

SHOFAR



BETH EL - NER TAMID
A vibrant & inclusive community

Upcoming Events:

Mensch Making Academy Tu B'Shvat

February 1 at 10 am

Mini Mensch Academy Program

February 1 at 10:30 am

Teens Cook for Friends

February 4 at 6 pm

Creative Crafters

February 5 at 1 pm

World Wide Wrap

Men's Club Event

February 8 at 9:30 am

Mini Mensch Academy Program

February 8 at 10:30 am

Rosh Chodesh Program

February 18 at 7:30 pm

Creative Crafters

February 19 at 1 pm

Bingo

February 19 at 6:30 pm

Shabbat Table at Rabbi's House

February 20 at 6:30 pm

Mensch Making Academy

Class Service

February 21 at 9:45 am

Mensch Making Academy Baking

February 22 at 9 am

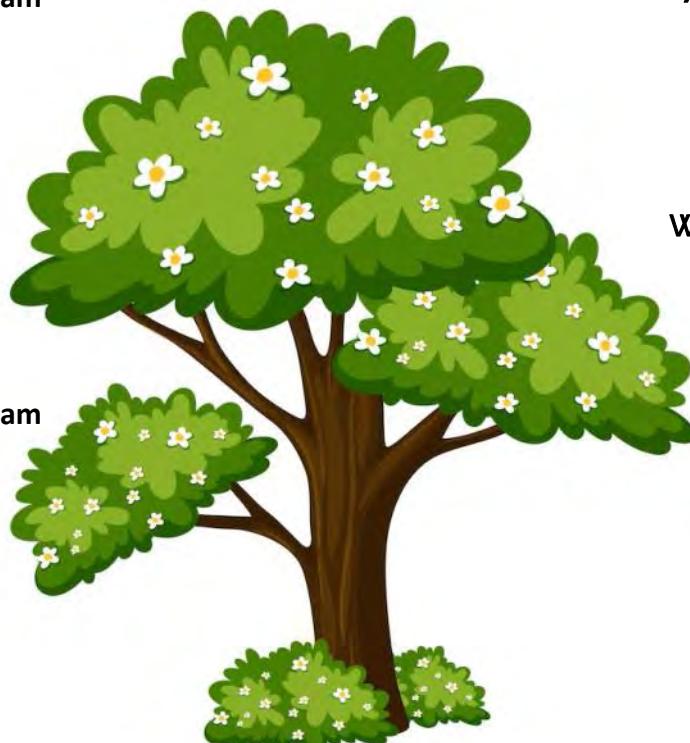
Mini Mensch Academy Program

February 22 at 4 pm

Purim Se'udah/Megillah Reading

March 2 at 6 pm

Happy
Tu B'Shevat



Minyan Times & Leaders

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

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



RABBI MICHAL

In February we honor Jewish Disability Awareness Month. Though our grappling and struggle is with the notion that our disabilities don't define us — and we advocate for our aspirations to maximize our capacity to deal with, and surpass, what may limit us — society isn't always that kindhearted or supportive. There are many challenges that are overt and explicit — and yet, many of us carry hidden challenges relating to disability. Raising awareness is key to sensitizing our community to one another and becoming a more caring, supportive, accepting, inclusive, and kinder community. From a very young age, both voluntarily, and professionally, I have involved myself in this community — and as someone who also has disabilities, I'm all too aware of the daily struggles (and beautiful achievements) by members of this community and their families, friends, and professional caregivers.

There is a beautiful art form originating in Japan called "Kintsugi" or "Kintsukuroi." It's based on the idea that shattered pottery can be repaired with gold or silver lacquer, and that the original art form is even more beautiful, having been restored from its broken pieces. It is an art form that serves as a metaphor for embracing our flaws and imperfections. Historians believe that it dates back to the 15th century. Instead of hiding the cracks and fractures, the repair process highlights the bringing together of the seam lines, giving the piece a second life, and making it even more beautiful than in its original form.

Many years ago, I worked with disabled Israeli war veterans, who were wounded in the second Lebanese war. As a member of the army unit responsible for their recovery, I watched them rehabilitate in a rehabilitation center in Haifa, many from horrific wounds to their limbs, necks, and spinal cords. I was repeatedly filled with awe by the work of the surgeons who put them back together again. I was inspired by the physiotherapists, who taught them how to walk from scratch, and I was filled with admiration for the psychologists and social workers, who never stopped encouraging, motivating, and dedicating every minute of their days and nights to be on call for these soldiers, who were so frequently broken and fragile. Following my army service, I worked for 10 years with the soldiers who recovered, and marveled at the outcome of the treatments they received to bring them back, as much as possible, to a fully functioning life. Sometimes with prosthetic limbs, sometimes in wheelchairs. But these beautiful young soldiers — who were now disabled veterans, and like the Japanese pottery, were broken vessels when I first encountered them — were now, in my eyes, more beautiful than ever. Their beauty lay in the stories of their heroism on the battlefield, in the hospital wards, and in their return to life after suffering traumas that nearly irreparably broke them. But, unlike the gold or silver that repaired shards of Japanese pottery, the key ingredient was the work these heroes had done to return to life. And they never forgot their injuries, and what they experienced on the road to recovery. These were stories that were to accompany them, along with the stories of their new lives, for the remains of their days. A few decades later, as a Rabbinical student I worked with ETTA-Israel, a Jewish organization in Los Angeles that provided services, accommodation, and coaches for adults with diverse mental and physical needs. My client, Zach, 27, became a part-time worker at Sinai Temple — and my client, Goldie, who graduated with a certificate in Early Childcare at SMC, is now a mother of two. I also headed Beit Bracha, the schooling framework

within the Religious School of Sinai Temple, leading a staff of special needs educators for a group of about 10 children who studied alongside hundreds of their peers in the Religious School. Both of these roles were tremendously rewarding and taught me so many lessons in life.

In *Parashat Ki Tissah*, which will be in March, there will be the story of the breaking of the *Luchot Habrith*, the Tablets of the Ten Commandments, at the hands of Moses, as he descended Mount Horev and witnessed the sight of the Golden Calf and the children of Israel praying to it. In that act of smashing those stone Tablets, containing the blueprint of our lives as a people in covenant with our G-d, and our destiny, our story could have ended there. The death of a nation at its moment of birth at the footsteps of Sinai. G-d certainly could have given up on this thankless and unruly mob of slaves, who did not demonstrate the capacity to think as free people, and take ownership of their decisions and behaviors that limited them. What Moses saw before him were these same children of Israel, slaves, children of slaves, humans who were broken, who needed their faith in themselves as free and autonomous people restored.

Moses recognized that rehabilitation and growth of capacity takes time, is a process, and involves acts of selfless giving and huge amounts of patience. Human brokenness and challenges cannot be repaired in an instant. Part of the process is not to escape the reality, hardship and struggle, but to grasp it, wrestle with it, and perhaps even embrace it. Moses's greatness was in his ability to advocate for, and explain to G-d, the fragility of his people. And he did more than that. Upon returning a second time with newly engraved Tablets, we learn from *Rav Yosef in Bava Batra 14b* that G-d instructs Moses to place "them" — the shards — in a wooden container, alongside the new Tablets.

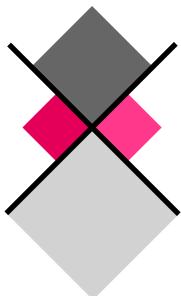
The Children of Israel stories, our stories, like those wounded veterans, accompany them and us through the course of our lives. We are the gold glue of our narratives, that create an even more beautiful glow to our identities, our legacy and the pride with which we embrace our challenges — sometimes brokenness and trauma. Instead of our human tendency to label those apparently unlike us as "others," our Jewish approach to disability awareness should be one of embracing, inclusion, and celebration of the gifts we do have, and what comes from the contributions every human being can give to our society. We are like that pot, repaired with gold, and containing the treasure that you and I will continue to study, bringing with us our individual and collective facets that tell our stories of belonging, with pain, the triumphs, and the love we are commanded to have for one another. So, in this month of Jewish Disability Awareness, let's step up our efforts and mindfulness of the struggles faced by those who identify with this community and be their advocates, learn more, and support the tremendous effort, strides, and achievements by those involved.

Adult Education Fund

Deborah Weiss

In memory of Edward Jay Weiss

With love,
Rabbi Michal



Torah Fund

Steven & Ann Friedrich

*In Honor of birth of granddaughter
Ruby Wegener - Feinberg*





CANTOR'S NOTES

Everything You Need to Know About "Amen"

Not long ago, I was asked for a definition of "Amen." My first instinct was to provide the standard response: "so be it" or "may it be so." However, related Hebrew words don't always align with that narrow definition. For instance, "*emunah*" means "faith," and "*ne-eman*" is "trustworthy." Turning to Webster's Dictionary, I found a clinical definition: "used to express solemn ratification... or hearty approval." Seeking a more soulful answer, I delved into the word's ancient origins. Here is what I discovered.

The Hebrew word ("amen") has entered almost every language on Earth, making it one of the most universally recognized terms, yet its exact pronunciation remains elusive. In Hebrew, it is pronounced aw-MANE or ah-MEN. When heard in American English, one typically hears AY-men or AH-men.

"Amen" originated in the Torah, where it often had surprisingly negative connotations. It first appears in the Book of Numbers (5:22) in the Trial of Jealousy, as a response to a sworn oath by an accused party. In Deuteronomy 27, the Israelites respond "Amen" after a series of communal curses pronounced by the Levites. It wasn't until about the time of King David (roughly 3,000 years ago) that "Amen" was used as a public response to affirm G-d's Blessings as recorded in Psalms and Chronicles. Jeremiah 28:6 uses the term as: "Amen: the Lord do so ; may the Lord perform your words." By the 4th century BCE, "Amen" was used liberally in Temple liturgy. Eventually, speakers began adding a final "Amen" to their own prayers to confirm the words of their homilies, a practice heard in many Christian churches.

Linguistically, "Amen" derives from a Semitic root meaning "firm," "fixed," or "sure." While the Greek Septuagint translates it as "so be it," English Bibles frequently render it as "verily" or "truly." In virtually every biblical context, "Amen" refers back to the words of another speaker. It serves as an endorsement or agreement with words just heard. "Amen" can be used as an affirmation of belief in the truth of a statement. "Amen" can also be used to adopt a prayer or blessing of another as if one had spoken it themselves.

In contemporary American Jewish usage, "Amen" could be translated as: "That's a fact." However, for me, when it follows a petitionary blessing such as a prayer for healing or the Priestly Blessing, it shifts toward the definition I was first taught: "May it be so" or "May it be G-d's will."

Ultimately, "Amen" is more than just a period at the end of a sentence. It is the bridge between a speaker's words and a listener's soul. It reminds us that while anyone can offer a prayer, it takes a community to make that prayer stick. After all, even the most beautiful blessing is just a solo performance until a congregation provides the harmony.

Cantor Steve

Dear Congregation,

Please join us for our son Sam's belated Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 9:45 AM, followed by a kiddush luncheon.

Sam, without much time for preparation, has taken on the task of preparing to become a member of the community by going through with his Bar Mitzvah ceremony before he turns 18. Sam started college at age 14 and has recently embraced Jewish studies. He feels comfortable joining in and participating in Shabbat services and feels ready to finally fulfill a long held desire of his to have his Bar Mitzvah.

Sam is an interesting, complex, companionate, caring and intelligent human being, who has a deep seated ethos in regards to what's just and cares deeply about any injustice that exists in the world being rectified. This, you can say, is his passion, especially, when it comes to AI taking over human jobs. Sam is also passionate about the environment and keeping it healthy. He is knowledgeable about invasive species and their negative effect on native species. Sam is always on the side of the underdog against corporate greed. Sam is a wonderful son and the best older brother anyone could ever have!"



The Hoffman Family

JAY COPELOVITCH

If you want to debate the latest power rankings across the NFL, NBA, NHL, and Premier League, trade sports cards like a pro, try your hand at poker or chess, or decide where to cast your fishing line in a nearby creek, or work on your consistency in field goals, you should reach out to Jay Copelovitch.

Jay is a 7th-grader at Penn Charter. He brings boundless energy to everything he does and somehow finds room for more. He plays travel soccer year-round, suits up for his school's football and basketball teams, and keeps the season going with winter and spring basketball programs. When he's not competing, you'll find him fishing, skiing, skateboarding, or playing a card game, depending on the season. Jay loves the thrill of competition, but he's equally joyful and playful—and after a full slate of activities, he's a master of recovery: lounging in a robe after a long bath, snuggling with his dogs, and settling into a well-earned chill. His two dogs often vie for the coveted spot on his bed; sometimes all three end up there.

Jay tracks sports like a seasoned analyst. He follows football, basketball, soccer, and hockey closely, keeping tabs on player stats and team histories, and his thousands of sports cards are practically a library. He and his brother, Max, regularly build fantasy teams, rank players after each week's games, and trade good-natured arguments. Jay's teams are the Kansas City Chiefs, the Montreal Canadiens, the Phillies, the 76ers, and Tottenham Hotspur.

Summer brings one of Jay's favorite traditions: traveling to Block Island with his family. His dream day there is simple and perfect—throwing, catching, or kicking a ball with his dad, jumping and surfing waves with his brother, riding his bike home with his mom, and then feasting on seafood. Jay also loves to fish. He has cast lines in the Panama Canal, off the beaches of Grand Cayman and Block Island, and in countless rivers and creeks around Philadelphia. His bike even has a special rod attachment so he and Max can ride to local fishing spots on warm days.

For his mitzvah project, Jay organized two donation drives for gently used sports equipment to support an organization that helps families access sports when the cost of gear is a barrier. Jay understands the value of being part of a team, working hard, and staying active, and he wants to help ensure that kids from low-income families have the same opportunities. His classmates clearly see his spirit: for the second year in a row at his new school, they nominated him to be their class representative because he's a friend to all—approachable, confident, and kind.

Jay's role model and best friend is his big brother, Max. Their bond is special: Max keeps an eye out for him, and Jay brings fun and energy to everything they do together.

Despite a schedule that keeps his parents busy, Jay has enjoyed attending Hebrew School at CBENT for the past five years and has thrived under the care, creativity, patience, and love of his teachers. He is grateful for the CBENT community and for everyone who has supported him on his journey.



Jay's Bar Mitzvah Project

COLLECTING SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Did you know that **1 in 5** underserved households don't get their kids into sports because the cost of sports equipment is a barrier.

I connected with a community organization to collect **new or gently used equipment** to ensure every kid has a chance to play sports.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS
TO THE CBENT K'TONTON LOBBY
(PAXON HOLLOW ENTRANCE)
BY SATURDAY, FEB 28TH**

**THERE WILL BE A BIN
TO COLLECT DONATIONS.**



PRESIDENT: MARC BELITSKY

Thank you to Rich Gordon, Ray Krauthiem, and the Men's Club for their annual Men's Club Shabbat. Special thanks for the support of our regional FJMC brothers who also attended. Thank you to Ellen, Arthur, Rob, and the Trustees for a wonderful Trustees Havdalah dance. It was very well attended and a fun time had by all.

