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May 2026
 14 Iyar—15 Sivan 5786
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May 2
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May 6
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Minyan Times & Leaders

Sunday	9:30am	Gary Bernett	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.

Call the office for
 more details



Rabbi Michal

Jewish peoplehood has been a lot on my mind. What does that even mean?

Jewish peoplehood encompasses a shared identity among Jews worldwide, rooted in common history and culture.

It emphasizes the connection to the Land of Israel as a central aspect of Jewish identity.

Jewish peoplehood includes a commitment to collective responsibility and mutual support among Jews. It recognizes the diversity within Jewish communities, including various cultural, religious, and ethnic backgrounds. The concept promotes the idea of continuity through education, traditions, and shared values across generations. Jewish peoplehood is often expressed through communal institutions, organizations, and events that foster unity and connection.

From Pesach to Shavuot, and everything in between, celebrates in diverse ways this contemporary definition of belonging. Passover celebrates the liberation from an identity dictated by human bondage and the transformation into an autonomous nation of confederated tribes united by a central religion, language, and set of laws and values. This took place about 3.5 thousand years ago. Over the many thousands of years the Jewish people, in all its iterations, evolved, transformed and solidified as a nation. And then, tragically, we twice faced exile within 600 years, and the latter resulted in dispersion for nearly two thousand years worldwide. And yet, throughout all those centuries, and wherever Jewish communities sprouted, we were united by a central religion, a central system of laws and rituals, and a shared set of values. We also shared the Hebrew language, an ability to adapt and become needed within the majority of the cultures that hosted us, and we developed an uncanny ability to survive and withstand horrendous persecution and existential threat. Significantly, we demonstrated continually an incorrigible propensity for resilience and the ability to hope for better times.

Fast forward two thousand years since our exile, to the return to the land of Israel and the establishment of the Jewish state where all Jews can be safe; and safe to translate the peoplehood vision into a daily reality within the framework of a nation-state. This took place following our people's major existential threat from annihilation in the 2nd world war and the Holocaust. After Passover, we mark this through remembrance and education. On the day of *Yom Ha'Shoah*, we pledge, "Never Again". And so, a week later, we arrived at Israel's 78th birthday of Jewish Independence as the center for Jewish continuity, safety, and insurance for Jewish continuity.

You may ask, so what then is the role of Shavuot in the marking of Jewish peoplehood? Mt. Sinai was the initial benchmark center for uniting diverse tribes into a single entity of *Am Yisrael*, the nation of Israel. We were no longer Jacob's tribes. We were a people that celebrated our diversity and yet were united in a shared self-definition of ONENESS. Shavuot is the time to reenact this experience of celebrating our Jewish

'Peoplehood', and really look deeply into defining who and what we are as a collective. Let's discuss it on this *Chag* — holiday!

With love, Rabbi Michal

On Sunday, April 19, CBENT held the first of a series of Rededications of the Paper Clip statue that resides on the front lawn of the synagogue. This beautiful piece of art recalls the Paper Clip which was a symbol of defiance against the Nazi occupation worn by the Norwegian people in World War Two. Resting on the foundation of Jerusalem stone, it is one of 3 such statues in the world. As a Holocaust Remembrance site created by CBENT member Harold Sampson, the Rededication will involve the creation of a Garden and Center of Reflection on values of humanitarianism, love, compassion, and rescue of those subjugated to prejudice, persecution, racism, and exclusion. It is intended to serve as a landmark in DELCO for education and spiritual contemplation and reflection. The Paper Clip inspired school children in Whitwell, Tennessee, to study more about the *Shoah*, to collect over 30 million paper clips, and to communicate the message, "Never Again". A film was made about this in 2004. Here are some photos of the event, including Dr. Stanley Jacobs, who has advocated for this project, the students of Hebrew High School, as well as Rabbi Michal.





Cantor's Notes

Happy Mother's Day

Our Holy Scriptures tend to focus on the great men of the past. The majority of our Bible tells us of the feats and accomplishments of Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and David, to name just a few. But in honor of Mother's Day, I wish to enlighten all to those heroic women of the Bible, in particular, those women who gained Biblical fame as mothers of great men. In every case, the following women were responsible for their children's upbringing and education.

