

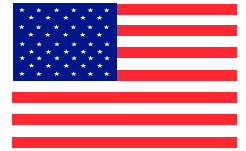
CONGREGATION

B'NAI ISRAEL

CELEBRATING JUDAISM ON THE SOUTHSIDE OF ATLANTA



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March 2014

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The Bulletin

The Monthly Publication of Congregation B'nai Israel

Purim!

Haman, hamantashen, and groggers oh my! Hope you are ready for Purim and all the silliness that goes with it. Do you like to dress up as the wicked Haman, the brave Esther or the cowardly King (was the King a coward? I think not). Whether or not you enjoy pretending to be someone else, Purim is a holiday that is undeniably loads of fun, and Purim at CBI is no exception!

We've organized an action packed weekend that needs your participation:



Purim Weekend March 15th & 16th

Saturday, March 15

1:00pm—Hamantashen Baking at the Faraldi's home

7:00pm—Adult Purim Shenanigans at the Faraldi's home

Sunday, March 16

12:30pm—Purim Carnival at CBI

Purim Play presented by CBI Religious School

Food, Games, Silent Auction, and Hamantashen!

We hope you will come and enjoy all the fabulous activities CBI has planned to celebrate Purim!

Here are some great ways to celebrate Purim:

Reading the Megillah twice - Once the night before Purim (Adult Purim Shenanigans at the Faraldi Mansion) and again on the second the day of Purim (CBI Purim Carnival)

Mishloach Manot - The giving of gift and food baskets to friends and family

Matanot La'evyonim - The giving of gifts to the poor

When the cats away
The mice will play or write!
From cbi vice president Kirsten Mednick



What draws you to CBI? Religious school, Shabbat Services, a Jewish community, High Holidays or adult education? There are many reasons why our members and friends come to our synagogue. The life cycle stage differs from person-to-person. The board and staff at CBI strive to offer a little something for everyone. Do you take advantage of all CBI offers?

My family joined CBI a couple of years before we were considered "active." It wasn't until Ian started the kindergarten class in Religious School and I started teaching third grade that I felt a connection. We were close with Susan Levine and she always made us feel welcome. I took Hebrew 101, but it was just myself, Susan and one other student. We would attend services during the High Holidays and a few Family Shabbats. While Ian was in Torah Tots I would sit in my car, run around the golf course, or sit in the foyer and read a book. I never felt particularly welcome.

I wanted to make CBI our home. I wanted more Jewish friends for myself and for Ian. How could Ian feel a connection to Judaism if he felt alone? How could I? One can learn a lot from reading about Judaism, but nothing replaces the connection you feel sharing a Seder with Jewish friends or sitting in a Shabbat service surrounded by Jews. I took the opportunity extended to me and decided to teach. I met new friends and felt more connected to our Jewish community.

CBI offers a lot to our congregants and the community. The dance in Tyrone was fun. I'm not much of a dancer and Brandon would have killed me had I dragged him out onto the dance floor. We got a sitter, we had a good meal, a few drinks and caught up with CBI friends. Purim is March 16, another chance to catch up with friends, eat good food and see a play. New Year's Eve: drinks, poker, food, friends. Need I say more?

We all have busy lives. We all have friends and family we want to see on the weekends. Our children and grandchildren lead hectic lives and packed social calendars. If you want a connection to CBI, you have to be active and put yourself out there. The more involved you become, the more friends you make. The more friends you make, the greater the connection. Please attend a social event, come to a Family Shabbat, teach religious school, or join a committee. CBI can't function without your involvement and we, as Jews, can't thrive without CBI.

Congregation B'nai Israel To Receive Proclamation
From Fayette County

Please join us on Tuesday March 11 at the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue West, Suite 100 at 6:45pm as Rabbi Feldstein delivers the invocation and CBI is presented with a proclamation from Fayette County. This is a wonderful honor that is being bestowed on our congregation and we hope that everyone will be able to be a part of this evening.

COMING EVENTS



Don't miss any of these amazing CBI events!

Check your E-Blast, the CBI website,
or call the Office (678-817-7162) for more details!

March 1	Hunger Walk Social/Fundraiser At the home of Jeff & Karen Kalins	7:00PM
March 6	Women's Series	7:00PM
March 7	Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Lapidus	8:00PM
March 9	Hunger Walk at Turner Field	2:00PM
March 11	Fayette County Proclamation for CBI Invocation by Rabbi Lou Feldstein Fayette County Commissioner's Office	6:45PM
March 12	Southside Senior Luncheon Arbor Terrace (formerly known as Towne Club)	12:00PM
March 13	Torah Study with Susan Burden	7:00PM
March 14	Shabbat Service led by Susan Burden	8:00PM
March 15	Hamantashen Baking At the home of Al and Holly Faraldi	1:00PM 7:30PM
March 15	Adult Purim Shenanigans At the home of Al and Holly Faraldi	7:00PM
March 16	CBI Purim Carnival and Silent Auction	12:30PM
March 18	Mahjong at CBI	6:30PM
March 20	Shayna Maideleh Club Luncheon at Frank's Old Mill	12:30PM
March 21	Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Lou Feldstein	8:00PM
March 22	CBI Family Fun Day/Zip Line	1:00PM
March 26	CBI Book Club	7:30PM
March 28	Family Shabbat led by Susan Burden Deli Days/Meat Dinner Shabbat Service	6:30PM 7:30PM
March 30	Brotherhood Playground Refurbish Day	10:00AM



