



Shofar



Upcoming Events:

Ask the Rabbi

January 3 at 9 am

Shabbat School

January 3 at 9:45 am

Shabbat for the Soul w/ Speaker

January 3 at 9:45 am

Mini Mensch Academy Program

January 3 at 11 am

Teens Cook for Friends

January 7 at 6 pm

Creative Crafters

January 8 at 1 pm

Bingo Night

January 8 at 6:30 pm

Havdalah Service & Dinner

January 10 at 5:30 pm

Rosh Chodesh Service

January 14 at 7:30 pm on Zoom

To Honor the Elderly Program

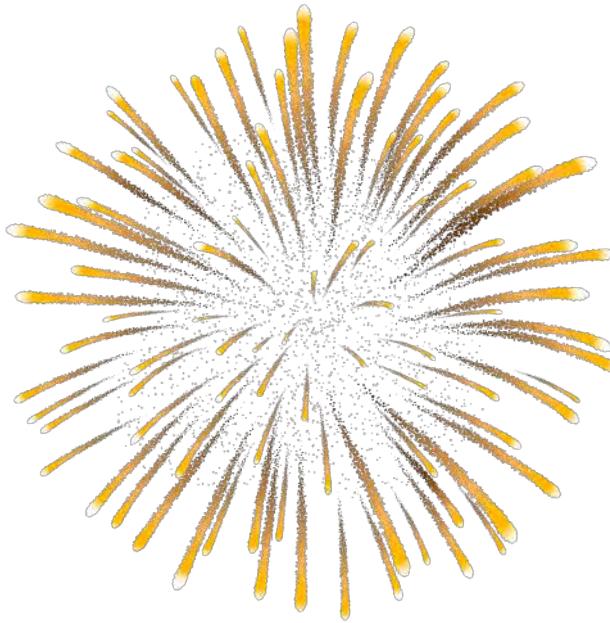
January 19 at 10:30 am

Creative Crafters

January 22 at 1 pm

Parent Education Program

January 25 at 9 am



January 2026

12 Tevet— 13 Shevat 5786

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Shalom

2026

Minyan Times & Leaders

Sunday	9:30am	<i>Gary Bennett</i>	Office@CBENT.org
Monday	7:15am	<i>Ben Rose</i>	bnesq@aol.com
Tuesday	7:00pm	<i>Rabbi Michal</i>	rabbimichal@CBENT.org
Wednesday	7:00pm	<i>Cantor Steve</i>	cantor@CBENT.org
Thursday	7:15am	<i>Joe Pless</i>	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

Last month, at the end of 2025, we celebrated miracles during the holiday of Chanukah. And yet, it felt so hard and our minds were heavy with the attack on 1000 Jews at Bondi Beach, Sydney, on the first night of Chanukah. The notion of “miracle” felt remote — and personally, it became an intentional effort to light the candles and say “*Al Hanissim*” (*for the miracles*) without a ‘frog in my throat’. I kept saying to myself that resilience and continuity are key to our survival and to this year’s themes. And now that we are in the new secular year of 2026, I’ll ask you to pause and take a moment to reflect: What do we mean when we say ‘miracle’? I will open by sharing something personal regarding miracles:

On September 13, 1982, I had a nearly fatal car accident. My red 1969 Volkswagen veered off the road, down a steep ravine, in the north island of New Zealand. I was on my way to a Hillel campus meeting. I was a new and inexperienced driver. As the car rolled down the hill, I slipped out from under my seatbelt and out past the car door onto the hard, rocky, thistle-bushed, and very muddy terrain. The car continued to roll right on top of me with my neck crushed beneath it. My then boyfriend, “J”, who was in the car, leapt out and with all his strength, held the car up so that my neck wouldn’t break under the weight of the sinking car, and until witnesses behind came rushing down to help. Together they rolled the car over. For the next 12 months, my life was spent rehabilitating in a wheelchair, learning to walk again (after several knee reconstructions and slowly regaining feeling in my damaged sciatic nerve), and regaining use of my right arm (whose elbow was smashed and reconstructed with two plates and 14 screws.) During that year I had completed my BA studies in Education, and at its end, I was recruited into the Israeli army to work with wounded soldiers and was part of a new kibbutz in the Galilee. THIS was all one huge miracle.

Miracles are featured throughout the Jewish textual tradition. Supernatural events appear throughout the Bible, including the Ten Plagues, the parting of the Red Sea, and many more occurrences. Miracles are featured in later rabbinic texts as well, and ancient through contemporary works analyze the nature and significance of miracles. But to acknowledge a miracle, one has to be open to it and in today’s culture, which bases itself in skepticism, cynicism, and what we call “scientific rationalism”, it is very challenging. We study probability and statistics; we often explain away the inexplicable through scientific lenses and causation; and we control our mindsets while rejecting the idea of “Divine Intervention”. Often we just call it “luck”.

