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Congregation B'nai Israel

157 Years of Consecrated Service to God, Torah & Israel

A Congregation Affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

CBI Spectacular Scholar in Residence Weekend 2024



PLEASE JOIN US AS WE WELCOME

Rabbi Elliot B. Gertel Rabbi Emeritus, Cong. Rodfei Zedek, Chicago

Friday & Saturday, May 18-19, 2024

- Kabbalat Shabbat & Delicious Dinner
- Shabbat Morning Services
- Mincha & Shabbat Third Meal

Cost is \$18 per person for the Kabbalat Shabbat dinner.

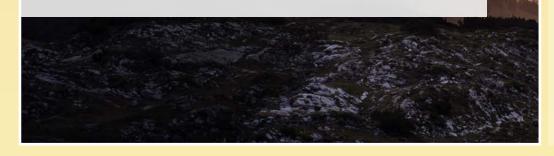
The Third Meal is FREE for CBI members and \$5 for guests.

Please RSVP to the office by Friday, May 10, 2024 and indicate

which events you plan to attend.

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS WITH RSVP

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Israel Positive

Some of you may recall that when I assumed the position of acting-Rabbi at CBI, I introduced a few minutes of 'good news from Israel' each Shabbat before the Prayer for Israel. Congregants told me they really enjoyed it and looked forward to it. I suspended it during Covid to save time on anything in the service I considered non-essential. The choice of what to omit was difficult, as everything is designed with a worthwhile purpose.

Then came October 7th which changed Israel forever. I addressed the unfolding developments at the time, but since then have never spoken about Israel again throughout these critical six months. There is so much to talk about regarding Israel that I could (and wish to) speak about weekly, but instead, I recite a Psalm for Israel before the ark, I add Israel's injured to the Prayer for Healing, and Israel's fallen to the final Kaddish near the service conclusion. That's it.

We as community leaders often feel forced to subjugate our personal feelings and needs in the interests of maintaining communal stability and continuity, even joy. An example was our beautiful Purim spiel and celebration which we still went ahead with, while many congregations curtailed theirs. Life goes on. Our synagogue and community must remain vital and forward-moving despite everything. Similarly, during the Covid chaos, we at CBI tried desperately to keep things functioning as normally as possible, and I believe we succeeded.

Recently, we were visited by two Israeli *Shinshinim* based in Cleveland. *'Shinshinim'* is a Hebrew word derived from a contraction of the two Hebrew words *'shnat sherut'*, meaning 'a year of service.' Between high school and entering the Israeli Army, teens join a program which allocates them to Jewish communities around the world to foster the link between Israel and the Diaspora. The outstanding representatives, Maya Lichtenstein and Noa Rabinovitz, addressed our congregation about their personal experiences, how their families are coping, and presented a most positive report under the circumstances. This was their second visit to Toledo and CBI.

Now Yom Hashoa – Holocaust Commemoration Day and Yom Ha'atzma'ut – Israel's Independence Day, two dates which altered contemporary Jewish history forever, are rapidly approaching in early May. This brings Israel back into the forefront of our Jewish consciousness. During the special prayers we chant for the approaching new month, we say, "chaverim kol Israel", meaning "all Israel are friends". Another expression we use is "kol Israel areivim zeh lazeh", meaning "all Israel are responsible for one another". In other words, to adapt a cliché, what happens in Israel doesn't stay in Israel, it affects us all deeply.

According to Steven Windmueller, Professor Emeritus of Jewish Communal Studies at Hebrew Union College LA. (*Times of Israel,* April 9th 2024), October 7th has caused "an awakening, a heightened sense of consciousness...a shift in awareness and unified activism among Jews." Examples he cites are the Rally for Israel that took place on November 11, 2023 with 300,000 in attendance at the Mall in DC, increased synagogue attendance reported by clergy, increased Jewish Day School enrollment and larger crowds at Jewish events cross country.

Israel's Diaspora Affairs Ministry reported "an unprecedented effort" by world Jewish communities in donations to Israel since October 7th of \$1.4 billion, with Israel Bonds raising a further \$1.7 billion. This is more than was raised in response to the Six Day War of 1967. Half that sum was raised by Jewish Federations of North America's 146 members including ours.

Additionally, 58,000 volunteers flew to Israel for military service, agricultural work, work in support of victims of October 7th and evacuees from communities near Gaza and the north. Of the Israel Bond sales mentioned above, about \$300 million came from American state and local governments especially Florida. Crowdsourcing platforms also raised \$91.5 million with more than half going to Hatzalah, Israel's volunteer emergency medical corps.

