

# Congregation B'nai Israel

A Vibrant Jewish Community Located in Northampton, Massachusetts



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## Weekly Events Feb. 16 - Feb. 26, 2017

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### HAVURAH SHABBAT EVENING EXPERIENCE AND POTLUCK

*Friday, February 17, at 6:00pm*

**CANDLE LIGHTING** at 5:08pm

### KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

*Friday, February 24, at 6:00pm*

**CANDLE LIGHTING** at 5:17pm

### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY

*Saturday, February 18, at 9:30am (Parashat Yitro)*

### BAR MITZVAH: GRYFFIN WILKENS-PLUMLEY. MAZAL TOV!

**SHABBAT ENDS** at 6:10pm

*Saturday, February 25, at 9:30am (Parashat Mishpatim)*

**SHABBAT ENDS** at 6:18pm

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**Visit Our Website: Read  
the February- March  
Kehila**

**COT SHELTER-FOOD NEEDED FOR  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22  
(Correction on date from email sent 2/14)**

See list online or call CBI office to see what items are needed.

**To sign up:**

1. Click on [Cot Shelter Google Drive](#)
2. Scroll down to the correct date to sign up for food items not taken. If you have any trouble, contact CBI Office at 413-584-3593

If you have any questions, please contact Cot Shelter Coordinator, Peggy Besht, call her at 413-582-0610.

**RABBI'S CHEVRUTA TALMUD STUDY**

**Sundays, 9:30-11:00**

Studying Talmud is a special way to delve into the wisdom of Jewish tradition. But just as important as the content is the process of collaborative learning through "chevruta" as we wrestle with the text. Over the next several weeks, we will focus on Tractate Berakhot in the Mishnah. This compilation from the second and third Century is the earliest Rabbinic writing on prayer and gives us much to think about. I look forward to seeing you there.

**CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW CLASSES AT CBI  
All levels welcome.**

**FEBRUARY 27 to APRIL 3, 5:00-6:30 pm (No class on Feb. 20, President's Day).** Instructor: Henia Lewin. This class, conducted *Ivrit b'Ivrit*, is for intermediate or advanced speakers-but material will be reviewed for those who are newer to the language. This class is your opportunity to hear and practice speaking the language. The text we use is *Ivrit Min Ha'Hatchala (Hebrew from Scratch)*.

**Previous and new participants are welcome.**

For further information about these classes, contact Henia directly at **413-253-8836** or [HennyLewin@yahoo.com](mailto:HennyLewin@yahoo.com)

**SUE KURIAN KIDDUSH FUND**

Kiddush brings us together as a community, and sharing food creates fellowship and friendship. But only your donations can sustain the weekly Kiddush. Contribute to the fund and host a Kiddush that honors a birthday, a friend, a memory-or join with others and make a Kiddush possible for our community. Please write **Kiddush Fund** in the subject line of your check to CBI. We'll celebrate together.



**February 18:** This kiddush is sponsored by David and Elizabeth Wilkens-Plumley, parents of Gryffin, who is celebrating his Bar Mitzvah. The kiddush will be catered by Bianca Cuperman of Golden Catering.

**February 25:** Donations to the CBI Kiddush Fund are **badly** needed for this date. Join with friends and have a birthday m'élange: celebrate all your separate birthdays at once!

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## CBI SPONSORED EVENTS



### HAVURAH SHABBAT EXPERIENCE AND POTLUCK

**February 17, 6:00**, at CBI. This welcoming Shabbat and potluck dinner have been organized by young adults for the whole community: starring Rabbi David, Felicia Sloin and David Weidenfeld. Come join us as we enjoy a lively musical Shabbat experience. Potluck will be vegetarian and organized by last name (see below for link). Services will be at CBI with dinner at LGA afterwards.

**All are welcome. Todos son bienvenidos.**

For the potluck, please feel free to use the key below as a guide for what you will bring. If your last name begins with: A to D-Salad; E to S-Main Dish; T to Z-Dessert.

### SHABBAT FAMILY PROGRAMMING AT CBI

There will be no family programming on February 18 and 25 with the ALMA break coinciding with area school break sessions from February 18-26.

### INTRODUCTION TO TALMUD

There will be no Intro. to Talmud with Rabbi Jacob on Feb. 18 and 25 due to area schools February break from Feb. 18-26.

### JEWISH SPIRITUALITY GROUP

February 19, 4:00pm. An informal study and discussion group at CBI.

### CBI COMMUNITY MEETING

February 22, 7:00-8:30pm. Come and join us for further discussion of the proposed By-Law changes for membership for interfaith families.

### CBI FILM EVENT

**February 26, 4:00-6:00pm** at CBI. Film: "The Muses of Isaac Bashevis Singer." Introduction by film director Asaf Galay and post-film discussion facilitated by author Ilan Stavans. For more information on the film. <http://cinephil.com/the-muses-of-bashevis-singer/>. Dessert provided. \$5.00 suggested donation.

### RECONCILIATION AND THE ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

February 28, 7:00-9:00pm at CBI. A conversation with Ali Abu Awad, an activist working for nonviolent approaches to social change who is cultivating **informed**, constructive Jewish leadership on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. Co-sponsored by Temple Israel of Greenfield, Congregation B'nai Israel, Beit Ahavah, Smith Center for Religious and Spiritual Life, Israel Dialogue Project and individual supporters. Look for release of flyer and The Weekly Events email (next week) for additional details.



### SAVE THE DATE:

Israel Committee-Cancelled due to Community Meeting. New date for Israeli and American media discussion to be determined.

**March 1, 7:30pm:** Rosh Hodesh Women's Ritual

**March 5, 3:00-5:00pm:** with Meir Lakin of JOIN-Jewish Organizing Initiative & Networking. Invitation by the Tikun Olam Committee. Look for further details soon. RSVP at CBI Office.