But repeatedly, I hear stories that simply seem incredible. Just these past three weeks, I learned of two kidney donations received by our members. The donors were not blood family. And yet, the matches were perfect and saved these two individuals’ lives. The donors were both there at the right time and the right place. I think of the recent terrorist attacks and the victims, with our hearts broken — and yet, it could have been even worse under the circumstances. I don’t know what to call it, and though I have so much anger, the words on my lips are “Thank G-d there weren’t more.”



We are commanded to recognize the huge impact on the continuity of life and G-d's miracles by reciting the Jewish blessing of *Birkat HaGomel*, thanking G-d for rescuing and redeeming us in these four circumstances:

- * Upon crossing an ocean (flight over water, travel by boat, etc.)
- * Upon crossing a desert (and other life-endangering occurrences)
- * Upon recovering from a very serious illness
- * Upon release from prison.

The blessing is:

ברוך אתה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם הָגֹמֶל לְחַיְּבִים טוֹבֹת שְׁגָמְלָנוּ בְּלֹ טוֹב

Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam ha'ogmel lechayavim tovot shegamalani tov.

Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, Ruler of the world, Who rewards the undeserving with goodness, and who has rewarded me with goodness.

The community then responds:

מַי שְׁגָמְלָךְ בְּלֹ טוֹב הָא וְגַמְלָךְ בְּלֹ טוֹב סְלָה

Mi she-g'malcha kol tov, hu yi-g'malcha kol tov selah.

May he who rewarded you with all goodness reward you with all goodness forever.

We may not always feel G-d's presence, especially in times of darkness, despair and fear. But I wish us all the ability to be open-hearted and open-minded so we can recognize G-d's miracles and have faith; miracles do happen.

With love, Rabbi Michal.



Rabbi Michal believes in miracles. On her visit to a former congregant that was ill in Los Angeles last month, she ran into these two visionaries.



Director of Education Ellen Glassman and Rabbi Michal Morrison Kamil are proud of their delicious vegan latkes which were served as part of the *Shanayim* grant and celebrations!



Cantor's Notes

It was with great sadness that I learned of the murder of Rob Reiner. His passing was not only a great loss for Cinema, but also for me as a Jew. Like just about anyone who watched TV in the 70s, I first met Reiner as "Meathead" on the comedy show *All in the Family*. Despite given the Polish name "Stivik," his character had the Jewish values of honesty, education, and *Tikun Olam*, Repairing the World, that enamored him to me as a young adult. But Reiner's Jewish cultural background could more easily be seen in the many successful movies he directed following that role.

While his films rarely centered on Jewish plots, his work is textured by a Jewish sensibility. His films operate as a masterclass in how cultural identity can inform storytelling through moral inquiry, intellectual engagement, and a specific brand of resilient humor. From the courtrooms of *A Few Good Men* to the enchanted forests of *The Princess Bride*, Reiner's movies are anchored by the values of a childhood infused with learning, truth, and behaving in a moral, ethical life.

At the heart of his movies is a commitment to themes deeply rooted in the Jewish tradition. Reiner explicitly linked the themes of *A Few Good Men* to the lessons of the Nuremberg trials. The film's exploration of moral responsibility—specifically the danger of blindly following orders—reflects a Jewish emphasis on individual conscience and intellectual independence. His respect for knowledge and education is a consistent through-line in his stories. Growing up in a culturally Jewish home, Reiner was taught that integrity is inextricably linked to "*Torah*" and intellectual engagement. Whether his characters are debating legal ethics or navigating the complexities of romance, they are almost always engaged in a rigorous search for truth.

His comedies would use humor to express his Jewish heritage. This is most evident in *The Princess Bride*. While the film is a fantasy adventure, the characters of Miracle Max (played by Jewish actor, Billy Crystal) and his wife Valerie (Carole Kane, also Jewish) introduce a distinct sense of Yiddishkeit to the story. In the original book, Max's household keeps kosher, and in the film, the couple's bickering and comedic timing echo the traditions of the Borscht Belt. His 1989 classic *When Harry Met Sally* is an example of his ability to weave Jewishness into the fabric of secular life. It's most iconic scene takes place in a Jewish deli. The film is and has been described as a "non-Jewish Jewish film" because it relies on cultural touchstones rather than visual Jewish religious symbols. The deli becomes a 'secular synagogue' as the Jewish deli is depicted as a vital social and cultural sanctuary.



THE SUBTLE JEWISHNESS IN ROB REINER'S MOVIES



I believe Reiner purposefully leaned on Jewish tradition in romantic comedy, where the neuroses and emotional immaturity of his characters are initially overt (ala Woody Allen). This would arc into maturity, as his love stories frequently featured men who were emotionally stunted and must grow through their relationships. His emphasis on personal evolution and domestic partnership as a path to "becoming a *mensch*" is a recurring theme in his movies.

Rob Reiner's films did not need to be about Judaism to be Jewish. By infusing his work with the values of our heritage—humor, education, and a relentless pursuit of justice—he has created a body of work that resonates with the universal humanism that was founded on a Jewish heritage. His success as a Jewish director of movies should be recognized in the same way that a great Jewish composer (think Leonard Bernstein) uses his heritage in his musical compositions.