So, as I always used to report at Shabbat services before the Prayer for Israel, there is much good news from Israel, and I could go on and on. Israel will prevail, world Jewry will survive intact and prosper, because "the Guardian of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps." (Psalm 121). **AM YISRAEL CHA!!**

Hazzan Ivor Lichterman



CBI Dues to Increase (Slightly)

I know I must sound like a broken record (if anyone remembers what a record is) but I must talk about money yet again. As I mentioned in a previous Bulletin, our Kol Nidre appeal, and a recent letter, our synagogue finances are not on as firm a footing as they once were. With inflation, increased security and personnel costs, and necessary building maintenance, the dues we collect now cover less than half of our operating budget. In the face of these increasing costs, our membership dues have not increased in almost 14 years and CBI now runs chronic deficits. Furthermore, almost half of our members pay substantially less than what the current schedule dictates. For those that do pay the full amount or more, we thank you.

As unwelcome as it is, a dues adjustment is long overdue. For 2024–2025 we will implement modest increases to several CBI dues categories, ranging from \$50-\$100 per year. Because the 40+ family membership will remain at \$2200, many congregants will not see a change from previous years. Even with these increases, our dues structure is in line with other congregations in our region and nationally.

On August 1, 2024, all CBI members will be assessed per the new scheduled amount. We understand that many of our members are experiencing medical or financial hardship. If you are unable to pay the assessed amount, please contact the Dues Committee by writing to CBI Dues Committee, Congregation B'nai Israel, 6525 W. Sylvania Ave., Sylvania, OH 43560. The committee will contact you to confirm the need and agree on a reduced assessment as appropriate.

Although this dues increase will not completely close our running deficit, please be assured we are not on the brink of financial collapse. Fortunately, income from our endowment funds increased substantially this year with the post-COVID economic rebound. However, this good fortune is not guaranteed in the future, and we will continue to rely on your generous donations. Your board and administrative staff will continue to make every effort to control expenses and find outside funding. While nobody enjoys rising prices, please keep in mind that your dues are essential to our ability to deliver a rich program of religious, cultural, and social activities.

Mike Tamor, CBI President



The horrific war in Israel is ongoing. As a Toledo community we have been asked to direct funds to Jewish Federations of North America to support Israelis who are in harm's way. You can donate to the Israel Relief Fund.

Donate now with debit or credit card or PayPal here or scan the QR code or go to www.jewishtoledo.org



When to Count the Omer: The counting of the omer begins on the second night of Passover. Jews in the Diaspora generally integrate this counting into the second seder. The omer is counted each evening after sundown. The counting of the omer is generally appended to the end of Ma'ariv (the evening service), as well.

What to Say: One stands when counting the omer, and begins by reciting the following blessing: Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu Melekh ha'Olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tizivanu al sefirat ha'omer." Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who has sanctified us with your commandments and commanded us to count the omer." After the blessing, one recites the appropriate day of the count. For example: Hayom yom echad la'omer. "Today is the first day of the omer." After the first six days, one also includes the number of weeks that one has counted. For example: Hayom sh'losha asar yom, she'hem shavuah echad v'shisha yamim la'omer." Today is 13 days, which is one week and six days of the omer."

Congregation B'nai Israel Sefirat Ha'Omer Chart 2024:5784

נו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו על ספירת העומר	אלק	ה'	אתו	ברוך א
Ba-ruch ah-tah Adonai Eh-lo-hay-nu meh-lech ha-o-lam ah-sher ki-de-sha-nu be-mits-	vo-ta	ve-t	si-va	a-nu al se-fir-at ha-o-mer
Hayom yom echad la-omer				Tuesday Eve., Apr. 23
Hayom shnay yamim la-omer				Wednesday Eve., Apr. 24
Hayom shloshah yamim la-omer				Thursday Eve., Apr. 25
Hayom arba'ah yamim la-omer				Friday Eve., Apr. 26
Hayom chamishah yamim la-omer				Saturday Eve., Apr. 27
Hayom shishah yamim la-omer				Sunday Eve., Apr. 28
Hayom shiv'ah yamim shehaym shavuah echad la-omer				Monday Eve., April 29
Hayom shmonah yamim shehaym shavuah echad veyom echad la-omer				Tuesday Eve., April 30
Hayom tish'ah yamim shehaym shavuah echad ushnay yamim la-omer				Wednesday Eve., May 1
Hayom asarah yamim shehaym shavuah echad ushloshah yamim la-omer				Thursday Eve., May 2
Hayom ahad asar yom shehaym shavuah echad ve-arba'ah yamim la-omer				Friday Eve., May 3
Hayom shnaym asar yom shehaym shavuah echad vechamishah yamim la-omer				Saturday Eve., May 4
Hayom shloshah asar yom shehaym shavuah echad veshishah yamim la-omer				Sunday Eve., May 5
Hayom arba'ah asar yom shehaym shnay shavuot la-omer				Monday Eve., May 6
Hayom chamishah asar yom shehaym shnay shavuot veyom echad la-omer				Tuesday Eve., May 7
Hayom shishah asar yom shehaym shnay shavuot ushnay yamim la-omer				Wednesday Eve., May 8
Hayom shiv'ah asar yom shehaym shnay shavuot ushloshah yamim la-omer				Thursday Eve., May 9
Hayom shmonah asar yom shehaym shnay shavuot ve-arba'ah yamim la-omer				Friday Eve., May 10
Hayom tish'ah asar yom shehaym shnay shavuot vechamishah yamim la-omer				Saturday Eve., May 11
Hayom esrim yom shehaym shnay shavuot veshishah yamim la-omer				Sunday Eve., May 12
Hayom echad v'esrim yom shehaym shloshah shavuot la-omer				Monday Eve., May 13
Hayom shnayim v'esrim yom shehaym shloshah shavuot veyom echad la-omer				Tuesday Eve., May 14
Hayom shloshah v'esrim yom shehaym shloshah shavuot ushnay yamim la-omer				Wednesday Eve., May 15
Hayom arba'ah v'esrim yom shehaym shloshah shavuot ushloshah yamim la-omer				Thursday Eve., May 16
Hayom chamishah v'esrim yom shehaym shloshah shavuot ve-arba'ah yamim la-omer				Friday Eve., May 17
Hayom shishah v'esrim yom shehaym shloshah shavuot echamishah yamim la-omer				Saturday Eve., May 18
Hayom shiv'ah v'esrim yom shehaym shloshah shavuot veshishah yamim la-omer				Sunday Eve., May 19
Hayom shmonah v'esrim yom shehaym arba'ah shavuot la-omer				Monday Eve., May 20
Hayom tish'ah v'esrim yom shehaym arba'ah shavuot veyom echad la-omer				Tuesday Eve., May 21
Hayom shloshim yom shehaym arba'ah shavuot ushnay yamim la-omer				Wednesday Eve., May 22
Hayom echad ushloshim yom shehaym arba'ah shavuot ushloshah yamim la-omer				Thursday Eve., May 23
Hayom shnayim ushloshim yom shehaym arba'ah shavuot ve-arba'ah yamim la-omer				Friday Eve., May 24
Hayom shloshah ushloshim yom shehaym arba'ah shavuot vechamishah yamim la-omer				Saturday Eve., May 25
Hayom arba'ah ushloshim yom shehaym arba'ah shavuot veshishah yamim la-omer				Sunday Eve., May 26
Hayom chamishah ushloshim yom shehaym chamishah shavuot la-omer				Monday Eve., May 27
Hayom shishah ushloshim yom shehaym chamishah shavuot veyom echad la-omer				Tuesday Eve., May 28
Hayom shiv'ah ushloshim yom shehaym chamishah shavuot ushnay yamim la-omer				Wednesday Eve., May 29
Hayom shmonah ushloshim yom shehaym chamishah shavuot ushloshah yamim la-omer				Thursday Eve., May 30
Hayom tish'ah ushloshim yom shehaym chamishah shavuot ve-arba'ah yamim la-omer				Friday Eve., May 31
Hayom arba'im yom shehaym chamishah shavuot vechamishah yamim la-omer				Saturday Eve., June 1
Hayom echad v-arba'im yom shehaym chamishah shavuot veshishah yamim la-omer				Sunday Eve., June 2
Hayom shnayim v-arba'im yom shehaym shishah shavuot la-omer				Monday Eve., June 3
Hayom shloshah v-arba'im yom shehaym shishah shavuot veyom echad la-omer				Tuesday Eve., June 4
Hayom arba'ah v-arba'im yom shehaym shishah shavuot ushnay yamim la-omer				Wednesday Eve., June 5
Hayom chamishah v-arba'im yom shehaym shishah shavuot ushloshah yamim la-omer				Thursday Eve., June 6
Hayom shishah v-arba'im yom shehaym shishah shavuot ve-arba'ah yamim la-omer				Friday Eve., June 7
Hayom shiv'ah v-arba'im yom shehaym shishah shavuot vechamishah yamim la-omer				Saturday Eve., June 8
Hayom shmonah v-arba'im yom shehaym shishah shavuot veshishah yamim la-omer				Sunday Eve., June 9
Hayom tish'ah v-arba'im yom shehaym shiv'ah shavuot la-omer]			Monday Eve., June 10