Chai-Notes



from your Cantorial Soloist

Susan Burden

Shalom, everyone -

We sometimes have moments in life where we feel we have lost everything. No matter what something looks like to an outsider, we each have our own reality when it comes to how we perceive our world and the effect it has upon us. It is no surprise that one person may be greatly affected by something that happens while another may seem completely untouched by the same event. Human beings may have been created as equal, but no one ever said they were created identically. Yet we still ask the question – WHY? Why did this happen to me? Why doesn't anyone understand how I feel? Why can't I get over these feelings? There are no easy answers to those questions. Perhaps, instead, we might ask a different question, one that actually can give us power and comfort. Here it is: *What can we do when we feel we have lost everything?*

One of the most helpful ways to pull ourselves out of a small funk or a huge chasm is to look at what we still have and what we can still do. When we feel we have lost everything, we still have:

Books

Unexpected kindness in strangers

The rest of the world to travel

Languages to learn

Animals to take care of

The power of a good night's rest

The changing of seasons

Infinite things to learn

Billions of people to meet and possibly love

Billions of people who might love us back

Preposterous, you say! I can hear you, because I hear myself say that, too. No book can possibly ease my pain. Are you sure? Maybe something humorous with just enough bite to engage you long enough to laugh a little. You might say "I can't take time off to travel." Well, maybe not if you are thinking you must go around the world or across the country. But sometimes, just traveling from your home to a convenient hotel might be enough to refresh your attitude. And if nothing else, just wait. Wait until spring really begins to change our world. All you have to do is tell yourself to wait. Don't do anything rash. Just wait. New life and brilliant change is coming.

It really is amazing how the human mind works. Nothing can alter what has happened to us, but it is how we utilize the moments we still have that is the important thing.

I recently sat down in a dejected heap because I had been unable to schedule a discussion about an issue that has been concerning me greatly. My head echoed with the thought that I was doomed to fail and that I could not manage anything. My heart hurt – a lot! So I tried some things on this list. I sat back for just a moment and waited. I read something funny and laughed. I looked around and saw so many of you giving me what I couldn't give myself – confidence, acceptance, and love. And now, ready or not, I am tackling my important meeting with more courage and power. Things may not work out the way I hope, and perhaps I will not alter anything at all. However, I have been changed from the inside out, and that is the most important thing.

While it is certainly difficult not to dwell on the "why" questions, may we all find ways to embrace what we still have in front of us. Doing so has helped me in stressful times. I hope it may help you, too.

Be well,
Susan



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM
is partnering with
CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

You can help CBI while doing your weekly shopping and/or fueling your car!

By registering your Kroger Plus Card, every purchase you make at Kroger (food, fuel, gift cards for other retailers) will generate an automatic 5% rebate of your purchase costs to CBI! There is NO charge to you, nor does it affect the cost of what you buy. It costs you NOTHING to participate!

- Kroger is making the donation, not you
- Kroger sends CBI a check quarterly based on the purchases our registered members make
- The program applies to all purchases at Kroger stores, pharmacies and gas stations in the country, including gift cards for other retailers (see exceptions below)
- Rebates add up quickly for CBI if everyone shops even one time per month
- Members still receive all discounts and gas points as before - NO CHANGES AT ALL!

How to enroll

The CBI NPO number: 107574

- Simply click on "Enroll" and register online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com
- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up
- If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger, www.kroger.com or call 1-800-KROGERS
- Click on Sign In/Register
- Enter the NPO number for CBI (107574) and select CBI from list and click on confirm
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the ALT ID (phone number) that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count

Are there any purchases that won't count?

- Alcohol
- Tobacco
- Government Assisted Pharmacy Expenses
- Postage Stamps
- Kroger Co. Family of Stores Gift Cards
- Green Dot Prepaid Reloadable Products
- MoneyPaks
- 1-2-3 Rewards Reloadable Visa PrePaid Debit Card
- ReCharge Cards
- American Express Variable Load Gift Cards
- Visa Variable Load Gift Cards
- MasterCard Load Gift Cards
- Bottle Deposits
- Lottery and Promotional tickets
- Money Orders
- Western Union
- Fuel and Sales Tax

***What are you waiting for? If you shop at Kroger, get enrolled today and help support CBI!
Call the CBI Office at 678-817-7162 or email Angie Ellis for more information.***

Invitation

Hunger Walk Fundraiser

A party for a good cause

Good Friends helping the less fortunate

Date: Sat. March 1, 2014
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Karen & Jeffrey Kalins
140 Broadmoor Drive
Fayetteville 30215

Everyone is welcome - bring your friends/ family and an
appetizer or dessert to share
(adults only)

Donations to the Hunger Walk/Run are greatly appreciated

Donate with a check made out to *Hunger Walk/Run 2014* or donate on-line at HRW2014.org. Click on 'Jewish Federation', scroll down and click 'Join a Team'. Scroll down to 'Team Name' and key in 'CBI' then highlight 'Congregation B'nai Israel' on left and click 'Search'. Scroll to 'Search Results' where 'CBI' appears and press 'Join'. Then follow directions to donate or register to Walk/Run.

PLEASE RSVP to Karen Kalins at nonny51@aol.com or [404-729-9567](tel:404-729-9567)

Save the Date!

2014 Hunger Walk/Run
5K Walk/5K Run
Sunday, March 9, 2014
Turner Field • Atlanta, GA

Hunger Walk/Run is a project of
The Atlanta Community Food Bank.

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**HUNGER
WALK/RUN**
Taking Steps
Together
HWR2014.org



You can make a difference for those facing hunger in our community!

