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Opening Our Tents

By: **Rochelle Reich, Executive Director**

*Love all people and draw them nearer to the
Torah – Pirkei Avot (1:12)*

One of our early learnings from Abraham and Sarah is steeped in the concepts of hospitality and openness. Their tent was open on all four sides to be inviting, and Abraham would go outside of his tent to find guests to invite inside. As someone with a previous career in the hospitality industry, I find this to be one of my favorite stories from the Torah (Who do we know who starts off regularly by saying *this is one of my favorite stories from the Torah?*). The importance that God places on welcoming the stranger and how we treat our guests is emphasized in several places in our liturgy. It's a core value of Judaism.

So why then, do we sometimes struggle so hard with how to treat those that we already know? Why is it so easy for us to not consider the damage that we do when we are dismissive of those that we don't welcome? How easy has it become to forget what it feels like to be the outsider?

In an article written by Rabbi Hayim Herring, Ph.D. that was published in [eJewishphilanthropy](#) several years ago, he says ... *a cursory familiarity with a page of Talmud or a reading of just about any period of Jewish history will tell you that disagreement is normal.* So why is it that we are surprised or even shocked to find that not all of us feel the same way about things that are important to us? It's part of our cultural and religious DNA to ask questions, discuss (perhaps argue?). And yet, somehow there has been a shift. We say things like *we can agree to disagree* but we don't really mean it. When we find ourselves in conversation with people that we don't agree with, we find it easier to walk away and be dismissive – the exact opposite of keeping an open tent. I know that I've been guilty of this at times. Have you? Today we call this cancel culture. This divisive behavior is so commonplace that our society has even named

it. Rabbi Herring further shares *“Dissent and differences are beneficial because they broaden our thinking about issues. Our noble opponents shed light on aspects of issues that our blind spots cover. They also remind us that there are many good people in the world who hold different opinions from us, and engaging with them helps us avoid the trap of stereotyping everyone who holds different views from us as somehow deplorable.*

We all have blind spots, and I believe that we do ourselves and our society a grave injustice when we insist that we don't. We do an even greater injustice to those around us whom we alienate when we don't opt to open up our tent flaps wider and draw others and ourselves closer to Torah.

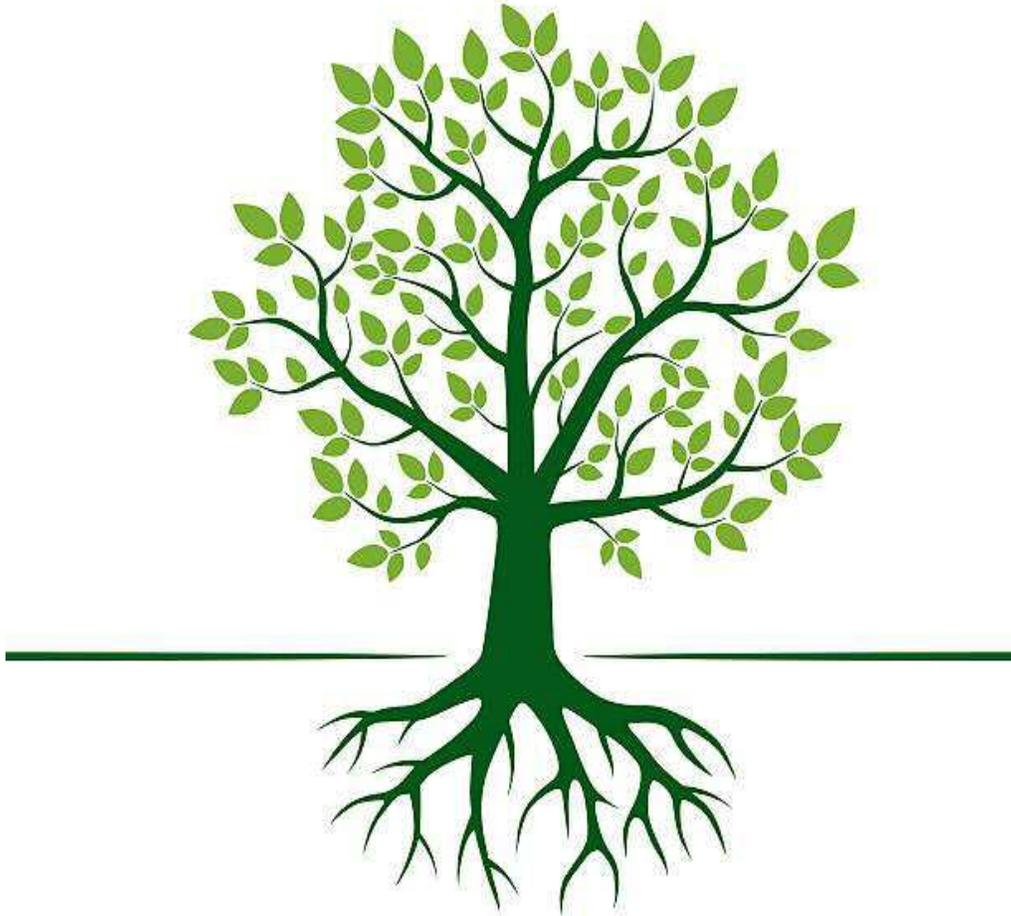
My hope for all of us, is that we continue to remind ourselves that while Judaism does encourage challenging discussions, it places a far higher value on acts of loving kindness. May we all have the strength to prioritize our wide open tents over proving a point.

