

# Shofar



## Upcoming Events:

### Creative Crafters

June 4

### Men's Club Annual Gala

June 7

### Creative Crafters

June 18

### Rabbi's Shabbat Table

June 19

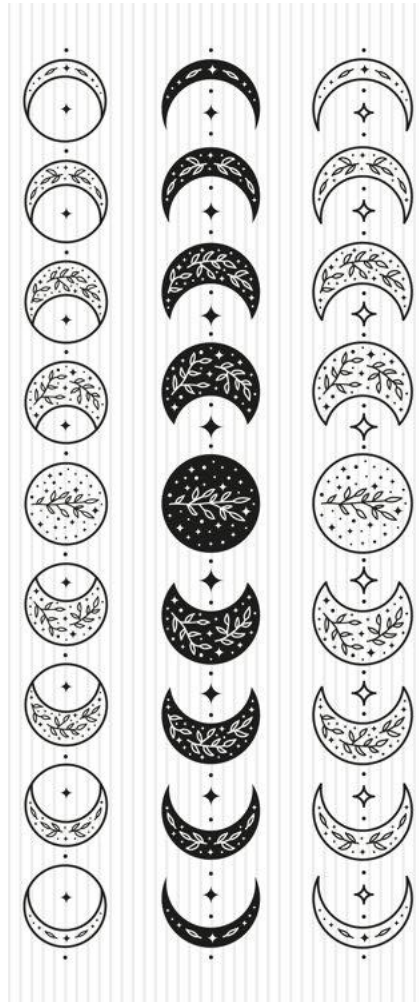
### Devotion by the Ocean

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## Rosh Chodesh Tammuz



June 2026

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## Minyan Times & Leaders

Sunday	9:30am	Gary Bennett	Office@CBENT.org
Monday	7:15am	Ben Rose	bnesq@aol.com
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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



There has been a lot of controversy around the students at JTS who created a petition of protest against the President of Israel, Chaim Herzog, coming to speak at the school's commencement ceremony. In the letter calling to disinvite the President, signed by students and alumni, it stated, "There are many places for members of the JTS community to engage with difficult ideas in nuanced conversation, but we believe the commencement stage is not the place to engage with such a particularly divisive figure." Should he attend, they added, they would be 'morally conflicted about attending.'" It is crucial to say, that another group of students initiated a letter in

support of Herzog attending and they gathered signatures from half of the senior class, according to the JTA report.

In last week's Exponent, in an article titled, 'It's Time to Embrace the Beautiful Complexity of Interfaith Relationships', CEO of the Philadelphia JCRC, and Reverend Todd Stavrakos, Executive Director of Pathways for Middle East Peace, wrote an article about our recent interfaith mission to Israel held in February. The article highlighted the struggle many of us had on the visit and summed it up as, "The trip challenged us to hold multiple truths at once. It is possible to condemn antisemitism unequivocally and express concern for both Israeli and Palestinian communities, too often, public discourse demands false binaries. "

As a Rabbi trained in enabling dialogue, I deeply understand and appreciate the complexity of our inner community struggles with the current events and am able to really 'get' all the views that are currently being aired. As an Israeli, I totally understand my American Jewish clergy colleagues, who live as a minority in the USA, and together with them feel the very real existential threat of antisemitism from the Right and from the Left. When they recently visited Israel, they expressed their feeling safe by being in Israel where they as Jews were the majority. I appreciated the impact this feeling of 'home' has on either the vulnerability or the robustness of their Jewish identity. The current situation has been deeply challenging for politically progressive liberal Jews while experiencing the existential vulnerability in face of the ferocious anti-Semitic climate we are all experiencing. Our solid ground has become destabilized and it feels isolating and unsafe. Regarding our values, Jews cannot and must not turn a blind eye and hold a double standard to human suffering. We are taught to minimize the suffering we cause unto others during warfare, and to do our utmost to find ways to peace. The Torah teaches us to challenge injustice within our society and beyond.