Rabbi Michal will be helping to lead a mission trip to Israel in early February. She was invited by JCRC and Pathways on this multifaith mission to bring her insight, teachings and enthusiasm to the group. We wish her a safe and enlightening trip. When she returns, she will be sharing her experiences with us.

We look forward to celebrating two Bar Mitzvahs this month; Jay Copelovitch and Samuel Hoffman. Mazel Tov to Jay and Sam and their families on this big milestone. Please come to Bingo on Thursday the 19th to support the school and maybe win some \$\$\$.

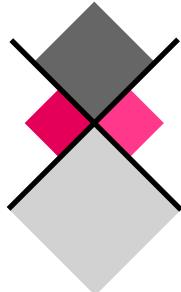
Stay Warm,

Marc Belitsky

Welcome Trent

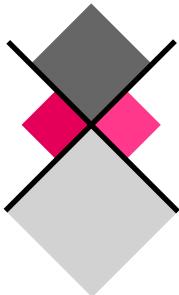
Trent Stump is the synagogue's building maintenance professional, helping keep the space safe, clean, and running smoothly for the entire community. With 7 years of experience in the construction industry, Trent takes pride in making sure everything behind the scenes is taken care of so services and events can happen without a hitch. In Trent's free time, he enjoys spending time with his family, going for long walks with his dog, and going to the gym.





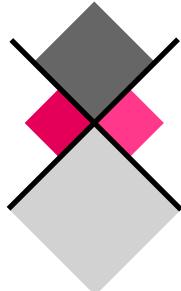
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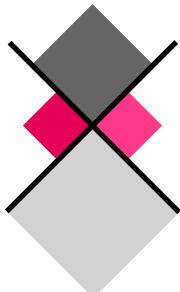
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In Honor of Margie Berger Grandson, Mason



Rabbi's Fund

Beth & Steven Burak
Thank you for making our 50th Anniversary special
 Susan Tworski
In memory of Audrey Pollin
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In honor of the Rabbi's prayer for health and recovery
 Cindy & Allan Schlossberg
In memory of Lionel
 Arthur Pollin
Mazel Tov of the birth of Ruby Wegener- Feinberg



Cantorial Fund

Beth & Steven Burak
Thank you for making our service special!
 Joan & Benjamin Rose
In memory of Anna Rose



MENSCH MAKING ACADEMY & MINI MENSCH ACADEMY ELLEN GLASSMAN, EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Congregants and Parents!

BE PART OF THE MAGIC: Volunteer at our annual Purim Carnival and cheer on our students while they perform their Purim Spiel!

Years from now, your children and grandchildren may not remember every creative lesson they've learned or classroom activity they've taken part in on Wednesdays and Sundays, but they will remember the fun, games, prizes (we seriously have the best Purim Carnival prizes due to everyone's generosity!), food, costumes and the feeling of joy and togetherness that comes from celebrating Purim as a community.

One of the most powerful memories a child can carry is seeing congregants, parents and grandparents show up, give back, and be part of something bigger than themselves. When children see their synagogue family volunteering, they learn that community matters — and those moments plant the seeds that inspire them to volunteer and lead in the future.

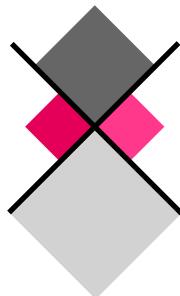
Our annual Purim Carnival will take place on Sunday, March 1, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It is more than just a fun event. It's a chance to celebrate the joy of the holiday, build camaraderie, and create lifelong memories together.

Whether you volunteer two hours at the Carnival, or help bring it to life behind the scenes under the incredible leadership of Anne Thomas, your contribution will be appreciated and will make a difference. You don't need special skills — just a willingness to jump in, smile, and share in the joy. Volunteering is a gift to our children, our community, and yourself.

Purim fun will continue after the carnival! **The reading of the Purim Megillah is scheduled for Monday evening, March 2. Our Purim Spiel will take place on Saturday, March 7, after the Creative Shabbat Service and catered lunch.** Recognizing that it would be a late night if both the Megillah and the spiel were on the same evening, we're trying something new! Please don't let our students perform in an empty sanctuary. Come cheer them on. Ruth Henninger's Hebrew High class took the challenge and wrote a creative spiel that takes place in Shushan High School. Their story is humorous and was written from their hearts. When children and teens step into dramatic play — like a Purim spiel — they are doing far more than wearing costumes or reciting lines. They are learning confidence, to use their voices, and to believe that what they have to share matters. Standing in front of an audience that loves them — parents, grandparents, teachers, and community members — transforms that moment into something powerful. The cheers, smiles, and applause tell a child, *"I see you. I'm proud of you. You belong here."* That kind of encouragement builds confidence from the inside out, teaching children that it's safe to take risks, try something new, and shine. An audience made up of people who care isn't just watching a performance; they are helping shape a child's sense of self, giving them the courage to stand tall today, and the confidence to step forward in the world tomorrow.

We hope you'll support our school at their Purim Carnival and spiel!

With gratitude, Ellen



Mini Mensch Fund

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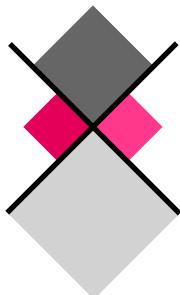
In memory of Ann Degrave

Deborah Weiss

In memory of Ann Degrave

Rhonda & Lawrence Cetlin

In memory of Audrey Pollin



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Mazel Tov for grandson Mason

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In memory of Ann Degrave

Marilyn & Eric Bamash

In memory of Helen Welsh

Rosejoy Kleinman

In memory of Harry Lebowitz Grandfather

Although we were disappointed that we needed to pivot our MLK Day of Service Program from Wesley Enhanced Living to CBENT, we had a fabulous day of learning, connecting and working together! We are incredibly grateful to Miss Andi for helping us sing, dance, and enjoy parachute play. Her special song about MLK Day that she sang with Madrich/teen, Eden Stolar, reminded us about the vision of Martin Luther King Jr. and why we gathered. Thank you Margie McClarlin from Beat It Beads, for inspiring us with your breast cancer journey and empowering us to make bracelets for patients at Fox Chase Cancer Center, Abington Cancer Center, and the American Cancer Society. We made tote bags, suncatchers and get well cards to give to the residents at WEL and planted parsley for Tu B'Shevat. We loved partnering with jkidphilly's Parent Ambassador's, Ashley Wick and Ashley Dziados, for a meaningful morning of service and fun!



The Mini Mensch Academy loved partnering with Scott Noye and Natalie Noye of Chef Dad's Table for young families to enjoy decorating cookies, dipping pretzels in chocolate and tons of sprinkles and hot chocolate! Thank you Scott and Natalie!!