**Tu BiShvat Seder
January 27th
7:00 pm on Zoom**



TU BISHVAT SEDER

The Kabbalists created the seder of Tu Bishvat as a “tikḵun” — a ritual of repair. By eating fruits and nuts with special mindfulness, we strive to repair our own spiritual brokenness and the brokenness of a world which is not yet as we and God most wish it to be.



Wednesday, January 27 at 7pm

This year's Seder will be on Zoom. Haggadot will be available online for you to download and/or print. A limited number of printed copies will be available at CBI.

CBI will be preparing a “Seder in a Box” with the foods we'll be tasting during the Seder. Contact the office at admin@bethisraelinc.org or 828.252.8660 by Wednesday, January 20 to place your order. Boxes will be available for pick-up on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 26 and 27

Beginning December 4, CBI's Friday Noon Study Group will be discussing



Zionism is the nationalist movement affirming Jewish people's right to self-determination through the establishment of a Jewish national state in its ancient homeland. Our discussions will explore such topics as

- Zionist ideology from its origins to the present
- the emergence of modern Jewish nationalism in early nineteenth century Europe
- the founding of the Zionist movement by Theodor Herzl in 1897
- the Balfour Declaration
- the creation of the State of Israel in 1948 under the leadership of David Ben-Gurion
- the Six Day War in 1967
- the rise of the "Peace Now" movement
- the election of conservative prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu
- the long-term viability of Zionist ideology in a rapidly destabilizing Middle East

Our discussion will be informed by Michael Stanislawski's *Zionism: A Very Short Introduction* 2nd Edition. Stanislawski is Professor of Jewish History at Columbia University. His book is available at a variety of Internet outlets.

Now in its 20th year, our discussion group meets via Zoom every Friday from 12-1. All are welcome to join us, regardless of their level of expertise or attendance at previous noon study group discussions. If you have questions, please contact Jay Jacoby at jbjacoby@uncc.edu.

CBI's Social Action Committee

By: Marlene and Jacoby, CBI Social Action Committee Co-Chairs

CBI'S SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE
TURNS ITS ATTENTION
TO MATTERS OF
RACIAL JUSTICE



Do not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor.

Leviticus 19:16

We hope that congregants had a chance to review the report from your Social Justice Committee that was sent out online in advance of last month's Winter Congregational meeting. During the past six months, members of CBI have volunteered for and/or donated to many causes that help promote *tikkun olam* – repair of the world: feeding the homeless at West Asheville's Red Roof Inn, serving dinners at the Western Carolina Rescue Mission, CBI's annual Give-a-Gobble turkey drive, Coats-for-the-Cold, and Beloved Asheville's Street Medic program.

Many congregants also worked tirelessly to promote voting in, and in overseeing, our national election. Now that the election is behind us, the committee hopes to focus our congregation's attention on ways we can better understand and act upon issues of racial injustice in our country. In tractate *Kiddushin* (40b) of the *Talmud*, there is a debate between Rabbi Tarfon and Rabbi Akiva over which is greater, study or practice/thinking or deeds. The debate is diplomatically resolved by the conclusion that *Study is greater because it leads to practice*.