Reiner's films were always enjoyable, even with repeated viewings. I always had looked forward to his movies in the past. Now, I must be satisfied with his reruns. "I'll have what she's having," is a meme that I will always connect with a Jewish deli, and I will laugh every time I hear it.

Baruch Dayan HaEmet—Rest in Peace, Rob Reiner. You were not a Meathead. Your Jewishness will forever be embedded in your Art.

Cantor Steve

Rabbi's Fund

Dr. Bess & Dr. Robert Koenigsberg

In memory of Audrey Pollin

The Golton Family

In memory of Audrey Pollin

Ruth & Robert Bender

In memory of Audrey Pollin

Gigi & Larry Gorson-Marrow

Marilyn & Eric Bamash

In memory of Audrey Pollin

Cantorial Fund

Henri & Deborah Levit

In memory of Audrey Pollin

Beth & Steve Burak

In memory of Lill Burak

Torah Restoration Fund

Cantor Steven Friedrich

In memory of Ella Cooperman



President: Marc Belitsky

Did you fill out the congregational survey? Thank you to everyone that did.

We want your feedback and we, the board and leadership, are listening to each and every one of you. We will continue to bring valuable diverse events and activities to CBENT to meet your needs. We do, however, need your help. As predominantly a volunteer organization, please contribute. Come to an event, service, or educational opportunity. Get involved, tune in to help and make a minyan in the morning, evening or on Shabbat. We do the planning and organization, but we need you to connect and make the partnership that creates our vibrant community. We are here for you! Rabbi Michal and Cantor Steve are here for YOU!

Thank you to everybody who attended the creative Shabbat service and *Ruach Hadash*. We had wonderful participation, feedback, and attendance. We hope to continue to bring these types of events that spark your interest and spiritual connections.

January will bring many exciting events to CBENT. Men's Club Shabbat, Hebrew with the rabbi, Better Together, Torah study, Shabbat morning study sessions, Bingo, Book Club, Trustees Havdalah dance and much more. Please stay involved, read our weekly announcements, Shofar, and website—we plan all this for you.

Happy and Healthy New Year 2026!

A special personal *Mazel Tov* to Jacob and Cassandra Belitsky on their recent marriage!

Marc Belitsky

President

Landscaping Fund

Sharon Teres

In Honor of Marilyn Bamash

Bennett Family Fund

Gary Bennett

In memory of Morris H. Bennett

Bonnie & Gary Bennett

In memory of Audrey Pollin

Bea Form

In memory of my mother Sarah Halprin



Men's Club

The Men's Club sponsored a bagel brunch on November 16 to discuss ideas for future events. Thanks to all who joined us for their ideas. We discussed these ideas in our December meeting and will continue to plan new events that are of interest to the congregation. And, of course, all are invited to join us.

Due to inclement weather, our annual Latke Brunch and Bingo, sponsored by the Trustees and Men's Club, was rescheduled from the first day of Chanukah to the last day on December 21. As the event's name implies, latkes were served and we played bingo. Raffle prizes were awarded, including a first prize of \$500.

We invite you to join us for our annual Men's Club Shabbat on Friday, January 23, 2026! For those of you who participated last year, we will be contacting you to secure a spot this year. For all others, please contact Rich Gordon to participate. Feel free to bring family members to join you. All are welcome to take part in both Hebrew and English prayers.

With great sadness, we mourn the passing of Audrey Pollin. Audrey, along with Arthur, was an original member of CBENT and their dedication and generosity have helped sustain our congregation over the years. Audrey always lit up the room and she was a great friend to all of us. We will always remember the joy she brought and we will miss her greatly.

Best regards, Ray Krautheim & Rich Gordon



Marvin & Sophia Davidow Fund

Andrea & Vance DiCristo

In memory of Sophia Davidow

Andrea & Vance DiCristo

In memory of Audrey Pollin



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

A Day of Service, A Lifetime of Connection

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day - a day dedicated to service, justice and love - students from the Mensch Making Academy and the Mini Mensch Academy in partnership with jkidphilly families and CBENT's Love Thy Neighbor Committee, will come together with helping hands to visit Wesley Enhanced Living (WEL), a senior living community where many of our congregants reside. This visit is more than just a trip; it is a living expression of the values Dr. King upheld, a testimony to some of the Jewish values that are the foundation of our school and embedded in our curriculum: *Hiddur P'nay Zakayn* - Honoring the Elderly; *Tikkun Olam* - Repairing the World; *Bikkur Holim* - Visiting the Sick; *Derekh Eretz* - Common Courtesy and Respect; and *Hakhnasat Orhim* - Welcoming Guests and the belief that every person matters.

Our students, their families and our faculty are excited to bring music with Miss Andi, art, games, laughter and - most importantly - warmth and love to the residents at WEL. Our Mini Mensch students will sing songs. Our older students and Madrichim will engage in conversation and share art projects created thoughtfully for this day and designed to bring beauty to the residents' living areas.

