

# Congregation B'nai Israel

A Vibrant Jewish Community Located in Northampton, Massachusetts



## Weekly Events: February 7-17, 2019

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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### KOL SHABBAT

Friday, February 8, at 6:00 pm

CANDLE LIGHTING at 4:56 pm

#### KABBALAT SHABBAT

Friday, February 15, at 6:00 pm

CANDLE LIGHTING at 5:05 pm

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#### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Saturday, February 9, 9:30 am (Parashat Terumah)

#### Reflections on Sanctuary

Join us as Rev. Janet Bush and lay leaders from the Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence reflect on their experience providing sanctuary in their house of worship.

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

SHABBAT ENDS at 5:58 pm

Saturday, February 16, 9:30 am (Parashat Tetzaveh)

*Looking to the Future*

## CBI's Annual Gala

March 3, 5:30-8:00 pm: Dinner and Auction.  
8:00-9:30 pm: After-hour dance party.

Garden House at Look Park, 300 N. Main Street, Florence

Cash bar with alcoholic beverages. Kosher meal catered by Meital.

Auction information coming soon.

RSVP at 413-584-3593 or [office@cbinorthampton.org](mailto:office@cbinorthampton.org)

Purchase your tickets to CBI's Annual Gala below:

Number of Tickets

One (1) Ticket \$72.00 USD

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## CBI AND ABUNDANCE FARM EVENTS

**THERE WILL BE NO ALMA OR TALMUD CLASS ON FEBRUARY 16 DUE TO THE SCHOOL BREAK**

### TALMUD CLASS

**Saturday, February 9, 9:45-10:45 am.** With Rabbi Jacob Fine, we will look at a variety of the most important, fascinating and evocative Talmudic selections.

### SHABBAT SHABLOOM

**Saturday, February 9, 11:15 am -12:00 pm** at CBI. Celebrate the end of the week with Felicia Sloin and joyful music, movement and storytelling especially for ages 0-5 and their grownups.

### SPARKLE HAVDALLAH

**Saturday, February 9, 6:30-8:00 pm** at Lander-Grinspoon Academy. Free

storytime with Drag Queens and Kings. Crafts and music with Felicia Slin.  
Preregistration encouraged at [PJLibraryWesternMass.org](http://PJLibraryWesternMass.org)

### YIDDISH CLASS

**Monday, February 11, 6:00-8:00 pm.**

There is still space to sign up for a weekly Yiddish language class, run by Naftali Edelman. Fill out the form [here](#) to register. The class meets for **nine Monday evenings, 6:00-8:00 pm**, beginning **February 11** in the CBI Library. Questions, contact Naftali at [naftali1885@gmail.com](mailto:naftali1885@gmail.com)

### AVODAT LEV MA'ARIV MINYAN

**Tuesday, February 12, 6:30-7:45 pm** in CBI Classroom 2. Join us each week with Simcha Halpert-Hanson for a beautiful song-filled evening minyan service. Avodat Lev (Heart Work) is a contemplative songful practice. Each session will follow the core structure of the Ma'ariv service but will look different and may include Hebrew and English chanting, guided meditation, journaling, movement and meditative silence.

### SOLELIM YOUTH GROUP MEETUP

**Sunday, February 17, 2:00-4:00 pm.** Meet at 1:30 pm at CBI. Rollerskating at Interskate 91. Join this monthly group for 6-8th graders as part of the Havurah initiative.

### JEWISH SPIRITUALITY GROUP

**Sunday, February 17, 4:00 pm.** An informal group that gathers for study and discussion of various Jewish texts.

### PEOPLE'S BEIT MIDRASH

**Sunday, February 17, 6:00 pm.** Join us for this Talmud study in the queer tradition of the Rabbis taught by Mimi Farb. Explore topics in Torah, Mishnah and Hebrew grammar. Registration link:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/WeDFpiir17kSc3vk2>

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## COMMITTEE NEWS AND EVENTS

### CHESED COMMITTEE: ACTS OF KINDNESS AND COMPASSION

The **February** coordinator is Joanne Levin. She can be reached at (413) 585-0639 or [jjparadocs@gmail.com](mailto:jjparadocs@gmail.com).