Believing that a certain amount of study can help teach people more effective ways of acting, our committee will soon initiate a series of online conversations/discussion circles on various aspects racial of justice. Our first topic will focus on the intersection of anti-Semitism and racism using an article by Eric K. Ward, a long time civil rights strategist, entitled *Skin in the Game*. We also expect to sponsor a series of discussions on a four-part video series on the subject of race and reparations. Our most important consideration is to create a forum in which CBI congregants can comfortably share their views and learn from one another. Please stay tuned to CBI's weekly announcements which will give more details about these programs.

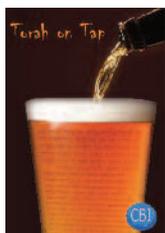
It is our hope that the increased understanding that comes from these discussions will lead to meaningful action. Along those lines, we conclude with one suggested action that we should consider putting into practice now: supporting Black businesses in our area. Here are some links identifying such businesses: colorofasheville.net and <https://yoruba.life>.

Stay well everyone.

Weekly Torah Class with Justin Goldstein

Every other Saturday as long as services are taking place on Zoom, Justin (the Farmer formerly known as the Rabbi) is offering an online discussion of the weekly Torah portion at 10:00 am on Shabbat mornings. You can click on this link to automatically arrive in his virtual living room <https://zoom.us/j/362802642> If you have any issues with the link, then you can go onto zoom.us and then join a meeting. The meeting ID is 362 802 642.

Ongoing CBI Events



The last
Habitat
food at

Torah on Tap – A Lively Group Discussion

Torah on Tap is now meeting online on Zoom

wing (previously
meal or purchase

Social Action Volunteer Opportunities

Help serving dinner at the Western Carolina Rescue Mission on the third Tuesday of the month from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. The Rescue Mission is located at 225 Patton Avenue, Asheville. Contact Alan Escovitz aescovitz@charter.net.

Help with our involvement with Room In the Inn. Contact Jan Zollars warreallysucks@yahoo.com.

All COVID-19 precautions are observed in these activities.

Hazak

Hazak is a group of *empty nesters* who m
usually meets the first Wednesday of each
be added to the email list. Contact Sue Le

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fflicts. Anyone who is interested can

Brunch b'Yachad Virtual

Join us for a joint JCC/CBI program *Brunch B'yachad Virtual* at 10:30 am (same link as coffee & kibbitz) The format for the hour will be a little facilitated socializing followed by a discussion through the Jewish lens of a relevant topic or current event. Past topics have included Optimism in the face of adversity, civil discourse, Jewish identity and anti-Semitism.

Learning with Rabbi Sandler

For those of you who joined the two sessions last month with Rabbi Sandler, thank you. I believe that most of us found him to be genuine and approachable, and he teaches in a manner that is engaging. Carol and Bob Deutsch have offered to bring him back for more learning sessions in the future. I'm looking to gather ideas from you about what topics you would be interested in. Would you like an "Ask the Rabbi" session? What book of the Torah do you wrestle with? Perhaps a deep dive into lesser known prophets? Please share your thoughts by calling or emailing Rochelle.

Community News

In the interest of civil dialog and inclusivity, this information is provided as a service to the CBI community.

The views of these organizations may or may not reflect the views of CBI or its members.

Carolina Jews for Justice is a statewide organization devoted to pursuing social justice from a Jewish perspective in the areas of racial equity, fighting poverty, opposing anti-Semitism and other forms of hatred (including anti-Muslim and anti-LGBTQ discrimination), working on a non-partisan basis for increased voter engagement and fair redistricting, and advocating for sensible and humane immigration policies, among others. Please visit its website at www.carolinajewsforjustice.org to learn more.

CJJ Resources and advocacy opportunities

We are committed to being a dependable source of support, education, advocacy, and action. We offer options for how to access [resources and information](#) for yourself, how to offer support to community members most affected by the challenges we face, and how to advocate and take action for a better future for all of us.

To contribute support and connect to various advocacy efforts both locally and statewide, we've also created a new CJJ-West COVID-19 Response page on the CJJ website. [Check it out!](#)

Support the *Walk the Walk* project of the Racial Justice Coalition. Find out more details, including a link to donate, in this [article by CJJ/West Steering Committee member Linda Wolf](#).

CJJ/West and the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Greater Asheville Area are meeting to determine additional ways to collaborate on anti-racism programming, following the JCRC's successful four-part series this summer. Stay tuned for developments.

