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Presidents' Message

With the New Year beginning, we want to thank our outgoing trustees for their service, and welcome our new officers and board members. We look forward to an interesting and exciting year ahead! The synagogue has many various ways that you can get involved, and one way is to volunteer on one of our many committees. For example: Ritual, Hebrew School, House, Finance, and Ways and Means. You do not have to be a board member to be on any committee. Let us hear from you.

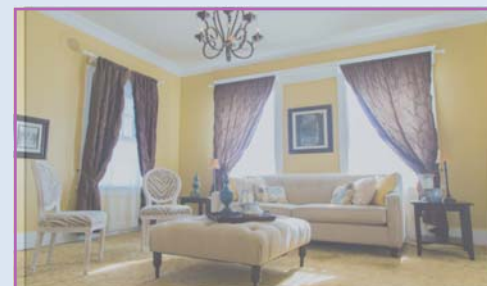
At our Annual Congregational Meeting that took place in December, the membership voted to fully embrace Egalitarianism by July 1st. There will be several Shabbat morning services planned until that date. We want to thank the Lieb Family for sponsoring a beautiful Kiddush Luncheon on Saturday, January 13th. Following the luncheon, the Rabbi presented a class on the proper way to put on a Tallis and to recite the blessing. There were also many samples of Tallis for women, and head coverings, that were brought from Brooklyn, which will be available to purchase.



Yasher Koach to Ronnie Ben-Aron who has arranged and scheduled light suppers and discussions with our Hebrew School Students, which take place regularly before Friday Night Services. In addition, the Ritual Committee and the Hebrew School are planning early dinners and services on Friday nights which will be led by our students. Please watch for details.

Presidents' Message

We have many outside events booked for 2018. With some seed money to get started, we have begun to renovate the Bridal Suite, which is located upstairs from our catering kitchen. In fact, it has already been used for a recent wedding, and by the Miss Staten Island Pageant at the end of January. Moving forward, there is a definite need to maximize the use of our beautiful building. There is more space upstairs that needs renovation. We will be organizing a Beautification Fund toward that end. This is a very exciting project, and we look forward to giving you a tour.



We look forward to your support and participation to make 2018 a wonderful year for CBJ.

Respectfully,

Ruth Greenwald and Arlene Rachman

Co-Presidents

Rabbi's Message

Stepping Into the moment

Hillel teaches: "If I am not for myself who is for me? And being for my own self, what am 'I'? And if not now, when? This quote has inspired so many people to action. One of those people is Martin Luther King, who some misattribute this quote too. Several days ago I attended the Apollo theatre in Harlem for a commemoration of Reverend King. There were many inspiring speakers who talked about activism in the past, present, and future.

Included was Linda Sarsour a woman who is notorious for using her position with the Women's March to advance her anti-Zionist agenda. Thankfully she stayed on topic as she was invited to talk about the Women's march. I couldn't help but think of another quote, this one actually of Reverend King: "When people criticize Zionists they mean Jews, you are talking anti-Semitism," I wondered how he would feel about Ms. Sarsour's presence at his memorial event.

As we go into Tu B'shvat and then Purim, both celebrations of Israel and our survival from tyranny we should remember that we have a long history of dealing with those who seek our destruction and many of our holidays are celebrations of their failures. While there are many forms of activism, standing up for the Jewish nation is certainly an important and worthwhile choice.



Hebrew School News

What a beautiful start of the year 2018. We had vacation, then we had a little snow. After all that, we then had some really great Hebrew School sessions.

So here's to an exciting New Year. As we get ready for the end of January and February 2018, we plan for Tu B'Shevat and our Purim celebrations, two enjoyable holidays for students and their families.

Our teachers are exceptional, sharing their knowledge and their love for Hebrew. We have seen such an improvement in our students knowledge of Hebrew. Our Aleph Champ students are truly becoming champions of the Aleph Champ curriculum. It really seems that with our teachers' assistance and parents' guidance, that your children are really doing well. Let's keep it up.

Shalom

Neil Winchel (Principal)

Shalom Ben Simcha v Rochel-Leah





Men's Club Message

Dear CBJ Family,

Firstly, the Men's Club would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and fulfilling secular New Year!