Join thousands of walkers and runners coming together to support our neighbors in need and celebrate the work that's being done. Enjoy the festival atmosphere before and after the 5K Walk/Run including food, games, educational activities, children's play zone, sponsor tents, live music and more! The event benefits local nonprofit hunger relief organizations which provide food assistance to families, children, seniors and individuals in need. You can help support local hunger relief and make a real difference!

Register • Fundraise • Fight Hunger >> Make a Difference!

To Join the CBI Team Log onto HWR2014.org

- Click on 'Jewish Federation' on right, scroll down + click on 'Join a Team'
- Scroll to 'Enter Team Name' + key in 'CBI'; call up list (right) + highlight 'Congregation B'nai Israel'
- Click on 'Search' then scroll to 'Search Results' where 'CBI' appears + press 'Join'
- Then just follow directions to register to Walk/Run/Donate

OR

Contact Angie Ellis at cbiadmin@bnai-israel.net or 678-817-7162

PRIZES!

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For the 3 Walkers/Runners that raise the most \$\$\$

Get your family & friends to Sponsor You by making a donation and you can win an exciting prize!





CBI CELEBRATES

MARCH—HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jacob Bradford
Jonathan Burden
Liza Faraldi
Glenn Kersey
Nancy Levenson
Steve Montesinos
Sharyon Schwartz
Seth Schwartz

MARCH—HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jim & Emma Bradford
Hector & Claudia Charyton
Dennis & Sharon Hudgins

If you would like your birthday or anniversary in the bulletin, or if you would like to wish someone a Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary or other simcha, please contact the office at 678-817-7162. It is our wish to include everyone.

Tree of Life Leaf

**Wishing Nadine Winter
A Very Special Birthday
The Andrews, Hudgins,
Kerseys, Perezes, Smiths**

AROUND THE BUILDING

Have you been to the CBI playground lately? If so you may have noticed all the improvements that have taken place. Thanks to our Brotherhood, our playground has been transformed. They spent the day clearing out the weeds, staining everything and preparing the ground for new mulch, and the results are fabulous. We even have new picnic tables to enjoy! Next time you are at CBI, take a look at how beautiful our playground looks. Many thanks to everyone who donated their time and money to make our playground a place where the children will want to play!

If you would like to assist in mowing, weeding, or grounds maintenance, please be sure to call Angie Ellis at 678-817-7162 and let her know.



They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you make them feel.

~ Carol Buchner ~

REFUAH SHLEIMAH

A speedy healing to all who need prayers and thoughts:

Emma Bradford	Nat Maryn
Gail Burger	Elaine McGee
Jeff Deutsch	Tova Milcha
Leroy Foster	Carol Montesinos
Joe Gilliland	Cheryl Rich
Shirley Gorrel	Gail Schwartz
Burton Kunkel	Michael Schwartz
June Kunkel	Robert Solomon
Tara Hughes	Lois Speaker
Allison Levine	Marcia Swanson
Ray Levine	Adam Weston



PLAYGROUND REFURBISH!

Sunday, March 30, 2014

10:00am

We will put up new cross beams and swings on the play set.
Bring wrenches, a drill, and a step ladder.
Bring a sack lunch for afterwards.

Questions?
Contact Ralph Ellis
rellis@bnai-israel.net or 678-817-5817

CBI PURIM CARNIVAL AND SILENT AUCTION

Sunday, March 16, 2014

12:30pm – 3:00pm

- ◆ CBI Religious School Purim Shpiel: *Over the Shushan Rainbow*
- ◆ Carnival games and prizes for the kids
- ◆ Great food and homemade hamentashen
- ◆ Silent Auction fundraiser

Come enjoy the festive atmosphere
with friends and family!

CHAG PURIM!



IN HONOR OF TREES



☞ A TREE NAMED LASKY -3

THIS IS THE STORY OF A LONELY BABY TREE,
WEEDING CHERRY BY BIRTH, LASKY BY NAME.

SHE WAS CHOSEN AT A NURSERY AND
LOVINGLY PLANTED AT THE ENTRY OF THE PARKING
LOT OF A LOVELY LITTLE SYNAGOG CALLED C.B.I.
SHE WAS GIVEN A NAME AND TITLE, IN LOVING MEM-
ORY OF UVA AND BILL LASKY. SHE GREW INTO A
LOVELY FULL TREE GUARDING THE PARKING LOT
AND SHOWING US HER BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS EVERY
SPRING.

SHE IS JOINED BY TWO OTHERS IN HER
ROW. ONE IS NAMED EDISON AND THE OTHER FROM
THE "SRS." THERE IS ROOM FOR OTHERS TO JOIN
THIS FAMILY OF TREES - THE MORE THE MERRIER.

*Nancy
Levenson*



POWER UP!
SIGN UP ▶

It's in your power to help.



Dear Congregant,

During these challenging economic times, we are all looking for ways to support our favorite causes while still being conscious of family budgets.

Congregation B'nai Israel has recently partnered with Stream Energy to assist our supporters in helping us by simply doing something they already do: pay their energy bill.

Stream Energy's unique Power Up! Program helps raise funds by paying us monthly commissions when our supporters enroll for their electricity or natural gas service through Congregation B'nai Israel. Supporters can be anyone who lives in an area where Stream Energy is providing services. Currently they are located in Texas, Georgia, New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Washington, DC.

The Power Up! Program is an excellent fundraising campaign for us because everybody uses energy already, and the commissions we receive are paid monthly for the duration of your relationship with Stream Energy. There's no extra out-of-pocket cost for you, and we benefit on an ongoing basis every month.