This intergenerational program reminds us that wisdom does not live only in books and that youth is not defined solely by age. When seniors, children and teens come together, something sacred happens. Our students learn patience, empathy and respect as they listen to stories of lives well-lived that they can learn from. Our Beth Elders and the residents of WEL feel seen, valued, remembered and affirmed as essential members of our extended community. These interactions build bridges across generations, replacing distance with connection. Our teens especially love learning with our Beth Elders!

For our students, this experience is a powerful lesson in what it means to be a mensch - to show up with kindness, to give without expectation and to understand that repairing the world begins with small loving acts of kindness. To the residents at WEL, our visit is a reminder that they are not forgotten, that their presence matters and that they continue to shape the hearts of the next generation.



Honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Day through service teaches our students that justice is lived and not just learned. Come join us! As music fills the lobby at WEL and artwork changes hands, both generations will be uplifted, proving that when we come together with intention and heart, we do more than mark the day on the calendar. We build a community rooted in compassion, memory and hope. **We hope to see you on Monday, January 19 at 10:30am in the WEL lobby!!**

Dick Packel Fund

Natalie Packel

In memory of Audrey Pollin

Glassman Mitzvah Fund

Ellen & Arnie Glassman

In memory of Audrey Pollin

Debbie & Scot Goldberg

In memory of Audrey Pollin

Roslyn & Marc Jaffe

In memory of Audrey Pollin

Fuiman Family

In memory of Audrey Pollin

Andi & Adlai Joseph

In memory of Audrey Pollin

Annette Barberi

In memory of Audrey Pollin

Religious School Fund

Sondra & Michael Gutkind

In memory of Audrey Pollin

Ingeborg Marsh

In memory of Audrey Pollin

Cindy & Sam Auslander

In memory of Audrey Pollin

Andi & Adlai Joseph

In memory of E. Zachary Stein

Andi & Adlai Joseph

In memory of Yolanda Joseph

Deborah Weiss

In memory of Audrey Pollin

Arthur Pollin

In Honor of Beth & Steve Burak 50 years of marriage

Amy & Kenneth Brown

In memory of Audrey Pollin

Robert Nash

In memory of Audrey Pollin

Frank & Bunny Brodsky

In memory of Audrey Pollin

Karen & Adam Poppel

In memory of Marice Levin's Father Lionel



K'tonton and Morah Ellen made (and enjoyed!!) *Sufganiyot* for Hanukkah!



Our Mini Mensch Shabbat gathering with Miss Andi had the little ones dancing with the dinosaurs and making chicken soup!





Thanks to the Trustees and the Men's Club, the Mensch Making Academy and Better Together Elders were treated to delicious latkes, bagels and brunch, Hebrew alphabet bingo, and amazing prizes! Special thanks are sent to Arthur Pollin for being a visionary and helping this program come to life; Scott Noye, for helping us enjoy vegan latkes and working his magic in the kitchen; Men's Club co-presidents, Rich Gordon and Ray Krautheim; and to Karen Brown, Alan Brown, Scot Goldberg, Michael Goldman, Todd Cooper, Richard Brody and Kyle Glassman, for setting up, serving, and cleaning up; Rabbi Michal for leading blessings and songs along with Cantor Steve; and Marc Belitsky, for helping us every step of the way. The kids were thrilled with their prizes and the morning was filled with energy and love!





Feel the *Ruach* and love as K'tonton celebrates Hanukkah and Shabbat with Miss Andi!



Pure joy.....making and eating edible Menorahs with K'tonton and Morah Ellen!





Monthly Puzzle:

Words from around the world that translate into “peace” when you unscramble them. You’ll want to do some research for this puzzle. May there be a greater sense of peace throughout 2026!

LAAFSIA (Yoruba)

ANAMI (Swahili)

EIHWA (Japanese)

ERIDEF (German)

IRINI (Greek)

LOMHAS (Hebrew)

PAEC (Italian)

LSAMA (Arabic)

PXIA (French)

ZAP (Spanish)



Building Maintenance

Rosejoy Kleinman

In memory of Audrey Scott

Marshall Chick

In memory of Adele Chick

Joyce & Richard Brody & Family

In memory of Audrey Pollin

In memory of Joan Gagnon

In memory of Max Ganon

In memory of Mary Brody

In memory of Ethel Bernstein

In memory of Isreal Bernstein

In honor of Reagan Holt B'Mitzvah

In honor of Helene Kates B'Mitzvah

Nancy Fox

In memory of Audrey Pollin

Matthew Rosin

In memory of Audrey Pollin

HOW CAN WE TIE THE HOLIDAY OF HANUKKAH TO ANIMAL ADVOCACY AND VEGANISM?



During Chanukah, we celebrate freedom from oppression, the miracle of the oil, and the lights. As we demonstrate compassion for animals through our food choices, this is a way of rebelling against animal agriculture and factory farming. Plant-based diets are miraculous because they can reverse disease and bring back health, energy, and vitality and can help us stop the environmental disasters that animal agriculture is wreaking on our earth. We are living in a time when the miraculous power of plants is coming to light for health and our planet. Some of the most creative recipes available are plant-based nowadays. Even carrots can be made into lox just as deliciously as salmon can. Miraculous!