Sarah, The Mother Who Waited—Abraham's wife; she gave life and support to her son, Isaac, in her old age. It was Sarah's willingness to bear and rear a child in her old age that would enable Isaac to become a revered forefather of the Hebrews in Canaan. (Genesis Ch. 16-22)

Hagar, the Mother Who Endured – She would protect her son Ishmael when banished from Abraham's household. Due to her faith that G-d would protect him, Ishmael would later become the forefather of the Arabian nations. (Genesis Ch. 16)

Rebecca, the Mother Who Believed – Having received G-d's prophecy that the younger of her twin sons would lead over his brother, she nurtured Jacob. She helped him to inherit the birthright and blessing from Isaac that would lead to Jacob's exile to Rebecca's family in Haran. It was on that journey that Jacob wrestled with an angel of G-d and was renamed Israel. Thanks to Rebecca's efforts on his behalf, Jacob-Israel would become the father of 12 sons who would, in turn, become the progenitors of the 12 tribes of Israel. (Genesis Ch. 25-27)

Hannah, the Mother Who Kept Her Promise – The mother of the prophet Samuel, it was Hannah who would raise Samuel to be a *Nazir*, a holy man. She had the courage to dedicate Samuel to the temple of Eli, where Samuel would come to be a great prophet and leader. It was Samuel who would later anoint Saul and David as kings of all Israel. (1 Samuel Ch. 1-2)

Jochebed, the Mother With a Plan – Mother of Moses. She would save her newborn son from Pharaoh's decree to slay all males born to the Hebrew women enslaved in Egypt. Pharaoh's daughter adopted the young Moses. He entered Pharaoh's household, where he would learn how to be a prince among men, preparing him for the day when he would help free the Israelite people from Egyptian slavery and lead them to the Promised Land. (Exodus Ch. 1-2)

Ruth, the Mother Who Converted – a Moabite woman who would follow her mother-in-law, Naomi, to Bethlehem. Her devotion to Naomi was rewarded by her marriage to Boaz. Now, as a convert to Israel, Ruth would become the great-grandmother of David, King of Israel. An entire book of the Bible would be named for her, *Megillat Rut* (The Scroll of Ruth)

Bathsheba, the Mother Who Defended Her Son – Mother of Solomon. It was Batsheba who would pave the way for her son Solomon to succeed David as King of Israel. Solomon would become the most successful king, leading the Israelite people to 40 years of peace and prosperity. (1 Kings Ch. 1)

Manoah's Wife, Who Followed the Rules – A childless woman who was assured by an Angel of G-d that she would become the mother of a great leader of Israel if she followed a certain set of rules for herself and her son. She would give birth to Samson, the Bible's Superman.

Eve – the Mother of All Mankind. The ancestress of every human being on Earth. (Genesis Ch. 2-3)

As can be seen, it was due to the beliefs and efforts of these Biblical mothers that the Israelite people were born and thrived, becoming a great nation—happy Mother's Day to all our moms, both past and present.

Cantor Steve

B'nei Mitzvah of Beckett and Harper Peveto May 15-16



We invite the community to join us as Harper and Beckett are called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah on May 16, 2026, at 9:45 a.m., followed by a Kiddush luncheon.

Harper is the youngest in the family and a twin. She loves staying active and enjoys gymnastics, soccer, and tennis. A natural leader and straight A student in 7th grade at Benchmark School, Harper also loves fashion, thrifting, art, makeup, and good naturedly annoying her twin brother. She especially treasures her summers at overnight camp, where she has a wonderful time reconnecting with friends.

Harper has always had a special place in her heart for animals, especially dogs. For her Mitzvah Project, she chose to partner with To Love a Canine Rescue (TLC), a local dog rescue devoted to saving abandoned, stray, and surrendered dogs and helping them find safe, loving homes. Through this work, Harper hopes to make a meaningful difference for dogs in need.

Harper loves her family deeply and shows tremendous grit. She is thoughtful, caring, compassionate, and kind, and her family is incredibly proud to celebrate this milestone as she becomes a Bat Mitzvah.

Beckett is the older of the twins and a 7th grader at Woodlynde School. He loves creativity and building worlds of his own, whether he is drawing, singing, spending hours with Legos, or immersing himself in the adventures of One Piece. Beckett also enjoys overnight camp and looks forward to returning each summer. He is a kind, gentle child with a big heart.

For his Mitzvah Project, Beckett volunteered with the Jewish Relief Agency (JRA), a nonprofit in Greater Philadelphia that works to relieve hunger, improve lives, and strengthen the community. JRA serves thousands of low income individuals and families by providing monthly boxes of nutritious kosher food and essential household items. Beckett was honored to contribute to this important effort. *Mazel tov* to Harper and Beckett as they reach this special moment in their Jewish journeys!

What do you know about Shavuot? Take this Quiz to find out!

