

Congregation B'nai Israel

A Vibrant Jewish Community Located in Northampton, Massachusetts



Weekly Events May 10 - May 20, 2018

ALMA SHABBAT SERVICES with Catered Dinner on Abundance Farm

Friday, May 11, 5:30 pm

CANDLE LIGHTING at 7:28 pm

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, May 18, 6:00 pm

CANDLE LIGHTING at 7:50 pm

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Saturday, May 12, 9:30 am (Parashat Bahar-Bechukotai)

The Sisterhood Shabbat Planning Committee is delighted that close to 50 women and girls will be participating in this engaging and creative Shabbat service. There will be an exceptional Kiddush afterwards. We look forward to seeing you. Doris Cohen, Phyllis Eckstein, Amy Horowitz, Carol Jolly and Jan Levy.

SHABBAT ENDS at 8:50 pm

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Saturday, May 19, 9:30 am (Parashat Bamidbar)

WELCOME TO CBI

Mateso Kagenyekero, Asani Furaha, Divin Heri

During this service on **May 19**, please welcome Mateso, Asani, and Divin, the refugee family that the CBI/Beit Ahava/Laurel Park Circle of care is assisting.

SHABBAT ENDS at 8:59 pm

PRAYERGROUND FRIDAY NIGHT

Friday, May 11, 6:30 pm. Please join us this Friday night to play in the realm of

prayer, with singing and dancing and "joyful noise." We will start at **6:30 pm**, and dance outside to greet the Sabbath around **7:00 pm**. Led by Rabbi David Seidenberg and friends. Join Playground for a vegetarian potluck after. If the weather is lovely we will be in Abundance Farm, and, if not, we will go to 19 Perkins Ave. #6.

BLESSING THE FRUIT TREES

Saturday, May 12, Post-Kiddush. Blessing flowering fruit trees happens once a year in the spring, and Abundance Farm's fruit trees are coming into full flower. We will make the blessing on the farm together this shabbat after kiddush at CBI. Join us, or download instructions from http://www.neohasid.org/stoptheflood/birkat_hailanot/ and make the blessing on your own.

SHAVUOT CELEBRATIONS AND SERVICES

ALMA SHAVUOT CELEBRATION

Saturday, May 19, 4:30-5:30 pm. This event will be a culmination of celebrating the last day of ALMA and Shavuot. There will be no morning classes. Free catered dinner for participants.

SHAVUOT WITH DR. MARA BENJAMIN

Saturday, May 19, 6:30 pm, Shavuot, A Tikkun for Shabbat with Dr. Mara Benjamin: "Jewish Women's Voices of Power and Resistance: New Generation, New Questions." There will be a presentation, discussion, breakout sessions, refreshments and ongoing study sessions.

[Click here for more details.](#)

SHAVUOT SHABLOOM

Sunday, May 20, 10:30 am. A celebration for young children and their families on Abundance Farm. [Please click here for more information.](#) Contact Amy Meltzer at amy@abundancefarm.org

SHAVUOT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 20, 9:30 am Shavuot I with Yizkor

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May 13, 9:45 am: "Longing: Jewish and Personal Meditations on a Hidden God." Join Rabbi Justin David in exploring the subject of his recently published book.

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CBI SPONSORED EVENTS

ABUNDANCE FARM VOLUNTEER DAYS

Mondays 10:00 am-1:00 pm, Thursday, 3:00-6:00 pm. Drop in to help with watering, weeding, harvesting, mulching and more. Contact Farm Manager, Rose Chernoff at rose@abundancefarm.org for more information.

TALMUD STUDY FOR EVERYONE

May 12 at 10:00 am. CBI Library with Rabbi Jacob Fine. Dive into the "vast ocean" that is Talmudic text and wisdom. We will look at a variety of the most important, fascinating and evocative Talmudic selections.

SHABBAT SHABLOOM

Saturday, May 12, 11:15-Noon at Lander-Grinspoon Academy MPR. Celebrate the end of the week with joyful music, movement and storytelling especially for ages 0-5 and their grownups.

VALLEY JEWISH SENIOR LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 12:30 pm. Join us for delicious food, time to socialize and an interesting presentation by Carl Sesar about his service in Korea. Suggested donation for lunch is \$7.00. RSVP by **Friday, May 11**, at office@cbinorthampton.org or 413-584-3593 ext. 202. All are welcome. [Click here for more details.](#)

TALMUDIC STORIES WITH RABBI ED FELD

Wednesday, May 16 and 30, 2018, 7:30 pm. Please join us for the stories from the rabbis of the Talmud which present rich opportunities for grappling with deep questions. This is a multi-session class with a renowned senior scholar. Suggest donation \$75. [Click here for more details.](#)

SHABBAT DINNER GATHERING

Friday, May 18, 6:30 pm. We will have a Shabbat dinner gathering for all incoming 6th, 7th and 8th graders and their families (siblings are welcome). After a delicious vegetarian dinner, USY teens (9th-12th graders) will lead games while parents schmooze. Herrell's ice cream for dessert. We hope that this gathering will be the start of our building a vibrant community outside of the context of ALMA for our 6th-8th graders. The dinner will take place at the home of: Miryam Kabakov and Mara Benjamin, 33 Prospect Avenue, Northampton. Please email miryamkabakov@gmail.com with RSVPs and questions.

Congratulations to our very own Rabbi Justin David, who was honored last night (5/8) in New York by T'ruah, a national Jewish human rights organization, as a "Human Rights Hero", one of four nationwide.



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.

May 12: This Kiddush will be created and sponsored by the CBI Sisterhood. Special thanks to Joan Schaffer for coordinating this Kiddush.

May 19: This Kiddush will be created by Veronica Darmon 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 for more information.

LEND A HELPING HAND (CHESED COMMITTEE)

The **May** coordinator is Joanne Levin. Contact Joanne at (413) 575-2976 or jjlev@massmed.org.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

BEIT AHAVERSARY

Saturday, May 12, 7:00-10:00 pm. Mill 180 Park, Suite 217, 180 Pleasant Street, Easthampton. Beit Ahavah will be celebrating 20 years and honoring Judy Goldman, founder and first president. Anniversary party includes dessert, dancing, silent auction and music by Klezmir. Get tickets at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3338382>

EARLY MUSICAL KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, May 18, 6:00-7:00 pm. Held at Beit Ahavah, 130 Pine Street, Florence. Please join us for a special musical service led by Rabbi Riqi Kosovske. For more information, contact our office at (413) 587-3770.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SISTERHOOD FUNDS

Please consider donations to the *Sisterhood All Occasion Fund* that:

- provides physical improvements to CBI

- gifts for Bar/Bat Mitzvah youth
- covers costs associated with Sisterhood Shabbat

or make donations to the *Women's Fund* to support women in need in our community.

Please look towards the end of the latest edition of the Kehila at www.cbinorthampton.org for information on the various funds or contact Cynthia White at CBI at 413-584-3593 for more information.

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Shabbat Shalom,

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