In order for Men's Club to offer meaningful programming for our families, it is important that we hear from members of our congregation so that we can better understand which events would best benefit our community. We hope that we get a lot of new ideas, as attendance and participation are vital to the life of our CBJ Men's Club and our shul family at large.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please call me, Joel Brimmer, at (718)-494- 0509 or send me an email Brimmer911@aol.com

As far as upcoming events are concerned, The Men's Club has planned the World Wide Wrap to take place on February 4th (Super Bowl Sunday). Please join us for morning services and learn about the mitzvah of wrapping tefilin. After our "Wrap with Gd", bagels will be served! Rabbi Sam will speak on Tefillin and Hebrew Reading class will follow.



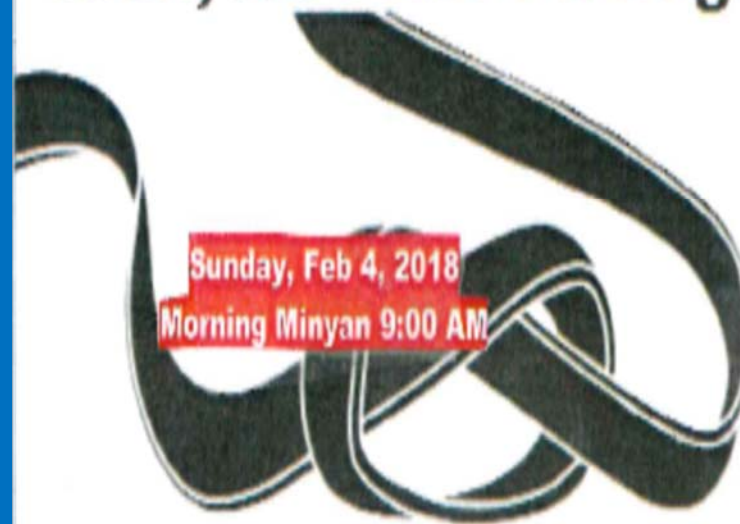
Shalom,

Joel Brimmer

CBJ Men's Club President



Wrap up with God, then, let's have a bagel.



**Sunday, Feb 4, 2018
Morning Minyan 9:00 AM**

**After the Wrap, join us for a bagel
and drash on the Mitzvah of Tefillin.**

Be with our Men's Club as we join with tens of thousands of Jews around the world to celebrate the Mitzvah of Tefillin. Afterwards, please join us for a bagel (and more) and learn more about this wonderful mitzvah from the Rabbi and others.



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Our Spring 2018 Events

In Tribute to heroic women of the Holocaust on the
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Resistance Fighters: Sara Ginate (Vilna); Zivia Lubetkin (Warsaw),
Hannah Senesh (Hungary)

*"The feeling that there was a community of people who cared about
each other, who shared ideas and values
in common... was the source of our strength."*
---Zivia Lubetkin (1914-1976)

The only female on the High Command of the
Jewish Fighting Organization (JFO) in the 1943 Warsaw Ghetto Uprising,
Zivia testified at the 1961 trial of Adolf Eichman.

RSVP and more information, contact Prof. Lori Weintrob, Director, WCHC
LRWeintr@wagner.edu 718-390-3309

Sexual Assault and Genocide: Past, Present, Future


Monday, Jan. 22, 6pm, Foundation Hall

"Sexual Violence Against Jewish Women During and After the Holocaust"
Dr. Eva Fogelman, Pulitzer Prize Nominated Author and Psychologist.

Nearly 1,000 testimonies in the collection of the Shoah Foundation
speak of rape. What insights can be gained by hearing
these voices, long silent, on this Nazi atrocity?

Comments and Action Project by:
Susan Loeb, Founder, Voices of Women (VOW)
www.vownow.org and 2nd generation survivor;
Elizabeth Weintraub, LMSW, Wagner alumnae, Regional Director,
CE You! Continuing Education

Amanda Akaliza, Wagner International Affairs Major '19,
whose family fought in and survived the Rwandan genocide
Jacqueline Caruso, Wagner College '18 Women of Wagner
In honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day 2018
Co-Sponsored with Women of Wagner



