



Message from Rabbi Mitch Levine



I believe most synagogue regulars are familiar with the stories of Genesis and Exodus (from the Creation through receiving the Torah at Sinai), the subject matter of Leviticus (animal sacrifice), and Deuteronomy (general review and the death of Moses). What seems less well known is Numbers, the fourth book of the five which comprise the Chumash. It's a shame, really, because the episodes recounted in this book are among the most fascinating.

Bamidbar/The Book of Numbers admittedly gets off to a slow start. The initial parsha is largely devoted to a census of the Israelites. It's basically a seemingly endless list of names and numbers, primarily of interest to accountants, marketers, and (according to Rashi) to God. Thankfully the storyline grows more exciting. In addition to the episode of the spies we are treated to a talking donkey and flying, biting, fiery serpents. A rebel named Korach and his

followers get buried alive and a cohen (priest) named Pinchas surprises a couple in bed and impales them on his spear. An amulet dating from the 7th century BCE contains the oldest known biblical text, the Priestly Benediction, which also comes from the Book of Numbers.

Why does Bamidbar/Numbers feel neglected? My theory is that it has the misfortune to be read during the summer months of our annual cycle. Generations of American Jews have gone to Religious/Hebrew schools which are off for summer break. Folks out of town on summer vacation are less likely to attend Shabbat services. Synagogues typically suspend regular social and adult Ed programming and move into High Holiday and next year calendar-planning mode. We're reading the Torah in shul each week as usual, but the context feels less structured.

This summer, let's give Bamidbar a boost by continuing with the popular Kiddush for Breakfast study program. On June 11, the topic will be *"Pleasure and Spirituality"*. In this class, we'll see how our tradition challenges the common assumption that pleasure seeking is always at odds with spiritual discipline. On July 30, the topic will be *"Why God Needs a Husband"*. In this class, we'll have a chance to see how some rabbinic writings on Bamidbar invite us to consider imagining God in a way that's novel and a bit provocative for a Patriarchal tradition.

There are hints in the traditional commentaries on Bamidbar that the Israelites disappointed God a little in their rush to leave Mt. Sinai after having received the Torah. Even though we're excited for summer and feel in a hurry to be vacationing with family and friends, by returning each week for the stories and lessons of Bamidbar, we demonstrate a sensibility that our ancestors apparently lacked. They were privileged to be given the Torah but rushed off to their 40-year desert wandering. We have the privilege of hearing it each week. I look forward to learning it with you.

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Tikkun Leil Shavuot Saturday, June 4, 8:00pm

Join us for a learning exploration of the Book of Ruth through the lens of distinguished educators (and fellow congregants) Alison Rose Levine and Hal Lewis. We will unpack several topics including leadership lessons and female converts (beyond Ruth).

Snacks and caffeine will be provided.

Breakfast & Study with Rabbi Mitch

'Pleasure & Spirituality'
Saturday, June 11, 9:30am

'Why God Needs a Husband'
Saturday, July 30, 9:30am

Come for a catered breakfast and learning with Rabbi Mitch at 9:30am, followed by abbreviated Shabbat morning services from 10:30am—noon.

A Message From Outgoing President Ellen Sanders



Thank you.

First and foremost, thank you to our amazing CBI staff. Lee, Rochelle, Rabbi Mitch - you made my job as board president doable! Your professionalism is truly an inspiration, and your friendship made things fun!

Thank you to my fellow board members. Because you all do what you do so well, I knew I could depend on you to make sure things happened. I think we worked really well together. And I think we can all agree that, although COVID forced reliance on Zoom, we've all come to welcome its convenience for meetings!

Thank you to all my fellow CBI volunteers, for without you we wouldn't have the interesting and fun events we all enjoy! Thank you to my hubby, Rick, for your patient support over this past year. And a very special thank you to Danielle Tocaben for carrying on the good fight!

When I agreed to become VP, and then president, of the board, I approached the job with trepidation. Although I ran my own classrooms for many years, I am *not* an in-charge kind of person. I'm happy to help, to be part of a committee. Well, to my surprise I found the job to be quite doable. As I mentioned above - and have said many times over this past year - when you've got this kind of a support system lots becomes possible. Once again, I encourage *all* of you to pitch in in some way and continue to make CBI a special place. Give what you can, in both time and money - and be sure and renew your membership!

I've been so happy for the opportunity to meet so many new people, and doing this has made that possible. I'll continue to stay involved, and I look forward to working with you all. Todah rabah!

- Ellen

Shabbat HaMalkah with Josefa Briant Friday, June 3, 6:00pm on Zoom



Join Josefa and featured guest, poet Jessica Jacobs, as we create an intimate space at home to welcome Shabbat with psalms and prayers. The Zoom link is on the home page of the CBI website.