I didn't support those students calling for Herzog's ban upon appearing at the JTS Commencement. But not because of their concerns about the war in Gaza, or in Lebanon, or in the West Bank by the fanatical religious extremists. I disagreed with them because they are misinformed as to his role within Israeli society. It is not him who is divisive. The role of the Israeli President is apolitical. On the contrary, his role is to find areas where we can sit around a table and discuss deep differences and divides. The President is tasked with finding areas of unity and to speak out when the fundamental values, as expressed in Israel's Declaration of Independence are attacked by government. Herzog does not make policy. Nor is it his role to support policy. Had he come, he would have been able to explain this. These students' protest came from a place of infuriated care. And that's the point, they care. Unlike their college peers who are calling for Israel's destruction and for the Jewish people's annihilation. These are not them. They are not blaming the entire Jewish people for Israel's challenging policies. They are calling out their pain as Jews and as part of the Jewish people. And yes, they are questioning what Zionism means today. And as a Progressive Zionist myself, we all should be regularly introspecting. However, if they are against a state where Jews have come home and can be safe, and practice the values that are in concordance with a modern working democracy, where all citizens are equal, then what are they doing at JTS? I doubt these are them.

To have the President of Israel come and speak is an honor and an opportunity to really hold an important and needed conversation about Zionism, Jewish identity, Diaspora and Israel relations, engagement with Israel, the challenging issues of the current events; to express those deep feelings and concerns that are rooted in our own teachings of Judaism that may contradict what we are seeing on the ground and that must be heard and included in the broader conversations, are only to be regarded positively. These conversations are extremely important. However, I am deeply worried about the obvious ignorance and little knowledge and understanding they have of governance in Israel, its foundation laws, and blatant rejection of the opportunity to hear, learn, discuss, and be open to accommodate diverse views. This is in itself, deeply troubling.

Rabbi Michal



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*Jason Holtzman, right, and Rev. Todd Stavrakos during their trip to Israel. (Courtesy of Jason Holtzman)*

## **Opinion: It's Time to Embrace the Beautiful Complexity of Interfaith Relationships**

Jason Holtzman and Rev. Todd Stavrakos

In a moment when so many Americans are retreating into ideological and communal corners, the simple act of showing up for one another across lines of faith can feel both radical and risky. That reality was brought into sharp focus during a recent interfaith delegation to Israel, an

experience that underscored not only the complexity of interfaith relationships, but their urgent necessity.

What became immediately clear on the ground was the diversity within the Jewish community itself. The differences between Israeli and American Jews are not only geographic; they are shaped by distinct histories, political realities and lived experiences of trauma. Trauma, we learned, does not manifest uniformly. For some Israelis it is embedded in daily life and national identity. For American Jews it often emerges through rising antisemitism, fear in public spaces and the weight of historical memory. Understanding these differences is essential if we are to be authentic partners rather than performative allies.

At the same time, the trip challenged us to hold multiple truths at once. It is possible to condemn antisemitism unequivocally and express concern for both Israeli and Palestinian communities. Too often, public discourse demands false binaries. But interfaith relationships, when nurtured with honesty and humility, create space for complexity rather than erasing it. It requires the discipline to reject false choices and affirm that both Israelis and Palestinians deserve dignity, safety and a future.

For some participants in our delegation, this was their first time in Israel. That alone required courage. The greater courage though was the willingness to step outside familiar circles, to risk misunderstanding and to engage in conversations that do not offer easy answers. In today's climate, there is a real social cost to this kind of engagement. Working across faith lines, particularly in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, can invite criticism from one's own community. And yet, people came anyway.

What emerged was something deeper than allyship. Allyship can often be seen as a posture of support without shared vulnerability. What we witnessed instead were the beginnings of genuine friendship. Jewish participants showed up in Christian spaces; Christians offered prayers for Israel not as a political statement, but as an expression of care for people they now knew personally. Together we witnessed and heard the pain of the Palestinian community. These are small gestures, perhaps, but they signal a shift from abstract solidarity to real relationships.

This spirit of connection feels especially resonant following celebrations of Passover and Easter. Each tradition tells a story of liberation and renewal. Passover recalls the Exodus from bondage into freedom; Easter proclaims resurrection and new life after suffering.

Though distinct in theology, both holidays point toward the possibility of emerging from darkness into hope. Our traditions recognize these sacred seasons as providing a new lens through which to view the world. In a time marked by fear, grief and division, these shared themes invite us to imagine what collective renewal might look like, not only within our own communities but between them.