- 1) What does Shavuot commemorate?
- a. The date when the Temple fell
 - b. The date when Hebrews were freed from Egypt
 - c. The date when G-d gave the Torah to the Jewish people
 - d. The date when Passover starts



- 2) How many days is Shavuot?
- a. 2 days
 - b. 5 days
 - c. 1 day
 - d. 8 days

- 3) Which mountain did G-d give the Torah to the Jewish people?
- a. Mount Meron
 - b. Mount Carmel
 - c. Mount Herman
 - d. Mount Sinai

- 4) How long ago was it when G-d gave the Torah?
- a. Over 4,000 years ago
 - b. Over 3,000 years ago
 - c. 10,000 years ago
 - d. Less than 2,000 years ago



- 5) How is Shavuot celebrated?
- a. Having candle-lit dinners
 - b. Listening to the reading of the Ten Commandments at synagogue
 - c. Enjoying dairy foods
 - d. All of the above

- 6) What month is Shavuot celebrated in?
- a. Av
 - b. Sivan
 - c. Adar
 - d. Kislev

7) What does the word Shavuot mean?

- a. Weeks
- b. Oaths
- c. Omer
- d. Both a & b

8) In ancient times what was given as an offering in the Holy Temple on Shavuot?

- a. 1 burnt offering
- b. 3 lambs
- c. 2 wheat loaves
- d. 1 calf

9) What book is read on Shavuot?

- a. Book of Ruth
- b. Book of Kings
- c. Book of Psalms
- d. Book of Job

10) Is work permitted on Shavuot?

- a. No, not at all
- b. Yes, if it falls on a weekday
- c. No, if it falls on a weekend
- d. Yes, no matter what day if it falls on





President: Marc Belitsky

As April unfolds, I am filled with gratitude and pride for the many meaningful ways our CBENT community continues to come together—through remembrance, celebration, spiritual connection, and shared responsibility. The strength of our synagogue is not only in our programs, but in the heart and intention with which our members show up for one another. We are one community that needs one another.

Together we shared a congregational day 2 Passover Seder led by Rabbi and Cantor. Not only is this one of the most celebrated Jewish holidays, but it is also an important reminder of how we come together with shared history and celebration. There is always a place for you at our community table.

One particularly moving moment this month was the opportunity to welcome 2 active-duty Israeli soldiers into our congregation. Gathering to hear their stories and express our solidarity was a powerful reminder of the deep bonds that connect us—not only to Israel, but to one another. Thank you Rabbi and to everyone who helped make that visit so meaningful and heartfelt.

We were also honored to mark *Yom HaShoah* with our Paperclip re-dedication; an experience that powerfully bridged memory and education. When the rabbi asked the students if they knew of anyone that had perished in the Holocaust, sadly, no student raised their hand. Conversely, when she asked the adults, most hands were raised. This act of remembrance reminded us that honoring the past is an active responsibility, one we must carry forward by ensuring that the lessons of history remain alive for future generations. I am grateful to all who participated and helped imbue this observance with such dignity and resonance.

In a very different—but equally vital—way, our Bid & Buy was a success and represents another part of synagogue life. This event is always a highlight, blending fun, community spirit, and fundraising for our congregation. Events like Bid & Buy help ensure that we can continue to offer meaningful programming, maintain our sacred space, and plan confidently for the future. Thank you to the sisterhood for their leadership and to everyone donating, bidding, volunteering, and cheering one another on.

Finally, have you joined us for Shabbat for the Soul or Rabbi's Table? These are special opportunities to slow down, reflect, and reconnect. In a world that often moves too quickly, these moments of intentional Shabbat experience allow us to deepen our spiritual lives and our relationships with one another. Whether you attend regularly or are joining for the first time, you are warmly welcome.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our clergy, professional staff, board members, and

volunteers whose dedication make all this possible. To our congregants: your support and generosity helps to shape and sustain our community. A reminder that all members are welcome to attend our annual congregational board meeting Tuesday the 26th at 7:30 PM in the Felinton auditorium. We will be electing our new officers and voting on the budget for the coming year.

On behalf of the congregation, Mazel Tov to Gigi and Larry on the marriage of their daughter Ali to Stefan. May they live a beautiful and loving life together. May the coming weeks bring connection, meaning, and peace to you and your loved ones. I look forward to seeing you around the synagogue and continuing this journey together.