Shabbat HaMalkah will be on hiatus in July.

Awakening the Heart with Rick Chess Saturday, June 25, 9:30am



Join Rick Chess for a contemplative Shabbat practice with meditation and chanting on the last Saturday of each month in the CBI social hall. All are welcome, knowledge of Hebrew is not necessary.

A Message From Incoming President Danielle Tocaben



Hello, Congregation Beth Israel!

I'm Danielle Tocaben, and I'm honored to be your next board president. As I prepare to take the reins, I thought I'd begin by sharing my Jewish story and my CBI experience, which led me to this point.

I'm originally from Riverdale, NY (the Bronx, for the handful of you who aren't familiar). My Jewish upbringing mostly took place in a reformed temple, where I felt at home, got my Jewish education, prepared for my Bat Mitzvah, joined a youth group, and learned the value of *tikkun olam*. No one called it that at the time, but volunteerism was strong in our temple, and we did good, collaborative work in our greater community. For my active participation I was selected to go to Israel on a 6-week

teen tour, which to this day was the most impactful, eye-opening trip I've ever taken.

As a young adult I left NYC, and a career in advertising, in search of a more well-rounded lifestyle. I moved to Asheville 24 years ago, and joined the shul 18 years ago when I was pregnant with my first son, Noah. Elliot, came 2 years later, and they are about to enter their sophomore and senior years in high school. Beth Israel has always been a community where my family could feel a sense of belonging, just as I had felt growing up in my temple. That's what I was looking for 18 years ago, and I'm so grateful for it today.

My CBI ritual experience has been almost entirely centered around my kids' Jewish and Hebrew education, youth services, family Shabbat's, and Bar Mitzvah preparations. While I've never been very ritually inclined personally, I've remained service oriented since my childhood. I believe in contributing to my community in whatever capacity I can, and at Beth Israel that's often been a Board role, participation in a committee or task force, or organization of an event, like Celebration Israel.

This is my fifth (non-consecutive) term serving on the Board. I never aspired to be the president, always preferring more of a background support role. I'm a goal-oriented, "get things done" kind of person, but don't enjoy being in a spotlight, even a small one. However, one thing this community needs right now is for more people to lead, so I felt compelled to try. Am I entirely comfortable being the president? No. But when I was asked, I decided to take the leap. I think it's important to periodically challenge myself to get comfortable with being uncomfortable.

I have a full-time job working for a nonprofit conference center in Black Mountain, where I've been for the past 24 years. Over that time, I've learned a lot about nonprofit management and leadership. There may be a misconception that prevents people like me from stepping up to lead, surrounding the need to know everything or be good at everything. But leadership at a small shul like ours should not be intimidating. At Beth Israel we always have a wonderful balance of engaged congregants, some who know the rituals, others who know the finances, or who have the institutional knowledge. Not to mention an established executive director who does all the heavy lifting day to day. An effective leader simply needs to ask questions, not be afraid of vulnerability, and always surround themselves with strong people who enhance the overall effort. That happens organically at CBI!

So, I humbly come to the table with an appreciation for Beth Israel, and a willingness to serve with authenticity, as best I can. And what comes next? Well, now that Beth Israel has hired a rabbi, almost completed the building repairs, survived the pandemic, and opened back up for in person services and events... I'm hoping that if we proceed with caution, we'll be able to just coast through the next year.

Just kidding!!! But sounds kind of nice, right?

Actually, with some of those major obstacles removed I'm excited to switch gears and look at current challenges and opportunities to potentially strengthen CBI, and position ourselves even better for the future. I plan to work with the Board to establish a set of goals for the next year, and I look forward to engaging in the meaningful work that follows. In the meantime, I hope you all have a great summer!



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Works by Joplin, Goodman,
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Steve Loew, clarinet; Dan Weiser, piano

**Thursday, June 2 at 7:30pm
Congregation Beth Israel, 229 Murdock**

**\$25 in advance; \$30 at the door; Children free
For more info and to buy seats in advance, visit:**

www.amicimusic.org

Or call Daniel Weiser at 802-369-0856



CBI's Annual Meeting 2022

Two separate parts/One End Result

Join us on Wednesday June 8th for by-laws and budget review and/or Sunday June 12th for business review, member of the year & socializing

Wed. 6/8, 7pm Zoom

- ✓ By-Law Changes
- ✓ IBudget Review
- ✓ Q and A

Sun. 6/12 10am

In person & Zoom

Brief business meeting

Member of the Year

Survey Report

Brunch Potluck- Veg/Dairy/Fish



Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Zoom links will be in the enews.