This work feels especially significant in places like Philadelphia, where these conversations are continuing.

There is something almost poetic about this setting: the birthplace of much of the mainline Protestant demographic is also home to a large Jewish population. History has placed these communities in proximity before. The question now is whether we can renew and regrow those relationships for a different era.

The urgency of this work was made heartbreakingly clear when news broke of the attack on Temple Israel in West Bloomfield, Michigan, coinciding with our group's reunion. In that moment, being physically present with colleagues of another faith took on profound meaning. Solidarity was no longer theoretical; it was immediate and embodied. Grief, fear and resilience were shared in real time.

Interfaith work is not easy. It requires patience, humility and a willingness to be uncomfortable. It asks us to listen more than we speak, to resist the pull of oversimplification and to remain present even when tensions rise. But it also offers something that is increasingly rare: the possibility of connection that transcends difference without denying it.

In a world that often rewards division, choosing a relationship is an act of quiet defiance. It is also, perhaps, a path toward renewal — not just for our respective communities, but for the broader society we share.

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*Article found at [www.jewishexponent.com](http://www.jewishexponent.com)*



## President: Marc Belitsky



As our fiscal year comes to an end, it gives us the opportunity to reflect on how much we have accomplished this past year. My report at our annual congregational board meeting includes some astonishing facts that I will share in this article. According to our office, the arms of the synagogue, office staff and school provided 255 different individual programs, events and experiences throughout this past fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). On the spiritual and religious side, we provided 52 Shabbat services, including both Friday night and Saturday morning and 104 evening and morning minyans. Adding them all together comes to an amazing 561 events this past year. For an average to small size synagogue, we really do provide spiritual, educational and social opportunities for our congregants. We could not do this without our staff and volunteers. Help me extend a heartfelt thank you with gratitude to our clergy, Rabbi Michal and Cantor Steve, our entire office staff including Larry, Sandra, Jackie, Trent and Jeff, and our Mensch Academy staff starting with our Education Director, Ellen, and all of our teachers. Our staff really stepped up with their commitment and love of our congregation to make things happen. But that is only half the team. Thank you also goes to the arms: Sisterhood, Men's Club, Trustees and Love Thy Neighbor. Let's not forget our general synagogue board members as well as all of our committee chairs and members that also contributed an enormous amount of guidance and support of these events.

We are a member driven community that is dedicated to fostering a welcoming, vibrant, progressive and inclusive Jewish community. Thank you to all of you that have helped to contribute to making our mission a reality. We are pleased to welcome Michael Goldman and Marci Levin as our newest board members, and we thank Dr. Rob Koenigsberg and Bonnie Bernett for their past years of service on our board. A special thank you to Stewart Homel who will be stepping down after being our Treasurer for the past few years.

I would like to also formally introduce our new Education Director, Mara Wolf. We are very excited to welcome her into our family. Mara comes to CBENT with over 15 years of Jewish educational experience & leadership. She was raised in a Jewish education family as her mother was an Education Director. It is exciting for her to continue this legacy. Mara has a diverse background; she is an instructor and studio manager at the Delaware Museum of Art and was previously a paralegal. Mara has also developed Jewish teen programming, worked in outreach, and has helped to build curriculum. Mara works closely with the special needs community in various capacities; volunteering with the Special Olympics and fostering inclusion within the Jewish community. She is highly energetic, very creative, focused and organized. She is very committed to the success of every child in our Mensch Making Academy and our synagogue. When she is not working as a Jewish educator, you can find Mara in the woods, on a farm, or teaching art classes. Mara is very much looking forward to immersing herself in the CBENT community; facilitating an exceptional Jewish educational experience where each student reaches their highest potential. Mara will be starting this June. Ellen will still be with us as a mentor for Mara and as our 5th and 6th grade teacher on Wednesdays. Please welcome Mara and help her feel comfortable within our CBENT community.

Fiscally, it is important that I share with you that there will be a small change in our dues. As expected in this economy, our costs have risen. To keep up we must have a small 5% increase in our dues. It will be reflected in your next dues statement. If you have any concerns or request special accommodation, please contact Sandra in the office or Richard Brody, our incoming Treasurer. Personal finances will be kept very confidential. It is our intention to not only to pay our bills, but to retain and grow our membership. Thank you

for your understanding.

I hope to see everyone at our annual gala sponsored by Men's Club on June 9. We celebrate all our successes as well as honoring our past President, Margie Berger.

Marc Belitsky  
President

**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.  
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\$218/couple (includes 2 tickets)

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Babysitting at the synagogue can be provided at no cost, but must be requested with reservation.

Reservations are required: Contact the CBENT office- email: [office@cbent.org](mailto:office@cbent.org) (610)356-8700, or use the [link](https://cbent.shulcloud.com/form/annual%20gala%202026) to register.



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



Every Kippah tells a story. A few weeks ago, I shared the book, “The Remarkable Journey of Josh’s Kippah” by Barbara Elissa with K’tonton students. The book begins, “There was once a blue satin Kippah that looked like a hundred others ordered for the Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Jacobs” and follows this one Kippah as it comically and accidentally makes its way from New York City, Los Angeles, Sydney, Australia, Paris, Israel, Argentina, Miami, Florida and back to New York City. Hoping to bring this book to life, the children and I rummaged through CBENT’s bucket of Kippot and were amazed at the ‘stories’ these Kippot silently shared. The oldest Kippah we found was pink satin and from the “Wedding of Bonnie and Hal – August 29th, 1982”; we wondered how they were doing and where they were living. The most recent Kippah we found was from Natalie’s Bat Mitzvah in March 2026 - a 7th grade student currently in my class. We marveled at the gray colored Kippah of “Shira Michelle Heisfrom’s Bat Mitzvah on June 8, 1991”, and wondered where her travels had taken her. When we found Kippot from “Catherine and Daniel’s Wedding on July 21, 2012”, I shared that Daniel was one of my first students when I came to teach at CBENT and how his two boys currently attend the Mensch Making Academy. We loved the cranberry colored satin Kippah from “Tara Allison Pokras’s Bat Mitzvah on March 17, 2001”, as well as the lavender colored one from “Kimberly Gayle Noble’s Bat Mitzvah” on November 18, although we couldn’t make out the faded gold lettering displaying the year of her Bat Mitzvah that took place at Congregation Beth El Suburban (it may have been as old as 1980, but the gold leaf writing had rubbed off! If someone knows Kimberly, please share the date!) I was excited to find Julie Beth Berger’s blue Bat Mitzvah Kippah from April 3, 2004, (Julie just had a baby!!), Kirsten Michelle Lipsky’s gray Kippah from June 2, 2012, and Jeffery Joshua DeLuca’s Bar Mitzvah from November 9, 2013, as all three were former students of our Religious School. Sarah and Jacob McCann’s Kippot from their B’nai Mitzvah prompted an interesting discussion as they were made from recycled plastic bottles and yet look like leather! (and their memorable Mitzvah project supported recycling and the concept of “*Bal Tashchit* – not destroying needlessly”) Fan favorites of the kids were Jennifer Rebecca Benhaim’s Bat Mitzvah Kippah from May 13, 2000, as it had its Hebrew date of ‘8 Iyar 5760’ listed and was bright purple, as well as Sarah Ilana Noye’s from November 12, 2011, as it was pink suede. Casey Brown’s bright turquoise Kippah was the greatest hit with our young students, as it displayed her Hebrew name of Rina inside and was fashioned a bit differently, allowing it to be thrown like a Frisbee! Examining these Kippot made us realize that every Kippah truly tells a story not only on the day of that person’s *Simcha*, but for years to come. Share your stories and your Kippot!

The end of the school year is usually bittersweet for me, as I love teaching and yet I recognize that after a great year of learning, kids and parents need a rest from the hecticness of carpools, juggling schedules and life. After our closing ceremonies, I smiled when 6th grade student Jason Brunswick asked if we could have school a few weeks longer as he wasn’t ready for school to end. This year however, I am excited to have finished a great year in our school and am looking forward to welcoming and mentoring Mara Wolff - our new Education Director who will be filling my shoes as I head to our Mini Mensch Academy to engage young families in synagogue life. I am looking forward to teaching 6th and 7th grade students on Wednesday too. I’d like to send heartfelt thanks to EVERYONE who has supported me while I’ve been the Education Director. I have LOVED creating opportunities for our students and their families to wonder, ask meaningful questions, strengthen their Jewish identity, learn Hebrew and Torah, celebrate holidays, challenge themselves to learn

and grow, build lasting friendships, explore Jewish values, perform mitzvot, and discover the joy and purpose of being part of a vibrant Jewish community! I appreciate EVERY family for entrusting our Mensch Making Academy with educating their precious children, and EVERY congregant and Better Together members who cares deeply that our students have an enriching Jewish education filled with cheerleaders and mentors along the way.