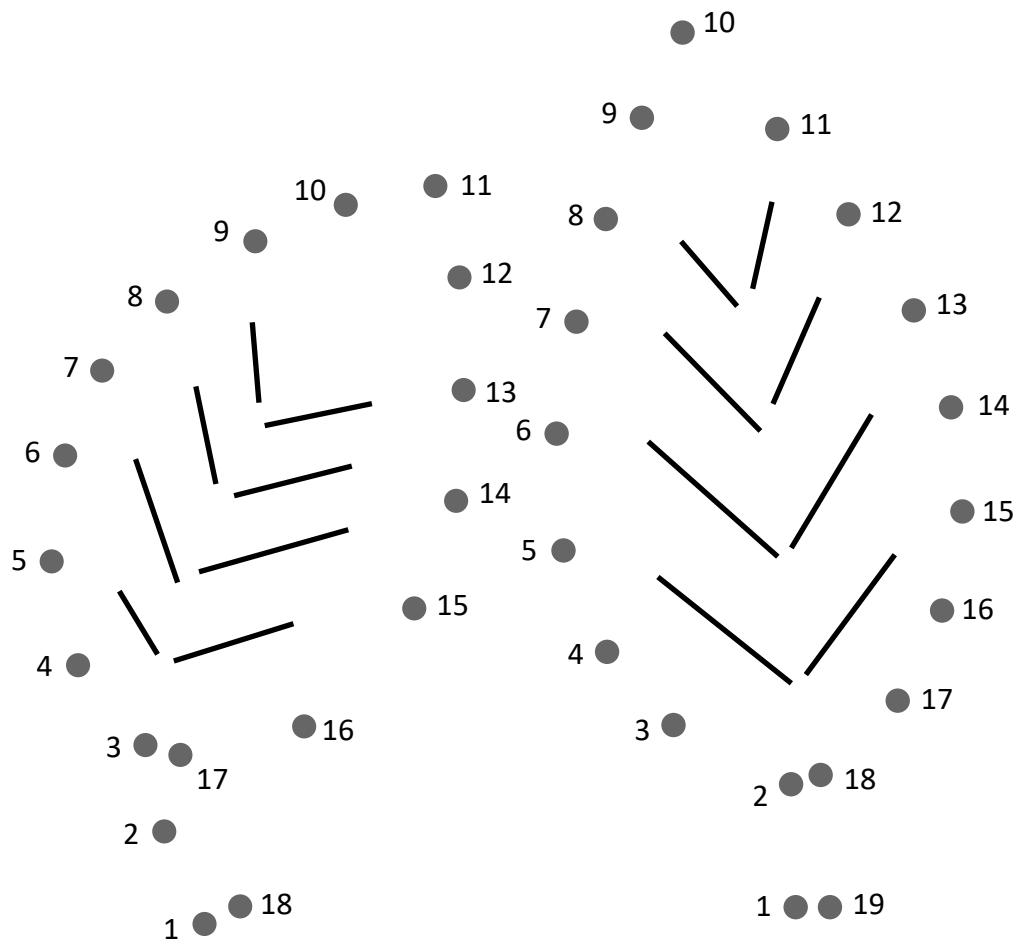
Miss Andi and Ellen love bringing Shabbat to life with K'tonton! From their youngest students to their eldest, we always have tons of fun!



The Trustees and the Mensch Making Academy enjoyed putting their heads together to create an intergenerational dance with a DJ where congregants and students could dance to songs like *Bei Mir Bist Du Shein*, *Tzena Tzena*, *Hava Nagilah* and the *Hora* as well as Chappell Roan's *Pink Pony Club*, Sabrina Carpenter's *Espresso*, Taylor Swift's *Fortnight* and Justin Bieber's *Daisy*. On Saturday, January 10, we kicked off the evening with a beautiful Havdalah service led by Cantor Steve, Rabbi Michal and Andi Joseph, followed by a dinner made with love by Sunshine Caterers. The highlight of the evening was Israeli dancing led by Vance DiCristo and games by DJ Craz-E Entertainment's Evan Kallish. Special thanks are sent to Arthur Pollin for his vision, generosity and energy along with Scott Noye, for helping us behind the scenes to host a great evening for all!



PUZZLE: CONNECT THE DOTS FOR TU B'SHEVAT



CONGREGATION BETH EL - NER TAMID'S



2026 PURIM CARNIVAL SPONSORS

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 10:30AM - 12:30PM

CBENT - 715 Paxon Hollow Road, Broomall, PA

Hosted by Mensch Making Academy & the Trustees of Congregation Beth El - Ner Tamid
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Donate a passport - \$12.00

Help us give every student the opportunity to play games and enjoy the carnival! Each passport is \$12.00 and your donation ensures that every child can play!

Mordechai - \$18.00

For your \$18.00 donation you, your family, or company can add your name to our sponsor list at the carnival.

Queen Vashti - \$36.00

For your \$36.00 donation, you, your family, or company can sponsor a game at the carnival. Your name will appear on our Sponsor Board and in the Shofar magazine.

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For your \$54.00 donation, you, your family, or company can sponsor carnival prizes! Your name will appear on our Sponsor Board and in the Shofar Magazine.

Queen Esther - \$118.00

Your \$118.00 donation will go a long way toward helping the MMA grow!

The Whole Megillah! - \$200.00 +

Sponsor new games and larger activities! Your name will appear on the Sponsor Board and in the Shofar Magazine.

All Sponsor donations help to off-set the cost of the Carnival, and benefit the Mensch Making Academy and the Mini Mensch Academy. Please fill out the form below and return to the CBENT office with a check payable to CBENT Religious School, or use the link below and donate through shulcloud:
<https://cbent.shulcloud.com/form/2026-purim-carnival-sponsorship.html> or use the QR code on this flyer!

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Carnival Games

Face Painting

by children's illustrator DAVID KRAMER!

Raffles

Accepting Cash & Venmo!

Bouncy House

Prizes

Crafts

Costumes

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passports!**



PASSPORT ORDER

FAMILY NAME

STUDENT NAME(S)

EMAIL

PHONE

PASSPORTS cost \$12.00 each or 3 passports or more for \$10.00/each
Each passport has 25 squares or spaces to use on any games.
Most games will cross off 1 or 2 squares and receive
tickets to redeem prizes! Some games the student will receive an item
instead, like face painting, or moon bounce. We have found that most
students use 2 passports in the course of our 2 hour carnival.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO CBENT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

of passports

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Total



Mensch Making Academy students will receive their pre-ordered passports in class before the carnival starts!

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2026 PURIM CARNIVAL INFORMATION

All ages are welcome. Bring your Bubbe, cousins, neighbors, and friends to join in the fun!

The holiday of Purim is right around the corner and the beloved Purim Carnival is scheduled for **Sunday March 1, 2026 from 10:30 AM -12:30 PM**. If you haven't attended the carnival before or need a reminder, here's what you can expect.

Passports Passports are how kids get to play games, crafts and most activities. Each passport has 25 squares and for each game or activity 1-2 squares gets crossed out. Passports cost \$12 for 1 and \$10 each when buying 3 or more passports. Most kids go through 2 passports. You can pre-order passports and we will have them ready for your family when you arrive at the Carnival. This helps save time waiting in line.

To Order Passports go to: <https://cbent.shulcloud.com/form/2026-purim-carnival-passport.html>

Tickets will be given out to winners at most games to be exchanged for prizes. Some games give out a prize right at the game, like the Lollipop Pull. With crafts and activities, no ticket will be given out but the child will keep the craft or experience the activity.

Games: Games range from simple ones for toddlers like duck pond, treasure chest or basketball shoot to more advanced ones like bottle ring toss, deal or no deal and cheese chase.

Food: Lunch and snacks are available for purchase with cash or Venmo. All food is Kosher and is sponsored by the CBENT Trustees to benefit our school.

Adults: The fun is not just for kids – buy raffle tickets!

Raffle chances are \$2 a piece or 3 for \$5. The drawings will be at 12:20 p.m. but you do not need to be at the Carnival to win! To make this day one your family will always remember, we need your support.