CBI'S SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE FOCUSES ON



CBI Volunteers Work on the 21st Habitat for Humanity Interfaith House by Alan Escovitz

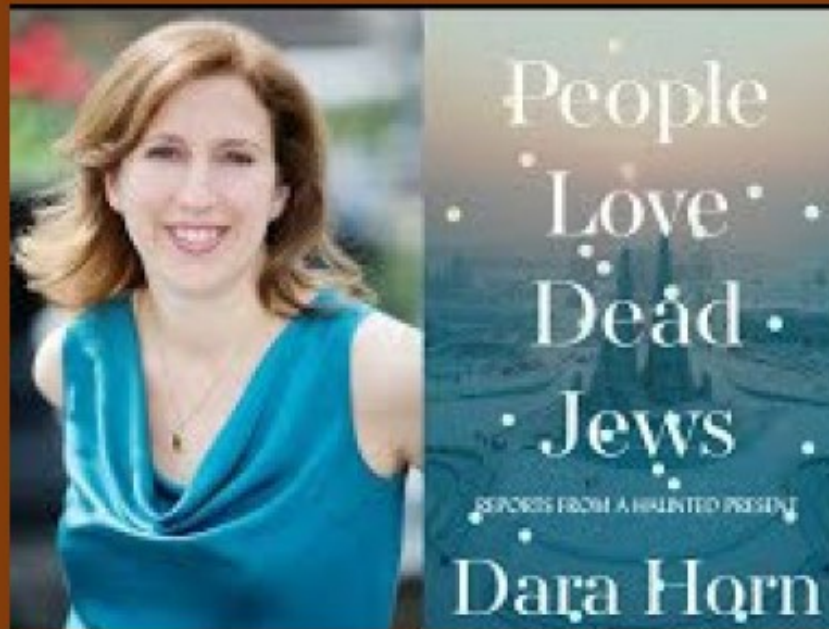
For the 22nd year, the local interfaith community has come together to help build another Habitat for Humanity house in Buncombe County. Congregation Beth Israel's volunteers continue to have active role in supporting Habitat's annual construction of the Interfaith House by contributing five work days, totaling 150 volunteer hours in this effort. It was a real surprise to see CBI volunteers fill up our assigned work times within two weeks of the initial announcement!

The Interfaith home is being purchased by the Jesse and Kayla Coffey family who believe in working for what they have, but the family of five has long felt financially stuck and overcrowded in their current home. The couple is especially eager to give their three girls the security and space of a permanent home and, with their oldest about to start kindergarten, the ability to stay in the same school.

"It is impossible to find decent housing at an affordable price," they wrote in their application letter. Sixty four percent (64%) of Jesse's monthly income goes towards their rent. Even with this financial sacrifice, their three girls — aged 6 months, 3 and 5 — have little space to play and must share rooms. The couple hoped that a recent raise Jesse received at his landscaping job would ease their burden, but their hope of saving for homeownership diminished when they learned of yet another rent increase.

In purchasing a Habitat home, Jesse and Kayla will give their girls space to play and grow, and give themselves the financial freedom to save for their family's future. In their application letter, the couple's incredible work ethic shined through in their excitement to build their home and community. "We like the idea of putting as much work as possible into the home ourselves, and feel this in itself would be a source of pride and make it feel even more like our own," the couple wrote. Jesse is particularly eager to contribute his landscaping skills to his own property, and those of his neighbors. "Contributing time and effort to help other people with the same goal of homeownership would offer quite a bit of satisfaction, and a sense of community."

**DURING JUNE AND JULY
CBI's FRIDAY NOON STUDY GROUP
WILL CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS OF**



In late-May our weekly study group began discussing a collection of essays by Jewish-American novelist Dara Horn. Winner of a 2021 National Jewish Book Award, *People Love Dead Jews: Reports from a Haunted Present* challenges us to confront reasons why there might be so much fascination with Jewish deaths and so little respect for Jewish lives unfolding in the present. Horn draws upon her travels, her research, and her own family life to assert the vitality, complexity, and depth of Jewish life against an antisemitism that, far from being disarmed by the mantra of “Never Forget,” is on the rise.

Now in its 23rd year, our informal discussion group meet every Friday from 12-1 in CBI's small chapel (with an option for Zoom for those who cannot attend in person). All are welcome to attend regardless of their level of expertise. outlets. If you have questions, please contact Jay Jacoby at jbjacoby@uncc.edu.

The Down Home Exhibit

The Down Home Exhibit is a traveling museum experience produced by Jewish Heritage of North Carolina.

