

Congregation B'nai Israel

A Vibrant Jewish Community Located in Northampton, Massachusetts



Weekly Events May 17 - May 27, 2018

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, May 18, 6:00 pm

CANDLE LIGHTING at 7:50 pm

Friday, May 25, 6:00 pm

CANDLE LIGHTING at 7:57 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, members of the refugee family that the CBI/Beit Ahava/Laurel Park Circle of Care is

assisting.

SHABBAT ENDS at 8:59 pm

Saturday, May 26, 9:30 am (Parashat Naso)

SOD HASHABBAT

SHABBAT ENDS at 9:06 pm

SHAVUOT CELEBRATIONS AND SERVICES

ALMA SHAVUOT CELEBRATION

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

SHAVUOT WITH DR. MARA BENJAMIN

Saturday, May 19, 6:30 pm there will be a talk, "Shavuot, A Tikkun for Shabbat with Dr. Mara Benjamin: Jewish Women's Voices of Power and Resistance: New Generation, New Questions." There will also 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

Monday, May 21, 9:30 am Shavuot II

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CBI SPONSORED EVENTS

ABUNDANCE FARM VOLUNTEER DAYS

Mondays 10:00 am-1:00 pm, Thursdays, 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.

TALMUDIC STORIES WITH RABBI ED FELD

Wednesday, May 16 and 30, 2018, 7:30 pm.

Please join us for 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. Suggested 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.

SAVE THE DATE

HEALING ACROSS THE DIVIDES

Tuesday, May 29, 7:00 pm. Healing Across the Divides: A conversation with 2017 and 2018 Study Tour Participants as well as Founder and CEO Norbert Goldfield. This conversation will focus on study tours and the organization's work-including its funding of two local community groups who are creating an "urban garden" in the desert. [See flyer for details.](#)

COMMITTEE NEWS AND EVENTS

CHESED COMMITTEE

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

ISRAEL COMMITTEE: COLLIDING DREAMS

Wednesday, May 23, 7:15 pm. The Israel Committee is sponsoring a moving documentary by Orin Novitzky, which focuses on Zionism and the State of Israel from many different perspectives.

TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE

If you would like to receive weekly e-alerts for updates on social justice issues, please contact Pamela Schwartz, Committee Chair, at pschwartz@gmail.com

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 19: This Kiddush will be created by Veronica Darmon and sponsored by Sara Weinberger and Mordi Kamel.

May 20, 21: Cheesecake and drinks will be served after the Shavuot services. These Kiddushes are sponsored by CBI.

May 26: 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 for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SISTERHOOD FUNDS

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

- provide physical improvements to CBI
- arrange for gifts for Bar/Bat Mitzvah youth
- cover 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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

BEIT AHAVAH BOOK GROUP

Monday, May 21, 7:00-8:30 pm. Book: *The Septembers of Shiraz* by Dalia Sofer.

at Beit Ahavah, 130 Pine Street, Florence. For more information contact Anne Bussler, anne.bussler@yahoo.com.

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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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