Volunteers: If you can volunteer to help set-up Sunday February 22, at 10:00 am, or help at the Carnival on Sunday March 1, at 8:00 am, email Anne Thomas at aesthomash@comcast.net or Dina Rosenblum at drosenblum@gmail.com.



Or Use this QR Code
to order passports

jkidphilly
EARLY LEARNING SERVICES



CONGREGATION BETH EL - NER TAMID'S



SUNDAY, MARCH 1 10:30AM - 12:30PM

CBENT - 715 Paxon Hollow Road, Broomall, PA

Open to the Community

rain or shine - indoors!

Hosted by Mensch Making Academy & the Trustees of Congregation Beth El - Ner Tamid

For more information go to: www.cbent.org, email: office@cbent.org, call (610)356-8700

Carnival Games

Food for Sale

Prizes

Face Painting by children's illustrator DAVID KRAMER!

Crafts

Raffles Accepting Cash & Venmo!

Bouncy House

Costumes



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**Pre-Order Games
Passport Here!**





SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood has started 2026 with two **AMAZING** events. First, Jenna Montasano hosted an interesting and informative Book Club review of *An Unorthodox Match by Naomi Ragen, depicting life in an Orthodox community in New York. The book revealed the pros and cons of living in a closed community. Many of us have never experienced this type of Judaism and were thrilled with the information. Hope you will join us for Jenna's next pick.*

Sixty-six people attended the Tony Award winning show “Suffs” at the Academy of Music on January 11. An historically **TRUE** musical drama, book and score written by Jewish author, Shaina Taub, depicting the 100-year women’s struggle to gain the right to vote in America. The story highlighted the infighting of the different factions of the women, including women of color. The show was enlightening, as well as entertaining, and emphasized how **important it is to VOTE!!**

February Rosh Chodesh ...

*February has been designated as **Jewish Disabilities Month**. Please join us on **Zoom**, Wednesday, February 18, 2026, for an informative evening with Kathy Hoovan from **ASERT** (Autism Services, Education, Resources and Training) for educational training focused on adults with neurodiversity. Kathy has a child, Ryan, who was diagnosed with autism when he was four years old and has been involved with neurodiversity since then. Please join us. Kathy and Ryan will continue their information **IN PERSON** on Shabbat morning, February 21, when they will speak at services. There will be a *light lunch and learn* to follow. Hope you can make it to both events. Please **RSVP to the office if you will be coming to lunch.** : 610-356-8700.*

Mark your calendars for **Friday night, March 13**, for our annual Sisterhood Shabbat service. The evening will be dedicated to the memory of our beloved Audrey Pollin, with memories and surprises included. You have a choice of selecting a part in the prayer service, or adding **your** thoughts to the topic of participation “*If I could change the world ...*” (This could include thoughts like, “*If I could change the world, a chocolate nut sundae would be a vegetable.*” or “*If I could change the world, I would want world peace.*” — and, of course, why this means so much to you.) **NO POLITICAL ATTACKS WILL BE PERMITTED!** *Your children are invited to join you on the Bimah for either the prayer service or the “If I could change the world ...” thoughts.* We will be joined by a fantastic evening of interactive music by songwriter/musician Rory Michelle Sullivan. Please contact me at marilynsisterhood@yahoo.com with your choice of the prayer portion of the service or “*If I could change the world ...*” thoughts **before March 1**, to be included in the program.

Be Well, Stay Safe

Enjoy this day, it only happens **ONCE**.

Marilyn

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



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

	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

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	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
Bradbard, Nancy	Fuiman, Richard & Michelle	Koenigsberg, Robert & Bess
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, Joan
Chaitt, Richard & Shelley	Gorberg, Alan & Pam Stein	Lourie, Eli & Jennifer Shrager
Chick, Marshall	Gorberg, Lorna	Mann, Tim
Cohen, Arthur	Gordon, Richard & Sarah Wolf	Marx, Jonathan & Sophie
Cohen, Elaine	Gorson-Marrow, Larry & Gigi	Jacobs Marx
Cohen, Rhoda	Greenberg, Murray & Sharon	Meyers, Ed & Penny
Cohen, Ronald	Grzesik, Nancy	Miller, Brad & Aimee
Cooper, Todd & Melissa	Gutkind, Michael & Sondra	Millman, Mark & Marsha
	Halprin, Dan	Montesano, Jenna
	Halprin, Reena & Thad Ritch	Morrissey, Debra

Neuman, Lindsay
Noye, Scott & Lynne Winegrad
Obludzyner, Matias & Michelle
Mancher
Ostroff, Judi
Ozer, Marlene
Packel, Natalie
Pless, Joseph
Pollin, Arthur
Pollin, Melissa
Poppel, Adam & Karen
Reagan, Jessie
Rednor, Blanche
Reiter, Maury & Penny
Rose, Benjamin & Joan
Rosenblum, Dina & Jack
Szychtel
Rosenfeld, Andrew & Karen
Rothberg, Ruth
Rothman, Gerry
Sabalbaro, Jose & Emily
Saionz, Alan
Samberg, Robert & Jill
Sandler, Leona
Saxe, George & Rande
Scheinfield, Jay & Susan Levy
Schreiber, Laura
Schwarcz, Myron & Lisa
Schwartz, Richard & Diane
Schwartz, Rod & Robin
Shatoff, Ken & Jean
Shumsky, Doreen
Spector, Jason & Jennifer
Stall, David & Judith Hausen
Stolar, Neal & Shannon Mahler
Strayer, David & Marcy Borofsky
Strieb, Christine
Strieb, Susan
Thomas, Bruce & Anne
Tobin, Frank & Ilene Chester
Weinstein, Ronald
Weisfield, Phyllis
Weiss, Deborah

Wolfe, David & April
Yellin, Felix & Faith
Zeiger, Bruce & Barbara
Zeiger, Elaine
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NON-MEMBERS' NAMES @ \$10 EACH TO BE PICKED UP AND DELIVERED BY YOU (list here):

MEMBERS' COLLEGE STUDENT @ \$18 EACH
Please provide address of each student and make sure student is available to receive the package. (Provide additional names on a separate paper.)

Name:

Address:

MADRACHIM
Ali Henninger
Nathaniel Holt
Elliot Homel
Jordyn Kochavi
Eden Stolar

MEN'S CLUB

Rich and I would like to thank everyone who attended the 2026 Men's Club Shabbat. We are especially grateful to our participants who stepped up in their own way, making a truly unique congregational experience. This service wouldn't have been a success without the artful play-calling of Rich Gordon, who ensured everyone who wanted to participate had a role.

This is a *super* time to be a CBENT congregant! Please join the Men's Club on **February 8th for FJMC's annual International World Wide Wrap**. We will gather with the Mench Making Academy students in Vav, Zayin, and Hebrew High to learn about Tefillin. This is an opportunity for all members to discuss the history of Tefillin and practice before the big game. Coaches will be available to provide guidance; no prior experience is necessary.

CBENT'S Men's Club is once again sponsoring a Super Bowl grid. Four (4) lucky winners will share the \$1,000 in prize money. If you would like to join in, please send an email to Rich Gordon (Gordon601@verizon.net), who will randomly assign your squares. Each square costs \$20, and payment can be sent to the CBENT office, noting that it is for the Super Bowl grid.

The Men's Club is excited to announce Margie Berger as our Congregant of the Year! Margie has held many roles over the years and will be honored at our annual Congregational Dinner on June 7, 2026. We will provide more details about how Margie has spent her time at CBENT — and how you can show your appreciation for her over the coming months. In the meantime, Mazel Tov to Margie!