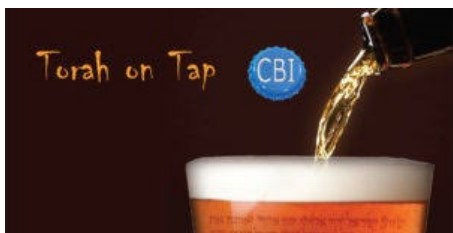
The exhibit takes an experiential, values-oriented approach in telling the narrative of Jewish life in North Carolina. This traveling museum exhibition documented 400 years of Jewish presence. From its debut at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh in 2011, it traveled to the Cape Fear Museum in Wilmington, the Greensboro Historical Museum, and the Levine Museum of the New South in Charlotte. The exhibit will now call Beth Israel home for the month of July.



An opening night reception will be held on Wednesday evening July 6th at 7:30pm and will feature historians Leonard Rogoff and Asheville's own Sharon Fahrer. Leonard is the president and lead historian for Jewish Heritage of North Carolina and is the author of *Down Home: Jewish Life in North Carolina*. Both Leonard and Sharon are experienced experts on Jewish Life in the South.

Also on display will be several artifacts from the Beth Israel archives on loan from the Ramsey Library at UNCA. To learn more about the exhibit visit www.jewishnc.org.

Torah on Tap at CBI Sunday, June 26 & July 31, 4:00pm



Torah on Tap, a lively group discussion led by CBI's Alan Silverman, meets on the last Sunday of the month from 4:00- 5:30pm, usually at one of Asheville's breweries.

Each month highlights a timely topic of discussion, viewed through a Jewish lens. This month we'll be meeting at White Labs Brewing on 172 S. Charlotte St.

Friday Noon Study Group Fridays, 12:00pm

This informal study group, led by CBI member Jay Jacoby, is now in its 23rd year. Join us in the CBI small sanctuary as we discuss a new topic, or on Zoom through the CBI website's Virtual Community page. All are welcome.

Please contact Jay Jacoby at jbjacoby@uncc.edu with any questions.



Aging in Place Survey—Please Provide Your Input!

Jewish Family Services of Western North Carolina (JFS) is excited to announce a project to assess the "aging in place" needs of Jewish individuals ages 50 and older who live in Buncombe, Henderson and other WNC communities. "Aging in place" is the ability for individuals to live in their own home and community safely, independently and comfortably, for as long as they are able to. "Aging in place" includes having services, care and support provided in the residence and in the surrounding community.

A survey is available now on the JFS website at jfswnc.org/aginginplace or by calling JFS at 828-253-2900 to request a paper copy. Link: www.jfswnc.org/aginginplace

Some Ways to Help

Greeters Wanted!

Our congregation is in need of volunteer greeters to welcome visitors to our warm and friendly Shul. We could use your help to greet people at the door and say a few welcoming words as they arrive for Shabbat or holiday services. We will even provide some training! If you are willing to help out, please contact Rochelle Reich at 828-252-8660 or director@bethisraelinc.org.



Serving Dinner at the Rescue Mission

CBI's Social Action invites you to:

Help serve 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. For details, contact Alan Escovitz at aescovitz@charter.net

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

All current COVID-19 precautions are observed in these activities.

CBI's HaShofar Needs You!

Our beloved Jimi Moore, former editor of HaShofar, and her husband have moved out of the area and will be joining a new Jewish community and lending their talents and energy there. We are now looking for a newsletter editor to start immediately. Who is looking to contribute time from home? We could even teach you some new skills... Contact Lee or Rochelle if you are interested.



Editor's Note

Deadline: 15 July for the August issue

For questions or submissions contact the editor at hashofar@bethisraelinc.org

Aiding Ukraine Refugees

If you are interested in making donations to assist **Ukrainian Refugees**, here are a few options to consider:

[Joint Distribution Committee](#)

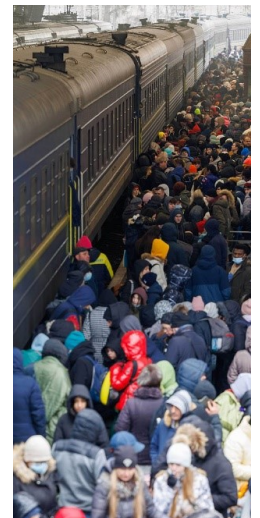
[Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society \(HIAS\)](#)

[Save the Children-Ukraine](#)

[Doctors without Borders in Ukraine](#)

[The CBI Rabbi's Discretionary Fund](#) (please indicate Ukraine Appeal on the memo line)

Jay and Marlene Jacoby
Social Action Committee Co-Chairs



Volunteer Needs at the *Shul*

We are currently seeking folks interested in reimagining several of our *shul's* committees. Don't let the word "committee" scare you; we need your energy and enthusiasm! All committees welcome new members, but specifically we are looking for new folks to join the Fund Development, Adult Ed, Security and newly-formed CBI Club *Havurah* social committee. Contact Rochelle to discuss your interests.