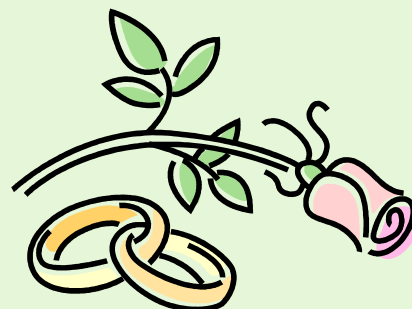
Please go to <http://bnaiisrael.streampowerup.biz> to learn more about Stream Energy, and see how you can help us raise funds while possibly lowering your energy bill. It's a win-win for all!

Sincerely,

Sharon Hudgins
President, Board of Trustees
Congregation B'nai Israel

HONORING YOUR ANNIVERSARY

Whenever we mark another year together with the one we love, we often look back to see the interesting path we have taken to get there. Love can carry us through anything, but there are often moments of difficulty as well as joy. The simple truth is: Marriage is hard work!



We would be pleased to honor your anniversary during Shabbat services. There are many ways to make a remembrance special, from blessing you in front of the Ark to giving you a special honor during the service to having a special reading.

If you would like us to celebrate your anniversary from the bima, be certain to let us know. Please call Angie or Susan at the Office (678-817-7162) to help us plan something special for you.

WE ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SILENT AUCTION FINDS!



It's that time again. We are already planning our Purim Carnival. We need everyone's help to gather together some great gift items and services that can be used in our Silent Auction Fundraiser.

Start asking the businesses you patronize for gift certificates, merchandise, or services. Remember, this is a fundraiser for CBI, so be sure the goods you are collecting are new and desirable.

Please contact Kirsten Mednick if you need help.



Adult Purim Shenanigans!
Saturday, March 15th
7pm
Faraldi Mansion

"Rent-A-Wench" Auction!

Brotherhood members will be strutting the catwalk! Bid on your favorite wench and the "useful service" they will provide! All proceeds benefit CBI and are tax deductible!

Newlywed Game!

3 lucky lottery couples will be selected to sit on the hot seat! Hilarity will ensue as we ask questions to find out how much the couples *really* know about each other!

Bring an appetizer to share, and BYOB!

Questions? Want to be a Wench?

Contact Ralph Ellis at rellis@bnai-israel.net or 678-817-5817

March 2014

CBI Religious School News



Come grow with us...

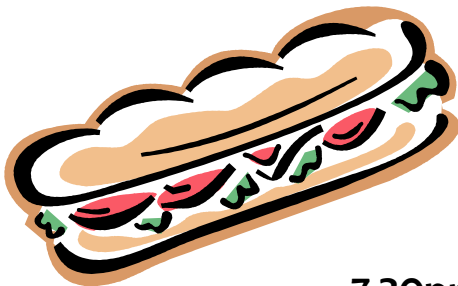
- Purim Play Practice – 1 p.m. March 1, 8, 15
- Hunger Walk March 9
CBI Family including Kids Club and Youth Group
(RS will end at noon so everyone can get up to Turner Field.)
- Religious School Dates (10-12:30pm)..... March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- Wednesday Hebrew..... March 5, 12, 19, 26
(4th-6th Grade – 6:30-7:30pm)
- Hebrew High / Confirmation Dates (9-9:50am)..... March 9, 23, 30
- ISJL Visit From Elaine March 14-16
- Purim Party March 16
- Torah Tots (11:30-12:30pm)..... March 23
(Change in date from March 30)
- Family Shabbat – Deli Days (Meat)..... March 28
(6:30 meal / 7:30 Service)

Religious School Director: Danielle Foster
(rsdirector@bnai-israel.net) CBI Office Phone #: 678-817-7162

THE CBI DELI



.....*where everyone knows your name!*



Deli Night Dinner and Family Shabbat

Friday, March 28, 2014

6:30pm—Deli-Style Dinner (Meat Meal)

7:30pm—Shabbat Service, led by Susan Burden

IT'S DELI NIGHT!

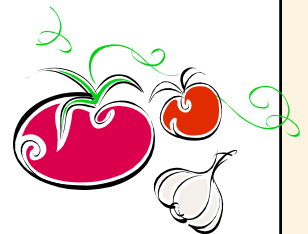
Bring your favorite deli-style foods
(Just remember—no cheese, butter, or sour cream)

Here are some great menu ideas:

Deli cold cuts:

Turkey
Corned beef
Pastrami
Roast beef
Hearty sandwich breads
Bagels
Any meat dish

Tuna fish
Whitefish or herring
Potato salad
Egg salad
Potato chips
Pickles
Tomatoes and onions
Any vegetable dish



Drinks and desserts will be provided

Please plan to join us for dinner and worship

RITUAL & PULPIT NEWS

Shabbat Services:

The R & P committee recommended to the Board that all Shabbat Friday night services begin at 7:30pm in order to create consistency for begin time of services. Currently Family Services begin at 7:30pm ; all other services begin at 8:00pm. The Board voted and passed the recommendation of the R & P Committee.

BEGINNING JUNE 6, 2014 , ALL SHABBAT SERVICES WILL BEGIN AT 7:30PM.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Sandy DeMuth by email at sdemuth@bnai-israel.net.

