

Congregation B'nai Israel

A Vibrant Jewish Community Located in Northampton, Massachusetts



Weekly Events Nov 30 - Dec 10, 2017

FRIDAY EVENING KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, December 1, 6:00 pm

CANDLE LIGHTING at 4:01 pm

Friday, December 8, 6:00 pm

CANDLE LIGHTING at 4:00 pm

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY

Saturday, December 2, 2017, 9:30 am (Parashat Vayishlah)

SHABBAT ENDS at 5:05 pm

Saturday, December 9, 2017, 9:30 am (Parashat Vayeshev)

Join us for Sod HaShabbat on Saturday, December 9, 2017

with Rabbi Justin David and Rabbi Jacob Fine

Click on [SOD HASHABBAT](#) for more details.

SHABBAT ENDS at 5:07 pm

VIEW THE KEHILA IN COLOR

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THE DECEMBER-
JANUARY KEHILA](#)**

PLEASE NOTE: ACCOUNT BALANCE STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MAILED

Please remember that the deadline for 2017 tax receiptable donations is December 31 and that your support of our annual gift campaign will be sincerely appreciated.

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CBI CALENDAR



**CELEBRATE, RSVP TODAY!
DECEMBER WINTER AUCTION**

DECEMBER 16, 2017, 5:00 pm

Dancing, music, wine and soft drinks. Enjoy delicious food and an auction. Big thanks to Rachel Rubinstein for being our auctioneer.

Tickets \$20/person in advance and \$25/person at the door. RSVP early at 413-584-3593 or mail payment to CBI and put Winter Auction in memo line.

CLICK TO CBI HOME PAGE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

For donation of auction items, please contact Norbert Goldfield at rin8312011@gmail.com.



SHINE A LIGHT: A CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 17, 5:15 pm.

**Shine a Light: A Chanukah Celebration of Peace and Justice
with Narissa and Katryna Nields.**

Communal candle-lighting; songs of peace, justice and resistance; a delicious catered dinner. Tickets, \$10 for each person over 11, \$7 for children under \$12. RSVP at www.cbinorthampton.org

CLICK ON SHINE A LIGHT FOR MORE INFORMATION

SISTERHOOD JUDAICA GIFT SHOP NEEDS YOUR TALENT

The CBI Judaica Shop has a wonderful volunteer opportunity for a talented person or persons ready to take the store to a new level.

With this opportunity, you can be your own manager, set your own hours and be in charge.

Here is your chance to run a store, carefully choose items for retail sale, arrange beautiful displays, connect with local artisans, and advertise, market and run promotions.

Help everyone find a special something: a gift, a ritual item, a tallit, shabbat candles, you name it. And raise some funds for CBI in the bargain.

To apply just click on this link. [Sisterhood Judaica Shop Volunteer](#)

The Gift Shop is open for Chanukah. Come see what we have to offer: Candles, menorahs, dreidels and more.



CBI SPONSORED EVENTS

SHABBAT FAMILY PROGRAMMING

Click on the updated [Shabbat Family Programming Flyer](#) for the latest schedule

TALMUD STUDY FOR EVERYONE

Saturday, December 2, from 10:00-11:00 am, in the CBI Library.

Rabbi Jacob Fine will be leading a session of Talmud conversation and study. Parents are invited to dive in to the "vast ocean" that is Talmudic text and wisdom; in these classes, we will look at a variety of the most important, fascinating, and evocative Talmudic selections.

For more information contact rabbijacob@cbinorthampton.org

There will be no Talmud Study on Dec. 9. Please join Rabbi Justin David and Rabbi Jacob Fine for Sod HaShabbat (see above in the Services section).

SHABBAT FAMILY JAM

December 2, at 11:15 am-12:00 pm: Lander-Grinspoon Academy Multi-Purpose Room.

This is an exuberant, participatory, musical service geared to kids age 5-12 and their families. We use full-voiced singing and chanting, instruments, and storytelling as pathways to experience Shabbat's beauty and the power of communal prayer. Everyone is welcome.

SHABBAT SHABLOOM

December 9, at 11:15 am-12:00 pm: Lander-Grinspoon Academy Multi-Purpose Room.

A musical celebration of the end of the week with Felicia Sloin and Amy Meltzer for children ages

HEBREW CLASS

Saturdays, December 2 and 9, from 11:15-11:45 am in the CBI Library. Hebrew specialist Sarah Gribetz will offer a study session of Hebrew language learning for parents. Sarah will offer guidance on prayer-book Hebrew, the alphabet, key phrases, and melodies-which will increase confidence in services and prayers.

JEWISH SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Sunday, December 3, 4-5:30 pm. An informal group with sharing and study.