Stay Warm, Stay Safe,
Rich Gordon and Ray Krautheim

Roy Hulnick Fund
Amy Blake & Bill Wegener
Mazel Tov for grandson Mason Jack Marks



Dick Packel Fund
Caryn & Steven Richfield
In memory of Audrey Pollin
Susan & Neil Sukonik
In memory of father Dick Packel

New Ovens at CBENT!!!!



We would like to thank the Pollin, Gorson-Marrow, and Rosenfeld families for donating the funds to modernize our kitchen. The new ovens are gorgeous and working!! We now have a griddle top for the pancake breakfasts, and a broiler that is easier to use. One oven will not be used until our Community Seder on the second night of Passover. (Saves on deep cleaning this year)

The rest of the kitchen will get a makeover as well. Our kitchen committee will be meeting to determine the layout of the space on the other side of the room since the old dishwasher has been removed. The goal is to have a greater amount of storage space and usable counters for the many events we have. Events such as Teens Cook for Friends, baking delicious Hamantaschen, and prepping for Bid & Buy all need plenty of counter space. We will soon have that available for all.

Thanks to all involved in making this much needed upgrade happen!!!

CBENT MEN'S CLUB SUPER BOWL GRID

IX



\$1,000.00 IN PRIZE MONEY

HOW TO PLAY

Each square costs \$20.00. Please reach out by email to: gordon601@verizon.net and I will randomly pick your squares. Please send money to the CBENT office and note that this is for the Super Bowl Grid.

HOW TO WIN

There will be **4** winners. One at the end of each of the first 3 quarters (\$200 each) and one at the end of the game (\$400).

Each box will correspond to a 0-9 number for the AFC team and a 0-9 number for the NFC team. If the last digit of each team's score at the end of the quarter matches your square, you are the winner for that quarter! For example, if your square is AFC 6 and NFC 0, and the first quarter score is AFC team 16 and NFC team 10, you are the winner for the 1st quarter.

We will send out the grid with the numbers posted prior to the game.

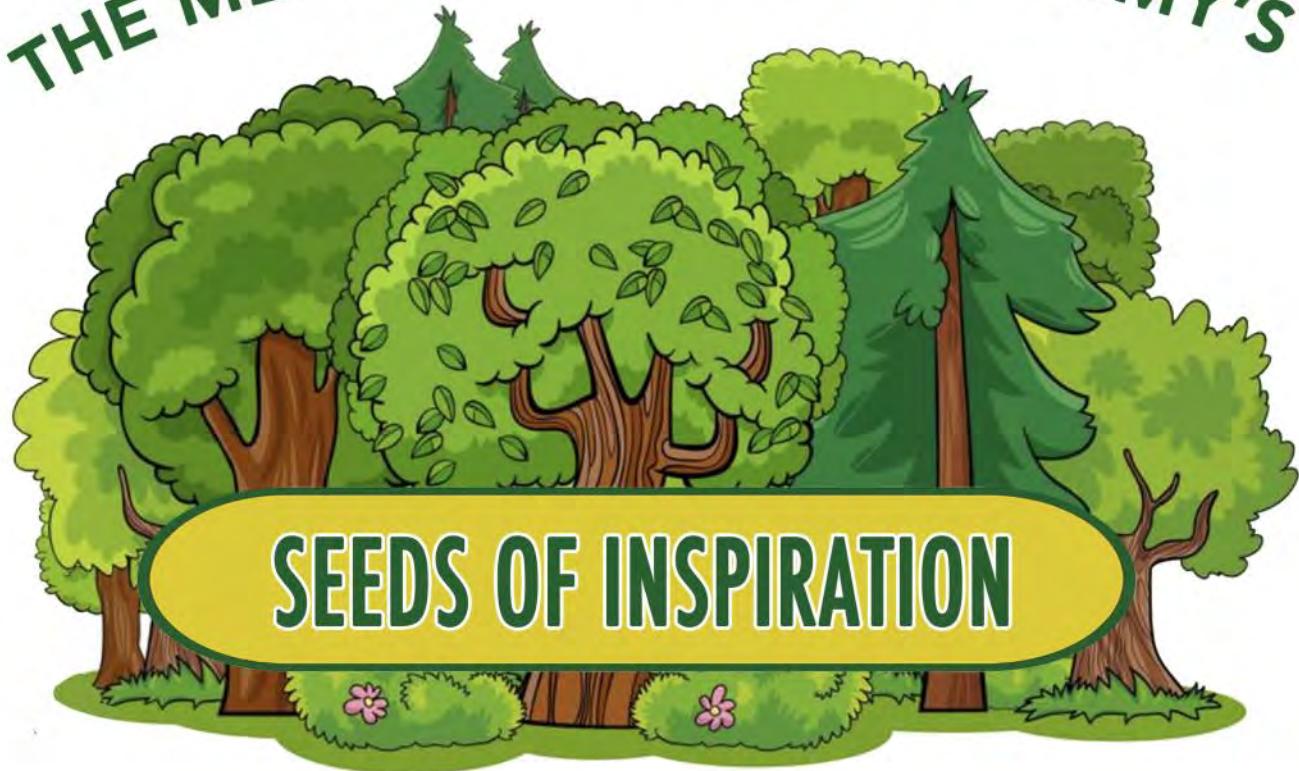


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THE MENSCH MAKING ACADEMY'S



AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE IN CELEBRATION OF

Tu B'Shvat

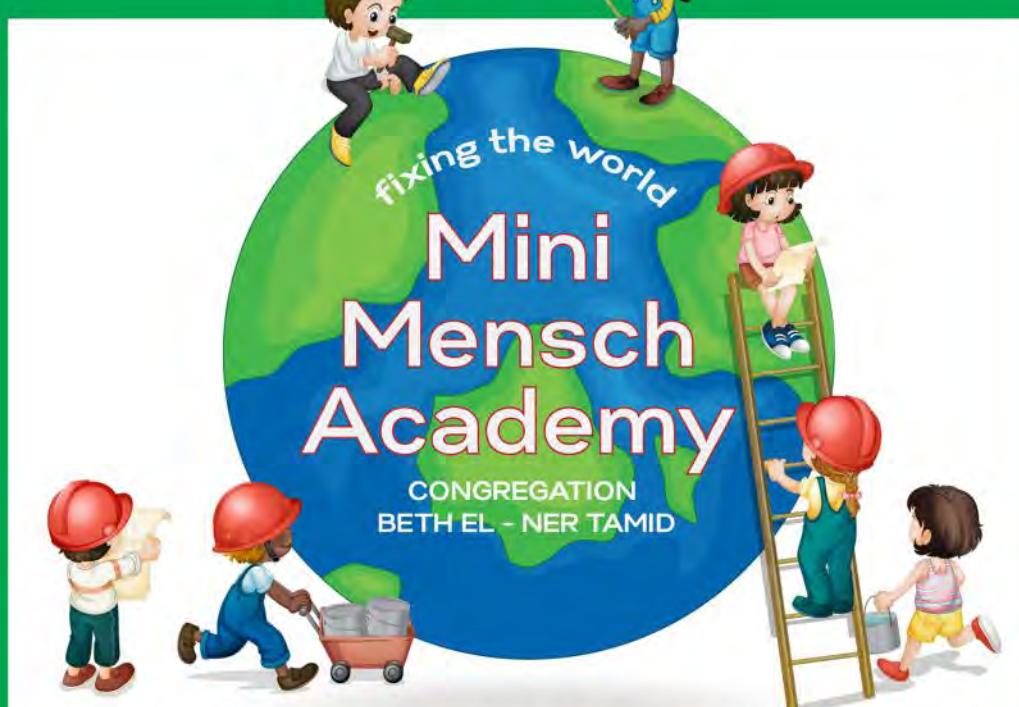
THE NEW YEAR OF THE TREES

Sunday, February 1 • 10 AM

An interactive Mensch Making Academy program of learning about this environmental holiday and reminding us that we are guardians of the earth/Shomrei Adamah and our responsibility to not destroy needlessly/Bal Tashchit. We'll be celebrating the New Year of the Trees through sampling the fruits and juices of the seasons and participating in games, trivia and competition!