With gratitude,

Marc Belitsky

President



Building Maintenance Fund

Penny & Maury Reiter
In memory of Joan Sherin
Joyce & Richard Brody
*In memory of Harold Brody
& Bessie Robinson*



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In memory of Brenda Swartz
In memory of Michele Shiner



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

Oftentimes.....especially at the Mensch Making Academy....it pays to pray. Seriously. Our Lucky Seven Reward Trip, which entices students to attend 7 designated Shabbat services throughout the year (above and beyond holiday services) affords those who take the challenge, the opportunity to vote on a venue and enjoy an afternoon out with their peers. This year our students voted and chose to go to Thrillz High Flying Adventure Park in King of Prussia! Thrillz is an indoor adventure park with activities that include zip lines, ninja courses, rock walls, trampoline launch pads, virtual rollercoasters, laser tag and a gyroscope tumbler. One might ask, “What’s so Jewish about going to an adventure park?” Well.....it begins with choosing to come to Shabbat services; especially when our students have conflicting activities - sports, dance, play practice, Scouts, gymnastics, etc, that they’d also like to attend. This reward trip celebrates our students' commitment to the Mensch Making Academy and to attending services. In Judaism, we believe that showing up matters—*keva*, the regular practice of doing something meaningful, and helps build who they are. By prioritizing seven Shabbat services, our students (and their parents!) choose connection over convenience, unplugging on Shabbat instead of continually running, community over comfort, and spirituality over sleep. This trip to the amusement park is a celebration of our students' dedication, their choices, and the joy that comes from being part of something bigger than themselves. Just like Shabbat is meant to be filled with delight, this outing is our students' well-earned afternoon to connect with their classmates, play, and feel proud of the meaningful commitment they’ve made to their learning.

Prayer and spirituality are important components of our school. Our curriculum is rooted in helping our students find identity, meaning and purpose in prayer as we explore students beliefs, values and individuality when connecting with G-d. We focus on praying with *Kavanah* - intention, sincerity and focus, so that prayers and rituals don’t feel mechanical. Our goal is to help our kids and their families experience the communal joy Shabbat can bring and practice the art of unplugging from their workweek. (unplugging is an art!) For parents, it can be difficult to sit and enjoy services when we’re thinking about the laundry, meal prep and household projects that need to be done. For kids, it’s challenging when they have homework projects that were assigned on Friday and are due on Monday or they’d rather be out playing with their friends. Our Lucky Seven Reward Trip begins as an incentive for students to attend services and by the end, they recognize how much they’ve learned and enjoyed celebrating Shabbat.

This year, I am proud to say that 85% of our school earned the Lucky 7 Reward. That’s the largest percentage of students we have ever had earn the trip (and some students attended more than 7!) As the Education Director, I have wrestled with the concept of “Shabbat School” as I know that the best way to help students feel the joy of Shabbat and learn their prayers is to experience it with our congregants and clergy in person but I know that it’s often a juggle for parents. I am grateful to every family who prioritized their kids' learning (and to those parents who attended with their kids). I've heard that offering lunch after services is also a

motivating factor to attend. (And it seems that Sunshine's chocolate fountain is a great lure for our kids!) Thanks to everyone who has helped sponsor these lunches that our Mensch Making Academy and Mini Mensch Academy families have enjoyed. Whether families attended for the prayers, the spirituality and/or lunch, I'm just grateful that so many people came!

With love from Ellen

Glassman Mitzvah Fund

Beth & Steve Burak

Mazel Tov Karen & Alan at being honored at the Annual Trustees Shabbat

Laura Schreiber

In memory of my grandmother Libby Rosenblum

Feri Law

In memory of Sherry Litchko

Jacob Arnon

Megan Hirshberg

Debbie & Scot Goldberg

In memory of my father Sidney Yeuson

Dick Packel Fund

Natalie Packel

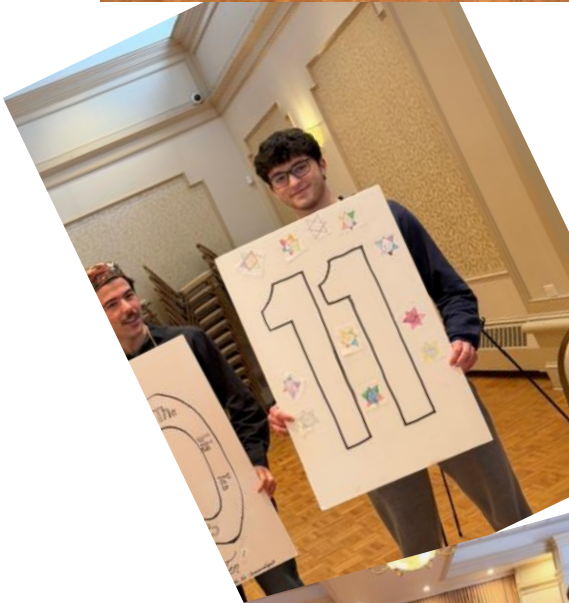
In memory of Davied Packel





The Mensch Making Academy enjoyed bringing Passover to life by retelling the story and stepping into the shoes of our ancestors. Inspired by their teachers and our Madrichim, each class brought a variety of songs, skits and readings to our interactive Seder. A special highlight was Morah Penny's class and Morah Shari creating a table diorama of the Exodus with clay and Legos. We were incredibly grateful that members of Better Together came to support our students, as well as our parents, and to Rabbi Michal and Cantor Steve for leading our "journey" out of Egypt.







