

Congregation B'nai Israel

A Vibrant Jewish Community Located in Northampton, Massachusetts



Weekly Events: May 9-19, 2019

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SHIRU SHABBAT

Friday, May 10, 6:00 pm at LGA

CANDLE LIGHTING at 7:42 pm

[Click here for the flyer](#)

COMMUNITY KABBALAT SHABBAT AND RIMONIM GRADUATION

Friday, May 17, 5:30 pm on the Farm

CANDLELIGHTING at 7:49 pm

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Saturday, May 11, 9:30 am (Parashat Kedoshim)

SHABBAT ENDS at 8:49 am

Saturday, May 18, 9:30 am (Parashat Emor)

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

Sanctuary and Irida's Continuing Need for Groceries

Irida Kakhtiranova, a Russian immigrant at risk of deportation, is being provided sanctuary in the Unitarian Society of Northampton. As part of our commitment to participate in a covenant of support, CBI will continue to collect donations to help defray food costs for her and her family.

Please make a personal donation in May, or, when buying scrip at CBI for your family, please consider writing a tax-deductible check to CBI, with memo line reading, "Tzedakah-Irida fund."

[Click here for more information.](#)

CBI EVENTS

YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION

Thursday, May 9, all day

Join LGA and The Farm for pita making to celebrate Israel's Independence Day.

COMMUNITY RITUAL PROJECT

Thursday, May 9, 6:30-8:30pm in classroom #2. Kabbalat Shabbat led by Mimi Farb. Enjoy this first of a four part Shabbat workshop series presented by First Friday Havurah. Come learn to lead, pray and understand Shabbat services with local prayer leaders. Free and open to the public. Click [here](#) for more details. Accessibility needs and questions contact us at firstfridaynoho@gmail.com

MEHALLELIM REHEARSAL

Tonight, Thursday, May 9, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary: Mehallelim Rehearsal. Calling all singers and musicians to help make up the core group of song leaders during Friday night services. See above for Shiru Shabbat in the Schedule of Services for more information. RSVP to molly@cbinorthampton.org. Come early to the Farm (see below Abundance Farm News).

HEARING OUR VOICES, KNOWING OUR STORIES HAVURAH

Tonight, Thursday, May 9, 6:00-7:30 pm in classroom #3. Join our stimulating monthly group that pulls material from different Jewish resources to discuss LGBTQ and women's issues. Contact Tiertz-leah Schwartz at tschwart@smith.edu for more information.

TALMUD STUDY FOR EVERYONE

Saturdays, May 11 and 18, 9:45-10:45 am

Join Rabbi Jacob Fine for these study sessions of important and evocative Talmudic selections. For more information or to add your name to the list, contact Rabbi Jacob at rabbijacob@cbinorthampton.org

YIDDISH CLASS

Monday, May 13, 6:00-8:00 pm in the CBI Library. Questions, contact Naftali at naftali1885@gmail.com. This class will break for the remainder of May and resume

in June, date TBD.

VALLEY JEWISH SENIOR LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 15, 12:30-2:00 pm. in the CBI Library. Please join us for a delicious vegetarian lunch. Our guest speaker is poet and children's book author Leslea Newman. RSVP by **Friday, May 10, noon** at office@cbinorthampton.org or 413-584-3593. Suggested donation for meal is \$7.00. Click [here](#) for more details.

ALMA ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Thursday, May 16, 3:30-5:30 pm. ALMA students and families will be celebrating the end of the year with ice cream. Join them and others on the Farm to seed mustard seed (3:00-5:00 pm) and listen to Klezmir music (5:00-6:00 pm).

ARYEH WINEMAN BOOK DISCUSSION

May 19, 11:00 am-12:00 pm. *The Hasidic Moses: A Chapter in the History of Jewish Interpretation.* Aryeh Wineman, long time CBI member, rabbi, scholar, author will discuss his newly published book. The book will be available for purchase at the talk. If you would like to have it beforehand contact schoen@schoenbooks.com

ISRAEL: JEWISH AND DEMOCRATIC?

