

# Congregation B'nai Israel

A Vibrant Jewish Community Located in Northampton, Massachusetts



## Weekly Events: October 18-28, 2018

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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### NATIONAL REFUGEE SHABBAT AT BEIT AHAVAH

130 Pine Street, Florence

[Click here for more details.](#)

Friday, October 19, at 6:00 pm

CANDLE LIGHTING at 5:44 pm

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#### ALMA SHABBAT SERVICE (AT CBI)

Friday, October 19, at 5:30 pm

#### KABBALAT SHABBAT (AT CBI)

Friday, October 26, at 6:00 pm

CANDLE LIGHTING at 5:34 pm

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#### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

[\(Click here for more information\)](#)

**Saturday, October 20, 9:30 am (Parashat Lech-Lecha)**

**Chumash Ceremony 10:15 am-10:35 am (during service)**

B'nai Mitvah ages ALMA students will be presented with a Chumash for their studies.  
Parents welcome to join in.

SHABBAT ENDS at 6:43 pm

**Saturday, October 27, 9:30 am (Parashat Vayeira)**

SHABBAT ENDS at 6:33 pm



**Rabbi David's Class, 9:45 am: The Deep Structure of Jewish Prayer**

**October 21: The Sh'ma: The Importance of Spiritual Intention**

**October 28: The Amidah: Prayer as Argument**

**Invited Lectures and Events**

**Sunday, October 21, 11:00 am.** Guest speaker Rabbi Mike Moskowitz will speak about bringing social justice, spiritual observance and Jewish values to the understanding of our obligations regarding trans rights.

**Sunday, October 28, 11:00 am.** Rugelach workshop with Bianca Cuperman. Learn how to make delicious rugelach with our wonderful chef/caterer. Please RSVP in advance; space is limited to 12 persons. Email Shelley Schieffelin at [shschieff@comcast.net](mailto:shschieff@comcast.net)

Click [here](#) for more details and upcoming CBI Café topics.

**[CLICK HERE FOR THE ONLINE CBI CALENDAR](#)**

## **CBI AND ABUNDANCE FARM EVENTS**

**CELEBRATORY GLEANING HARVEST AND COB OVEN BREAD BAKE**

**Thursday, October 18, 3:00-6:00 pm** on Abundance Farm. Come join us for the last official PICK-YOUR-OWN day this year. We will be doing a gleaning harvest of all the crops that need to be picked before the frost. In addition, Sam Coates-Finke of Backyard Bread <https://backyardbread.com/about-1/> will be firing up the oven and baking bread for us all to enjoy. Bring vegetarian toppings to share.

## FALL LEAVES FOR COMPOST

Fall leaves collection: raking your fall leaves? Wondering what the point of it all is? Never fear, Abundance Farm is here. We are collecting bagged leaves-please bring them into the central part of the Farm (leave bags by the shed). The composted leaves will be the basis of the harvest that feeds our community next year.

## ALMA SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER

**Friday, October 19, 5:30 pm.** Shabbat service led by Rabbi Jacob, Molly and Aram at CBI. Dinner catered by Holyoke Hummus Company will follow the service and will be served at **6:45 pm** at the Lander-Grinspoon Academy.

## TALMUD STUDY FOR EVERYONE

**Saturday, October 27, 10:20-11:20 am** in the CBI Library. Join Rabbi Jacob Fine in studying a variety of important and evocative Talmudic selections. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Rabbi Jacob at [rabbijacob@cbinorthampton.org](mailto:rabbijacob@cbinorthampton.org)

## COOKING WITH CONFIDENCE

**Wednesdays, October 24 and 31, 3:30-5:30 pm** at CBI. Open to children ages 8-12. Facebook event is here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/276577142960735/>

Registration page is here:

<https://www.abundancefarm.org/cooking-with-confidence/>

## SHABBAT SING

**Saturday, October 20, 11:15 am-Noon** at the Lander-Grinspoon Academy, Multi-purpose Room. Join Rabbi Jacob, Aram Rubinstein Gillis and Molly Bajgot for this gathering of people who want to sing their hearts out.

## A BREATH OF FRESH AIR: TOUCH THE EARTH AND GROW TOGETHER

**Sunday, October 21, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm** at CBI. For those interested in early childhood education. Professional development credits available.

