

# Congregation B'nai Israel

A Vibrant Jewish Community Located in Northampton, Massachusetts



## Weekly Events April 12 - April 22, 2018

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### KOL SHABBAT MUSICAL SERVICE

Friday, April 13, 6:00 pm

CANDLE LIGHTING at 7:12 pm

### KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, April 20, 6:00 pm

CANDLE LIGHTING at 7:20 pm

### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Saturday, April 14, 9:30 am (Parashat Shemini)

SHABBAT ENDS at 8:15 pm

Sod HaShabbat with Rabbi Justin David and Rabbi Jacob Fine

Saturday, April 21, 9:30 am (Parashat Tazria-Metzora)

SHABBAT ENDS at 8:24 pm

[Click here for more details about this service.](#)

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## CBI CAFÉ

**April 14, 1:00-2:00 pm: "Story as Echo: Writings of Aharon Appelfeld"  
(Saturday, Post-Kiddush)**

Rabbi Aryeh Wineman will share the stories from the writing of Aharon Appelfeld, who wrote about childhood years spent in hiding during the Holocaust.

**April 15, 10:00 am : "Israel: What Gives Me Hope"**

(Café at JCA): Yossi Klein Halevi discusses his book, *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbors*, his attempt to break the agonizing impasse between Israelis and Palestinians.

**April 22, 11:00 am-noon: "Earth Day 2018: What We Can Do"**

Three Activists Talk about effective Local/State/National Strategies. Jori Ross attended the Climate Reality Project; Kit Sang Boos works with the Carbon Pollution Fee and Rebate Working Group of Western Mass as well as with Climate Action Now, and Andrew Fisk is with the Connecticut River Conservancy.

[Click here for the full CBI Schedule](#)

**CBI CALENDAR [CLICK  
HERE](#)**

### CBI SPONSORED EVENTS

There will be no Talmud Study or ALMA on April 14 and 21 due to school break.

**DR. IRA HELFAND TALK**

**Sunday, April 15, 3:00-5:00 pm.** "Facing the Nuclear Threat: Overcoming Fear and Taking Action, A Conversation with Dr. Ira Helfand." This event is free and open to the public and is appropriate for adults and teens. Light refreshments served.

[Click here for more information and sponsoring organizations.](#)

**ROSH CHODESH FOR WOMEN**

**Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 7:15 pm** in the Sanctuary. Celebrate the new moon with singing, discussion, blessings, and optional healing. Snacks included. All women are welcome.

**SHABBAT SHABLOOM**

**Saturday, April 21, 2018, 11:15 am**, Lander-Grinspoon Academy, MRP. A celebration of the end of the week with Amy Meltzer and special guest Katryna Nields for children ages 0-5 and their grownups.

**ABUNDANCE FARM**

**Shabbat Shabloom Friday Night**

Friday, April 13, 5:30 PM. Spring has sprung on the farm! Join Shabbat Shabbloom at on Abundance Farm. We'll be starting with a stroll and a story. You can even help to plant sugar snap peas. Then we will move indoors for blessings and a vegetarian dinner together in the LGA multi-purpose room (oolam). \$10/per adult, children are free. April 11 is your last chance to register early at [Eventbrite](#). Prefer to help out instead of purchasing a ticket? Email Amy at [amy@abundancefarm.org](mailto:amy@abundancefarm.org).

### Raise the Shed with Abundance Farm

**Sunday, April 15, 12:00 to 3:00 pm.** we will be rebuilding our new shed with local timbers and will raise the frame using only human power. Drop by at any time; this is a free event, and open to people of all ages and abilities. Bring food for a potluck if you wish. Join us as we continue to build our Farm community and welcome the new season together.