Sunday, May 19, 2:00-5:00 pm. The Israel Committee invites you to an exciting program: ISRAEL: JEWISH AND DEMOCRATIC? Historical, Israeli and American perspectives will be examined. This event includes the following panelists: Dr. Susan Shapiro, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at UMass; Dr. Justin Cammy, Associate Professor of Jewish Studies at Smith College and Dr. Dov Waxman, Professor of Political Science, International Affairs and Israel Studies at Northeastern University. [Click here for all the details.](#)

ABUNDANCE FARM EVENTS

ABUNDANCE FARM VOLUNTEER DAYS

Monday, May 13, 10:00 am-2:00 pm;

Thursday, May 9 and 16, 3:00-6:00 pm. Come help the Farm thrive. We need support watering, weeding, harvesting, mulching and more. Potluck on **May 9, 5:00-6:00 pm.** Dance performance by Gan Keshet teacher, Leila Kaplan, with her dance group, *Moving Into Place*, from **5:00-6:00 pm.** Pita bread baking with Sam Coates-Finke will be from **3:00-6:00 pm.** For more information contact Rose@abundancefarm.org. Stay longer for the Mahallelim Rehearsal (see above under CBI Events).

AVODAT LEV MA'ARIV MINYAN

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30-7:45 pm on Abundance Farm or in classroom 2 (weather dependent). Look to the Facebook page for location updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/503500783452593/>

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.](#)

SPRING COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER DAY

Sunday, May 19, 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

at Abundance Farm, 253 Prospect St., Northampton

(free, all welcome). Join Abundance Farm for a day of volunteering and community building. We will be working on spring projects to prepare the farm for a new growing season. Visit abundancefarm.org or contact Farmer Rose at rose@abundancefarm.org. The Facebook page for the event is [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE

Lag B'omer on the Farm

Thursday, May 23, 4:00 pm. Join us on the Farm and the dance floor of the Social Hall to celebrate this holiday. Haircuts will be given on the Farm. Click [here](#) for more details.

ABUNDANCE FARM FESTIVAL WITH NORTHAMPTON SURVIVAL CENTER

Sunday, June 2, 4:00-5:30 pm. Additional details to come.

COMMITTEE NEWS AND EVENTS

CHESED COMMITTEE: ACTS OF KINDNESS AND COMPASSION

The **May** coordinator is Marci Yoss. She can be reached at (413) 586-7343 or marci.yoss@gmail.com

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. We meet once a month for an hour. Contact Naomi Tannen at tannenmahay@msn.com for more information.

TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE

Stay connected to Tikkun Olam's social justice priorities; get on the Tikkun Olam Action Alert e-mail list. Email Pamela at pschwartz77@gmail.com to get connected.

Tikkun Olam is involved with a Build project for a former Gan Keshet staff member as part of the Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build program. If you are interested in helping Bonnie's family build their home, [click here for more details](#). and the [flyer](#).

Also: the UNSF offers opportunities to sign up for the "meal train" and bring Irida meals or food for her to make meals. Information about the meal train is updated every week and can be found [here](#).

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 11: This Kiddush will be created by Jonathan and Elizabeth Dubinsky and sponsored by CBI.

May 18: This Kiddush will be created and sponsored by ALMA.

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

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Each week we find a few more items left behind after Shabbat services and Family Programs. Please take the time to look in the lost and found in the coat closet behind the door. As you are leaving on Shabbat, double check you have all you came with, including water bottles, children's jackets and accessories. Thank you for helping keep the synagogue clean.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

ISRAEL CULTURE CELEBRATION

Wednesday, May 15, 6:00-8:00 pm at the Jewish Community of Amherst. Cooking, Dinner, Dancing, Discussion, Music. Hosted by JCA World Jewish Concerns Committee and co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts, and Partnership2Gether Israel emissaries at the JCA. The Israeli emissaries will spend the evening cooking fresh food and introducing themselves and the story behind their special dishes. Admission is FREE. Children are welcome.

NAVA TEHILA

Tuesday, May 14, 7:00-8:30 pm.

"Musical Gathering for Peace & Healing: *V'AHAVT- And You Shall Love,*" with the Nava Tehila Ensemble Daphna Rosenberg and Yoel Sykes, at Beit Ahavah, 130 Pine Street, Florence. Donations at the door \$10-20. CD's will be for sale. Doors open at 6:45m. All welcome. See Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2179321519045461>

BLOSSOM BASH

Thursday, May 16, 6:00-8:30 pm. at The Barn at Quonquont Farm, 9 North Street, Whately. Fun, food and cocktails at this **Fund-A-Need** special auction event, to fund specific Jewish Family Service of Western MA needs. \$50 per person, RSVP by **Thursday, May 9**. Tickets online at www.celebratejfs.org or 413-737-2601.

PAGE TO STAGE

Sunday, May 19, 10:00 am. At the Abundance Farm Spring Work Day. A FREE musical puppet show, where books come to life, with Felicia Sloin and Kate Holdsworth-Clarke. [Click here for flyer.](#) Click [here](#) for more details about the Farm Spring Work Day.

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!

Shabbat Shalom,

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