Report of the CBI Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is tasked with nominating first term trustees as well as re-nominating trustees completing their first terms. Additionally, the committee nominates first term officers and re-nominates continuing officers. Trustees are eligible for two (2) three-year terms and officers are eligible for five (5) one year terms.

Below is the slate of officers and trustees for Congregation Year 2024-2025

Officers for a One-Year Term

Mike Tamor President

Kris Mann Vice President of Administration
Josh Sherman Vice President of Youth Activities
Howard Moskowitz Vice President of Ritual Affairs

Paul Causman Secretary
Dick Greenblatt Treasurer

Trustees completing a Three-Year Term Ending in 2027

Fran Weinblatt First-Term Trustee
Mike Mallin First-Term Trustee
Tom Kasle First-Term Trustee

Trustees serving a Three-Year Term Ending in 2026

Josh LeizermanCompleting first term of Paul CausmanDale LevyFirst-Term TrusteeJim WilsonFirst-Term Trustee

Trustees serving a Three-Year Term Ending in 2025

Dena Zack First-Term Trustee

Debbie Katz-Liebenthal Completing second term of Adrienne Goldberg Elliot Eisenberg Completing first term of Josh Sherman

Outgoing Trustees and Officers

Cathy Sperling, Adrenne Goldberg, Andy Sattler

Nominating Committee

Chair: Corey Russell

Committee Members: Chuck Traugott, Howard Rosenberg, Jeff Bauer Ian Katz, Mike Tamor

SAVE THE DATE:

Incoming Board of Trustees & CBI Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 11:00 In-Person at CBI

RSVP by Monday, June 3, 2024 to kbrody@cbitoledo.org

Annual Meeting Special Awards

Please Join us on Sunday June 9, 2024 in-person for our Annual Meeting at 11:00 AM where we will award congregants the following special awards:

BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR CONGREGANT OF THE YEAR SAM SCHWARTZ MINYAN AWARD



May Special Birthdays



A Hearty Mazal Tov & Happy Birthday wishes to the following congregants on the occasion of their milestone birthdays!

Stephen Weisman	May 5th
David Grossman	May 6th
Jill Kripke	May 8th
Carol Richman	May 13th
Helen Michaels	May 13th
Megan B. Miller	May 31st

May Special Anniversaries

Nina & Marvin Timperley	May 5th	35 Years
Gabi & Mike Mallin	May 23rd	20 Years
Denise & Mark Greenblatt	May 30th	20 Years

Special Birthdays & Anniversaries reflect the '0' or '5' year of the occasion.

Mazal Tov to...

- Judy & Joel Scheinbach, on the birth of granddaughter,
 Sienna Brooke. Proud parents are Bari & Aaron Nowak.
- Rena Gudelman-Segall & Nathan Segall, on their son lan's completion of his 3-year orthodontics residency through The Ohio State University.

Condolences

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY MOURNS THE LOSS OF

HARRIET SYLVIA TRAUGOTT

Wife of Peter, z"I, mother of Chuck (Sandy) Traugott and Robin (Gary) Gersten, grandmother of Jay Traugott, Kari (Eli Lakritz) Traugott, Bethany (Nick) Stangas, Kayla (Paul) D'Agostino, and great-grandmother of Harper, Haley, and Maren.

JOSEPH GOLDBERG

Husband of Marcia (Reinhart), father of Dr. Jaron Goldberg and Michael Jay Goldberg, z"l, brother of William (Dorothy Jo) Goldberg and Delores Lustig, and grandfather of Megan Goldberg.

May their families be comforted amongst all who mourn in Zion.

Todah Rabah to...

