 4:00 PM Mensch Making Academy 5:00 PM Beginner's Hebrew 7:00 PM Evening Minyan w/Cantor 7:00 PM Community Hanukkah Candle lighting. 7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Program with Rabbi Michal	18 7:15 AM Morning Minyan 1:00 PM Creative Crafters @ WELS 6:00 PM Community Hanukkah Candle lighting. 7:00 PM Shir Joy Band Set up & Rehearsal 7:30 PM Membership Committee Meeting	19 5:30 PM Mini Mensch with Miss Andi 6:00 PM Latkes & Applesauce 7:00 PM Hanukkah Ruach Hadash Service	20 9:00 AM Study Prophets w/Cantor 9:45 AM Shabbat Service 12:00 PM Luncheon following Service - Sponsored by Beth & Steve Burak 7:00 PM Community Hanukkah Candle lighting.
21 No Religious School 9:30 AM Morning Minyan 7:00 PM Community Hanukkah Candle lighting.	22 7:15 AM Morning Minyan 7:00 PM Community Hanukkah Candle Lighting	23 7:00 PM Evening Minyan w/Rabbi 7:30 PM Board Meeting	24 No Religious School 7:00 PM Evening Minyan with Cantor	25 Office Closed	26 7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat	27 9:00 AM Study Mussar w/Rabbi 9:45 AM Shabbat Service
28 No Religious School 12:00 PM Special New Year's Celebration Sponsored by the Trustees	29 7:15 AM Morning Minyan 10:00 AM Jkidphilly & CBENT Partner Program	30 7:00 PM Evening Minyan w/Rabbi	31 Office Closed New Year's Eve 7:00 PM New Year's Eve with Cantor Steve			

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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”.

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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

In addition, you may contribute to the Rabbi's Fund — this discretionary fund allows the Rabbi to help those in need either locally or through donations to Jewish organizations.

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 mounted on the yahrzeit memorial wall located outside the Minyan chapel entrance.

Cost is \$350

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.



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