CBI's Virtual Office

If you would like to pay your dues or make a donation, you can do it quickly and securely online through CBI's 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. Don't forget to fill out the memo line!

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

To Donate
click here

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.

Support Your Shul and Its Congregants!

Purchase Ingles Gift Cards

Ingles cards are a no-cost fundraiser for Beth Israel. Each month CBI members and friends buy \$5,000 worth of Ingles gift cards to help raise \$250 for Beth Israel – over \$3,000 annually. Ingles gift cards can be used at any Ingles or Sav-Mor stores 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 on hand for immediate purchase. Contact the CBI office to get more information and/or to participate at 828-252-8660 or at admin@bethisraelinc.org.



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For Information about Burial Plots at Lou Pollock Memorial Park

Please call Josh Tager if you need any further information:
jostager@gmail.com or 828 285-9995

Current Rates: \$1500 for members of Congregation Beth Israel
\$2000 for general community

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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 donations, 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

♥ ** **Bernard Coleman 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

♥** **Executive Director's Discretionary Fund** – Supports needs of the shul/ community that were not budgeted for

April-May Donations

General Fund

Gerard & Thelma Uhler: in honor of Gerard Uhler's birthday
Bill & Jo Golson

Marta & Jimmy Metscher: in memory of Marta's parents,
Esther & Burnerd Horwitz

Lee Avishai: in memory of Rochelle Neuringer

Bill & Jo Golson: in memory of Morrie Schaffer

Bob & Eileen Elkin: in memory of David Weizman

Lee Avishai: in memory of David Weizman

Bob & Eileen Elkin: in honor of Sally Gooze's birthday

Michele & Michael Heller: in memory of Rochelle Neuringer

Yahrzeit Fund

Eva & Beth Blinder: in memory of Beth's mother, Zelda Israel

Allison Marks: in memory of her grandmother, Birdie Fisher

Davida Horwitz: in memory of her father, Burnerd Horwitz

Allison Marks: in memory of her grandfather, Lew Goodman

Davida Horwitz: in memory of her grandfather, Avraham Neugebauer

Joanna Zimmerman-Corbett: in memory of her father,
Siegmond Freifeld

Robert & Karen Marcus: in memory of Robert's mother, Julia Marcus

William & Barbara Lewin: in memory of Barbara's grandfather, Morris Kaufman

Bruce Brown: in memory of his mother, Frances Brown

Social Action Fund

Carol & Jeremy Samsky: in memory of Rochelle Neuringer

Jay & Marlene Jacoby: in memory of Rochelle Neuringer

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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Norman & Tamar Katzwer: Passover Ma'ot Hittin

Bernard Coleman Adult Ed Fund

Steve & Carolyn Kayne: in appreciation of Caren Kessler

Beautification Fund

Alan & Suzanne Escovitz: Landscaping

Larry & Marcia Schantz: Indoor plants for the social hall

CBI Golf Classic Sponsorship

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The Turkish Towel Company

Refuah Shleimah

To Lori Holmes, Jerry Uhler, Thelma Uhler, Julie Sherman, Devorah Reed

Our Sympathy

To Sheldon Neuringer on the passing of his wife, Rochelle Neuringer.

To Hanan Weizman on the passing of his brother, David Weizman.



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Yahrzeits

May their memories be for a blessing

June Yahrzeits

Announced during services on:

May 28

- 01 (02 Sivan) Robert Feirstein for his father, William Feirstein
- 01 (02 Sivan) Carolyn Goldstein for her father, Richard Russell Curtis
- 02 (03 Sivan) Ronald Neimkin for his mother, Marion C. Neimkin
- 02 (03 Sivan) Norman Winkelman for his brother, Seymour Winkelman
- 03 (04 Sivan) Barbara Miller for her grandmother, Miriam Liebowitz

June 4

- 05 (06 Sivan) Steve Miller for his grandfather, Harold Abrams
- 05 (06 Sivan) Ellen Goldstein for her mother, Marcia Mandel
- 05 (06 Sivan) Hal Lewis for his father, Marvin J. Lewis
- 05 (06 Sivan) Alan Silverman for his mother, Faye Silverman
- 07 (08 Sivan) Jimi Moore for her mother, Margaret Bornstein
- 08 (09 Sivan) Meryl Goldstein for her brother, Charles Gardner Tillotson
- 09 (10 Sivan) Hanina Ruttenberg for her father, Emanuel Lassar

June 11

- 12 (13 Sivan) Steve Miller for his grandmother, Irene Abrams
- 13 (14 Sivan) Rochelle Reich for her grandmother, Lillian Segel
- 14 (15 Sivan) Jimi Moore for her brother, Andrew Peter Bornstein
- 15 (16 Sivan) Carol Cohen for her husband, Philip Cohen
- 16 (17 Sivan) Roberta Wall for her father, Sidney Wall
- 17 (18 Sivan) Alan Baumgarten for his mother, Celia Baumgarten