Vegan Potato Latkes

1 large	Onion
1	Flax Egg
2	Russet Potatoes
1/2 Cup	Flour
1/2 Cup	Matzah Meal
1 1/4 tsp	Kosher Salt
1/2 tsp	Ground Pepper
1 tsp	Baking Powder
1 Cup	Oil



Peel, roughly chop, and add onions to food processor and process until a small puree and NOT completely liquified. Drain onion into a clean dish towel and gently wring out as much moisture as you can. Add onion to a large mixing bowl. Add flax egg to onions.

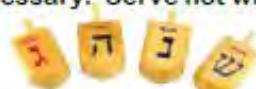
Peel potatoes. Shred one potato and add to bowl with onion. Roughly chop the other potato and add it to the food processor. Pulse until almost pureed. Drain potato into dish towel and gently wring until most moisture is removed. Add potato to the bowl. Add next 5 ingredients to the onion potato mixture and mix well. The mixture will be thick. Let mixture sit 10 minutes while you heat your oil.

Heat $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of oil in frying pan on medium heat. Depending on size of pan you may need to add more or less oil. The latkes should be fried in at least $1/8$ - $1/4$ " oil.

Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ cup measuring cup, scoop out latke batter and careful drop in prepared pan. With the bottom of the measuring cup, lightly flatten out the top of the latke a bit. Don't over crowd the pan.

When the edges of the underside of latke start to turn golden brown, carefully flip the latke over and fry on remaining side until golden and crispy brown. You may have to add oil and adjust heat as necessary.

Drain latkes on a brown shopping bag covered with paper towels. Sprinkle additional seasonings as necessary. Serve hot with sour cream and apple sauce. ENJOY!





SHAMAYIM

Jewish Animal Advocacy

Vegan Sweet Potato Latkes

1 large Onion
2 Medium Sweet Potatoes
½ cup Flour
½ cup Matzah Meal
1 tsp Kosher Salt
½ tsp Ground Pepper
1 tsp Baking Powder
1 tsp Cinnamon
1 Cup Oil

Peel, chop and boil potatoes until fork tender. Drain. Peel, rough chop and puree onion in the food processor. Add in drained potatoes and the next 6 ingredients. Pulse in food processor until mixed evenly. The mixture will be thick.
Let mixture sit 10 minutes while you heat your oil.



Heat ¼ cup of oil in frying pan on medium heat. Depending on size of pan you may need to add oil. The latkes should be fried in at least 1 ½-1 ¼" oil. Using a ¼ cup measuring cup, scoop out latke batter and careful drop in prepared pan. With the bottom of the measuring cup, lightly flatten out the top of the latke a bit. Don't over crowd the pan. When the edges of the underside of latke start to turn golden brown, carefully flip the latke over and fry on remaining side until golden and crispy brown. You may have to add oil and adjust heat as necessary.

Drain latkes on a brown shopping bag covered with paper towels. Sprinkle additional seasonings as necessary. Serve hot with vegan sour cream and apple sauce. ENJOY!





Sisterhood

Happy New Year to All,

At a time when people all over the world are rockin' and reelin' from the economy, antisemitism, violence and sadness, it's important that we connect with each other to keep our HOPE AND OPTIMISM alive. Mark your emotional "bingo card" to include attending Shabbat Services as well as the many social and educational programs that happen here at CBENT!

Want to feel empowered? Try our Women-Centered Rosh Chodesh event each month. Rabbi started the December program by having all the attendees share their wishes for the new month and new year. Most people were hoping for less hatred and more security in our world. Our guest speaker, Nancy Swartz, shared her legacy of generations from her grandmother's "words of wisdom and acts of good deeds" throughout time and how they influenced her to become a person of hope in these trying times. Rabbi also led us in a musical prayer for healing. Please mark your calendars for January 14, to join us this month.

Many thanks for all the clothing donations. The donations were distributed to various agencies in DELCO.

It's NEVER TOO EARLY to think Bid 'n Buy! Mark your calendar for April 23 and start collecting those gift certificates and items for the boutique table.

May you have a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Yours in Sisterhood,

Marilyn

Dori Risenfeld Fund

Cheryl Dabrow & Landon &
Lauren Licherman

In memory of Aunt Aud



CBENT SISTERHOOD MISHLOAH MANOT



Purim is a holiday of sweetness and joy, a time to send baskets of food (called Mishloah Manot) to one another and to those less fortunate

	Number of Packages	AMOUNT
Entire Congregation \$150.00 - over 30		
Select Names \$5.00/Name up to 30		
Non-CBENT \$10.00/package		
Senior Living Center \$5.00/package		
College Student \$18.00/package		
Additional Donation		
TOTALS		

SEND PAPERWORK AND CHECK PAYABLE TO
CBENT SISTERHOOD by
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH CBENT c/o
Penny Meyers 715 Paxon Hollow Road
Broomall, PA 19008

HELP CBENT SISTERHOOD to:
Celebrate Purim
Build Community
Raise Needed Funds for CBENT
Donate 1 or more bags to a
Senior Living Center

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

\$150.00 to Send Mishloah Manot to the WHOLE CONGREGATION (or more than 30 names)

If you are NOT sending bags to the entire congregation, it's \$5 FOR EACH NAME SELECTED. Please circle all the names you want to send to. Don't forget the religious school staff, teachers, clergy and office staff!!