Facebook event is here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/202994903841944/>

Registration page is here:

<https://www.abundancefarm.org/a-breath-of-fresh-air-registration>

## LIBBY GARLAND TALKS ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

**Sunday, October 28, 4:00 pm.** Beit Ahavah, 130 Pine Street, Florence. Author of *After They Closed the Gates: Jewish Illegal Immigration to the United States*.

**Monday, October 29, 5:30 pm.** First Church of Amherst, 165 Main Street, Amherst

(followed by a monthly community sanctuary potluck with Lucio Perez): both dates co-sponsored by CBI.

[Click here for the full flyer, sponsorship and contact information.](#)

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## COMMITTEE NEWS AND EVENTS

### CHESED COMMITTEE

The **October** coordinator is Julie Robbins. She can be reached at (413) 320-6788 or [julierobbins50@gmail.com](mailto:julierobbins50@gmail.com)

## ISRAEL COMMITTEE

The next Israel Committee meeting will be **November 1, 7:00 pm**. New members will have the opportunity to help shape the direction of the Israel Committee as we move into the future. Contact Committee Chair, Mordi Kamel, for more information at [Mordi.Kamel@gmail.com](mailto:Mordi.Kamel@gmail.com).

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**Sunday, October 21, 4:00-5:30 pm**. CBI Open House. This is an opportunity to learn more about CBI, talk with Rabbi David, Rabbi Jacob, Ben Cuperman and our Board and committee members. A tour of Abundance Farm with Farm Manager Rose Cherneff will also be available. Click [here](#) for more details.

## RITUAL COMMITTEE

Would you like to read Torah during Shabbat services? Contact David Kieval at [davidkieval@gmail.com](mailto:davidkieval@gmail.com). Can you read Haftorah? Contact Miryam Kabakov at [miryamkabakov@gmail.com](mailto:miryamkabakov@gmail.com)

## TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE

Join Beit Ahavah and Congregation B'nai Israel as well as the Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts for National Refugee Shabbat, a nation-wide program of The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS). Synagogues across North America will give voice to our values as American Jews in a time of unprecedented attempts to close our country's borders to those seeking freedom from violence and persecution.

On **Friday October 19, at 6:00 pm**, join us for a Musical Kabbalat Shabbat service at Beit Ahavah Synagogue, 130 Pine Street, Florence, followed by a vegetarian potluck dinner, including pierogis made by Irida Kahtiranova, who resides in sanctuary at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Northampton. Dinner will be followed by a lay-led text discussion related to refugees.

On **Saturday, October 20, at 9:30 am** please attend the CBI Annual Sandra Goldsmith Social Justice Shabbat. The Shabbat service will incorporate special readings and Jewish teachings about our responsibilities to refugees and asylum seekers. Maxine Stein, CEO of Jewish Family Services of Western MA, will give the D'var Torah. The Kiddush Luncheon will feature food from refugee countries of origin and will be followed by a post-Kiddush panel discussion.

[Click here for the full flyer](#)

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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.

**October 20:** This Kiddush will be created by Bianca Cuperman and sponsored by the CBI Tikkun Olam Committee.

**October 27:** This Kiddush will be created by Miryam Kabakov and the Kiddush Havurah and sponsored by CBI.

Shabbos morning Kiddush lunch would not be possible without the efforts and support of volunteers from the community. Your help is much needed, whether you can give your time weekly or yearly, during the week or during shabbos day. Please email [kiddushcbi@gmail.com](mailto:kiddushcbi@gmail.com) to express interest and find out where help is needed.

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CBI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To help us with all the CBI activities and events, we would love to have someone assist with dropping off and picking up table clothes and dish towels at the cleaners. Please contact Ben or Cynthia at 413-484-3593.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

### QUEERING THE TALMUD

**Thursday, October 25, 5:15 pm** at Smith College in the Seelye Building, Room 106. Charlotte Fonrobert, Professor of Religious Studies at Stanford University, will explore the dynamics of Talmudic literature that render it home to queerness.

[Click here for more details.](#)

### PAGE TO STAGE

**Sunday, October 28, 10:30 am.** Jewish Community of Amherst at 742 Main Street, Amherst. A FREE musical puppet show-where books come to life. Featuring Felica Sloin and Kate Holdsworth. [Click here for flyer.](#) A program of Lander-Grinspoon Academy.

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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](#).

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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,

Ben Cuperman  
Executive Director

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