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee is seeking additional people to join the committee. New members of CBI are welcome. Come to a meeting, and check us out. We meet once a month for an hour. Our goal is to welcome new members and to be responsive to members' needs. Contact Naomi Tannen at [tannenmahay@msn.com](mailto:tannenmahay@msn.com) for more information.

### TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE

Yasher Koach to the over 100 CBI members who were able to attend our Legislative Luncheon with eight of our area state legislators. Stay tuned for next steps for continued engagement. And be sure to join our Tikkun Olam Action Alert list to stay in the loop - email Pamela at [pschwartz77@gmail.com](mailto:pschwartz77@gmail.com) to get connected.

Reverend Janet Bush of the Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence will be visiting CBI this Saturday to give a post Kiddush talk about USNF's work providing Sanctuary to Irida Kakhtiranova, who has been in sanctuary for more than nine months, and about the Sanctuary movement in this area. There will be a dedicated Accompaniment Volunteer training for CBI members on **February 12, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**, at the UNSF at 220 Main Street in Northampton. The talk will include

information about the upcoming training, what it means to be an Accompaniment Volunteers, and other ways to volunteer.

The USNF continues to look for signups for a Meal Train for Irida. Want to provide a meal for Irida? Information about the meal train [here](#).

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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.

**February 9:** This Kiddush will be created by Bianca Cuperman and sponsored by CBI.

**February 16:** This Kiddush will be created by Amy Siege and Dianne Sagner and kiddush volunteers and sponsored by Dianne Sagner in memory of her husband, Julius Menn.

Shabbes morning Kiddush lunch would not be possible without the efforts and support of volunteers from the community. If you can give your time weekly or yearly, during the week or during Shabbat, please email [kiddushcbi@gmail.com](mailto:kiddushcbi@gmail.com).

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

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2019/2020

Congregation B'nai Israel is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the 2019/2020 Board of Directors. We are seeking candidates for President/Co-President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Directors-At-Large.

If you are up to the rewarding challenge or would like to recommend someone, please contact Stephan Wurmbrand, Chair, Nominations Committee at [swurmbrand@tcsqp.com](mailto:swurmbrand@tcsqp.com) or 413-530-2194.

### YIDDUSH HAVURAH NEW HAVURAH TO START IN MARCH:

Hearing Our Voices, Knowing Our Stories

Join us for a fun stimulating monthly discussion group focused on the stories about women and LBGQT people in Jewish texts. Together we will learn more about the stories, think about what these stories meant for the Jewish community at the time and what they mean to us today. On-going group will meet monthly for a year of meeting tbd based on member availability Contact Tiertza-Leah Schwartz [tschwartz@smith.edu](mailto:tschwartz@smith.edu), 413-214-8022 by **Feb. 28** if you are interested in participating.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

### FINDING YOUR ROOTS JEWISH STYLE: GENEALOGY RESEARCH WORKSHOP

**Sunday, February 10, 1:00-3:00 pm** at Congregation Sons of Zion, 378 Maple Street, Holyoke. Exploring your family history? Whether you're just starting out or encountering a brick wall in your research, come meet with our volunteer experts. The Western Massachusetts Jewish Genealogical Society is offering 20-minute private consultations with experienced researchers. Learn how to begin; plan your next steps; find out about DNA testing; get help with translation (documents, gravestones, notes on old photos, etc.). Register by **February 3** at [wmjgs2@gmail.com](mailto:wmjgs2@gmail.com) or 413-268-2147. Walk-ins can look through our resource materials but are not guaranteed individual appointments. More info at [www.wmjgs.org](http://www.wmjgs.org)

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Shabbat Shalom,

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Executive Director

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