NON-MEMBERS BAGS ARE \$10 EACH.
They will be available for pick up with your own bag.

PACKAGES SENT TO YOUR CHILD AT COLLEGE ARE
\$18 PER STUDENT.

Please provide a name and address and confirm that the college is OPEN and NOT on spring break during that time. (space is provided at the end of the list)

****TO RECEIVE A BAG, YOU MUST CHECK BELOW AND RETURN THIS FORM.**

DO WANT A BAG AND WILL PICK IT UP

DONATE MY BAG AND JUST SEND ME THE LIST OF NAMES

I will help package on **Thursday February 26th**, at 6:30pm.
For more information, please email Jennifer Shrager at
jlshrager@gmail.com

2026 Mishloah Manot Bags

My/our name(s) should appear as: _____

Circle the names below for \$5 each, if not sending to the entire congregation.

Aaron, Seth & Megan	Cooperstein, Jay & Jeri	Harmelin, Jennifer
Abrams, Paul & Marcia	Copelovitch, Larry & Meaghan	Henninger, Mark & Ruth
Akerman, Lara & Daniel Kohan	Messner	Herron, Jonathan & Elana
Alexander, Helen	Daley, Eileen	Hoff, Jennifer
Amon, Annette	Davis, Ruth	Hoffman, Jeff & Sarah
Auslander, Sam & Cindy	DiCristo, Joshua	Hoffman, Joanne & Alan
Bagdon, Judith & Bruce Wotring	DiCristo, Vance & Andrea	Gothard
Bamash, Rick & Marilyn	Dietz, Kenneth	Holsapple, Kevin & Kate
Barone, Linda	Dolson, Robert & Lisa	Holt, Andrew & Pamela
Belitsky, Marc & Janet	Dziados, Ashley & Joseph	Homel, Stewart & Lauren
Bender, Robert & Ruth	Dzubow, Mike & Yoana	Jacobs, Stanley
Benheim, Shira	Ellman, Susan	Jaffe, Marc & Roslyn
Berger, Margie	Emanuel, Beverly	Joseph, Adlai & Andi
Berkowitz, Michael & Helene	Falcone, Sandra	Kahn, Debbie
Berman, Anne	Feldman, Michael & Trish	Kamil, Rabbi Michal
Bennett, Gary & Bonnie	Form, Beatrice	Kaplan, David & Jennifer
Bernstein, Daniel	Fox, Nancy	Kates, Helene
Bernstein, Mark & Karen	Frank, Kenneth	Keisling, Aviva
Blake, Amy & William Wegener	Friedrich, Bernard & Barbara	Kleinman, Rosejoy
Blum, Rabbi Emeritus Barry & Amy Blum	Friedrich, Cantor Steve & Ann	Kochavi, Jonathan & Cheryl
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Brason, Marcia	Galer, Arnold & Ina	Koffer Miller, Kaitlin & Dave
Brenner, Barry & Effie	Garfinkel, Lillian	Miller
Brody, Andrew	Gewertz, Marc & Sue	Krautheim, Charles & Sandra
Brody, Daniel	Glaser, Ahavia	Krautheim, Raymond & Lisa
Brody, Rebecca	Glassman, Arnie & Ellen	LaVan, Frederick & Marthe Adler
Brody, Richard & Joyce	Goldberg, Daniel & Catherine	Law, Feri
Brown, Alan & Karen	Daniel	Law, Jacquelyne
Brunswick, Michael & Elizabeth	Goldberg, Scot & Debbie	Levin, Franklin & Marcie
Burak, Steven & Beth	Goldman, Michael & Amy	Levit, Henri & Deborah
Cetlin, Lawrence & Rhonda	Golton, William & Yael	Lipman, Howard & Joan
Chaitt, Richard & Shelley	Gorberg, Alan & Pam Stein	Lourie, Eli & Jennifer Shrager
Chick, Marshall	Gorberg, Lorna	Marx, Jonathan & Sophie
Cohen, Arthur	Gordon, Richard & Sarah Wolf	Jacobs Marx
Cohen, Elaine	Gorson-Marrow, Larry & Gigi	Meyers, Ed & Penny
Cohen, Rhoda	Greenberg, Murray & Sharon	Miller, Brad & Aimee
Cohen, Ronald	Grzesik, Nancy	Millman, Mark & Marsha
Cooper, Todd & Melissa	Gutkind, Michael & Sondra	Montesano, Jenna
	Halprin, Dan	Morrissey, Debra
	Halprin, Reena & Thad Ritch	Neuman, Lindsay

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Please provide address of each
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is available to receive the
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Ask the Rabbi!



