

Congregation B'nai Israel

A Vibrant Jewish Community Located in Northampton, Massachusetts



Weekly Events: April 11-21, 2019

TABLE OF CONTENTS

(click on the links below to go to each section)

1. SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
2. CBI EVENTS
3. ABUNDANCE FARM EVENTS
4. COMMITTEE NEWS AND EVENTS
5. ANNOUNCEMENTS
6. COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

NEWEST KEHILA HERE

[CLICK HERE FOR THE APRIL-MAY EDITION IN COLOR](#)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

KOL SHABBAT

Friday, April 12, 6:00 pm

CANDLE LIGHTING at 7:11 pm

[Click here for details.](#)

KABBALAT SHABBAT

Erev Passover

Friday, April 19, 6:00 pm

CANDLE LIGHTING at 7:18 pm

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Saturday, April 13, 9:30 am (Parashat Metzora)

SHABBAT ENDS at 8:13 pm

SHABBAT ENDS at 8:22 pm

[Click here for full Passover Schedule.](#)

JOIN US THIS PASSOVER: CBI ANNUAL COMMUNITY SEDER

Saturday, April 20, 7:30 pm. Community Seder Dinner and Service. Join us for this annual event with a traditional Passover service and kosher dinner catered by Meital.

Click [here](#) for details and to make a reservation.

Correction-Deadline for RSVP has been changed from April 17 to April 12

Sign up today!

***Please note, the Freedom Seder is at capacity. No additional reservations or walk-ins will be taken.**

Passover, Sanctuary and Groceries for Irida

Passover is especially relevant today, when so many immigrant family members in the U.S. are threatened with deportation to countries they have not seen for decades. Irida Kakhtiranova, a Russian immigrant, is one such person. She is being provided sanctuary in the Unitarian Society of Northampton.

CBI is collecting donations to help defray food costs for Irida and her family. A special fund has been established as part of CBI's Tzedakah Fund, and will be used to buy grocery store gift cards (scrip) to be delivered to her each month.

Please make a personal donation, or when buying scrip at CBI for your own family, please consider writing a tax-deductible check to CBI, with memo line reading, "Tzedakah-Irida fund." In addition, the scrip will yield 5% for CBI.

[Click here for more information.](#)



The Deep Structure of Jewish Prayer, Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am

Sunday April 14: "Is the Meal the Prayer? The Case of Passover"

Join Rabbi David in a study, from Talmudic sources, of the prayer service, which serves as the foundation for Jewish spiritual life. Topics include silent prayer, spiritual renewal in prayer, conflicts between prayer and real life, prayer around meals and blessings of real life events.

Sunday, April 14, 11:00-12:00 pm: "Joseph, Jacob, and Beyond: A Jewish Perspective on Dreams and Dreamwork"

with Dream Therapist Tzivia Gover

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

CBI EVENTS

NO TALMUD CLASS OR ALMA APRIL 13 or 20: SCHOOL BREAK

IN HER FOOTSTEPS

Sunday, April 14, 3:00 pm in the CBI Library. Join the Israel Committee for this documentary film featuring filmmaker Rana Abu Fraiha with her story about her family's move from a Bedouin village to a small Jewish town 5 miles away. Rana depicts conflicts around nationality, religion and female identity in this debut film.

[Click here for flyer.](#)

SOLELIM YOUTH GROUP MEETUP-AFIKOMAN TREASURE HUNT

Sunday, April 14, 4:00-7:00 pm for 6-8th graders at CBI. Hunt for the Afikoman! There will be clues, red herrings, prizes and the thrill of competition. Contact Youth Advisor Tessa Levenstein at teenlife@cbinorthampton.org.

TOTS AND NOSH

Monday, April 15, 1:00 pm at the YMCA Playground. A Jewishly inspired playgroup, focused on connection and exploring Jewish culture through food traditions. To RSVP contact Melanie Greenman at totsandnosh@gmail.com

YIDDISH CLASS

Monday, April 15, 6:00-8:00 pm. The class meets for **nine Monday evenings, 6:00-8:00 pm** (it began February 11), in the CBI Library. Questions, contact Naftali at naftali1885@gmail.com

ABUNDANCE FARM EVENTS

FARM WORK DAY

Sunday, April 14, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Join Rose and students from Mt. Holyoke for a work day. For more information contact Rose@abundancefarm.org

ABUNDANCE FARM VOLUNTEER DAYS

Monday, April 15, 10:00 am-2:00 pm; Thursday, April 11 and 18, 3:00-5:00 pm.

Come help the Farm thrive. We need support watering, weeding, harvesting, mulching and more. **Thursday, April 11, at 5:00 pm** is a potluck to go along with fresh-baked matzah. For more information contact Rose@abundancefarm.org

AVODAT LEV MA'ARIV MINYAN

Tuesday, April 16, 6:30-7:45 pm on Abundance Farm. Join us each week with Simcha Halpert-Hanson for a beautiful song-filled evening minyan (we've always had a minyan) service. [Click here for more details.](#)

COMMITTEE NEWS AND EVENTS

CHESED COMMITTEE: ACTS OF KINDNESS AND COMPASSION

The **April** coordinator is Shelley Schieffelin. She can be reached at (413) 584-4210 or shschief@comcast.net.

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

With increased growth and a newly expanded adult education program, more help is needed. Contact Joshua Roth at jroth@mtholyoke.edu

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee is seeking additional people to join the committee, which meets once a month for an hour. Contact Naomi Tannen at tannenmahay@msn.com for more information.

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP SALE

20% sale has passed but you can still get a deal! All items in the shop, 10% off from today, **April 11, to April 26**. Passover items, leftover Purim masks for adults and children, jewelry, talitot, and more.

TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE

Reporting back on Lobby Day: Seven Tikkun Olam activists traveled to the State House on **April 3**, where they combined forces with members of the Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action (JALSA). Together, we met with 12 state legislators to advocate for our social justice priorities. Yasher Koach to all.

Be sure to join the Tikkun Olam Action Alert list to get connected to our next steps. Email Pamela at pschwartz77@gmail.com to get on the list. Our voices are being heard.

Join us for an interactive workshop with Cherie Brown, *What is Anti-Semitism, and What Can We Do?* **Sunday, May 5, 10:00 am-4:00 pm**; registration between **April 1-30**. Cost of \$20 includes lunch by Bianca. Space limited to 60 people. [Click here for full details.](#)

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 13: This Kiddush will be created by Beth Goldstein and sponsored by Craig Greenberg in appreciation of CBI and the kiddushes.

April 20: This Kiddush will be a light Kiddush for Passover created by Peggy Besht and Eva Friedman Hull and sponsored by CBI.

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORRECTION-COT SHELTER FOOD AND HELP NEEDED ON APRIL 24

Please note the correction on the date from 4/10 email. Food and volunteer help needed on Wednesday, April 24.

PASSOVER BAGS

Please note that all Passover Bags have been taken. Happy Passover!

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

FILM SCREENING: HARVEST OF EMPIRE

Sunday, April 14, 2:00 pm at Temple Israel, 27 Pierce Street, Greenfield. Temple Israel's Refugee Support Project presents the film [Harvest of Empire](#), an award-winning documentary on immigration that explores the history of U.S. intervention in Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador & Honduras. Liz Kerner will lead a post-film discussion. This event is not appropriate for children. No admission fee, but donations are welcome for legal assistance for refugees & asylum seekers. For more information, contact the Temple Israel office at 413-773-5884 / office@templeisraelgreenfield.org

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.

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!

Shabbat Shalom,

Ben Cuperman
Executive Director

Gillian Murray Kendall
Co-Editor

STAY CONNECTED:

