

Congregation B'nai Israel

A Vibrant Jewish Community Located in Northampton, Massachusetts



Weekly Events December 7 - 17, 2017

[FRIDAY EVENING KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE](#)

Friday, December 8, 6:00 pm

CANDLE LIGHTING at 4:00 pm

[FRIDAY EVENING KOL SHABBAT MUSICAL SERVICE](#)

Friday, December 15, 6:00 pm

CANDLE LIGHTING at 4:01 pm

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[SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY](#)

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

Saturday, December 16, 2017, 9:30 am (Parashat Mikkets)

SHABBAT ENDS at 5:06 pm

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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](#)

Auction items are still being accepted. For donation of auction items, please
contact Norbert Goldfield at rin8312011@gmail.com.

Click on [Auction Items](#) to see the most updated list. More to come.

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:

CLICK ON [SHINE A LIGHT](#) FOR 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.

Also: as you consider your end-of-year contributions, know that donations to support the CBI's Tikkun Olam Social Justice Activities Fund or the Tikkun Olam Grants Fund are greatly appreciated.

CBI 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. [CBI Judaica Shop Volunteer](#)

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



SHABBAT FAMILY PROGRAMMING

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

TALMUD STUDY FOR EVERYONE

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).

Saturday, December 16, 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

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 0-5 and their grownup at CBI. For more information, contact amy@abundancefarm.org

SHABBAT SING

December 16, 11:15 am-12:00 pm: Lander-Grinspoon Academy Multi-Purpose Room

A program for all ages with more singing and less talking. A favorite monthly gathering, Shabbat Sing is for people who want to sing their hearts out. Our eclectic repertoire includes camp favorites and familiar melodies as well as newer tunes.

HEBREW CLASS

Saturdays, December 9 and 16, 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.

TIKKUN OLAM COMMUNITY MEETING

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

LOST AND FOUND: COME FIND AT THE CBI OFFICE

Monday, December 11. All lost and found on the 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.

VALLEY JEWISH SENIORS LUNCHEONS

December 20, 2017 and January 17, 2018, 12:30 pm. Volunteers are welcome to help with all tasks. Contact Deborah Epstein at dlfepstein@gmail.com. For speaker and activity ideas, please contact Henia Lewin at hennylewin@yahoo.com

Click [HERE](#) for the **December 20** guest speaker and luncheon information. Suggested donation for lunch is \$5.00.

ROSH HODESH FOR WOMEN

December 20, 7:15 pm, CBI Sanctuary

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

CBI SPONSORED COT SHELTER CHRISTMAS MEAL

December 25, 2017, 5:30 pm. Donate food, money, your time or Stop and Shop gift cards to help feed the hungry. Contact Peggy (Besht) Hepburn at pjbhepburn@gmail.com (see more information below under "SAVE THE DATE"). Click [COT SHELTER](#) for more details.

SAVE THE DATE

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.

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.



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

December 16: Kiddush will be created by Norbert Goldfield 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

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:

- **8:00 -10:00 am**: an abbreviated Shabbat morning service for those who wish to participate
- 10:30 am-12:00 pm**: CRASH Talk by Rabbi Lappe
- 12:00-1:00 pm**: Lunch
- 1:00-2:00 pm**: Intro to Traditionally Radical Talmud study
- 2:00-5:00 pm**: Beit Midrash / Learning Session
- 5:00 pm**: Break for Havdalah
- 5:45 pm**: Dinner in Helen Hills Hills Chapel

This program is free of charge but please reserve a spot in the workshop through the following link: [Queer Talmud Shabbaton](#)

Take the Pledge, Support Human Dignity and Civility in Northampton

December 10, 2017, 2:00 pm, City Hall Step

Hold a poster to pledge your commitment to support human dignity and civility in Northampton. For more information or to take the pledge online, go to:

www.northamptonma.gov/1055/Human-Right-Commission

HRC@northamptonma.gov

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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.

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.

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. CHANUKAH IS COMING. Buy scrip! This is the holiday season, and with Chanukah coming up, it's the perfect time to buy and use scrip. You can help raise a substantial amount of money for the synagogue simply by doing this. **Why not make it your goal to buy and use scrip this December?** The store you go to for groceries and gifts and items for parties (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).

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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