Join Rabbi Michal on Saturday Morning
for Coffee, nosh and Conversation!



January 3, 9:00 AM
Drop in before services!
No reservation necessary.



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Mensch Making Academy and Mini Mensch Academy

SHABBAT SCHOOL

and Shabbat for the Soul
for students and parents.

**Saturday, January 3
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!

**RSVP to Ellen at cbentschool@gmail.com
by Tuesday, December 30**

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





"Musician Dan Rosen is a Philadelphia-area native who grew up attending URJ Camp Harlam. He has been a song leader, a B mitzvah tutor, and has served as a staff member for Jewish summer camps and programs"

**Join us on January 3rd at 9:45 AM
for a beautiful uplifting musical Soul Shabbat
featuring maestro Dan Rosen.**

Dan brings a rich blend of musical traditions and genres to create a inspiring Shabbat experience.



**All ages welcome!!!
"Ask the Rabbi" at 9:00 AM
Service will start sharp at 9:45 AM
Scrumptious lunch to follow**





Creating Mensches (good people) for repairing our world
Join us on

**Saturday, January 3
11am to 12 noon**

for a special

MINI MENSCH ACADEMY PROGRAM!

Join Miss Andi and Anne Thomas for singing, dancing and storytelling! We'll be making a Shabbat friendly craft too!

**At noon, stay and enjoy a
catered lunch with us!**

RSVP to Ellen Glassman at cbentschool@gmail.com
or by calling/texting 302-750-7135 to ensure that
we have enough food and seating for all!



Sponsored by the Julie Lynn Gorson-Marrow Music Fund.

Teens Cook For Friends!

8th through 12th grades

Join us in CBENT's kitchen to make delicious and healthy meals for people in need! Led by April Wolfe and Helene Berkowitz, along with the Mensch Making Academy.

RSVP to cbentschool@gmail.com



Wednesday, January 7 • 6 to 8 PM

Mark your calendar for 2/4, 3/4, 5/13 and 6/3

The time teens volunteer counts as service hours
for high school programs and
college applications.



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CREATIVE CRAFTERS

Winter DATES

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

**FREE
INSTRUCTIONS
Beginners
welcome!**

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.



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8, 22**

**FEB
5, 19**

**MAR
5, 19**



For more information contact
Marilyn Bamash at
marilynsisterhood@yahoo.com

A promotional poster for a Bingo night. The background features a collage of various bingo cards, playing cards, and decorative elements like balloons and confetti. A large black rectangular overlay is centered on the poster, containing all the event details.

The Mensch Making Academy presents

**Light Supper Provided by:
Sunshine Catering**

BINGO! NIGHT!

Proceeds will benefit CBENT's Religious School

**Thursday, January 8, 2026
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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ALL CONGREGATION EVENT!



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!

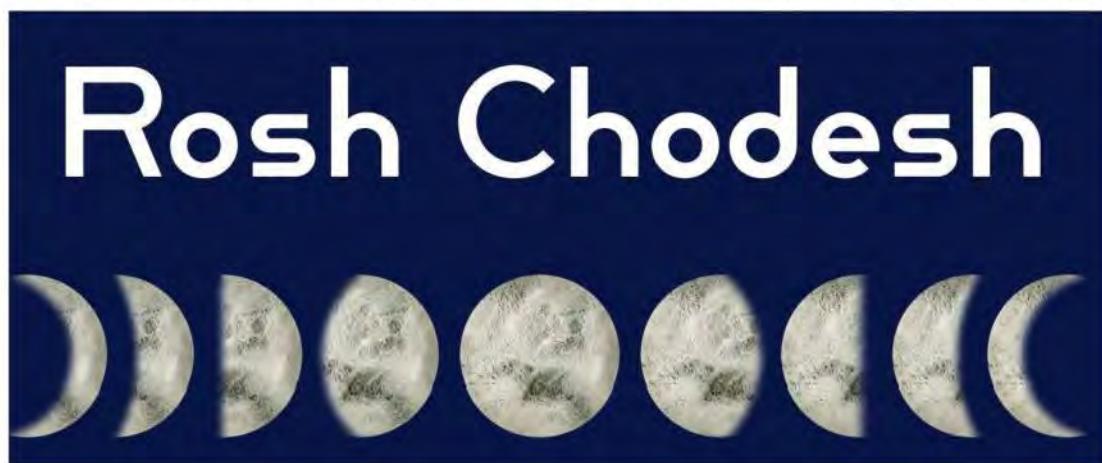
RSVP to Ellen Glassman at cbentschool@gmail.com or to office@cbent.org by Monday, January 5 in order to ensure there will be enough food for all.

This program is free but donations are appreciated.



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In Celebration of
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Wednesday, January 14
7:30 on Zoom



**The Mensch Making and Mini Mensch Academies, along with
jkidphilly, Chef Dad's Table and Love Thy Neighbor**

TO HONOR THE ELDERLY

**Monday January 19 • 10:30 am
at Wesley Enhanced Living Main Line**



To Honor the Elderly - *Hiddur P'nay Zakayn* - we will be spending time with residents, singing with Miss Andi, making decorations to hang in their rooms and playing games.