With love and gratitude, Ellen



**Glassman Mitzvah Fund**

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*In memory of Molly Belitsky*

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*Thank you for officiating Ali & Stefan's wedding*



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Bid & Buy brought everyone together for fun, friendship, fundraising and winning great prizes!



Miss Andi and Miss Ellen bring Shabbat to life with K'tonton!



Mensch Making Academy learns with Rabbi Michal!



Miss Andi and Miss Ellen enjoy Shabbat fun together.



Mensch Making Academy celebrates Lag B'Omer with Field Day



Winning pics from Bingo!!!



In preparation for Shavuot, Miss Ellen helped K'tonton's Pre-k students learn about the Torah. Using clay that the kids made from scratch with Miss Ayanna, Miss Ellen helped them shape the clay to bring the holiday to life and share insight about why we celebrate Shavuot and count the Omer.



## Sisterhood



Thank you all for another successful year at CBENT Sisterhood! Thanks to all the members of the Sisterhood board for their efforts to raise funds and get women together for fun times. We would love for you to join us in our planning meetings once a month for about an hour. Please let me know of your interest of making us grow and improve.

Bid & Buy was very successful. Everyone left with something. We have even more plans for next year. Look for more games and events. Because of the High Holy days coming so early, we will be sending our participation forms for our Mazelgram greetings to you in June. This serves two purposes: (1) to make sure everyone knows they are counted as an important member of the community and (2) helps raise funds for Sisterhood so we can continue our important work. Many thanks for the efforts of Laura Schrieber and Michael Gewertz for their support of this project. We couldn't do it without you.

Our annual Whine and Cheese will be held in October - after the Holidays. We will let you know the date and time that Diane Schwartz will open her home and pamper us with her goodies.

Have a fabulous and safe summer. Looking forward to seeing you when we resume in the fall. BTW, I'm home all summer. Don't hesitate to reach out.

Yours in Sisterhood,  
Marilyn



**Creative Crafters**

# Spring DATES

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

**FREE INSTRUCTIONS**

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.

**Beginners welcome!**

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

<b>APRIL</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUNE</b>
<b>16, 30</b>	<b>7, 28</b>	<b>4, 18</b>



For more information contact  
Marilyn Bamash at  
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## Harper's Bat Mitzvah Project Results in a New Family Member

Marilyn Bamash met Harper Peveto at CBENT'S Better Together program about two years ago and the two really bonded. My husband Rick and I were not having success while looking to adopt a dog after our beloved Tova, a Great Pyrenees, died at the age of 13. When I came to Harper's Bat Mitzvah, Harper told me of her mitzvah project supporting the "To Love a Canine" shelter. Rick and I went on line to the shelter and picked a Pyrenees/Lab mix to keep us and our grieving 5 year old Pyrenees, Tevi, company.

Four days later, we adopted Tessi - a 5 year old Pyrenees/Lab mix!! This was all the result of the bonding that occurs in the Better Together Program. Our "Thanks" to Ellen Glassman for making this happen!



## Rosh Chodesh

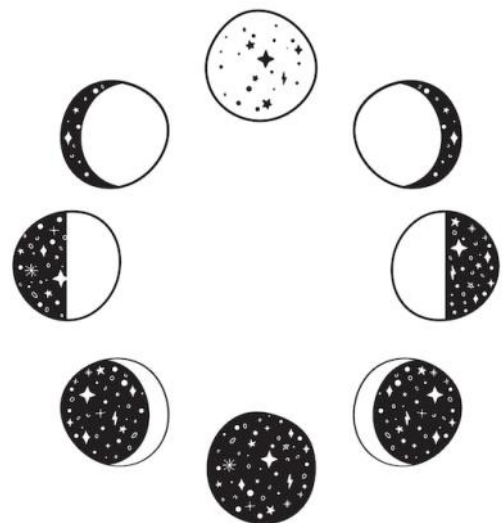
Since biblical times, Rosh Chodesh has been celebrated as a holiday. The Book of Samuel notes it as a time of a celebratory meal (1 Samuel 20:18); the Book of Kings, as a time when people would visit the prophet (2 Kings 4:23); and the prophet Amos notes it as a day of rest, when businesses were closed (8:5). In some ways, the Torah gives it a status equal to the Pilgrimage Festivals and decrees extra sacrifices to be brought on Rosh Chodesh — the same as are brought on the festivals of Pesach and Shavuot — and the sounding of trumpets, as on festivals (Numbers 10:10).

The Hebrew calendar was fixed by visual attestation of a new moon, and the Mishnah records the care, the rituals, and the ceremonies that took place in relation to the sighting of the new moon. Since the 4th century, though, the calendar has been fixed by a mathematical calculation.

In line with biblical practice, traditional communities celebrate the day with a festive meal. Although work is permitted on Rosh Chodesh, it was customary for women not to do work that could be left for another day — a custom that continues in many communities down to our own time. In many cultures, the moon with its cycles is associated with the feminine, though the midrash (Pirkei D'Rabbi Eliezer, chapter 44) offers quite a different reason for this association: in the march through the desert, the women refused to contribute their jewelry to the manufacture of the golden calf and so they were rewarded with a holiday of their own. Today, women's study groups often meet on Rosh Chodesh.

(Copied from Lev Shalem Siddur, page 193)

We hope you were able to participate in Sisterhood/Rabbi's Rosh Chodesh programs this past year. Each one was unique and highlighted a topic of interest for all genders but featured women's connections to the world. Thank you Rabbi for leading the programs and making Rosh Chodesh a more meaningful experience.



## Interesting things to know about the Lunar Phases for Rosh Chodesh

### What each phase is:

**New Moon:** The Moon is between Earth and the Sun, making the lit side face away from us. The Moon is invisible in the night sky and is up during the day.

**Waxing Crescent:** A small silver of the Moon becomes visible, growing larger over time ("Waxing" means growing).

**First Quarter:** Half of the Moon is illuminated. This phase occurs when the Moon forms a right angle with the Earth and the Sun.

**Waxing Gibbous:** More than half of the Moon's visible face is lit, and it continues to grow as it approaches the full Moon.

**Full Moon:** The Sun illuminates the entire face of the Moon. It rises around sunset and sets around sunrise.

**Waning Gibbous:** The illuminated portion of the Moon begins to shrink ("Waning" means shrinking), though more than half of the Moon is still visible.

**Third/Last Quarter:** The Moon appears half-lit again (the opposite half from the First Quarter).

**Waning Crescent:** Only a small sliver of the Moon remains visible, shrinking until it returns to a New Moon.

**Always 50% Lit:** The Moon does not make its own light. Sunlight constantly illuminates exactly half of the Moon, while the other half is in shadow.

**One Side Forever Hidden:** Because the Moon is tidally locked to Earth, it takes the same amount of time to spin on its axis as it does to orbit Earth. Therefore, we always see the exact same face of the Moon.

The Moon is Earth's only natural satellite (a celestial body that orbits a planet). It takes the Moon 27.3 days to make a complete orbit around the Earth, but because the Earth is moving around the sun at the same time, it takes the moon 29.5 days to go through its eight different 'phases' – a lunar month.



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# *Shabbat*

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# DEVOTION by the *Ocean*

AUGUST 7, 2026 • SERVICES BEGIN AT 5:30 PM

Welcoming Shabbat with your toes in the sand feels extra special! After services, join us (invite your friends too!) for a delicious Shabbat dinner at Beth El Synagogue, 500 N. Jerome Avenue in Margate.

Dinner price is \$65 per person. Wine, spirits and dessert are included, subsidized by the Trustees of CBENT.

## Staying overnight?

Those members that attend Friday evening service are welcome to join us Saturday morning, August 8th at 9:30AM for breakfast at Downbeach Deli, on the patio, Essex and Ventnor Ave, in Margate for fish & bagels.

RSVP's are a must!

Sponsored by the Pollin & Glassman families.