- Sue Wilson, Sandy & Chuck Traugott, and the Women of CBI, for purchasing the final three High Holiday Torah mantles to complete our set. Sue is dedicating hers in loving memory of her parents, Alice & Lester Bogart and her sister, Peggy Struening. Sandy & Chuck are dedicated theirs in loving memory of their parents, Harriet & Peter Traugott and Helen & Seymour Cohen.
- Megan & Josh Leizerman for purchasing a set of beautiful hammered silver rimonim for one of the Torahs in our ark. The gift was made in loving memory of Josh's mother, CBI member, Betty Leizerman, z"l. (see page 8)
- Jack Katz, for using his many years of plumbing expertise to repair various leaks and issues in our kitchen.
- All of the volunteers who prepare our CBI bulletins for mailing. Special thanks goes to Jerry Russell, who pre-labels the bulletins and oversees the monthly event.
- The Rosenbaum family for donating a beautiful metal sculpture made by our beloved member, Howard Rosenbaum, z"l. The family also donated the custom-made pedestal for the sculpture and a generous financial gift to Congregation B'nai Israel. The sculpture, which depicts a person lovingly holding a Torah scroll, holds a place of honor in the lobby across from the sanctuary doors.



 Helen Michaels, Debbie Perlmutter, and Mike Tamor, for planting a second Magnolia bush near the side doors of our building. Helen lovingly cultivated, and generously donated the bush to CBI.







CBI wishes all of our members a Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 12, 2024

The CBI office will be CLOSED

Monday, May 27, 2024 Memorial Day

Todah Rabah

TO OUR KIDDUSH LUNCH SPONSORS:

Harriet Lacker and Ivor & Jan Lacker-Lichterman April 6 In Honor of Harriet's 91st Birthday

Karen & Dale Levy

April 27

In Loving Memory of Dale's father, Dr. Lawrence Levy

Jim Wilson receives the "Charlie Hustle" Award from Napco

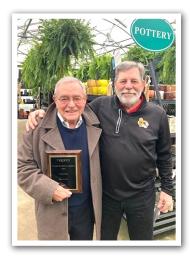
David Bailys, Vice President of Sales for Napco, the go-to company in the floral supply industry, had the pleasure of awarding CBI member, Jim Wilson, the "Charlie Hustle" award for his continued contributions to the company.

The award recognizes not only sales performance, but other tangible and intangible categories such as the individuals drive, the relationship they maintain with their customers, the feedback they provide to the company on a regular basis

and many other categories that ultimately contribute to both the individual's and company's mutual success.

"This sales award for Jim Wilson is in recognition of his diligent work ethic in the field servicing his many loyal customers throughout the state of Michigan."

On behalf of CBI, we wish Jim a hearty mazal tov on this increditible accomplishment!



ATTENTION: FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS GRADUATING SPRING 2024...



We will again be featuring our CBI family graduates in the June bulletin. Please send us the student's name, parents' names, where they are graduating from and what they will be doing next. We need all information by Wednesday, May 15, 2024 Please email your info to gmallin@cbitoledo.org.

Volunteer to Help Hungry Children in Toledo



Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the Cherry Street Mission Building 1501 Monroe Street

We are in need of 8-12 volunteers.

The volunteers will be putting together packages of food for children that live in the Toledo area.

RSVP by May 6, 2024.
RSVP to Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org

CHESED MEALS

If you are aware of a congregant who is ill and in need of short term meal assistance, please contact Cantor Lichterman by email at ilichterman@cbitoledo.org. Please, do NOT submit names to the CBI office staff. The assistance provided the congregant in need is short term. There is absolutely no cost to the congregant receiving the meals.

ARE YOU RECEIVING CBI NOTIFICATIONS?

CBI sends out email updates and important information throughout the week. If you are not receiving emails from CBI, please contact the office as soon as possible by calling 419.517.8400 or email Rhoda Miller at rmiller@cbitoledo.org.

Volunteers Assemble Mishloach Manot Bags for the CBI Purim Celebration

It "took a village", with much preparation, planning, and handson work, to ensure that our wonderful CBI Purim Shpiel, Celebration, and Luncheon on Sunday, March 24, 2024 was a success.

CBI asked for volunteers to help assemble the mishloach manot bags and on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 10 congregants answered the call. See the list of volunteers below.

At the Purim celebration and luncheon, everyone received a mishloach manot bag to exchange in order to fulfill one of the Purim mitzvot of giving the gift of food (as mentioned in Megillat Esther). According to halacha, *mishloach manot* (Hebrew) or *shalach manot* (Yiddish), should contain different kinds of foods for which two different brachot will be recited.

The assembled bags contained hamantaschen, a gluten-free fruit bar, a granola bar, and a commemorative magnet.

Additional mishloach manot bags were delivered to CBI members living at local independent and assisted living facilities.