**Gather at 10:30 am at WELS
100 Halcyon Drive in Media.
(Enter through their main entrance lobby doors.)**

**RSVP to Ellen Glassman, Director of Education
at cbentschool@gmail.com by Friday, January 16
to ensure we have enough seating, snacks and materials for all.**

jkidphilly
a program of Jewish Learning Venture



Parent Education

**Sunday, January 25
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.**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Office Closed New Years Day 9:00 AM Morning Minyan	2 7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	3 9:00 AM " Ask the rabb'i" with coffee and Nosh 9:45 AM Mensch Mak- ing Academy—Shabbat School Lucky 7 9:45 AM Shabbat Ser- vice Shabbat for the Soul 9:45 Am Traditional Lay - Led Service 11:00 AM Mini- Mensch with Miss Andi 12:00 PM Luncheon following Services
4 No School 9:30 AM Morning Minyan 11:00 AM Book Club Meeting	5 7:15 AM Morning Minyan 7:00 PM Men's Club Meeting	6 7:00 PM Evening minyan with Rabbi Michal 7:30 PM Religious Committee Meeting	7 4:00 PM Mensch Mak- ing Academy 5:00 PM Beginners Hebrew with Rabbi Michal 6:00 PM Teens Cook for a Friend 7:00 PM Evening Min- yan with Cantor Steve	8 7:15 AM Morning Minyan 7:00 PM Bingo Fundraiser! Light Supper : Doors open at 6:30 PM	9 7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	10 9:00 AM Study Session - Prophets with Cantor 9:45 AM Shabbat Ser- vice 5:30 PM Trustees & Mensch Making Acad- emy Havdalah Service, Dinner & Dance 5:30 PM Havdalah 6:00 PM Trustees Havdalah Dinner 7:00 PM Trustees Havdalah Dance Mar- athon
11 No Religious School 9:30 AM Morning Minyan 6:30 PM Sisterhood Theater trip "SUFFS"	12 7:15 AM Morning Minyan 7:00 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting (TI Room)	13 7:00 PM Evening Minyan with Rabbi Michal 7:30 PM Executive Board Meeting	14 4:00 PM Mensch Making Academy 5:00 PM Beginners He- brew with Rabbi Michal 7:00 PM Evening Minyan with Cantor Steve 7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Program (Zoom) with Rabbi and Sisterhood	15 7:15 AM Morning Minyan 7:30 PM Membership Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Torah Study with Rabbi Michal	16 5:30 PM Shabbat Experience with Young Families/ and dinner 6:00 PM Shabbat Dinner 7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat	17 9:00 AM Study Ses- sion—Prophets with Rabbi 9:45 AM Shabbat Service
18 No Religious School 9:30 AM Morning Minyan	19 OFFICE CLOSED 7:15 AM Morning Minyan 10:30 AM MLK Day of Service Intergenera- tional program at WELS with Better Together 7:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting	20 7:00 PM Evening Minyan with Rabbi Michal	21 4:00 PM Mensch Mak- ing Academy 5:00 PM Beginners Hebrew with Rabbi Michal 7:00 PM Evening Min- yan with Cantor Steve 7:15 PM Investment Committee Meeting	22 7:15 AM Morning Minyan 7:30 PM Security Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Torah Study with Rabbi Michal	23 7:00 PM Men's Club Shabbat	24 9:00 AM Study Session—Prophets with Rabbi 9:45 AM Shabbat Service
25 9:00 AM Family Educational Journeys with Rabbi Michal 9:00 AM Mensch Mak- ing Academy 9:30 AM Morning Minyan 10:30 AM Minin Mensch parent education 2:00 PM Kehilah Coal- ition Meeting	26 7:15 AM Morning Minyan	27 7:00 PM Evening Minyan with Rabbi Michal 7:30 PM Board Meeting	28 4:00 PM Mensch Making Academy 5:00 PM Beginners Hebrew with Rabbi Michal 6:30 PM Security Training 7:00 PM Evening Minyan with Cantor Steve	29 7:15 AM Morning Minyan	30 7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	31 9:00 AM Study Session - Prophets with Cantor 9:45 AM Shabbat Service



Puzzle Answers:

LAAFSIA = Alaafia (Yoruba)
ANAMI = Amani (Swahili)
EIHWA = Heiwa (Japanese)
ERIDEF = Friede (German)
IRINI = Irini (Greek)
LOMHAS = Shalom (Hebrew)
PAEC = Pace (Italian)
LSAMA = Salam (Arabic)
PXIA = Paix (French)
ZAP = Paz (Spanish)

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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

AVAILABLE FOR DEDICATION

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

Contact the Synagogue office for details and to make a donation.....
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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.

CHAI WALL

Celebrate a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Wedding Anniversary, significant Birthday or Wedding by purchasing a Chai Wall Plaque. Your Simcha will always be remembered in our Synagogue!

Cost is only \$175

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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