Through skits, songs, questions and shared readings in our creative *Haggadah*, students and teachers from St. Mary Magdalen PREP school and the Mensch Making Academy attended our 29th Annual multi faith Passover Seder. Discussion and inquiry fueled the seder as everyone took part and exchanged information about Passover, Easter, and what it means for us today. We are grateful to Rabbi Michal and Cantor Steve for helping to lead us out of Egypt and to our faculty for inspiring our kids to reenact the story with spirit, protests to Pharoah, hand motions and raps to songs and *Ruach*! After the Seder, students gathered in our sanctuary to talk about the Torah, our Holocaust Torah, and how all of our students can be beacons and advocates of change and strength when it comes to faith, shared dialogue and antisemitism. Thanks to our generous congregants every student excitedly took home a box of matzah! We are looking forward to celebrating our 30th anniversary next year at our annual multi faith Hanukkah and Christmas celebration! I hope you'll join us!





The original teachers, Education Directors and Deacon Peter Zurbach, who began this multi faith seder 29 years ago! Not featured in this photo is Emeritus Rabbi Barry Blum, who along with Monsignor Ralph Chieffo, welcomed and helped lead these important conversations and gatherings.





Rabbi Michal, Miss Andi and Morah Ellen led an interactive Passover Seder with K'tonton students!





Morah Ellen made matzah pizza with K'tonton during Passover!!



Kids and teachers loved making and eating the matzah pizza! Check out the creative choices of K'tonton parents when packing their children's lunches in accordance with Passover *kashrut*!





Miss Andi and Morah Ellen led *Havdalah* with K'tonton!





Mini Mensch families enjoyed singing, dancing and celebrating Shabbat together with Miss Andi!





Sisterhood

Bid & Buy, our biggest event of the year, was an AMAZING SUCCESS!! Ellen Glassman, Joyce Brody, Karen Brown, and Penny Meyers spearheaded the organization of the fantastic gifts, ticket sales, meal, room decor and every detail involved in planning and implementing the evening's event. They had lots of help getting contributions for the large packages, boutique table, share money, and gift cards from the Villagers (as in "It takes a village"). They are Margie Berger, Karen Bernstein, Karen Brown, Elizabeth Brunswick, Beth Burak, Rhonda Cetlin, Sandy Falcone, Ina Galer, Sarah Wolf, Pamela Holt, Roz Jaffe, Rabbi Michal Morris Kamil, Jen Shrager, Penny Meyers, Jenna Montesano, Judi Ostroff, Karen Rosenfeld, Jill Samberg, Laura Schreiber, Shannon Mahler, Christine Strieb, Andie Taylor, Anne Marie Surkin, Elaine Zeitlin, and of course, our wonderful office staff, Larry Gorson-Morrow, Sandra Boyd, Jackie Law, Trent Stump, and me.

We thank each and every one of you, as well as the donors themselves, for your support in donating and attending our fund raising project that will help CBENT throughout the year.

Upcoming events:

Sunday, May 3, Book Club Brunch with Jenna—call Jenna at montessano33@gmail.com to be counted.

Wednesday, May 13, Rosh Chodesh on Zoom. A link will be sent as we get closer to the event.

Monday, May 18, 7:00 PM—Mah Jong with Penny

Sunday, June 7, Closing affair to honor our own—Margie Berger

Yours in Sisterhood,
Marilyn

Sisterhood Fund

Rosejoy Kleinman
*In memory of Marilyn's
beloved dog Tova*





Creative Crafters

Spring DATES

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

You're invited to knit, crochet, needle point, sew, make jewelry or any other crafts. All are welcome to join in the fun to create their work in a friendly environment.

We are working together to make items to benefit various charities!

**FREE
INSTRUCTIONS**

**Beginners
welcome!**

APRIL

16, 30

MAY

7, 28

JUNE

4, 18



For more information contact
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Men's Club

CBENT's groundskeepers truly went above and beyond! On a sunny, cool April morning, a small but dedicated team of volunteers worked their magic—pulling weeds, trimming bushes, placing bright blue pots, and planting fresh flowers. Thank you to everyone who helped transform the Paper Clip Memorial and beautify the surrounding grounds.