Volunteers

Elaine Buehl
Tom Buehl
Jan Kasle
Jack Katz
Beverly Koslen
Diana Lipszyc
Andrea Urie
Gary Urie
Fran Weinblatt
Lizzy Zura









Modern Silver Rimonim for CBI Torahs

Special thanks to everyone who purchased our beautiful new Shabbat and High Holiday Torah mantles to complete both sets! We also thank Megan & Josh Leizerman for purchasing a set of beautiful hammered

silver rimonim for one of the Torahs in our ark (see above).

For those who would still like to donate a gift to CBI in honor of, or in memory of a cherished family member or occasion, consider these gorgeous modern silver rimonim which will coordinate beautifully with our new Torah mantles. Following is the link to the rimonim or you can contact the office for more info:

https://www.elitesterling.com/silver-gallery/silver-torahornaments/sterling-silver-hammered-rimonim-set.html



Lag B'Omer begins on the Evening of May 25 - 26, 2024

Lag B'Omer is a minor holiday that occurs on the 33rd day of the Omer, the 49-day period between Passover and Shavuot. A break from the semi-mourning of the Omer, key aspects of Lag B'Omer include holding Jewish weddings (it's the one day during the Omer when Jewish law permits them), lighting bonfires and getting haircuts.

According to a medieval tradition, the plague ceased on Lag Ba'omer, the 33rd day of the Omer. (The Hebrew letters lamed and gimel which make up the acronym "Lag" have the combined numerical value of 33.) As a result, Lag Ba'omer became a happy day, interrupting the sadness of the Omer period for 24 hours.



Shpielers

Alice Applebaum
Adam Davis
Andy Davis
Greg Davis
Hope Davis
Stephen Goldberg
Stu Goldberg
Michael Mallin
Cheryl Rothschild
Meira Zucker





















CBI Spectacular Scholar in Residence Weekend 2024

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE WELCOME

Rabbi Elliot B. Gertel, Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Rodfei Zedek, Chicago

Cost is \$18 per person for the Kabbalat Shabbat dinner. The Third Meal is FREE for CBI members and \$5 for guests.

- Friday Evening, May 17, 2024 5:45 PM In-Person at CBI
 Kabbalat Shabbat, Delicious Shabbat Dinner, and lecture with Rabbi Gertel:
 "Salvation for the Individual, for Jews, for Israel, and for the World: A Jewish Perspective"
- Shabbat Morning Services, Saturday May 18, 2024 9:30 AM In-Person & Livestream at CBI
 The Concept of Salvation in Our Daily and Shabbat Prayers
- Mincha & Shabbat Third Meal, Saturday, May 18, 2024 5:45 PM at CBI 'Shabbat Afternoon, Salvation, and Modern Synagogue Architecture'

Please RSVP to the office by Friday, May 10, 2024 and indicate which events you plan to attend.

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TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

Join us each Friday morning to discuss and learn the weekly Torah portion with fellow CBI members and friends

Friday at 11:00 AM In-Person at CBI May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024

A KNOWLEDGE OF TORAH IS NOT REQUIRED

Let's all learn together!

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Join us for Canasta!

Tuesdays in May May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2024 at 12:15 PM at CBI

If you are interested in learning or playing, please contact Rhoda Miller at rmiller@cbitoledo.org.

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SAVE THE DATE: 35th Interfaith Blood Drive

Saturday, June 29, 2024 12:00 – 2:30 PM

Grace Lutheran Church • 4441 Monroe Street

Please sign up for the Blood Drive and represent CBI by contacting Devorah Shulamit at 419-356-5280 or email shalom1836@bex.net to schedule an appointment.

Nosh & Knowledge: CBI Adult Education Series



"False Messiahs: Tales of Desperate Hope and Desperation"

with speaker David Weinberg, Professor Emeritus Bowling Green Univ., Wayne State University

Sunday, May 19, 2024 10:30 AM at CBI

This presentation will take a brief look at the concept of messianism in Judaism and how it been understood, misunderstood, and abused over the course of Jewish history.

RSVP to kbrody@cbitoledo.org by Friday, May 17, 2024

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JEWISH COMMUNITY
PROGRAM AT CBI

Reports from Israel & Special Visitors with Connections to October 7th

Monday Evening, May 13, 2024 at 6:30 PM at CBI



Join us as Rabbi Delson, Ben Malczewski, and others, share reflections from their recent trips to Israel. We will also hear from two Israeli special guests with personal connections to October 7th and the war.