Interpreting The Pink Triangle from Weimar to Today

Thurs., Feb. 8, 6pm, Foundation Hall

**Dr. Erik Jensen, Miami University and Dr.
Lisa Sloan, Pride Center of Staten Island**

Co-sponsored by the Iris Alliance and the WC Film Society

Trans/gender Berlin: From *The Danish Girl* to Jewish Women Boxers

Friday, Feb. 9, 10am-1pm, Main Hall 6

Dr. Erik Jensen, Miami University

Wagner College Theatre and
Wagner Holocaust Center Present:

In The Light Of One Another

Written by Martin Moran
and Lori Weintrob

Original Music by David Dabbon

Directed by Theresa McCarthy

Stage One Theatre:

March 15-17 8:00 PM

March 17-18 2:00 PM

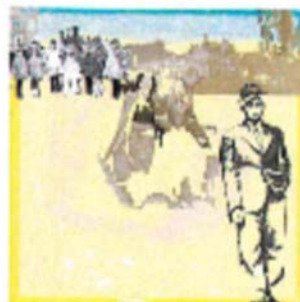
April 8, 10am, Congregation B'nai Israel, Somerset Hills, NJ.

April 29 2pm, Highland Park Conservative Synagogue, NJ

The development of this project has been made possible by
a generous grant from the **Leonard B. Kahn Foundation**.

Special Thanks to Mark Lebovics, Wagner College Trustee, the Shoah
Foundation, the Holocaust Theater International Initiative and to the
SI Holocaust survivors and resisters who shared their stories.

Tickets \$10 per person; FREE for all students with ID.
Call for Reservations.



White Supremacy Now

Monday, March 26, 6:00pm,
Foundation Hall

Keynote Speaker from the
ACLU Center for Extremism.

Comment: Drs. Amy Eschleman (Psychology)--Dr. Bernadette Ludwig
(Sociology)--Dr. Rita Reynolds (History) --Dr. Lori Weintrob (History)--
Panel moderated by Dr. Cyril Gosh (Government and Politics).
Organized by Dr. Laura Morewitz (Art History)

*In honor of the 50th Anniversary of the
Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

2nd GENERATION SURVIVORS LUNCH

Monday, April 9, 11:30 am, Spiro Hall 27

Open Call for 2G to Share Family Stories with Students
Chaired by Manny Saks, followed by lunch for 2G participants
Call to Register in advance.

Voices on Video: Staten Island Survivors

Week of April 10th (Date and Time TBA)



In Honor of Yom Ha'Shoah
(Holocaust Remembrance and Heroism Day)

Videography by Shira Stoll. Presented by Brian
Laline, Executive Editor, *SI Advance*.

In conjunction with the exhibit by Gregory Perillo:
"A World War II Veteran Paints the Holocaust"
Hormann Library Spotlight Gallery.

We are honored to be collaborating with the
Jewish Foundation School of SI for their Yom Ha'Shoah program
on Thurs, April 12 featuring Rabbi Romi Cohn.

Pillars of Strength: Women in the Holocaust

2nd annual Holocaust art, poetry and prose contest
Grades 4 to Adult. Deadline March 19. See website for more details.

SAVE THE DATE:

TUES., MAY 22nd—CHAI SOCIETY MITZVAH DINNER



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(inscriptions are 3 lines with 17 letters per line)



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Yahrtzeits (February)



Ben-Aron, Sara (Sura) <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Ben-Aron, Ronnie	Thursday, 2/1/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved mother of Ronnie	Shevat 16, 5778
Weingarten, Ilse (Feitzel b/s Yitzchuk) <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Kaplan, Ruth	Friday, 2/2/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved sister of Ruth	Shevat 17, 5778
Rothman, Robert Noah (Yitzchuk Noach b/n Moshe) <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Rachman, Arlene	Saturday, 2/3/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved brother of Arlene	Shevat 18, 5778
Chaplin, Sara (Sura b's Chaim Lev) <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Chaplin, Israel & Tova	Sunday, 2/4/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved mother of Israel	Shevat 19, 5778
Kaplan, Julius <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Kaplan, Ruth	Sunday, 2/4/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved husband of Ruth	Shevat 19, 5778
Kerin, Benjamin <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Kenyon, Robert	Sunday, 2/4/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved grandfather of Robert	Shevat 19, 5778
Pomerance, Sylvia <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Reich, Larry & Sheila	Sunday, 2/4/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved mother of Sylvia.	Shevat 19, 5778
Gillerman, Joseph <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Gillerman, Mark & Lenora	Monday, 2/5/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved father of Mark	Shevat 20, 5778