TIKKUN OLAM COMMUNITY MEETING

Sunday, December 10, 9:30-noon. Come learn about and give input into the Tikkun Olam legislative priorities for the next year. [Link to the box below](#) for details.

LOST AND FOUND-COME FIND AT THE CBI OFFICE

Monday, December 11. All lost and found on hangers in the coat room, both children and adult sizes will be brought to the Survival Center on **Monday, December 11.** Link to the [Announcements](#) box for details of items.

SAVE THE DATE



December 20, 2017 and January 17, 2018, 12:30 pm: Valley Jewish Senior Luncheon.

Volunteers welcome with all tasks. Contact Deborah Epstein at dlfepstein@gmail.com. For speaker and activity ideas, please contact Henia Lewin at hennylewin@yahoo.com

December 20, 7:15 pm, CBI Sanctuary, Rosh Chodesh for Women

Discussion and learning, singing, personal sharing, recitation of a blessing for seeing the moon, optional healing prayers. Light snack included. No RSVP needed.

January 7, 2018, 10:30 am: Community Meeting with brunch to discuss the realities and possibilities of CBI becoming a physical sanctuary for people fleeing unjust deportation.

January 19, 2018, 11:30 am: Sixth Annual Legislative Luncheon. All members are invited to join this opportunity to have a dialogue with our community's state legislators about how we can advance our social justice priorities on a statewide level. Lunch will be served.

January 24, 2018, 5:00 pm: CBI Cot Shelter night. Donate money, food, or your time to help feed the hungry of Northampton. Contact Peggy (Besht) Hepburn at pjbhepburn@gmail.com to sign up or get more information.

TIKKUN OLAM SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY MEETING

Come to a community meeting on **Sunday, Dec. 10, 9:30 am - noon**, to help our community prepare for the **Sixth Annual Legislative Luncheon on Friday, Jan. 19, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.** Learn what Judaism teaches us about social justice advocacy (**9:45 - 10:45 am**); find out about the Tikkun Olam Committee's legislative priorities and provide your input to help shape these priorities further (**11 am - noon**). Please join us!

Click on [Tikkun Olam](#) for more details.

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.



December 2: Kiddush will be created by Amy Siege and sponsored by CBI.

December 9: Kiddush will be created by Veronica Darmon and sponsored by CBI.

Thank you to all those who make Kiddush possible: the donors, creators, coordinators, and sponsors.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KIDDUSH.

Please contact Beth Goldstein at bethgoldstein28@gmail.com for more information.

LEND A HELPING HAND (CHESED COMMITTEE)

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

For December, the coordinator is Lisa Barondes. Contact Lisa at (413) 584-4294 or lbarondes@yahoo.com



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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Calling the Shots: The Jewish Perspective on Childhood Immunizations

December 3, 10:00 am

Congregation B'nai Torah, 2 Eunice Drive, Longmeadow, MA

A continental breakfast will be followed by a panel discussion featuring Rabbi Shlomo Yammer and local pediatrician Karen Shore, M.D. There will be a charge of \$3.00. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Queer Talmud: Traditional Talmud Study with a Radical Perspective.

Saturday, December 9, Starting at 8:00 am

Congregation B'nai Israel is invited to a unique experience of Talmud study. The Smith College Jewish Community and the Smith Center for Religious and Spiritual Life invite the CBI community to study with Rabbi Benay Lappe, recipient of the 2016 Covenant award for excellence in Jewish Education. Rabbi Lappe is the founder and Rosh Yeshiva of SVARA: a Traditionally Radical Yeshiva. The only experience you will need is the ability to recognize the Alef-Bet. Smith students will hold two Alef-Bet sessions to help people get comfortable with letter recognition. Times and dates of sessions to follow.

Our schedule for Saturday will be at Helen Hills Hills Chapel and is as follows:

All lost and found on hangers in the coat room, both children and adult sizes will be brought to the Survival Center on Monday, December 11.

Please contact the **CBI office at 413-584-3593** if you have misplaced any items. The items are now located behind the door in the coat closet and hanging on the coat closet rack.



Several items have been left at the synagogue. Please contact us if you own the following:

- Brown fleece Columbia jacket
- Dark, men's 44 L trench coat, with lining missing.
- Off-white crocheted sweater
- Blue, white and yellow Place Sport child's jacket
- Blue L.L. Bean nylon jacket
- Blue down vest
- Assortment of jewelry
- Various tallitot (taleisim). Call to confirm color or design.

All items unclaimed will be donated to Northampton Survival Center or another appropriate charity.

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. MAKE A DIFFERENCE. You can help raise a substantial amount of money for the synagogue simply by using scrip. Buy your usual groceries using scrip purchased from the office. 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**. Wow. 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 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,

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