Jewish Community Relations Council of the Greater Asheville Area – Our Mission – The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), in keeping with the traditional Jewish mandates to pursue justice and to repair the world, builds bridges of understanding and communication within our Jewish community and beyond to the general community. We work within the Jewish and broader communities in the greater Asheville area to enhance cooperation with other religious, racial, ethnic and civic groups and to foster a just, democratic and pluralistic society. Whether advocating for students, teachers and staff with local schools and universities, meeting with government officials, collaborating in interfaith initiatives, responding to issues of anti-Semitism, or combatting all forms of racial and ethnic hatred and prejudice, the JCRC assists our community in this pursuit for justice.

Happenings in the Asheville Jewish Community – www.jcwnc.org is your gateway into all the amazing and wonderful organizations and activities that you can explore.

The Asheville Jewish Community Center strengthens Jewish identity, celebrates Jewish culture, and builds inclusive community through a wide variety of social, educational, cultural, and wellness programs for people from all backgrounds at every stage of life. For more information www.jcc-asheville.org.

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Jewish Conservative Coalition-Lamed 18 – JCCL was formed to bring together like-minded individuals who support and defend the Jewish people and our Constitutional values. Lamed is the Hebrew letter that teaches us to learn from everything in life. Eighteen (18) in *Gematria* means good things to come. For additional organization, member and upcoming events information contact: JCCLevents@gmail.com

Conference of Jewish Affairs – We believe that America is a unique civilization worth preserving, and that liberty is the core engine behind America's success. As Jews and as admirers of the Bible, we believe in free markets and capitalism; judging people as individuals as opposed to indistinguishable members of groups; personal self-defense; reverence for the Constitution; property rights, national sovereignty and patriotism; a strong and capable military; and opportunity for all to succeed. We have a deep pride in Israel and her extraordinary achievements, and advocate for a secure and strong Israel. Please visit the [website](#) for additional information.

Rabbi Search Update

We are thrilled to share that we will be hosting two finalists for the open Rabbi position on the weekends of January 8th and January 15th. More information will be coming out very soon regarding the exact times of the various opportunities to meet them. Each candidate will be leading Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services as well as a Shabbat afternoon learning session and another session on Sunday. All of these sessions will be available via Zoom, and we will be hosting a small, socially distanced group in the sanctuary as well. Please plan to spend some time with these candidates each weekend as your input will be invaluable.

YEP News

YEP leadership is looking to put together an outdoor, socially distanced mini-Israel fair. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to set up an educational/experiential station for the students to take turns visiting. This will be taking place on April 18th. Please contact Rochelle at director@bethisraelinc.org if you are interested. Thanks in advance!



<https://www.facebook.com/bethisraelinc/>

What Is the Jewish Community Relations Council?

By: Rochelle Reich

Some of you may be surprised to know that we have an active Jewish Community Relations Council in Asheville. Others of you may know that this group exists, but you may not be aware of its purpose or scope of work. This article is designed to fill you in on what we've been working on.

The JCRC has been an on-again, off-again entity for the past several decades, but was re-invigorated in 2014 at the initiative of Carolina Jews for Justice. An initial group of community representatives from CJJ/West, the JCC, and a few individual community members met to discuss who else to invite to the table to determine our scope of work. At our first meeting, we decided that the best place to house the new JCRC would be the Jewish Leadership Collaborative of WNC, so that it could represent the broadest spectrum of our Jewish community. The council consists of parents, students and teachers from both Asheville City Schools and Buncombe County Schools as well as several community representatives with varying backgrounds in security, education, legal, and advocacy work.

Our mission statement is:

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), in keeping with the traditional Jewish mandates to pursue justice and to repair the world, builds bridges of understanding and communication within our Jewish community and beyond to the general community. We work within the Jewish and broader communities in the greater Asheville area to enhance cooperation with other religious, racial, ethnic and civic groups and to foster a just, democratic and pluralistic society. Whether advocating for students, teachers and staff with local schools and universities, meeting with government officials, collaborating in interfaith initiatives, responding to issues of anti-Semitism, or combatting all forms of racial and ethnic hatred and prejudice, the JCRC assists our community in this pursuit for justice.

When we initially re-grouped, our work primarily focused around advocating for specific students and their families around issues of anti-Semitism in their schools. While this wasn't an everyday occurrence, it was in fact keeping us busy. We also were responsible for the creation and distribution of an annual calendar and information guide about the Jewish holidays (which is then distributed to all area schools).

We did, however, want to be more proactive in our work. We took our next steps into the realm of outreach and education. Our projects include:

- Annual seminars for parents and students entitled *Navigating anti-Semitism in the Schools*.
- Presentations at the Asheville City Schools and Buncombe County Schools Fall Principals' Meetings regarding holiday celebrations in schools.
- Working with the Jewish Leadership Collaborative to produce a proactive communication process to respond and react to community needs.
- A series of racial justice advocacy seminars this past summer.
- We are now working with CJJ/West and Jewish Leadership Collaborative of WNC to organize an opportunity to virtually meet with Madison Cawthorn, our newly elected 11th District Congressman, to help him better understand the Jewish community and our interests.

This year the Jewish Community Relations Council will be leading our community's participation in a special year-long Anti-Defamation League Program about anti-Semitism and hate. Be on the look out for quarterly webinars and an upcoming speaker event – all of which will be free to participate in.

If you are interested in getting involved with the JCRC or have a concern that you would like to bring to our attention, please reach out to JCRC chair, Rochelle Reich, at director@bethisraelnc.org or (828) 252-9024. Additional members include: Alan Escovitz, Geri Garfinkel, Gaia Goldman, Frank Goldsmith, Abe Goldstein, David Leader, Marty Mann, Becca Mericle, Deborah Miles, Alison Rhodes, Karleigh Ring, Sabrina Rockoff, and Jamie West.

An Interesting Article

Yiddisher Black cantors from 100 years ago rediscovered thanks to rare recording. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/yiddisher-black-cantors-from-100-years-ago-rediscovered-thanks-to-rare-recording/>

American Jewish Life in the Mid-Twentieth Century As Seen Through The Words and Music of Allan Sherman

Taught by CBI's own Dr. Hal M. Lewis
Wednesdays in January at 4:00 pm

Allan Sherman was an American Jewish comedy writer and song parodist. Known for his songs, *Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah*; *Harvey and Sheila*; *Sarah Jackman*, and hundreds of others, Sherman was a keen observer of the American Jewish scene in the decades of the 1950s, 60s and early 70s. In this four-part series we will listen to some of his most well-known musical contributions and learn some of his lesser-known works, as well. Sherman's music will serve as the perfect background for analyzing several of the seminal trends in American Jewish life during the middle of the twentieth century.

Register by emailing director@bethisraelnc.org by December 30th.



Mazel Tov !

To Alan Baumgarten & Judy Hoffman on the birth of twin grandsons, Maks and Oskar, to their son Nate and his wife Ivana Kadic-Baumgarten.

To Marilyn and Mark Silberstein who joyfully announce the birth of their granddaughter Alanna Gabriella Silberstein on December 2, 2020.



*February Ha'Shofar
Deadline –
January 10th*

I welcome your newsletter contributions, but please, please respect the deadline of the **10th of the month**



Refuah Shleimah

To Thelma Uhler, Julie Sherman, Neil McCollum, and Devorah Reed

Mazel Tov !



January Birthdays

01	Barbara Miller	20	Ben Kohan
02	Jacob Kulick	21	Marc Penansky
04	David Kulick	29	Judy Gross
06	Barbara Michalove	30	Nechama Moss
07	Joshua Tager	31	Bill Golson
	Nathaniel Kaufman		
08	Marilyn Miller		
	Naviyah Goldstein		
09	Brian Stone		
12	Barbara Lewin		
	Mark Boyd		
13	Hal Lewis		
14	Marilyn Friedman		
16	Janet Harnash		
17	Richard Nielsen		
18	Carey Harnash		

January Anniversaries

No January Anniversaries

Our Madrichim Help You Create Personal and Meaningful Programs at CBI

At its core, the CBI Madrichim initiative is designed to engage *each and every member* on a personal level; *empower each of us* to create the Jewish experiences that are meaningful for us; and, in doing so, *enhance our potential* for authentic Jewish expression. Success is when we realize that we benefit as much by supporting another's personal journey as we do from the program itself. What is your passion or interest: a class, a club, a social action program, a fundraiser, a tikkun olam project, a social event? Think about it. Then contact one of the folks below and let us help you make it happen!

CBI Madrichim

Robert Marcus
Caren Kessler

Sally Gooze
Alan Silverman

Mike Weizman

Thank You and Yasher Koah!



To our New Spin on Dreidel event organizer, Rochelle Reich, and event Sponsors Alan & Suzanne Escovitz, Eva & Beth Blinder, Ali Climo & Sebastian Matthews, Jeremy & Heather Goldstein, Bart Brass & Michelle McCalla, Mike Weizman & Della Simon, Lisa Rothman & Cary Harnash. And a shout out and many thanks to our New Spin on Dreidel dealers: Brian Cohen, Alan Feiler, Alan Kirsch, Tim Plaut, Alan Silverman, Josh Tager, Mike Weizman, and Dan Zivony, and event volunteers, Sally Gooze and Davida Horwitz, who helped make the evening such a great success.

To our volunteers who taught YEP classes recently: Justin Goldstein, Jay & Marlene Jacoby, Deborah Miles, and Alan Silverman, and to our YEP Chair, Ellen Sanders.

New CBI Virtual Office

If you would like to pay your dues or make a donation, you can now do it quickly and securely online through CBI's new Virtual Office on the CBI website. You can use ACH, your credit card or debit card, and save yourself a stamp or a trip to CBI.

Just go to CBI's home page at <https://www.bethisraelnc.org/> and click on CBI Virtual Office in the top bar <https://www.bethisraelnc.org/cbi-virtual-office/>

If you are making a donation or ticket payment, please fill in the memo line so that we can allocate it correctly. Thank you for supporting CBI!



Click on the donate button at the left to pay your dues, make a contribution, pay your Annual Appeal Pledge or pay for your Ingles cards. This simple Web Check system is a direct debit to your checking account and allows you to send a message to the CBI office along with your payment. No need to write checks or make special trips to the office.



Ingles cards are a no-cost fundraiser for Beth Israel. Each month CBI members and friends buy \$8,000 worth of Ingles gift cards to help raise \$400 for Beth Israel – over \$4,800 annually. Ingles gift cards can be used at any Ingles store for groceries, pharmacy items and gasoline. Sign up now to receive your Ingles cards automatically each month. The office also keeps an inventory of Ingles cards for immediate purchase. Contact the CBI office to get more information and/or to participate at 252-8660 or admin@bethisraelnc.org.



For Information about Burial Plots at Lou Pollock Memorial Park

Contact:

Josh Tager admin@bethisraelnc.org
or Fred Lashley

Current rates: \$1,000 CBI members;
\$1,250 non-members

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Support Your Shul and Its Congregants!

Active Donor Directed Funds



For those members of CBI who would like to direct their financial support toward a specific area within CBI, these are the active donor directed funds. You are encouraged to support the **General Fund** with your dona-

tions, allowing the Board of Directors the discretion to direct this support toward areas of the most need.

** These funds are very active and in the most need of regular contributions.

- ☛ **** Spiritual Life Fund** – Support of spiritual life programs and needs
- ☛ **** Social Action Fund** – Funds CBI's social action projects
- ☛ **** Chesed/Tzedakah Fund** – Supports the Bereavement Committee and other Chesed related activities
- ☛ **** Ted Liebowitz Children's Fund** – Provides scholarships for Bet Sefer students and supports Bet Sefer expenses
- ☛ **** Toby Cohen Minyan Katan and Junior Congregation Fund**
- ☛ **** Family Education Fund** – Supports family education programming
- ☛ **Shorashim Teen Program Fund** – Supports CBI teen programs
- ☛ **** Adult Ed Fund**
- ☛ **Website/Computer/Tech Fund**
- ☛ **Cemetery Committee Fund** – Supports maintenance of CBI's Lou Pollock Cemetery
- ☛ **Chevra Kadisha Fund** – Supports efforts toward preparing the body of the departed for Jewish burial.
- ☛ **** Rabbi Discretionary Fund** – Supports needs or causes the Rabbi chooses to support

November to December

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General Fund

Marta & Jimi Metscher: in memory of Esther and Burnerd Horwitz
Gerard & Thelma Uhler: in honor of the birthday of their son Moris
Jay & Marlene Jacoby: in honor of Alan Baumgarten & Judy Hoffman's new grandchildren
Gerard & Thelma Uhler: in honor of Steve Smith's birthday
Lee Avishai: in honor of Bruce Brown's birthday
Gerard & Thelma Uhler: in honor of their grandson Kevin's birthday

Yahrzeit Fund

Mary & Hal Lewis: in memory of Mary's brother, Alan L. Lazansky
Michael & Michele Heller: in memory of Michele's father, Alvin Ross
Richard Bogner: in memory of his wife, Toby Goldstein Bogner
Michael & Michele Heller: in memory of Michele's mother, Adele Ross
Roberta Wall & family: in memory of Ann Chana Plager Wall; mother, grandmother, great-grandmother
Jeremy & Carol Samsky: in memory of Jeremy's father, Ben Samsky