Siddur - Prayer Book:

Ray Levine has requested that the donations given in Susan Levine's memory be used to purchase the new Siddur - *Mishkan T'filah*. Most if not all if the Reform synagogues in the Atlanta area now use this Siddur. CBI has some copies of the prayer book which will be available for the congregation to view. The Board is considering replacing the current Siddur, *The New Union Prayer Book*, with *Mishkan T'filah* after the members have a chance to review it. We will find a home for the current prayer books once a decision is made to change. We will also find a respectful way to honor your donation of *The New Union Prayer Book*.

Rabbi Feldstein is coming to CBI on Friday, March 21, 2014



The rabbi has graciously agreed to be at the synagogue by 3:00pm that afternoon. He will provide 30 minute individual counseling sessions beginning at 3:00pm and ending at 6:00pm. If you need to speak with him privately, please call the synagogue office or email Angie. Appointments will be available at 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00 and 5:30.

YOU MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT IN ADVANCE. APPOINTMENTS WILL BE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS.

Rabbi Feldstein will have a pot luck dinner with the newest members of CBI from 6:30 - 7:30pm. The new members will receive an invitation to join him for dinner. Rabbi Feldstein will then lead services for all at 8:00pm, as usual.

ARE WE JEWISH IF WE CAN'T BAKE CHALLAH?

Congregation B'nai Israel Women's Education Series

Winter/Spring 2014

Remember when you looked at life as an endless highway of adventure?



No matter where you have been, there is always one more journey ahead!

WOMEN'S SERIES INFORMATION

- Cost for entire series:
\$18/CBI members - \$36/Non-members
- All sessions at CBI from 7pm - 9pm
- See session descriptions for specific dates and topics
- Call CBI office at 678-817-7162 or send email to sburden@bnai-israel.net to register

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Session 1: Thursday, February 6, 2014

Program: Special screening of "Ahead of Time: The Extraordinary Journey of Ruth Gruber" with discussions before and after the film -- plus finger food dinner for noshing all evening

Focus: *On being Jewish women in modern roles - exploring our feminist, trailblazing selves*

Session 2: Thursday, March 6, 2014

Program: Explore the connections between Jewish women, Jewish food, and our history, culture, and future, with hands-on food experiences: "The Way to the Heart of Judaism Is through the Stomach" No cooking skills required! If you can eat, you're qualified!

Focus: *On being Jewish women as nurturers of the Jewish community and sustainers of our heritage and values - exploring ourselves as cooks and/or consumers*

Session 3: Thursday, April 3, 2014

Program: Discover the artist in each of us through an amazing pre-Passover art and text workshop: "The Colors of the Haggadah" presented by Rabbi Pamela Gottfried. No prior ~~art~~ experience required and all supplies provided!



Rabbi Pamela Gottfried
Atlanta rabbi, artist, and author

Focus: *On being Jewish women as creative spirits - expressing the values and meaning in Torah through art and language*

Session 4: Thursday, May 1, 2014

Program: Connect spiritually with a meaningful and fun Rosh Chodesh Women's Seder, the traditional women's service for the new moon. We will sing, pray, eat, learn, and bond together.

Focus: *On being Jewish women as spiritual souls - building a special community together*

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(at the corner of Corinth Road and Hwy 54)

Angela Ellis, Administrator ~ cbiadmin@bnai-israel.net

Susan Burden, Cantorial Soloist ~ sburden@bnai-israel.net

CALENDAR OF JEWISH HOLIDAYS

NOTE: Each holiday begins and ends at sundown on the days listed

JEWISH YEAR	5774
SECULAR YEAR	AUGUST 2013 - SEPTEMBER 2014
SELICHOT SERVICE 5773	AUGUST 31, 2013 <i>Saturday</i>
ROSH HASHANA	SEPTEMBER 4-6, 2013 <i>Wednesday - Friday</i>
YOM KIPPUR	SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2013 <i>Friday - Saturday</i>
SUKKOT	SEPTEMBER 18-25, 2013 <i>Wednesday - Wednesday</i>
ATZERET - SIMCHAT TORAH	SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2013 <i>Wednesday - Thursday</i>
HANUKKAH	NOVEMBER 27 - December 5, 2013 <i>Wednesday - Thursday</i>
TU B'SHEVAT	January 15-16, 2014 <i>Wednesday - Thursday</i>
PURIM	MARCH 15-16, 2014 <i>Saturday - Sunday</i>
PESACH	APRIL 14-21, 2014 <i>Monday - Monday</i>
YOM HASHOAH	APRIL 26-27, 2014 <i>Sunday - Monday</i>
YOM HAZIKARON & YOM HAATZ'MA'UT	MAY 4-6, 2014 <i>Sunday - Tuesday</i>
LAG B'OMER	MAY 17-18, 2014 <i>Saturday - Sunday</i>
SHAVUOT	JUNE 3-4, 2014 <i>Tuesday - Wednesday</i>
TISAH B'AV	AUGUST 4-5, 2014 <i>Monday - Tuesday</i>
SELICHOT 5774	SEPTEMBER 20, 2014 <i>Saturday</i>



YÄHRZEITS

March 7, 2014

Marjorie Freedman (Susan Burden's mother)
Gary Eugene Horowitz
Una Laskey (Nancy Levenson's mother)
Beverly G. Lerner

March 14, 2014

Lawrence Kalins (Jeffrey Kalins' father)
Harry Levy (Cecile Pulin's father)
Jack Saleh (Richard Saleh's father)
Martha Weissman

March 21, 2014

Ilse Lotte Muller Draker (Steve Muller's mother)
Frances Gruskin Foster (Sanford Gruskin's mother)
Lucille Irvin (Wayne Tyler's mother)
Rita Kleso (Andrea Feinstein's mother)
Sophie Newrick (Barbara Maryn's mother)
Sylvia Raflo (Cindy Andrews' mother)
Linda Slepian

March 28, 2014

Bertha Bookman (Howard Bookman's mother)
Elizabeth Braunstein (Marge Klepinger's mother)
Jerome Schwartz (Seth Schwartz' father)



“What we have once enjoyed,
we can never lose.
All that we love deeply becomes part of us.”

