

# Congregation B'nai Israel

A Vibrant Jewish Community Located in Northampton, Massachusetts



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## Weekly Events April 20 - April 30, 2017

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### ***KOL SHABBAT EVENING MUSICAL SERVICE***

*Friday, April 21, at 6:00 pm*

***CANDLE LIGHTING at 7:21pm***

### ***KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE***

*Friday, April 28, at 6:00 pm*

***CANDLE LIGHTING at 7:29 pm***

### ***SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY***

*Saturday, April 22, at 9:30 am, SISTERHOOD SHABBAT (Parashat Shemini)*

***SHABBAT ENDS at 8:25 pm***

*Saturday, April 29, at 9:30 am (Parashat Tazria-Metsora)*

***SHABBAT ENDS at 8:34 pm***

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## **CBI's Spring Gala** **A Celebration of Jewish Activism in the Valley** at Valley View Farm in Haydenville

**June 4, 6:30pm**

For more details and to RSVP, go online to [cbinorthampton.org](http://cbinorthampton.org)

For information on making donations or on honoring Jewish activists in an honors booklet/2017 Directory, contact the **CBI Office at 413-584-3593**.

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### **FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE MEMBERS\* NEW 2017 MEMBER DIRECTORY**

We would like your contact information to update our membership directory and to ensure we have the correct information in our system to properly communicate exciting news and information from CBI. If you would like to submit this MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION, please [CLICK HERE](#) for a form.

If you own a business and would like to place an advertisement in this directory that reaches over 350 families, please contact click [CLICK HERE](#) for advertisement rates.

\*If you would like to be a member or have a relative or friend who would like to be a member, please contact Ben Cuperman, Executive Director at 413-584-3593 in the CBI Office. In his absence, someone from the Membership Committee (chair- Larry Hott at [hott@florentinefilms.org](mailto:hott@florentinefilms.org)) would be happy to answer questions. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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### **YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION**

**April 23, 7:00pm, at CBI**

Yom Hashoah Commemoration. "Making a Difference: Rescue, Assistance and Resistance in Holland During the Holocaust." This commemoration remembers Marion Pritchard, a righteous gentile who saved the lives of 150 Jewish children in the Netherlands during WWII. Program includes video segments, readings and music about Dutch Jews, which will be presented by CBI and JCA members.



### **CBI COT SHELTER-HELP THE HUNGRY AND THE POOR SUPPORT OUR APRIL EVENING-LAST ONE FOR THE SEASON**

**April 26, 5:15pm**

.Food donations welcome.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up. Contact Peggy Besht at 413-582-0610 with questions.

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**CBI CAFE: APRIL 23 to MAY 21, 9:15 to Noon, FOR REFRESHMENTS AND CLASSES**

**Starting April 23: 9:45-10:45am:** "Talmudic Sources on Jewish Identity." Join Rabbi David in exploring stories and discussing the Talmud on what it means to be a Jew.

**April 23-May 21: 10:00-Noon.** "DIY Skills for Teens: Baking Bread, Making Herbal Medicine, and Eating Wild Plants\*."

**April 23: 11:00-12:15-:** Invited Lecture-"Walter and Henry". Viewing and discussing Keith Oppenheims's 1988 film based on his father and uncle's recollection of their childhoods in Nazi Germany. Discussion led by Adele Oppenheim.

For a full schedule, click [HERE](#)

**CBI SPONSORED EVENTS****INTRODUCTION TO TALMUD FOR ADULTS**

**April 22 & 29, 10:00-11:00am** with Rabbi Jacob, Congregation B'nai Israel, in the Library. All are welcome to join this year long class on **Saturday mornings**. We will be learning some of the Talmud's most famous and interesting sections. You are welcome to drop in. No prior experience required. For more information: [rabbijacob@cbinorthampton.org](mailto:rabbijacob@cbinorthampton.org)

**SHABBAT FAMILY PROGRAMMING**

**April 29, 11:15am-Noon**, Shabbat Sing: A celebration of Shabbat with joyous song for children and adults-more singing, less talking.

**ABUNDANCE FARM**

Drop-In Volunteer Work Hours begin in **April**. **Mondays: 10:00am-1:00pm, Thursdays: 3:00pm-6:00pm.**

**BLESSING OF THE FRUIT TREES**

**Saturday, April 22, at 1:00pm at Abundance Farm**

This Shabbat is Earth Day, and our plum and peach trees are in blossom! Join us and the Playground minyan in the annual blessing for fruit trees that happens this month, along with prayers for the Earth, after kiddush in the Abundance Farm orchard at 1 PM. You can learn more about this blessing at:

[http://www.neohasid.org/stoptheflood/birkat\\_hailanot/](http://www.neohasid.org/stoptheflood/birkat_hailanot/)

**SISTERHOOD SHABBAT**

**April 22:** A wonderful service conducted by the women of CBI. If you are able to help with Kiddush preparation on Thursday evening, **April 20**, or set-up on **April 22**, please contact Joan Shaffer, [joanjrs@comcast.net](mailto:joanjrs@comcast.net) or call **413-586-7440**.