Davida Horwitz: in memory of her grandmother, Martha Jacobson
Claire Mager-Jaffee: in memory of her mother, Adele Mager
Joann Feingold: in memory of her mother, Norma Feingold
Gerard & Thelma Uhler: in memory of Thelma's father, Barney Sherman
Joann Feingold: in memory of her father, Jack Feingold
Norm Winkelman: in memory of his father-in-law, Sam Samuels
Claire Mager-Jaffee: in memory of her husband, Marvin Jaffe
Gerard & Thelma Uhler: in memory of Thelma's grandmother, Ida Uhler
Joann Feingold: in memory of her brother, Stephen Feingold

New Spin on Dreidel Sponsors

Alan & Suzanne Escovitz
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Jeremy & Heather Goldstein
Bart Brass & Michelle McCalla
Mike Weizman & Della Simon
Lisa Rothman & Cary Harnash

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Robert & Ronna Resnick



January Yahrzeits

*May their memories
be for a blessing.*

Announced during services on:

January 1 & 2

03	(19 Tevet)	Steve Miller for his grandmother, Bertha Miller
04	(20 Tevet)	Ira Naiman for his father, Jack Naiman
04	(20 Tevet)	Gail Shulimson for her father, Ben Shulimson
04	(20 Tevet)	Bob Deutsch for his grandfather, Adolph Deutsch
04	(20 Tevet)	Jodi Travis for her grandmother, Sylvia Travis
06	(22 Tevet)	Sara Yakira for her grandmother, Ann Drexler
06	(22 Tevet)	Barbara Miller for her mother, Bryna S. Liebowitz
06	(22 Tevet)	Sandy Slosman for her sister-in-law, Bryna S. Liebowitz
08	(24 Tevet)	Marlene Jacoby for her mother, Dorothy Rosenberg

January 9

10	(26 Tevet)	Bob Deutsch for his mother, Bernice Deutsch
11	(27 Tevet)	Jo Ann Myers for her aunt, Bernice Burkhartzmeyer
12	(28 Tevet)	Rochelle Neuringer for her brother-in-law, Kurt Terhoch
12	(28 Tevet)	Carol Cohen for her mother-in-law, Esther Cohen
13	(29 Tevet)	Eileen Elkin for her grandmother, Anita Grossman
13	(29 Tevet)	Janice Brock for her mother, Gishie B. Bloomfield
13	(29 Tevet)	Ileana Grams-Moog for her father, Armand Jacobovitch
14	(01 Shevat)	Lauren Malinoff for her stepmother, Carole Malinoff
15	(02 Shevat)	Marc Rudow for his mother, Miriam Rudow
15	(02 Shevat)	Hal Lewis for his mother, Arlene J. Lewis

January 15

16	(03 Shevat)	Alan Baumgarten for his uncle, Heinz Friedmann
16	(03 Shevat)	Eileen Elkin for her father, Raymond Greene
16	(03 Shevat)	Nathalie Rudy for her father, Rabbi Samuel Rudy
18	(05 Shevat)	Susan Lerner for her father, Charles Kimmel
18	(05 Shevat)	Lauren Malinoff for her great aunt, Bess M. Saul
18	(05 Shevat)	Gail Shulimson for her uncle, Edward Shulimson
19	(06 Shevat)	Steve Miller for his grandfather, Samuel Miller
19	(06 Shevat)	Eleanore Fisher for her husband, Lowell Fisher
22	(09 Shevat)	Neal Appel for his brother, Clifford L. Appel
22	(09 Shevat)	Walter Ziffer for his sister, Edith Altman

January 22 & 23

23	(10 Shevat)	Sara Yakira for her father, A. Joseph Heckelman
24	(11 Shevat)	Barbara Lewin for her grandfather, Abraham Blick
25	(12 Shevat)	Jillian Krupp for her grandfather, Alan Krupp
25	(12 Shevat)	Michael Heller for his father, Joseph A. Heller
28	(15 Shevat)	Lauren Malinoff for her father, Allen Malinoff
29	(16 Shevat)	Richard Nielsen for his aunt, Gladys K. Dorsey
29	(16 Shevat)	Bob Deutsch for his grandmother, Ruth Albert
29	(16 Shevat)	Shirley Kayne for her mother, Sarah Farkas