## SAVE THE DATE

### SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

**Saturday, May 12, 9:30 am.** The group that is planning Sisterhood Shabbat -- Doris Cohen, Phyllis Eckstein, Amy Horowitz, Jan Levy, and Carol Jolly -- is working to make the service richer and more engaging. We are still seeking participants for many parts of the service. Please contact Doris Cohen at 413-584-2005 or [doriscohen5@gmail.com](mailto:doriscohen5@gmail.com) to let her know what part you could take. And if you're available to help with Kiddush preparations on **Thursday, May 10**, please let Joan Schaffer know at [joanjrs@gmail.com](mailto:joanjrs@gmail.com) or 413-586-7440.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS TO CELEBRATE ISRAEL'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY

### Valley Jewish Senior Luncheon

**Wednesday, April 18, 12:30 pm**

Come celebrate with Victoria Ahrensof who was personally trained by Dr. Moshe Feldenkrais, an Israeli physicist who developed a world renowned body movement method. Victoria will lead participants in simple, mindful movements to promote health and vitality. Please feel free to bring a special item or story about Israel to share with others and enjoy Israeli music and food. [Click here for more details.](#)

### *Above and Beyond*

On Yom Ha'atzmaut, **Thursday, April 19, at 7:15 pm**, we will be showing the film *Above And Beyond* about Jewish-American World War II fighter pilots who, three years after the war, in 1948, answered a call for help and flew for Israel to participate in its War of Independence as members of MACHAL, "volunteers from abroad."

[Click here for details.](#)

Stay tuned for other Israel Committee Events in April and May.

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## TIKKUN OLAM SOCIAL JUSTICE

The state budget process is kicking into high gear now, so NOW is the time to join the Tikkun Olam Action Alert email list. Get in the loop of when and who and how to call our legislators to advocate for our social justice priorities. Email Pamela Schwartz at [pschwartz77@gmail.com](mailto:pschwartz77@gmail.com) to get connected.

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### SUE KURIAN KIDDUSH FUND

Contribute to the Kiddush fund. Host a Kiddush. Celebrate a birthday or honor a friend. We'll have a wonderful time together.

**April 14:** This Kiddush will be created by Amy Siege and sponsored by CBI.

**April 21:** This Kiddush will be created by Bianca Cuperman and sponsored by CBI.

Thank you to all those who make Kiddush possible. For donations, please write **Kiddush Fund** in the subject line of your check to CBI.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KIDDUSH**

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

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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 Shelley Schieffelin. Contact Shelley at (413) 584-4210 or [shschief@comcast.net](mailto:shschief@comcast.net)

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### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### *The Island*

**Sunday, April 15, 2018, 7:00 pm at the JCA,  
742 Main Street, Amherst**

Welcome to a screening of the documentary *The Island* about the French Hospital, St. Louis. The place is an island of compassion and grace and stands in the center of Jerusalem, on the tense line between east and west, opposite the old walls.

[Click here for more details.](#)

#### **Citizen Participation in Government**

A group of young adult community leaders, NGO heads, government officials, and educators from **ISRAEL** and **JORDAN** are coming to our area on a Professionals Exchange Program directed by ITD in Amherst (The Institute for Training & Development). The theme of their fellowship program is "Citizen Participation in Government." For most of their six weeks in Massachusetts, the participants will live dormitory style. To welcome them into our community and give them a taste of American home life, ITD\* is seeking short-term Hosts or Families for individual Homestays from May 9-13, 2018

If you are interested in home-staying one or two participants, or would like more information, contact CBI member Lainie Ulman (413-695-7699) or Kaye Sherwood ([kaye@itdamherst.org](mailto:kaye@itdamherst.org) or 413-256-1925) For more information about

ITD programs go to [www.itd-amherst.org/](http://www.itd-amherst.org/)

. **Responses by mid-April are requested.**

For the flyer with more information, [click here.](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SISTERHOOD ALL OCCASION FUND

Donations are still be accepted for the Sisterhood All Occasion Fund. Please send checks payable to *CBI Sisterhood All Occasion* to Cleo Gorman at 32 Winthrop Street, Northampton, MA 01060.

### SISTERHOOD JUDAICA POST PASSOVER MAJOR MARKDOWN CLEARANCE SALE

Help us clear our inventory. Items displayed in the cabinets and on the counter are all marked to go. Shop open during normal CBI Office hours, **M-Thurs. 8:00 am-5:00 pm, Fridays 8:00 am-3:00 pm.**

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

**BUY GROCERY SCRIP. STOP & SHOP, BIG Y, RIVER VALLEY COOP.** With no charge to you, these stores donate a portion of the money you use on scrip to CBI. For more information click [HERE](#).

**NORTHAMPTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GIFT CARDS ARE GREAT GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS:** Click [HERE](#) to order online.

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## 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!

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Shabbat Shalom,

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