Parents and the congregation are invited!

School starts at 9 am.



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

Sunday, February 1 • 10:30am - 11:30am
for a special

MINI MENSCH ACADEMY celebrating Tu B'Shvat, featuring Miss Andi!

Join the fun! We'll have music, storytelling, crafts, snacks and more! *Tu B'Shvat is an environmental holiday, celebrating the new year of the trees, enjoying 7 species of grains and fruits, and exploring our responsibility in taking care of our earth.

Email Ellen Glassman at cbentschool@gmail.com to ensure that we have enough seating and snacks 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, February 4 • 6 to 8 PM

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

Come support Sam Hoffman's Mitzvah project for his upcoming Bar Mitzvah and bake cookies to accompany the meals that are delivered to families in need.

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.



WELS - 100 HALCYON DR. MEDIA, PA

**JAN
8, 22**

**FEB
5, 19**

**MAR
5, 19**



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FEBRUARY 8

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY!

**9:30 - 10:30 AM
CBENT SANCTUARY!**

Join CBENT's Men's Club and The FJMC* for the
INTERNATIONAL WORLD WIDE WRAP

as Men's clubs around the world join to sponsor this program. Learn the importance and history of Tefillin.

Learn to "Lay" - put on the Tefillin.

Open to the entire congregation, men and women!

**Mensch Making Academy students from Vav, Zayin,
Hebrew High and Madrichim will participate too!**

*Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs



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**Sunday, February 8 • 10:30-11:30am
Super Bowl Sunday**

Join us for a special

MINI MENSCH ACADEMY PROGRAM!

Join Miss Andi and Anne Thomas for singing, dancing and
storytelling and a craft!

**Special Guest Donna Hendel -
energetic educator and
puppeteer for extra fun!**



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!

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Rosh Chodesh



Join Rabbi Michal Morris Kamil & CBENT
Sisterhood for Special Rosh Chodesh Service

In Honor of Jewish Disability Awareness Month



Topic: Neurodiversity In Adults

Join Us online from the comfort of your living room



Kate Hooven, MS, is the Justice System Project Coordinator for ASERT (Autism Services, Education, Resources and Training) where she uses her background as a former juvenile probation officer to train justice system personnel. Kate is also the mother of three amazing children, including her 23-year-old son Ryan who was diagnosed with autism when he was four years of age. Ryan graciously allows Kate to share his experiences as an autistic individual to personalize the ASERT justice trainings as well as to raise awareness and promote acceptance for all autistic individuals.

Ryan Hooven is a 24-year-old autistic self-advocate who graduated from Kutztown University with a BA in music. While at Kutztown, Ryan worked for ASERT, creating social stories for autistic college students. He now works full-time as a Justice System Training Supporter by providing his experiences to assist the court system personnel on how to interact with individuals with autism.

Rosh Chodesh Adar
Wednesday, February 18
7:30 on Zoom

NEW NIGHT!

Thursday, February 19, 2026

The Mensch Making Academy presents

Light Supper Provided by: Sunshine Catering

Sunshine Catering **BINGO!**

NIGHT!

Proceeds will benefit CBENT's Religious School

Thursday, February 19, 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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Shabbat Table at Rabbi's House



שבת
שלום



You are invited to welcome Shabbat with Rabbi Michal, at her home!
Space is limited! RSVP today

Friday, February 20 - 6:30 PM
Home cooked food, Comfort and
Conversation



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(610)356-8700



MENSCH MAKING ACADEMY CLASS SERVICE! Grades 3 through 7



Saturday, February 21 • 9:45 am

Students have been practicing to lead the congregation and they hope you'll come to cheer them on!

This is a Shabbat service in honor of JDIAM - Jewish Disability, Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month.

Special speakers will be Kate Hoover and her son Ryan from ASERT.

This is a Lucky 7 service!

Stay for lunch after the service.

RSVP to cbentschool@gmail.com to let Ellen know how many people you'll be bringing.

No religious school
on Sunday, February 22.



Creating Mensches (good people) For Repairing Our World.



The Mensch Making Academy Bakes Hamantaschen!



Sunday, February 22 • 9 AM



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

Parents - join us in the kitchen to help your kids make a variety of sweet and savory hamantaschen! All classes will bake! Let Ellen know if you can help beginning at 9am by emailing cbentschool@gmail.com or calling/texting her at 302-750-7135. Your kids LOVE when you volunteer in their classroom!



Creating Mensches (good people) for repairing our world

The Mini Mensch Academy Bakes Hamentashen!

Sunday, February 22 • 4 - 5:30 pm

Join us as the Mini Mensch Academy, jkidphilly and Chef Dad's Table bake Hamentashen and make Mishloach Manot for Purim! RSVP to Ellen Glassman at cbentschool@gmail.com and let her know how many people you'll be bringing to ensure we have enough dough and materials for all.



jkidphilly



PURIM MEGILLAH READING - MARCH 2.

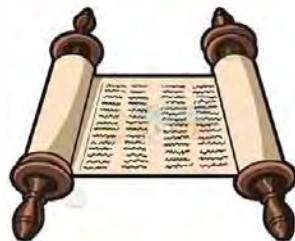
CBENT will celebrate Purim on March 2 with a

MEGILLAH READING —7pm

Followed with hamantaschen, sweets & drinks



**MEGILLAH READERS NEEDED
IN HEBREW & ENGLISH**



SIGN UP WITH CANTOR STEVE

CANTOR@CBENT.ORG

OR

CANTORSFO@GMAIL.COM



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Leave the kids at home! This is a group for active adults who are looking to meet, mingle, nosh, and engage in adventures! (Think - game nights, cocktails, axe throwing, scavenger hunts, progressive dinners and more - our members decide!)

Arrange for a babysitter, or reach out to Ellen at cbentschool@gmail.com if your child is of age to enjoy an evening of play and activities in the synagogue with a few teachers and Madrichim as babysitters.

**Stay tuned for an email with
information about our first night out
on Saturday, March 14!**

Email Sarah Hoffman at hoffmansaral@gmail.com if you'd like to be involved in the planning process or have questions.