January 29

31	(18 Shevat)	Alan Baumgarten for his father, Henry Baumgarten
31	(18 Shevat)	Gerard Uhler for his sister, Cornelia Uhler

January 2021

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	<p>We regret that both of the Rabbi candidate visits scheduled for January have been cancelled due to the recent North Carolina Covid restrictions on gatherings. We plan to reschedule as soon as we can safely do so.</p>					<p>No Noon Study Group 6:00 pm Online Kabbalat Shabbat Services 5:10 pm Candles</p>	<p>10:00 am Jacob Kulick Bar Mitzvah 10:00 am Torah Study with Justin Goldstein - Online 5:59 pm Havdalah</p>
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<p>2:30 pm Online Jewish Meditation and Chant</p>			<p>4:00 pm The Words & Music of Allan Sherman Online</p>		<p>12:00 pm Online Noon Study Group 5:16 pm Candles 6:00 pm Friday Night Services</p>	<p>10:00 am Shabbat morning services - Online 6:05 pm Havdalah</p>	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
<p>Deadline for HaShofar 2:30 pm Online Jewish Meditation and Chant</p>			<p>4:00 pm The Words & Music of Allan Sherman Online</p>		<p>12:00 pm Online Noon Study Group 5:23 pm Candles 6:00 pm Friday Night Services</p>	<p>10:00 am Shabbat morning services - 10:00 am Torah Study with Justin Goldstein - Online 6:12 pm Havdalah</p>	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
<p>2:30 pm Online Jewish Meditation and Chant</p>			<p>Deadline to order Seder Boxes for T'u Bishvat Seder 4:00 pm The Words & Music of Allan Sherman Online</p>		<p>12:00 pm Online Noon Study Group 5:30 pm Candles 6:00 pm Friday Night Family Shabbat Services</p>	<p>10:00 am Shabbat morning services - Online 6:19 pm Havdalah</p>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
<p>2:30 pm Online Meditation 31 2:30 pm Online Meditation 4:00 pm Online Torah on Tap</p>			<p>4:00 pm The Words & Music of Allan Sherman Online 7:00 pm Tu B'Shvat Seder</p>		<p>12:00 pm Online Noon Study Group 5:37 pm Candles 6:00 pm Online Kabbalat Shabbat Services</p>	<p>10:00 am Torah Study with Justin Goldstein - Online 10:00 am Youth Shabbat 6:26 pm Havdalah</p>	



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**January
Candle-lighting & Havdalah**

Friday	01/01/2021	5:10 pm
Saturday	01/02/2021	5:59 pm
Friday	01/08/2021	5:16 pm
Saturday	01/09/2021	6:05 pm
Friday	01/15/2021	5:23 pm
Saturday	01/16/2021	6:12 pm
Friday	01/22/2021	5:30 pm
Saturday	01/23/2021	6:19 pm
Friday	01/29/2021	5:37 pm
Saturday	01/30/2021	6:26 pm

Chesed: CBI's Support Network

Chesed is a caring team of CBI members who are here to help out their CBI community during both challenging as well as joyous times. This committee has assisted individuals and families in a variety of ways. Sometimes it's as simple as making a call or writing a card. Sometimes it's preparing a meal, making a visit or providing a ride. Sometimes it's helping with a life cycle event: a bat or bar mitzvah, the birth of a baby, the loss of a loved one. But we need your help to continue our work effectively.

We can't offer to do anything unless we know who needs and wants some support. If we can help you with something or if you are aware of someone who needs assistance, please tell Lee, who will pass along that information to the Chesed committee. Or you can send an email request to chesed@bethisraelnc.org. Many people at CBI are waiting to help out. At this point, over 70 people have put their names on one or more lists to provide support for their CBI family.

We also need your help responding to the requests. If you want to be involved, please tell Lee, who will pass along your interest to the committee. You can also contact the Chesed committee directly at chesed@bethisraelnc.org. We'll get in touch with you to see what you are interested in doing. We're grateful to have you volunteer to do one or all of the following (it's really up to you):

- Visit those who are sick
- Make calls
- Be part of a shiva minyan
- Prepare meals
- Provide transportation
- Run errands
- Assist with set up for a bar/bat mitzvah party
- Host someone for a holiday meal

Jewish communities have a rich history of taking care of each other. The Babylonian Talmud teaches us that *All Jews are responsible one for another (Shevuot 39a)*. The Chesed Committee invites you to be a part of that meaningful tradition.

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