RSVP by Friday, May 10th to https://form.jotform.com/ jewishtoledo/JCRC-events or Mary Bilyeu at mary@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0405. You must RSVP to attend this event. Walk-ins will not be permitted to attend.



WCBI BOOK CLUB: May Selection 5th Avenue Glamour Girl by Renee Rosen Tuesday, May 28, 2024 10:30 AM at CBI

It's 1938, and a young woman selling face cream out of a New York City beauty parlor is determined to prove she can have it all. Her name is Estée Lauder, and she's about to take the world by storm, in this dazzling new novel from the USA Today bestselling author of The Social Graces and Park Avenue Summer.

In New York City, you can disappear into the crowd. At least that's what Gloria Downing desperately hopes as she tries to reinvent herself after a devastating family scandal. She's ready for a total life makeover and a friend she can lean on—and into her path walks a young, idealistic woman named Estée. Their

chance encounter will change Gloria's life forever.

Estée dreams of success and becoming a household name like Elizabeth Arden, Helena Rubinstein, and Revlon. Before Gloria knows it, she is swept up in her new friend's mission and while Estée rolls up her sleeves, Gloria begins to discover her own talents. After landing a job at Saks Fifth Avenue, New York's finest luxury department store, Gloria finds her voice, which proves instrumental in opening doors for Estée's insatiable ambitions.

But in a world unaccustomed to women with power, they'll each have to pay the price that comes with daring to live life on their own terms and refusing to back down.

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library has NO COPIES. 7 libraries have copies in SearchOhio, and NO COPIES in OhioLink.
It is also available online on Amazon and Barnes and Noble.



Yom HaShoah

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Community Observance Sunday, May 5, 2024 27 Nisan 5784 10 a.m. Temple Shomer Emunim

Teen students from the Toledo Jewish community will share stories from conversations with second generation children of survivors, Allen Markowicz and Ann Rosenberg.

Special music by the Jewish Community Choir.

Followed by candle lighting and prayers of remembrance for all the lives lost during the Shoah.

Join us as we come together as a Jewish community to pay tribute and remember.

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Yoga for Israel

Wednesday, May 8 7 - 8 p.m. B'nai Israel 6525 Sylvania Ave. FREE event, donations requested

Let's turn our sadness into action. Join us for an hour of yoga, meditation, and healing while raising money for the Jewish Federations of

Greater Toledo's Israel Relief Fund.

Since October 7, our community has been heartbroken by the violence and tragic events in Israel. This all-levels flow class led by Lori Gold Ellinger, Yoga instructor at Toledo Yoga, is an opportunity to come together for a moment of shared strength and to take an hour to breathe. There will be plenty of options to modify or challenge yourself depending on your level of practice.

Bring your own mat (BYOM!) The full proceeds of this class will go to support victims of terror, medical support, trauma recovery, crisis management, direct lifesaving relief efforts, and accurate media reporting via our trusted partners.

This event is open for all women and held in partnership with Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Etz Chayim, Temple Shomer Emunim, and Chabad House of Greater Toledo.

RSVP by Tuesday, May 7 to https://form.jotform. com/jewishtoledo/jfgtprograms or Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.



Notes from our Principal

I can't believe the David S. Stone Religious School term is ending very soon! We have packed a lot of incredible programs into the end of the school year.

Maya Lichtenstein and Noa Rabinovitz, Israeli Shinshinim from Israel, were here the weekend of April 5th to spend another amazing weekend with all of our students. They attended Shabbat services at CBI on Saturday morning, and shared their powerful stories about what life in Israel is like right now. Their heartfelt words resonated deeply with our congregants. Our teens had the pleasure of hanging out with Maya and Noa Saturday evening, April 6th for a wonderful dinner, Judaica stained glass making project, and a Havdallah service led by the teens.

The weekend capped off on Sunday morning with interactive games led by Maya and Noa with students from Shomer Emunim and David S. Stone Religious school. Having Israeli teens here to connect with our students is imperative to keeping the crucial connection with Israelis. We are so fortunate to have the Shinshinim program.



Grades Pre-K through 6 had the wonderful opportunity to meet author, Ellen Leventhal of *Debbi'e Song,* a book about Debbie Friedman. Students made instruments with our friends from Shomer Emunim before a festive community concert.

Our oldest classes have been working diligently for the past month on a Yom HaShoah presentation. They are working each week, together with students from Shomer Emunim, to retell the story of families of some of our local second generation Holocaust survivors. I hope that all of you will join us at Shomer Emunim on the morning of May 5th at 10:00 AM for this important program.