— Helen Keller —



Congregation B'nai Israel Tree of Life

In honor of Congregation B'nai Israel's 25th Anniversary, we created a TREE OF LIFE that adorns our walls. You may purchase an engraved leaf in honor of someone, an accomplishment, or an event. Leaves may be ordered at anytime.

Leaves are available in copper, silver, or gold and can be engraved with up to 4 lines and 24 characters per line.

Pricing per leaf: Copper/\$100.00 - Silver/\$150.00 - Gold/\$200.00

For more information or to place an order, please contact Angie Ellis at 678-817-7162

Yahrzeit Plaque

One of the most meaningful ways to remember a loved one is by creating a Yahrzeit plaque. Congregation B'nai Israel is now following this tradition.

Please consider ordering a nameplate for the Memorial Wall that is displayed in the sanctuary. The cost of each nameplate is \$300.00 and will be illuminated on the anniversary of your loved one's death.

Check with Angie Ellis in the office for information on ordering.



DON'T MISS OUT!!! GET OUR WEEKLY E-BLASTS

Look for weekly CBI updates about activities and upcoming events via email. If you have provided the Congregation with an email address, you will receive this weekly E-Blast.

What about changes to your email????

Please send us a note when you have changes to the email that you want CBI to use in contacting you. You should contact Angie Ellis (cbiadmin@bnai-israel.net) to let us know. We'll make sure to change it so that you don't miss a thing!

SECURITY NOTICE

Please remember, effective immediately:
Our doors will be locked when our worship services begin.

Don't panic!

Please knock, and our Shabbat Representative will happily let you in.

The Shayna Maideleh Club

(Sisterhood)

March 20th at 12:30pm

Let's do lunch at Frank's Old Mill
Hwy 54 - Fayetteville



All CBI women welcome

Call or text Karen Radest to RSVP 630-453-0066



SOUTHSIDE SENIORS

Please join us Wednesday, March 12th, at Arbor Terrace Peachtree City (formerly known as Towne Club), 201 Crosstown Drive, Peachtree City, Georgia, for our next luncheon. Arbor Terrace has graciously offer to provide lunch at no charge but reservations are required by March 5th. To reserve your spot, please call Nancy Levenson at 770-855-1072. See you there!

NEXT SOUTHSIDE SENIOR SOCIAL:

Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 12:00pm at Arbor Terrace in PTC

Join us for friendship and food!

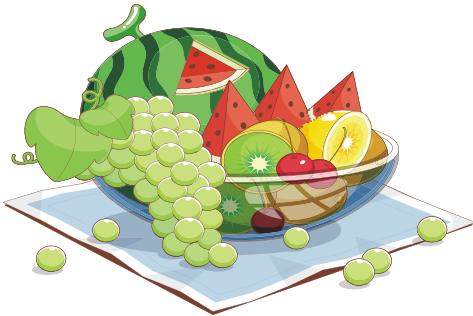
YOU'RE MISSING OUT IF YOU DON'T FIND YOUR WAY TO THE NEXT GATHERING!
WE DARE ANY OTHER CBI GROUP TO MATCH US IN WIT, EXPERIENCE, AND LAUGHTER!

תודה

Many thanks to Steven and Andrea Feinstein
for donations of office supplies and kitchen goods.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

ONEG SCHEDULE for 2013-2014

Thank you to everyone who signed up for an Oneg this year. Check the chart below for the Oneg dates for March through July. If you have any questions, contact Holly Faraldi, our Social Chairperson at 770-631-1214 or at hfaraldi@bnai-israel.net



MARCH 2014

- 7—Burden & McGee
- 14—Tyler & Clement
- 21—Charyton & Bradford
- 28—Family Shabbat

APRIL 2014

- 4—Posey & Krasow
- 11—Flug & *(can you help?)*
- 18—Family Shabbat (Pesach)
- 25—HHS/YG

MAY 2014

- 2—Tarleton & Ellis
- 9—Bookman & Weston
- 16—Family Shabbat
- 23—*(can you help?)*
- 30—Foster (B'nai Mitzvah Weekend)

JUNE 2014

- 6—Confirmation Service
- 13—Family Shabbat
- 20—Kersey
- 27—M. Schwartz & Levine

JULY 2014

- 4—Montesinos & Kaplan
- 11—Family Shabbat
- 18—Robbins & Caplan
- 25—DARK (URJ Shabbat)

Congregation B'nai Israel Community Passover Seder



Tuesday, April 15, 2014

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Space is limited in our sanctuary
Reservations will be taken on a
first come—first serve basis
Sign up early

Reservations are accepted
ONLY with a completed
reservation form and
payment

RESERVATION DEADLINE:
April 2, 2014

- Interactive Seder
- Delicious buffet-style meal catered by *Broadway Diner*:
 - Matzah ball soup
 - Gefilte fish
 - Chicken and beef entrees
 - Vegetables
 - Fruit and desserts
- Festive songs & stories
- Families and visitors welcome

Cost per person:

- \$26 for CBI members
- \$32 for non-members
- \$18 for age 10 and under

Contact Angie Ellis:

678-817-7162

cbiadmin@bnai-israel.net

Mail reservation form and payment to:
Congregation B'nai Israel
P.O. Box 142481
Fayetteville, GA 30214

RESERVATION FORM
Congregation B'nai Israel
COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER 2014

WHAT:	Congregation B'nai Israel Community Passover Seder
WHEN:	Tuesday, April 15, 2014 5:30pm – 8:00pm
WHERE:	CBI Sanctuary
COST:	CBI Members: \$26 per person Non Members: \$32 per person Children 10 and under: \$18 per child
PROGRAM:	We've created an interactive Seder, led by Cantorial Soloist Susan Burden and guests, including traditional stories, festive songs, and fun filled innovative activities that help tell the Exodus story and get everyone engaged in the Passover experience
MENU:	Enjoy a festive buffet-style meal catered by the Broadway Diner, including matzah ball soup, gefilte fish, chicken and beef entrees, traditional vegetable dishes, fruit and dessert
DEADLINE:	Space is limited, and reservations are entered on first come first serve basis Reservations will not be accepted without Reservation Forms and payment Deadline for ALL reservations is <u>April 2, 2014</u>

Thank you for joining us on this wonderful holiday! Chag Sameach!

Seder Committee Members: Idie Clement, Meredith Rosenberg, Beverly Tyler, Susan Burden, Kirsten Mednick, Mike Edison, and Angie Ellis

 Please return this portion with your payment:

Name: _____

Telephone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Number attending: _____ Members _____ Non-Members _____ Children 10 & under

Number of Gefilte Fish Requested: _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Please plan on staying afterwards, to help us return the sanctuary to its normal state. Thanks!

Make checks payable to Congregation B'nai Israel and mail to:

Congregation B'nai Israel
 Attn: SEDER/Angie Ellis
 P.O. Box 142481
 Fayetteville, GA 30214

Checks and Reservation Form may also be dropped in the mailbox located in the CBI lobby.

REMEMBER -- Reservations are not complete until PAYMENT is received

DONATIONS

In Memory of Howard Gorrel

Al & Holly Faraldi

In Memory of my sister, Mary Allen

Marge Gersten (Building Fund)

In Memory of my husband, Joseph R. McGee

Elaine McGee

In Memory of Helen Silverman

Michael & Lauren Silverman

In Memory of Burton Beitch

Sylvia Stroger

In Memory of Sam Winter

Mark & Nadine Winter

In Honor of Nadine Winter's Birthday

Jeff & Karen Kalins

Sylvia Stroger

Fly Chai

Mel Krasow

URJ Camp Fund

Mel Krasow

URJ Membership

Mel Krasow

Cantorial Soloist Discretionary Fund

Margery Klepinger

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Zaban Shelter

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Congratulations Brad & Mindy Smith on the birth of your Grandson!

Jeff & Karen Kalins

Donating supplies is one easy way for each of us to help CBI cut down on expenses. When you visit Costco, Sam's, or Wal-Mart, pick up something for CBI from our WISH LIST. Drop the item off on the table in the office. If each of us donated one item per a month, it would make a HUGE difference in CBI operating expenses!

CBI Wish List

- toilet tissue
- liquid hand soap
- coffee (reg & decaf)
- plastic tablecloths
- paper plates (NO Styrofoam)
- plastic tableware
- paper towels (rolls)
- C-fold paper towels
- Splenda or Equal
- 33-gallon trash bags
- disposable cups for hot & cold (NO Styrofoam)
- napkins

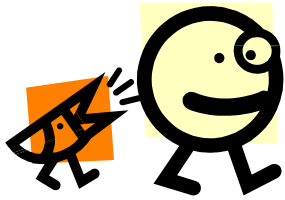


The Obligation of Tzedakah

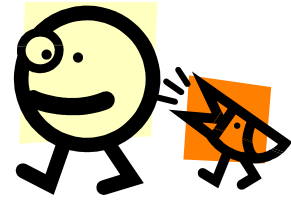
Giving is an obligation in Judaism, a duty that cannot be forsaken even by those who are themselves in need. Some sages have said that tzedakah is the highest of all commandments, equal to all of them combined, and that a person who does not perform tzedakah is equivalent to an idol worshipper.

This illustrates the importance of tzedakah in Jewish thought. Tzedakah is one of the three acts that gain us forgiveness from our sins. The High Holiday liturgy repeatedly states that G-d has inscribed a judgment against all who have sinned, but teshuvah (repentance), tefillah (prayer) and tzedakah can alleviate the decree.

Happenings Around the Synagogue



Schul Shmooz'n



- The CBI Social Hall is looking great, thanks to some very sneaky CBI elves who magically appeared after Religious School to paint the walls.
- Thomas Charyton and Amanda Silverman just returned from their first NFTY Youth Group Kallah and had an amazing time!

CBI YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to all Youth Group parents that donated money for groceries to help feed 30 residents at the Zaban Shelter Saturday, February 22, 2014. The 9th grade girls prepared food and served the couples. Everyone enjoyed the meal, and our students had the opportunity to fulfill a mitzvah.



Danielle Steinberg, Sydney Feldman, Sophia Charyton

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Most current ads will expire after July 2014

If you would like to continue running your ad, please contact Angie Ellis
at the CBI Office (678-817-7162) for more information.

CBI Board Rules on accepting advertising in the monthly bulletin

- When advertising in the bulletin, the board voted that business card size advertising would be \$100 per year UNLESS you are a member in good standing, in which case the fee is 50% of that or \$50.00.
- The advertising fee will double as the size of the advertising doubles from business card size, up to 1/2 page. The largest size ad is 1/2 page.