June 18

- 18 (19 Sivan) Neal Appel for his mother, Pearl Appel
- 18 (19 Sivan) Judi & Patti Haskell for their mother, Jane Z. Haskell
- 19 (20 Sivan) Beth Appel for her father, Oscar Kandler
- 19 (20 Sivan) Anthony Hauser for his grandfather, Abraham Hauser
- 20 (21 Sivan) Eva Blinder for her mother, Charlotte Blinder
- 20 (21 Sivan) Louis Lieb for his father, Herman Lieb
- 21 (22 Sivan) Gail Shulimson for her uncle, Samuel Tabashneck
- 21 (22 Sivan) Jodi Travis for her grandfather, William Travis
- 22 (23 Sivan) Susan Lerner for her mother, Minna Gross Kimmel
- 23 (24 Sivan) Barbara Turner for her father-in-law, Robert Freid

June 25

- 27 (28 Sivan) Loretta Holmes for her father, Sol Finn
- 27 (28 Sivan) Tom Glaser for his father, Abraham Glaser
- 27 (28 Sivan) Jan Zollars for her mother, Betty Zollars
- 28 (29 Sivan) Gail Shulimson for her grandfather, Nathan Shulimson
- 29 (30 Sivan) Barbara Turner for her aunt, Gertrude Krubiner
- 30 (01 Tammuz) Bob Deutsch for his grandmother, Erzsi Deutsch
- 30 (01 Tammuz) Rochelle Reich for her grandfather, Albert Segel



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July Yahrzeits

Announced during services on:

July 2

- 02 (03 Tammuz) Barbara Laibson for her mother, Adele Levy
- 03 (04 Tammuz) Tom Glaser for his mother, Edith Glaser
- 03 (04 Tammuz) Marlene Jacoby for her father, Samuel Rosenberg
- 04 (05 Tammuz) Norman Winkelman for his uncle, Sam Winkelman
- 04 (05 Tammuz) Louis Lieb for his mother, Ruth Lieb
- 06 (07 Tammuz) Rochelle Neuringer for her father, Fred Rosenberg
- 07 (08 Tammuz) Paul Kirschenfeld for his mother, Penny Kirschenfeld
- 07 (08 Tammuz) Judi & Patti Haskell for their father, Edward N. Haskell

July 9

- 10 (11 Tammuz) Jillian Krupp for her grandfather, Merhle Fox
- 10 (11 Tammuz) Norman Winkelman for his mother, Fannie Winkelman
- 11 (12 Tammuz) Jodi Travis for her mother, Ina Travis
- 11 (12 Tammuz) Gerard Uhler for his mother, Bertha Uhler
- 13 (14 Tammuz) Judi & Patti Haskell for their sister, Anne Haskell-Landell
- 15 (16 Tammuz) Alan Silverman for his grandmother, Reba Stein

July 16

- 16 (17 Tammuz) Tamar Katzwer for her father, Rabbi Moshe Twersky
- 16 (17 Tammuz) Alan & Richard Laibson for their mother, Bernice Laibson
- 20 (21 Tammuz) William Lewin for his mother, Ray R. Lewin
- 20 (21 Tammuz) Louis Ruttenberg for his mother, Rivie Ruttenberg

July 23

- 24 (25 Tammuz) Bruce Brown for his father, Leonard Brown
- 25 (26 Tammuz) Rochelle Neuringer for her sister, Sara Wayborn
- 25 (26 Tammuz) Barbara Lehrer for her father, Henry Donner
- 26 (27 Tammuz) Robert Feirstein for his cousin, Gussie Book
- 27 (28 Tammuz) Bob Deutsch for his grandfather, Morris Rosenberg
- 28 (29 Tammuz) Jodi Travis for her aunt, Sylvia Bander
- 28 (29 Tammuz) Alison B. Gilreath for her aunt, Yolán Lipscher

July 30

- 31 (03 Av) Rick Sanders for his father, Joseph Sanders

Community Organizations

In the interest of civil dialogue 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.

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.

Jewish Family Services (JFS) provides unique and integrated services that will engage you in identifying your needs, strengths and goals. We offer support for our aging community members through our unique Elder Club Group Respite Program; sliding-scale mental health services through Healing Solutions counseling; case management; crisis services and spiritual care and healing services. We offer a variety of volunteer opportunities, too! Reach out to Cindy@jfswn.org to learn more!

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.

Carolina Jews for Justice (CJJ) is a non-partisan statewide organization devoted to pursuing social justice from a Jewish perspective in the areas of racial equity, reproductive rights, voter engagement, reducing poverty, and opposing anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry, among other issues. Please visit its website at <https://www.carolinajewsforjustice.org> to learn more. CJJ has a WNC chapter, CJJ/West, and a CJJ/West Facebook page, and would welcome your involvement.