Enjoy the summer break and we hope to see everyone soon!

Kim Brody, Principal, David S. Stone Religious School

CBI Teens Meet with Israeli October 7th Survivors







On March 20, 2024, CBI teens had the opportunity to meet with Israelis who told their stories of survival from Oct 7th. It was a conversation, not a lecture, sending the message that as Jews, we are all connected, now more than ever.

The teens had a meaningful discussion on how antisemitism is around them locally, in their schools, and online. The Israelis survivors shared resources for our teens to use to get more truthful information. Following are just a few reliable sources on Instagram that can be used by teens and adults to get more truthful information: jewishunpacked, noatishby.

Although this program came together at the last moment, 16 teens attended, including five CBI members: Andy Davis, Harris Merer, Dillon Merer, Aidan Mahoney, and Cobin Katz.

David S. Stone Religious School May 2024 Calendar

Wednesday	5/1	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sunday	5/5	Religious School - 9:30-11:30 AM Last Day of Term
Wednesday	5/8	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Wednesday	5/15	Hebrew School - 4:15-5:45 PM

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Salad: lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber and radishes (dressing on the side)

Fruit: canned or fresh

Dessert: cookies or brownies

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Linen table cloths & napkins: \$50 - \$150

Noodle kugel (sweet): \$20

Lox: \$20 per board (plus additional labor charges)

Egg salad: \$15

Parve ½ sheet cake: \$70

*All costs are based on 50 people. If additional people are expected then prices will increase accordingly. Additional fees will be added if extra labor is needed to prepare the Kiddush.

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Monday ~ Thursday Evening Minyan & Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 PM - Zoom

Saturday Morning Shabbat 9:30 AM - In Person/Live Stream

*Sunday Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - In Person/Zoom *when religious schoool is in session

The link and passcode for weekday Zoom services is included in the Wednesday Update email sent to all CBI members.

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- Click on the YouTube icon on your TV.
- When YouTube opens, search for "Congregation B'nai Israel
- Sylvania, Ohio".
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A link and passcode will be emailed to congregants.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 2024			4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School @ Chabad 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	2 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	3 11:00 AM In-Person Parashat Hashavuah: Torah Portion of the Week 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service	4 9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Acharei 12:45 PM Mincha
5 9:30 AM Zoom Only Morning Service 9:30-11:30 AM Last Day Religious School 10:30 AM at Shomer Emunim Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration	6 YOM HASHOAH 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	7 12:15 PM at CBI Canasta 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	8 4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School @ Chabad 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service 7:00 PM at CBI Community "Yoga for Israel" Class	9 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 10:00 AM Cherry St. Mission Connecting Kids to Meals Volunteer Activity 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	9.10 rin Light Canales 11.00 AM In-Person 71:00 AM In-Person 70rah Portion of the Week 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8.25 PM Light Candles	9:22 PM Shabbat Ends 9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Kedoshim Bauer Kiddush 12:45 PM Mincha
12 MOTHER'S DAY 9:30 AM zoom only Morning Service	13 YOM HAZIKARON 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service 6:30 PM at CBI Community Program with Special Israeli Guests	14 YOM HAATZMAUT (israeli Independence Day) 12:15 PM at CBI Canasta 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	15 4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School @ Chabad 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	16 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service 6:45 PM Exec. Committee Mtg. 7:30 PM Board Meeting	17 11:00 AM In-Person Parashat Hashavuah: Torah Portion of the Week 5:45 PM In-Person/Live Stream Scholar in Residence Rabbi Elliot Gertel Dinner & Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8:32 PM Light Condles	9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Scholar in Residence Rabbi Gertel Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Emor 12:45 PM Mincha 5:45 PM In-Person Rabbi Gertel: Mincha & 3rd Meal 9:40 PM Shabbat Ends
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Mazal Tov & L'Chaim!

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Deadline is the 15th of the previous month. Please call the office at 419-517-8400.

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Women of CBI Unveil Stunning Stained Glass Art Created at the Women's Gathering in October











The Women of CBI dedicated this beautiful glass mosaic on April 16, 2024 at an afternoon reception for those who attended the two-day Women's Gathering in October. Nancy Goldberg adapted the Noah's Ark design from an Italian postage stamp and the ladies

started putting it together at the retreat. Cathy Sperling and Nancy received direction from Gail Christopherson, a local glass artist, who donated the glass to CBI for this project. The women worked on the piece for the last few months to get it ready for the installation.