Annual Gala Dinner: You are warmly invited to our Annual Gala Dinner on June 7, where we will honor Margie Berger for her outstanding contributions to CBENT. Reservations can be made through ShulCloud or by contacting the office. We also encourage you to place a personal message for Margie in the Ad Book and to invite local businesses, family, and friends to also submit advertisements.

Spring Brunch: Thank you to all who attended our Spring Brunch and engaged with Dr. Barak Mendelsohn. His discussion on Israel-Iran relations and analysis of the war in Iran sparked meaningful conversation. If you have ideas for future topics, please share them with us.

Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles: Thank you Rabbi Michal for the powerful reminder to Never Forget the Holocaust. If you still need a candle, please reach out to Ray.

Finally, this is a special time of year for many families. As young adults return home from college or prepare for life after high school, it's a season of change and excitement. To all the parents—you're doing an incredible job. Wishing all mothers, grandmothers, bubbies, and mother figures a very Happy Mother's Day.

B'Shalom

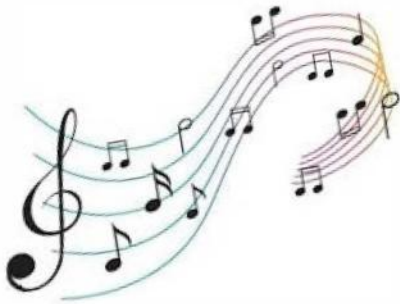
Rich Gordon and Ray Krautheim



Check out the new addition to the Gift Shop's wares.....

We have baseball caps showing CBENT's logo for \$30. What better way to let our baseball team see our support for their excellent playing. They've had some excellent games and seasons. We wish them well as they progress through this season!





"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 **May 2nd 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 an inspiring Shabbat
experience. **Celebrate the Confirmation** of Eric
Dolson and all that he has accomplished at the
Mensch Making Academy.



Everyone is 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, May 2 • 11 am to noon

Followed by lunch

MINI MENSCH ACADEMY PROGRAM!

Join Miss Andi and Anne Thomas as they bring Shabbat to life for your little ones and your family! Come sing, dance, read stories and enjoy parachute play!

Stay afterwards for a delicious catered lunch!



RSVP to Education Director Ellen Glassman at cbentschool@gmail.com or by calling/texting to 302-750-7135 to ensure that we have enough food and seating for all. Invite your friends!
This program is free and open to the community.

Sponsored by the Julie Lynn Gorson-Marrow Music Fund.



Creating Mensches (good people) For Repairing Our World.

LAG B'OMER



WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

4PM TO 6PM

(Lag B'Omer is the 33rd day of the Omer count)

**WE'LL CELEBRATE WITH
LEARNING, GAMES,
FRIENDLY COMPETITIONS
AND S'MORES!**

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, May 6 • 6 to 8 PM

Mark your calendar for 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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Rosh Chodesh



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

Each new month highlighting an ancient tradition
with a 21st century lens featuring Guest Speakers & Programs!

Join Us online from the comfort of your living room

Join Chef Dad at the end of the Rosh Chodesh program for a
Shavout virtual cooking experience as he makes a vegan basil
pesto and fig cheese tart!



In Celebration of
Rosh Chodesh Sivan
Wednesday, May 13
7:30 on Zoom

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COME WARM YOUR POCKETS WITH SOME CASH

Congregation Beth El-Ner Tamid's
MENSCH MAKING ACADEMY
PRESENTS

Bingo
Night

Proceeds will benefit CBENT's Religious School
Location: 715 Paxon Hollow Rd. Broomall Pa.
19008

Thursday, May 14th
Doors open @ 6:30pm

Admission Fee: \$25 per person includes— 2 Bingo cards.
(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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Mensch Making Academy



Sunday, May 17

School begins at 9 am

**Stepping Up Ceremony -
Every Student Will Share a Reflection of their year.
We'll have a Photo Montage too.**

**Parents - please come to the Sanctuary from 11 am to 12 noon
to celebrate a year of learning with your children, teens and Madrichim.**

**At noon, stay for a catered lunch,
complete with a chocolate fountain.**

**Kids, teens and parents are encouraged to attend. RSVP to Ellen at cbentschool@gmail.com
to let us know how many people you'll be bringing so that we have enough food for all!**



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

Sunday, May 17 • 11am to 12 noon

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR THE

MINI MENSCH ACADEMY!

Join us as we sing, dance, craft, read stories and more!

Stay afterwards for a catered lunch at noon!