If you have a shore home with extra room, and are willing to host a congregant, please contact Ellen Glassman.



RSVP's for dinner are mandatory and must be received by July 27, 2026.



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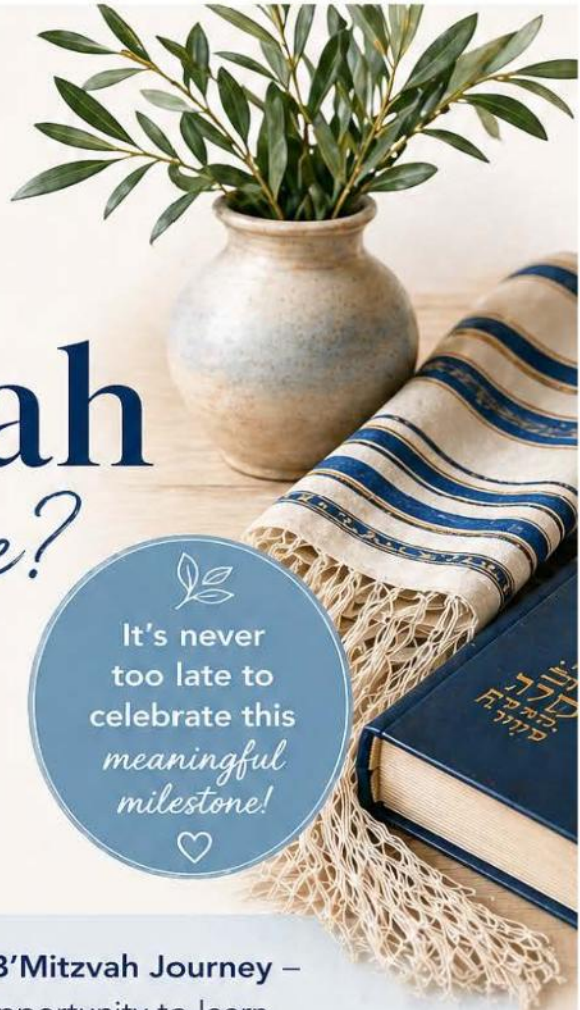
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SHAMAYIM featured us in their Vegan Challenge poster below. The Synagogue Vegan Challenge supports Jewish communities with training, education, and funding to incorporate vegan programming. Participating communities can receive grants to help implement vegan food initiatives and educational programs focused on animal advocacy.

## What does the Synagogue Vegan Challenge mean to Congregation Beth El-Ner Tamid in Broomall, PA?



“Participating will allow us the opportunity to further our mission statement of being an “inclusive and progressive community” while educating our congregation, at all ages, on the importance of the ethical treatment of animals and ways for the members to be engaged in animal advocacy through a Jewish lens... Preparing, cooking, and eating together will now include an opportunity for mindfulness, responsibility, and fulfilling the Mitzvot of Tzaar Baalei Chayim and Bal Tashchit as CBENT does our bit to save the planet!”

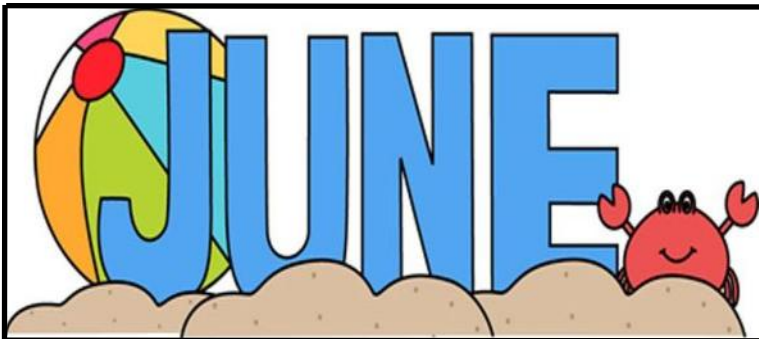
## June Birthdays!