CJJ Community Events

Sunday, June 12, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. – CJJ/West Chapter Meeting at CBI.

Topic: Perspectives on Reparations

Join us at Congregation Beth Israel for our first in-person CJJ/West chapter meeting since 2020. Guest speakers will be Marsha Davis and Deborah Miles. Davis is the Executive Director of the Tzedek Social Justice Fund. She will discuss the framework for reparations established by the United Nations and Movement for Black Lives. She will help us understand how Asheville's local reparations movement fits into the national conversation about reparations. Deborah Miles, a CBI member and CJJ member who serves on the Tzedek Fund's board, will briefly explore the Jewish perspective on reparations. Deborah is the founder and former director of the Center for Diversity Education at UNC Asheville. A Q&A will follow. All are welcome.

Tuesday, July 26, 7:00 p.m. -- CJJ Orientation. Here's your chance to learn more about CJJ and how you can get involved. Learn about CJJ/West and our statewide efforts to put Tikkun Olam into action. For more information, go to this link.

An Interview with Roni Freedman. Read here about what Roni learned from her participation in CJJ's "Don't Kvetch, Organize!" training offered through JOIN (the Jewish Organizing Institute and Network).

For more information about CJJ and its activities, please contact our local staff Community Organizer, Lisa Forehand, at lisa@carolinajewsforjustice.org. You can also contact Frank Goldsmith at goldsmith.cf@gmail.com.

Dayenu, A Jewish Call to Climate Action—A movement to confront the climate crisis, rooted in Jewish values, experience, and spirit. dayenu.org (cont. next page)

Community Organizations (cont. from previous page)

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@charter.net

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](http://www.conferenceofjewishaffairs.org/): (www.conferenceofjewishaffairs.org/) for additional information.



Our Gift Shop

Regular Gift Shop Hours: Fridays, 12 - 3pm

-- Outside of these regular hours, Rochelle and Lee may be available to assist you to make purchases from the shop. Alternatively, please don't hesitate to call Carol Samsky at (828)676-0765 to arrange a convenient time to open the shop or request a special order.

We had a wonderful day at Hard Lox and sold quite a lot. We will be ordering new items, replacing merchandise, and finding exciting treasures to provide you with the best of Judaica and the loveliest pieces of Jewish art. You can expect to see new items in the shop each time you visit over the next two months. Also, it is never too early to start planning for Rosh HaShanah. Are there any special items that you wish to order in advance of the New Year?

Don't forget that our Gift Shop is a wonderful place to shop for gifts -- for hosts, for Mother's Day, for Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, for birthdays, and especially for weddings. The Judaica made by Guild artists, as well as our own members, is what makes our shop extraordinary. Your purchase takes on special significance when you know that you are supporting local artists, and most importantly, CBI.

Last Call for a Greeting in the Membership Directory!

Deadline for submissions is Wednesday, June 15.

We want *your* greeting for the new 2022-2023 CBI Membership Directory!

\$18 for 1/8 of a page in the Directory.

Type or paste this address in your browser for details:

<https://www.bethisraelinc.org/mem-dir-2022-greeting-page/>

or contact the CBI office: admin@bethisraelinc.org or (828) 252-8660.

Shout-Outs & Events



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Alan Escovitz
Brad Fisher
- 04 Carol Cohen
- 06 Eleanore Fisher
- 07 Martha Salyers
Kevin Boyd
Helene Nathanson
- 10 Kathie Kline
- 11 Eytan Klausner
Mark Silberstein
- 12 Will Tocaben
Tori Gilkeson
- 14 Della Simon
Teri Kayne
- 15 Wendy Feinberg
- 17 Laurie Chess
- 18 Sheila Naiman
- 20 Jodi Travis
Shira Wolf-Camplin
- 21 Jonathan Friedel
- 26 Stanlee Stahl

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Gail Rosenthal
- 02 Caroline Manheimer
Karen Fisher
- 04 Alan Laibson
Sharon Boas
- 07 Gail Shulimson
- 13 Barbara Lehrer
Adrienne Kessler
- 15 Barbara Lebovitz-Nichol
- 18 Rochelle Neuringer
Mark Lieberman
- 20 Heather Goldstein
- 21 Zeke Goldstein
- 22 Dan Zivony
- 25 Barbara Turner
Brian Lander
- 26 Marilyn Silberstein
- 29 Adrian Sandler
- 30 Elan Pardoll

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 01 Bob & Carol Deutsch
- 05 Ira & Sheila Naiman
- 10 Eytan & Mari Klausner
- 12 David & Cathy Kayne
Bob & Eileen Elkin
- 13 Robert & Kathie Kline
- 16 Marc Rudow & Deborah Miles
- 17 Eric & Heidi Scheffer
- 18 Neal & Beth Appel
Paul & Hannah Kirschenfeld
- 20 Alan & Marilyn Friedman
- 22 Nancy & Eliot Renick
- 26 Jay & Marlene Jacoby
- 27 Bill & Jo Golson

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 02 Jeremy & Heather Goldstein
Tom & Connie Glaser
- 06 Richard & Barbara Laibson
- 09 Goldie & Hanan Weizman
- 22 Brian & Swann Lander
- 27 Mark & Shelley Lieberman

Many Thanks!