Yahrtzeits (February)



Chapman, Gayle <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Mushnick, Robert & Melissa	Tuesday, 2/6/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved mother of Melissa	Shevat 21, 5778
Duberstein, Morris (Moishe Hesh b'n Binyumin) <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Duberstein, Marshall & Diane	Tuesday, 2/6/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved father of Marshall	Shevat 21, 5778
Fleischer, Sylvia (Suril b/s Avraham) <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Eison, Howard & Karen	Tuesday, 2/6/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved mother of Karen	Shevat 21, 5778
Zeidel, Mendel (Mendel) <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Brandwein, Charles & Mimi	Thursday, 2/8/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved father of Mimi	Shevat 23, 5778
Zimmerman, Veva <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Figueroa, Rachel & Zimmerman, Tobias	Friday, 2/9/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved mother of Tobias	Shevat 24, 5778
Fine, Harry (Aaron ben Boruch) <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Lasser, Myron & Ruth	Monday, 2/12/201 <u>Relationship</u> beloved father of Ruth	Shevat 27, 5778
Apelbaum, Mayer <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Miller, Arthur & Leya	Tuesday, 2/13/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved father of Leya	Shevat 28, 5778
Guindin, Matilde <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Guindin, Gregorio & Ilene	Wednesday, 2/14/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved mother of Gregorio	Shevat 29, 5778

Yahrtzeits (February)



Swaaley, Lena <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Swaaley, Michael & Sherry	Wednesday, 2/14/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved grandmother of Michael	Shevat 29, 5778
Klawnsky, Freida <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Klawnsky, Dorine	Thursday, 2/15/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved mother of Dorine	Shevat 30, 5778
Ashkenazi, Elaine Kaplan (Ester b/s Yoel) <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Kaplan, Ruth	Friday, 2/16/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved daughter of Ruth	Adar 1, 5778
Rokhsar, Shemouel <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Rokhsar, Emanuel & Eva	Friday, 2/16/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved father of Emanuel	Adar 1, 5778
Markinson, Chaia <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Chaplin, Israel & Tova	Monday, 2/19/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved mother of Tova	Adar 4, 5778
Miller, Phyllis <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Cohen, Ira & Sherry	Monday, 2/19/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved sister of Sherry	Adar 4, 5778
Chazan, Ephraim <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Bender, Jack & Susan	Wednesday, 2/21/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved father of Susan	Adar 6, 5778
Elia, Anna <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Saltiel, Lewis	Wednesday, 2/21/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved mother of Liliane	Adar 6, 5778

Yahrtzeits (February)



Miller, Isidore (Yitzchack ben Binyamin) <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Cohen, Ira & Sherry	Wednesday, 2/21/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved father of Sherry	Adar 6, 5778
Moskowitz, William <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Moskowitz, Roy & Ann	Friday, 2/23/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved father of Roy	Adar 8, 5778
Austein, Gilbert (Gudel ben Leib) <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Austein, Lance & Stacey	Saturday, 2/24/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved father of Lance	Adar 9, 5778
Geltner, Lou (Ariea Leibusba ben beardel dov bear) <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Zorfass, Stuart & Eleanor	Sunday, 2/25/2018 <u>Relationship</u> uncle of Stuart	Adar 10, 5778
Feldman, Charles J. <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Goldstein, Richard & Judith	Monday, 2/26/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved uncle of Richard	Adar 11, 5778
Gillerman, Lena <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Gillerman, Mark & Lenora	Monday, 2/26/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved mother of Mark	Adar 11, 5778
Miller, Samuel <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u> Sigelman, Arthur & Diane	Tuesday, 2/27/2018 <u>Relationship</u> beloved grandfather of Diane	Adar 12, 5778

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Shabbat Services:

Friday Nights - Promptly at 8:15 pm

Friday dinners-6:15 pm-Services at 8:15 pm

Saturday Mornings - Promptly at 9:15 am

Daily Minyan:

Sunday Mornings-9:00 am

CBJ Rokhsar building

Monday & Thursday Mornings - 7:20 am

CBJ Rokhsar building

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday Mornings 7:20 am at Temple
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