**March 8, 7:30pm:** The vote on the proposed by-law changes will occur at this meeting. Please join us and cast your vote.

**March 19, 4:30pm:** Jewish Spirituality Group-An informal study and discussion group that meets once a month.

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### LEND A HELPING HAND (CHESED COMMITTEE)

The Chesed Committee is here to respond to the needs of CBI members. The February coordinator is Lisa Barondes. Please contact her at [lbarondes@yahoo.com](mailto:lbarondes@yahoo.com) or call her at (413) 584-4294. Remember: If we don't know, we can't help.



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### BIKKUR HOLIM-HOSPITAL VISITS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Bikkur Holim committee is always looking for volunteers. For information about general and specific ways in which you can help, please contact Norbert Goldfield at [rin8312011@gmail.com](mailto:rin8312011@gmail.com) or Ben Cuperman at [director@cbinorthampton.org](mailto:director@cbinorthampton.org). Thank you for your kindness and consideration.

For those interested, there will soon be volunteer training with Rabbi Justin David, time and date TBA.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### CHOICES FACING THE UNITED STATES: GREATER ISRAEL OR GLOBAL ISRAEL

**Monday, February 20, 4:30pm at Stoddard Hall Auditorium, Smith College.**

Daniel Kurtz, Professor of Middle East Policy Studies at Princeton University and former American ambassador to Egypt (1997-2001) and Israel (2001-2005) will speak. This event is sponsored by the Program in Jewish Studies, Middle East Studies and the Lewis Global Studies Center, all at Smith College.

### ISRAEL: A VISION FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE FROM THE OPPOSITION

**Thursday, March 2, 2017, 4:30-6:00pm. Smith College, Neilson Library Browsing Room.** Tamar Zandberg, a Member of Knesset (Meretz) in Israel, and a leading figure in the opposition in Parliament will talk about strategies for success and what it means to be in the opposition to the Far Right party. Tamar is part of the Left and has a longstanding commitment to the promotion of human and civil rights for all residents of Israel, an opposition to the occupation, and a firm belief in the separation between religion and state.

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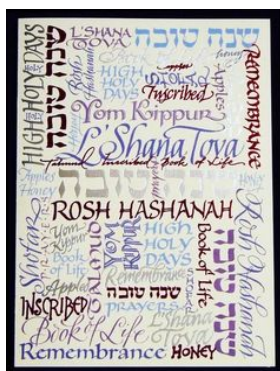
## UPCOMING JCA EVENTS

### ISRAEL AND THE U.S. IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE ELECTION

**Sunday, February 26, 2017 10:15-11:45 am.** Join others in a discussion of issues regarding the post-election implications for the relationship between the U.S. and Israel, for the future of democracy and for the growing divide between Jews in Israel and in North America. No registration needed.

Go to [www.j-c-a.org](http://www.j-c-a.org) for other adult education experiences or call **413-256-0160**.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### SISTERHOOD ALL OCCASION CARDS

Donations can still be made in honor of Simchas, in memory of loved ones and other events (card sent to recipient).

**\$5.00 buys one card**

**\$18.00 buys 4 cards**

**\$36.00 buys 8 cards**

Your sentiments will appear on the donations page in the Kehila. Send your check (made out to **CBI Sisterhood**) to Cleo Gorman, 32 Winthrop Street, Northampton, MA 01060.

## LOST AND FOUND-COME FIND AT THE CBI OFFICE

The coat closet has been cleaned. Thank you Ron Ackerman! The most recent items in the Lost and Found include



- a black backpack (child's)
- two stuffed Torah scrolls
- a white tank top
- a Wilson College water bottle
- brown, fuzzy, kids' earmuffs
- small child's pink pants
- two book bags
- other items previously found, come see if you are missing anything

Please contact the CBI office at **413-584-3593** if you have misplaced these items. All items unclaimed will be donated to Northampton Survival Center or other appropriate charity.

## WE ARE TRYING SOMETHING NEW

**CBI CALENDAR  
CLICK HERE**

**TO SEE OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR**

## CBI SCRIP AND GIFT CARDS: UP TO 5% GOES TO CBI

**NORTHAMPTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GIFT CARDS ARE GREAT GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS:** This card makes a great gift. Give teachers, friends and family the opportunity to choose from local goods/services/meals at more than 65 Northampton businesses, and support CBI and local merchants all at the same time. Everybody wins. Or buy scrip to purchase the gifts you want to give. Click [HERE](#) (and scroll to the bottom) to order online.

**DO YOU BUY GROCERIES? BUY SCRIP.** It's a wonderful way to support CBI, and doesn't cost you a penny beyond what you would ordinarily pay (please continue to read). The store you go to for groceries (Stop & Shop, Big Y and others-inquire at the office) will donate a portion of the money you use on scrip to the synagogue. And (I hope you are still reading) for more information about scrip, click [HERE](#) (and scroll to the bottom). There is no down side, and you can make an easy arrangement to have scrip mailed to you. Thank you for reading! For Amherst members, there is an important message below.

### **STOP, SHOP, SUPPORT CBI. AMHERST CBI MEMBERS:**

No need to drive over to CBI during the week to buy scrip. Co-President Max Page is the new Amherst Scrip Ambassador. Do you need scrip? Email Max at [milomaximpage@gmail.com](mailto:milomaximpage@gmail.com) and he will deliver it to you. CBI gets 5 cents on every dollar you spend at Stop & Shop-at no cost to you.

**TO PAY YOUR BILL OR MAKE A DONATION**



Shabbat Shalom,

Ben Cuperman  
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