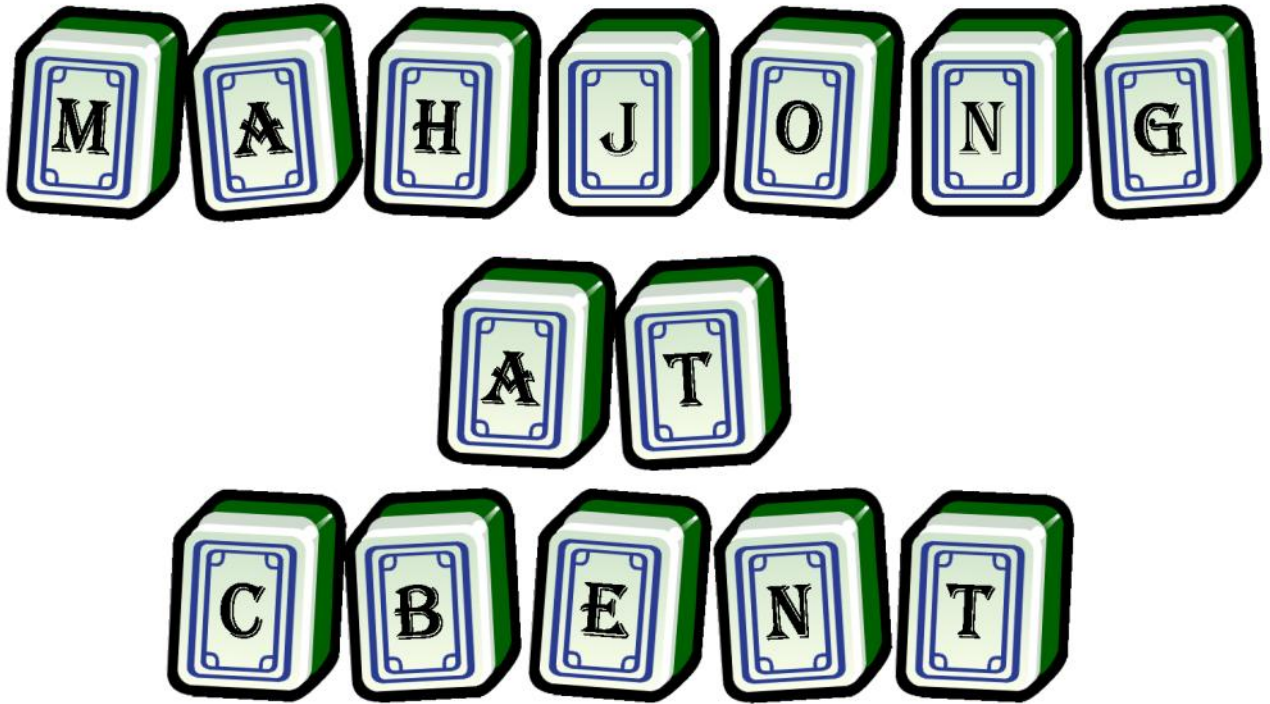
This program is free and open to

the community so invite your friends!



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.



- No experience necessary, we will teach you
- Supervised play to sharpen skills
- Open Play for Advanced Players

RSVP, Penny Meyers (penmeyers@gmail.com)
including skill level and dates attending

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February						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
March						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
29	30	31				
April						
26	27	28	29	30	31	32
May						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23

7-9pm Temple Israel Room
Enter front door facing Paxon Hollow Rd



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FRIDAY
MAY 22



7:00PM



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CBENT MEN'S CLUB

Annual Gala Dinner

HONORING **Margie Berger**

Sunday, June 7, 2026 5:30 PM

Congregation Beth El - Ner Tamid - 715 Paxon Hollow Road, Broomall, PA

Join us in celebrating Margie Berger and her years of dedication to Congregation Beth El - Ner Tamid. A spectacular spread of hot & cold hors d'oeuvres, salmon and tilapia entrees, pastas, salad, vegetables and assorted desserts will be served.
RSVP by **May 4, 2026**



music by: **THE LOUIS PETINELLI JAZZ DUO**

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Reservations are required: Contact the CBENT office- email: office@cbent.org (610)356-8700, or use the **link** to register.



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May Birthdays


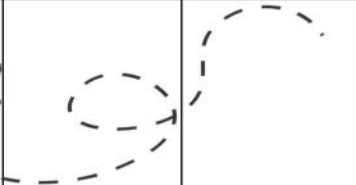


Eli Lourie – 5/4
 Roslyn Jaffe – 5/5
 Larry Gorson – Marrow- 5/6
 Steven Burak – 5/6
 Susan Levy – 5/7
 Debra Morrissey – 5/9
 Joanne Hoffman – 5/9
 Pamela Holt – 5/11
 Lauren Homel – 5/11
 Karen Bernstein – 5/12
 Raymond Krautheim – 5/13
 Richard Chaitt – 5/14
 Kenneth Dietz – 5/18
 Melissa Cooper – 5/19
 Gerry Rothman – 5/20
 Megan Aaron – 5/23
 Bess Koenigsberg – 5/23
 Doreen Shumsky – 5/26
 Jay Cooperstein – 5/26
 Beth Burak – 5/30
 Rande Saxe – 5/30