February 2026

Shevat Adar 5786

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 AM - Committee meeting 9:00 AM - Mensch Making Academy 9:30 AM - Morning Minyan 10:30 AM-Tu B'Shevat All School Seder 10:30 AM - Better Together 10:30 AM - Mini Mensch Academy	2 7:15 AM - Morning Minyan 7:00 PM -Men's Club Meeting	3 7:00 PM Evening Minyan 7:30 PM—Religious Committee Meeting	4 4:00 PM - Mensch Making Academy 6:00 PM - Teens Cook for a Friend 7:00 PM - Evening Minyan	5 7:15 AM - Morning Minyan	6 7:00 PM - Kabbalat Shabbat Service - Zoom	7 9:45 AM - Bar Mitzvah Jay Copelovitch
8 9:00 AM - Carnival Prep meeting 9:00 AM - Mensch Making Academy 9:30 AM - Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - World Wide Wrap 10:30 AM - Mini Mensch Academy	9 7:15 AM - Morning Minyan 7:00 PM - Sisterhood Board Meeting	10 7:00 PM - Evening Minyan 7:30 PM - Executive Board Meeting	11 4:00 PM - Mensch Making Academy 7:00 PM - Evening Minyan	12 7:15 AM - Morning Minyan 5:30 - K'tonton Active Shooter Training	13 7:00 PM– Kabbalat Shabbat Service	14 9:00 AM - Study Session - Mussar w/ Rabbi 9:45 AM - Sam Hoffman Bar Mitzvah
15 No Religious School 9:30 AM - Morning Minyan 10:00 AM - Men's Club JRA Food Pantry	16 Office Closed 7:15 AM - Morning Minyan 7:30 PM - Finance Committee Meeting	17 7:00 PM - Evening Minyan with Rabbi Michal	18 4:00 PM - Mensch Making Academy 5:00 PM - Beginners Hebrew with Rabbi Michal 7:00 PM - Evening Minyan with Cantor Steve 7:30 PM - Rosh Chodesh Program with Rabbi Michal & Sisterhood	19 7:15 AM - Morning Minyan 7:00 PM - Bingo Fundraiser! Light supper: doors open at 6:30 PM 7:30 PM Membership Committee Meeting	20 6:30 PM - Shabbat Table with Rabbi Michal (at her home) 7:00 PM - Kabbalat Shabbat Service - Zoom	21 9:00 PM - Study Session with Rabbi & Cantor 9:00 AM - Ask The Rabbi 9:45 AM - Class Service for 3rd - Hebrew High 9:45 AM - Shabbat Service
22 9:00 AM - Carnival Setup meeting 9:00 AM - Mensch Making Academy 9:00 AM - Family Educational Journeys with Rabbi Michal 9:30 AM - Morning Minyan 1:30 PM - Mostly Waltz Dance Group	23 7:15 AM - Morning Minyan	24 7:00 PM - Evening Minyan with Rabbi Michal 7:30 PM - Board Meeting	25 4:00 PM - Mensch Making Academy 5:00 PM - Beginners Hebrew with Rabbi Michal 7:00 PM - Evening Minyan with Cantor Steve 7:30 PM- Try Something new in the Kitchen for the Holidays w/ Rabbi & Scott Noye	26 7:15 AM - Morning Minyan 7:30 PM - Security Committee Meeting	27 7:30 AM - Kabbalat Shabbat Service-Zoom 9:00 AM - Carnival Set - up	28 9:00 AM - Study w/ Rabbi & Cantor 9:45 AM - Shabbat Service

Birthdays

Elana Herron—2/2

Nancy Grzesik - 2/2

Gary Bennett - 2/2

Marshall Chick - 2/4

Jonathan Kochavi - 2/4

Bruce Zeiger - 2/4

Alan Brown - 2/6

Rhonda Cohen - 2/7

Jennifer Kaplan - 2/8

Michael Gutkind - 2/13

Jason Spector - 2/15

Barry Blum - 2/15

Penny Meyers - 2/17

Sam Auslander - 2/19

Annette Amon - 2/20

Adlai Joseph - 2/21

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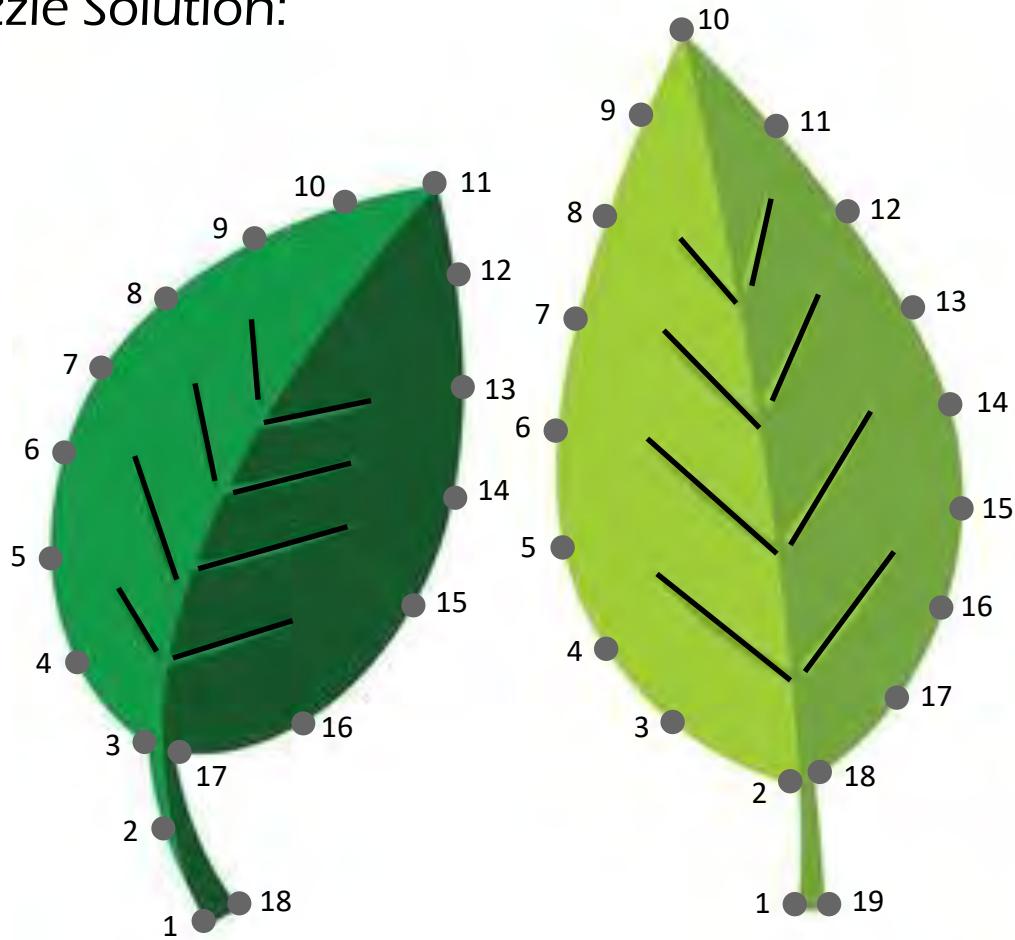


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GIFT SHOP NEWS:

- ◆ Our Gift Shop now offers Venmo as a form of payment.
- ◆ Watch for the [March issue of the Shofar](#) to see our wine list for Passover. [Orders will be taken starting March 1.](#)
- ◆ Seder plates and other Passover items are now available for sale.
- ◆ There are still some CBENT mugs available for your purchase. Single mugs are \$10 each. Buy more mugs at the same time and a discount can be enjoyed.
- ◆ [Check out our clearance shelves for bargain items.](#) There are a variety of items to choose from and you can name a fair price for it to become yours.
- ◆ [Every purchase benefits CBENT](#) so please come and shop for your baby gifts, household items, wine, candles, and more!!

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

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

DICK PACKEL LEARNING SUPPORT FUND

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

THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

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

THE SHAMES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

THE DOROTHY & WILLIAM SAMPSON FUND

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

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

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

THE RABBI & AMY BLUM SOCIAL ACTION FUND

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

THE JULIE LYNN GORSON-MARROW MEMORIAL MUSIC FUND

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

ELLEN GLASSMAN MITZVAH FUND

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

MORRIS ESTHER BERNETT BOOK FUND

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

CBENT Friends Designated Fund

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

Designated Fund of Torah Restoration

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

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

UNDESIGNATED FUNDS

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

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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