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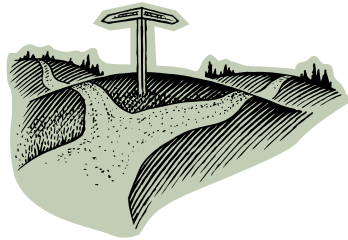
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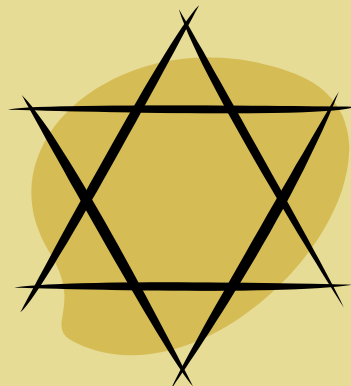


- Rabbi Noah Weinberg

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POLICY CONCERNING COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS AT CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

There will be no commercial transactions at CBI on Shabbat. This includes but is not limited to: the sale or delivery of Girl Scout, Boy Scout, school or community fundraising items; sale or delivery of personal items; the purchase of gift shop items.

Payments for such items as synagogue dues, donations, or other congregational activities should be placed in the payment box outside the office and will be counted when the office reopens on Monday.



PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE PARKED IN THE CBI PARKING LOT WITHOUT LETTING ANGIE ELLIS KNOW.

OUR LOT IS REGULARLY MONITORED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. AN UNFAMILIAR VEHICLE COULD WIND UP BEING TOWED AT YOUR EXPENSE. PLEASE CONTACT THE CBI OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Information for THE BULLETIN:

The deadline for all submissions for this publication is the 15th of each month.

Send to:

Angie Ellis

bulletin@bnai-israel.net

If you have questions or information about this publication, please contact us at

678-817-7162 or by email or mail.

IMPORTANT CBI CONTACT INFORMATION

Call us:

- 678-817-7162 (CBI phone)
- 678-817-1279 (CBI fax)

Email us:

- cbiadmin@bnai-israel.net
(Angie Ellis, Administrator)
- sburden@bnai-israel.net
(Susan Burden, Cantorial Soloist)

Write us:

Congregation B'nai Israel
P.O. Box 142481
Fayetteville, GA 30214

Send all donations and other communications to Angie Ellis or Susan Burden at the above address or by calling or emailing.

CELEBRATING SHABBAT AT CBI:

- Everyone is welcome at all Shabbat services
- Most Shabbat services begin at 8:00pm
- Services generally last about 60-70 minutes
- Each service is followed by an Oneg Shabbat—light refreshments and beverages—in the Social Hall
- Once per month we hold a Family Shabbat , with a potluck dinner at 6:30pm and a shorter family-oriented service at 7:30pm
- We ask that you not wear jeans or shorts to regular services, but you may wear jeans or shorts for all Family Shabbat services
- Don't forget to turn off your cell phones before the service begins

**CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL CALENDAR
MARCH 2014**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1/29 Adar I Shabbat Shekalim RS Purim Play Practice 1:00 PM Hunger Walk Social/Fundraiser 7:00 PM
2/30 Adar I Rosh Chodesh Adar II Religious School 10:00 AM	3/1 Adar II Rosh Chodesh Adar II	4/2 Adar II	5/3 Adar II Hebrew 6:30 PM	6/4 Adar II Women's Education Series 7:00 PM	7/5 Adar II Women's Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Lapidus (Oneg: Burden & McGee) 8:00 PM	8/6 Adar II RS Purim Play Practice 1:00 PM
9/7 Adar II Confirmation & HHS 9:00 AM Religious School 10:00 AM Hunger Walk 2014 12:00 PM (Kids Club and Youth Group meet for Walk)	10/8 Adar II Adult Hebrew 101 (2:00 PM) Adult Hebrew 101 (6:00 PM) Adult Ed: Comparative Religion (7:15 PM)	11/9 Adar II Fayette County Proclamation 6:45PM Board Meeting 7:30 PM	12/10 Adar II Southside Senior Luncheon 12:00PM Hebrew 6:30 PM	13/11 Adar II Ta'anit Esther Torah Study 7:00 PM	14/12 Adar II Shabbat Service led by Susan Burden (Oneg: Tyler & Clement) 8:00 PM	15/13 Adar II Shabbat Zachor RS Purim Play Practice 1:00 PM Hamantaschen Baking 1:00PM Adult Purim Party 7:00 PM
16/14 Adar II Purim Religious School 10:00 AM CBI Purim Carnival 12:30 PM	17/15 Adar II Shushan Purim	18/16 Adar II Mahjong at CBI 6:30PM	19/17 Adar II Hebrew 6:30 PM	20/18 Adar II Shayna Maideleh Club Luncheon 12:30PM	21/19 Adar II Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Feldstein (Oneg: Charyton & Bradford) 8:00 PM	22/20 Adar II Shabbat Parsh Zaban Shelter 6:00 PM
23/21 Adar II Confirmation & HHS 9:00 AM Religious School 10:00 AM Torah Tots 11:30AM	24/22 Adar II Adult Hebrew 101 (2:00 PM) Adult Hebrew 101 (6:00 PM) Adult Ed: Comparative Rel. (7:15 PM)	25/23 Adar II	26/24 Adar II Hebrew 6:30 PM CBI Book Club 7:30PM	27/25 Adar II	28/26 Adar II Family Shabbat led by Susan Burden Dinner: 6:30 PM Service: 7:30PM	29/27 Adar II Shabbat HaChodesh
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