**Anniversary**

Ruth & Robert Bender – 5/3
 Lisa & Robert Dolson – 5/3
 Shelley & Richard Chaitt – 5/4
 Marsha & Mark Millman – 5/6
 Sue & Marc Gewertz – 5/7
 Karen & Alan Brown – 5/18
 Pamela & Andrew Holt – 5/24
 Ellen & Arnie Glassman – 5/29
 Ina & Arnold Galer – 5/29
 Sharon & Murray Greenberg – 5/29
 Andi & Adlai Joseph – 5/31



Iyyar Sivan 5786

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Kabbalat Shabbat Service (Zoom) - 7:00 PM	2 Torah Study with Rabbi Michal -9:00 AM Creative Shabbat Service/ Confirmation/ Shabbat School - 9:45 AM Luncheon to follow
3 No Religious School Morning Minyan - 9:30 AM Book Club Meeting - 11:00 AM	4 Morning Minyan - 7:15 AM Men's Club Meeting - 7:00 PM	5 Evening Minyan - 7:00 PM	6 Pre Calendar Meeting - 12:30 PM Mensch Making Academy - Field Day for Lag B 'Omar - 4:00 PM Evening Minyan - 7:00 PM	7 Morning Minyan - 7:15 AM	8 	9 Torah Study Session with Cantor Steve- 9:00 AM Shabbat Service - 9:45 AM
10 Mothers Day No Religious School Morning Minyan - 9:30 AM	11 Morning Minyan - 7:15 AM Sisterhood Board Meeting - 7:00 PM	12 Evening Minyan - 7:00 PM Religious Committee Meeting - 7:30 PM	13 Mensch Making Academy- 4:00 PM Beginners Hebrew- 5:00 PM Teens Cook for A Friend - 6:00 PM Rosh Chodesh program with - 7:30 PM	14 Morning Minyan - 7:15 AM BINGO - 7:00 PM	15 Kabbalat Shabbat Service (In Person) - 7:00 PM Oneg sponsored by Jennifer Harmelin	16 Torah Study Session with Rabbi Michal- 9:00 AM B 'Mitzvah of Beckett & Harper Peveto - 9:45 AM Luncheon Sponsored by Joan Harmelin - 12:00 PM
17 Last Mini Mensch Academy - 10:30 AM Mensch Making Academy - 9:00 AM Morning Minyan - 9:30 AM	18 Morning Minyan - 7:15 AM Mahjong with Penny Meyers - 7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting - 7:30 PM	19 Evening Minyan - 7:00 PM Annual Congregational Board Meeting - 7:30 PM	20 Evening Minyan - 7:00 PM Membership Meeting - 7:30 PM	21 Morning Minyan - 7:15 AM	22 OFFICE CLOSED Shavuot Service/ 1st Day - 9:45 AM Musical Shabbat Service w/study - 7:00 PM	23 Torah Study Session with Cantor Steve - 9:00 AM Shavuot Service/ 2nd Day /Yizkor - 9:45 AM
24 Morning Minyan - 9:30 AM	25 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED Morning Minyan - 9:00 AM	26 Evening Minyan - 7:00 PM	27 Evening Minyan - 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting - 7:00 PM	28 Morning Minyan - 7:15 AM Security Committee Meeting - 7:30 PM	29 Rabbi's Table At Her Home - 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service (Zoom)- 7:00 PM	30 Torah Study Session with Rabbi Michal - 9:00 AM Shabbat Service - 9:45 AM
31 Morning Minyan - 9:30 AM Mostly Waltz Dance Group - 1:30 PM						

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Quiz Answers:

1. C
2. A
3. D
4. B
5. D
6. B
7. D
8. C
9. A
- 10.A

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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
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 Orloff Fund
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 Landscaping Fund
 Judy Linder Fund
 Dori Riesenfeld Fund
 David Schwartz Fund
 Florence Friedlander Scholarship Fund
 Cantorial Fund

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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

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

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

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

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



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

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

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

· **Community & Inclusivity:** We aim to create a warm and caring family environment where Jews of all ages, backgrounds, races, abilities, gender identities, sexual orientations, and their loved ones feel welcome and Respected

· **Religious Connection & Spirituality:** We create opportunities for people to form meaningful connections with each other and to bring spirituality into their lives

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

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

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

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