Susan Ellman – 6/2  
Charles Krautheim -6/2  
Richard Schwartz – 6/4  
Andi Joseph - 6/7  
Cindy Auslander – 6/14  
Frank Tobin – 6/15  
Judith Bagdon – 6/17  
Blanche Rednor – 6/20  
Jeri Cooperstein – 6/20  
Sandy Falcone – 6/23  
Larry Copelovitch – 6/23  
Daniel Brody – 6/29  
Arnold Glassman – 6/30  
Emily Sabalbaro – 6/30



## June Anniversary!

Elaine & Joseph Zeitlin – 6/5  
Amy & Barry Blum – 6/14  
Roslyn & Marc Jaffe – 6/14  
Sophie & Jonathan Marx – 6/14  
Karen & Andrew Rosenfeld – 6/18  
Penny & Maury Reiter – 6/19  
Deborah & Henri Levitt – 6/21  
Ruth & Mark Henninger – 6/25  
Jennifer Shrager & Eli Lourie – 6/30



# Sivan Tamuz 5786

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> -Morning Minyan - 7:15 AM -Men's Club Meeting - 7:00 PM	<b>2</b> -Evening Minyan - 7:00 PM -Religious Committee Meeting - 7:30 PM	<b>3</b> -Teens Cook for a friend - 6:00 PM -Evening Minyan - 7:00 PM	<b>4</b> -Morning Minyan - 7:15 AM	<b>5</b> -Kabbalat Shabbat Service - 7:00 PM	<b>6</b> -"Ask the Rabbi" - 9:00 AM -Shabbat Service - 9:45 AM
<b>7</b> -Morning Minyan (online) - 9:30 AM -Men's Club Annual Gala - 5:30 PM	<b>8</b> -Morning Minyan - 7:15 AM -Sisterhood Board Meeting - 7:00 PM	<b>9</b> -Evening Minyan - 7:00 PM -Executive Board Meeting - 7:30 PM	<b>10</b> -Evening Minyan - 7:00 PM	<b>11</b> -Morning Minyan - 7:15 AM 	<b>12</b> -Kabbalat Shabbat Service - 7:00 PM -Shabbat Table with Rabbi Michal at her home - 7:00 PM	<b>13</b> -Study Session Mussar - 9:00 AM -Shabbat Service - 9:45 AM
<b>14</b> -Morning Minyan (online) - 9:30 AM	<b>15</b> -Morning Minyan - 7:15 AM -Finance Committee Meeting - 7:30 PM	<b>16</b> -Evening Minyan - 7:00 PM	<b>17</b> -Evening Minyan - 7:00 PM	<b>18</b> -Morning Minyan - 7:15 AM -Membership Committee Meeting - 7:30 PM	<b>19</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> -Kabbalat Shabbat Service - 7:00 PM	<b>20</b> -Study Session Mussar - 9:00 AM -Shabbat Service - 9:45 AM
<b>21</b> <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> -Morning Minyan (online) - 9:30 AM	<b>22</b> -Morning Minyan - 7:15 AM	<b>23</b> -Evening Minyan - 7:00 PM - Board Meeting - 7:30 PM	<b>24</b> -Evening Minyan - 7:00 PM	<b>25</b> -Morning Minyan - 7:15 AM -Security Committee Meeting - 7:30 PM	<b>26</b> -Kabbalat Shabbat Service - 7:00 PM	<b>27</b> -Study Session Prophets - 9:00 AM -Shabbat Service - 9:45 AM
<b>28</b> -Morning Minyan (online) - 9:30 AM	<b>29</b> -Morning Minyan - 7:15 AM	<b>30</b> -Evening Minyan - 7:00 PM				

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

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

### **DICK PACKEL LEARNING SUPPORT FUND**

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

### **THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND**

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

### **THE SHAMES SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

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

### **THE DOROTHY & WILLIAM SAMPSON FUND**

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

### **ADULT EDUCATION FUND**

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

### **THE RABBI & AMY BLUM SOCIAL ACTION FUND**

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

### **THE JULIE LYNN GORSON-MARROW MEMORIAL MUSIC FUND**

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

### **ELLEN GLASSMAN MITZVAH FUND**

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

### **MORRIS ESTHER BERNETT BOOK FUND**

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

### **CBENT Friends Designated Fund**

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

### **Designated Fund of Torah Restoration**

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

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

## UNDESIGNATED FUNDS

Davidow Fund  
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 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

**Contact the Synagogue office for details and to make a donation.....  
 610-356-8700**

## 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

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**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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