To our HardLox booth volunteers: Meta Berkowitz, Bob Elkin, Eileen Elkin, Danise Hauser, Marlene Jacoby, Logan Reich, Rochelle Reich, Carol Samsky, and Ellen Sanders.

To Alan Escovitz for his continuing help with CBI's security, grounds and landscaping.

To our Golf Classic volunteers: Paul Deletesky, Jeff Schweizer, Bill Golson, Marv Goldstein, Danise Hauser, Lisa Harnash, Beth Appel, Steve & Carolyn Kayne, and Alex Reich.

To Sally Gooze, Jay & Marlene Jacoby, and the Social Action Committee for bringing Andrew Feiler to Asheville and hosting a fantastic program.



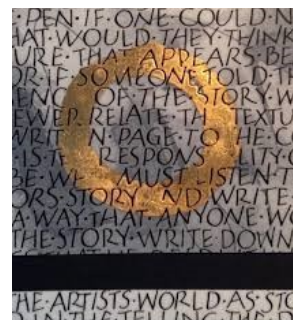
Fabric Explorations with Suzie Beringer

Artist-in-Residence Workshop—August 1-4, 2022 at CBI

Have you always wanted to create on fabric, but didn't know where or how to begin?

CBI is excited to announce **Fabric Explorations**, an opportunity to explore and learn with artist Suzie Beringer. We'll work to combine strong, simple illustrations and abstractions enhanced with accents and textures of lettering, all on fabric!

Details and registration on the CBI website. Just go to the home page, click on Calendar, and scroll to August 1. Space is limited, so sign up soon!





June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 7:30pm Jewish Jazz Concert	3 CBI Golf Classic 12noon Noon Study Group 6:00pm Shabbat HaMalkah (Zoom)	4 9:30am Shabbat Ser- vices (& Kiddush) 8:00pm Tikkun Leil Shavu'ot <i>Erev Shavu'ot</i>
5 <i>Shavu'ot</i>	6 <i>Shavu'ot</i>	7	8 7:00pm CBI Annual Meeting - Budget (on Zoom only)	9	10 12noon Noon Study Group	11 9:30am Breakfast Study with Rabbi Mitch 10:30am Shabbat Services
12 10:00am CBI Annual Meeting & Veggie Potluck Bruchh	13	14	15	16	17 12noon Noon Study Group	18 9:30am Shabbat Ser- vices (& Kiddush)
19 <i>Fathers' Day</i>	20	21 <i>Summer Begins</i>	22	23	24 12noon Noon Study Group	25 9:30am Shabbat Ser- vices & Kiddush 9:30am Awakening the Heart
26 4:00pm Torah on Tap	27	28	29	30		



July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>The Down Home Exhibit is open for all of July during regular CBI office hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9am-3:45pm</p>					<p><i>1</i> 12noon Noon Study Group</p>	<p><i>2</i> 9:30am Shabbat Services & Kiddush</p>
<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p>	<p><i>5</i></p>	<p><i>6</i> 7:30pm Down Home Exhibit Opening Reception</p>	<p><i>7</i></p>	<p><i>8</i> 12noon Noon Study Group</p>	<p><i>9</i> 9:30am Shabbat Services & Kiddush</p>
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June & July

Candle-lighting & Havdalah

Friday	06/03/22	8:24 pm
Saturday	06/04/22	9:13 pm
Friday	06/10/22	8:28 pm
Saturday	06/11/22	9:17 pm
Friday	06/17/22	8:30 pm
Saturday	06/18/22	9:19 pm
Friday	06/24/22	8:32 pm
Saturday	06/25/22	9:21 pm
Friday	07/01/22	8:32 pm
Saturday	07/02/22	9:21 pm
Friday	07/08/22	8:31 pm
Saturday	07/09/22	9:20 pm
Friday	07/15/22	8:28 pm
Saturday	07/16/22	9:17 pm
Friday	07/22/22	8:24 pm
Saturday	07/23/22	9:13 pm
Friday	07/29/22	8:19 pm
Saturday	07/30/22	9:08 pm

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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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