**SIGN-MAKING PARTY FOR THE PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH**

Come join a sign-making party in support of the People's Climate March for Climate, Jobs and Justice. **Thursday, April 27, 7-8 pm**, CBI Social Hall. If you've got some markers or poster board, bring them along; if you don't, no worries, we'll have what you need (message ideas included). Marches are taking place in Springfield, Boston and Washington, DC on **April 29**. Even if you can't make a march, come make a sign to give to another who can. Stop by for any amount of time and help build our power as a community while we bring that power to the nation as a whole. *Sponsored by the CBI Tikkun Olam Committee. Questions or RSVP (but an RSVP is not necessary to come):* [aleos-urbel@comcast.net](mailto:aleos-urbel@comcast.net) **413-584-2515**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**April 30, 4:00-5:30pm: Jewish Spirituality Group.** An informal group, with sharing and study.



**May 3: Legislative Day.** More details to come.

**May 5-6: Pride Shabbat.** Friday evening service at Beit Ahavah. Saturday service and march in the Pride Parade.

**May 14, 10:00am-4:00pm: Lag B'Omer.** Spring Community Work Day at Abundance Farm. Includes fun activities and CBI Open House with information on CBI Membership.

**May 21, 3:00pm:** "The Six Day War - 50 Years Later:" A panel of experts and a conversation commemorate this watershed event and its enduring impact on Israel and America.

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### LEND A HELPING HAND (CHESED COMMITTEE)

The Chesed Committee is here to respond to the needs of CBI members.

For **April**, the coordinator is Jori Ross. Please contact her at 413-586-9964 or [joriross@yahoo.com](mailto:joriross@yahoo.com)



Remember: If we don't know, we can't help.

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### 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.



**April 22:** Sisterhood will be creating and sponsoring this Kiddush. Please thank all the women who contribute to Sisterhood activities for their hard work.

**April 29:** This Kiddush will be created by Bianca Cuperman and and sponsored by Noah Slovin. Thank you Bianca and other volunteers for your dedication to helping keep Kiddush continuing during Shabbat. Thank you Noah for your generosity.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KIDDUSH.**

Please contact Beth Goldstein at [bethgoldstein28@gmail.com](mailto:bethgoldstein28@gmail.com) for more information.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### MANNA CONCERT

**Save the Date: April 28, 7:00 P.M.** at Edward's Church, downtown Northampton. The Northamptones, young people's choral group, will be performing to benefit the MANNA Soup Kitchen. CBI is represented on MANNA's interfaith board. This will be an uplifting and heartwarming concert for people of all ages. It will open with the high school Chamber Choir singing "Leonardo Dreams of his Flying Machine." Donations at the concert will benefit MANNA.

**COMMUNITY SING!** Harmonies and Rounds in the Jewish Tradition.

**April 30, 6:30pm** at Florence Community Center. 140 Pine Street, Florence, MA. Led by Mary Cay Brass in collaboration with Tempe Israel of Greenfield. All ages welcome, \$5 per person. Tickets at door. Please RSVP in advance: [cjl.alisonmorse@gmail.com](mailto:cjl.alisonmorse@gmail.com)

### **KOL ISHA: A CONCERT OF JEWISH MUSIC**

**Monday, May 1, 7:00pm.** Music from across the diaspora, including works by Salamone Rossi, wordless Ashkenazi tunes and Sephardic folk songs from Spain, Bosnia, and Turkey. Admission is free and open to the public.

## **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. Please see the Kehila for how funds have been used. For other ideas contact Debra Hertz or Cleo Gorman and keep donating to the All Occasion fund.

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

The coat closet has been cleaned. Thank you to Ron Ackerman, who has tirelessly kept this space clean and clear of items. The most recent items in the Lost and Found include

- two black jackets
- water bottles-misc. colors and styles
- 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 another appropriate charity.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE PLENTIFUL.**

Please contact Cynthia at the CBI office at **413-584-3593** or email her at [office@cbinorthampton.org](mailto:office@cbinorthampton.org) if you would like to help with mailings, greeting people at the door, organizing the office, Scrip sales or other interesting tasks.

**WE ARE TRYING SOMETHING NEW**

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**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.

**BUY SCRIP. A NEW PLEA.** This notice has been rewritten for variety and your delectation, so please rewrite the way you buy groceries. Using Scrip supports CBI without costing you a cent. How? The store you go to for groceries (Stop & Shop, Big Y and River Valley Co-op) will donate a portion of the money you use on Scrip to the synagogue **without charging you anything**. If I believed in exclamation marks, I would scatter them throughout this peppy prose, which I hope will inspire everyone to buy Scrip. For more information about how to go about this, 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. 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



Please consider adding a 3% voluntary donation to help offset the costs of providing an online payment option.  
Thank you!

Shabbat Shalom,

Ben Cuperman  
Executive Director

Gillian Murray Kendall  
Co-Editor

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