



Message from Rabbi Mitch Levine



The Talmudic rabbis link the exodus from Egypt to the granting of the Torah at Sinai, thus transforming liberation from Egyptian servitude into the Divine service of Torah. The more ancient biblical account deploys Pesach and Shavuot as bookends to the spring season. In a midrash which preserves the agrarian spirit of Shavuot, God tells Moses not to allow the sheep or cattle to graze on Mt. Sinai. Why would they want to? According to our rabbis, God miraculously adorned the mountain with plants and greenery in order to beautify the event of the giving of the Torah.

Back in the day, there was a sacred tradition to decorate the sanctuary of the shul with plants and flowers in an effort to dramatize and recreate the original Shavuot experience. In some places, the entire floor would be covered in clipped grasses. Unfortunately, this practice was discontinued by well-meaning leaders who felt that filling a shul with plants seemed out of sync with shul decorum (and maybe cleaning up after was a daunting prospect too). Still, the idea that we should seek to recreate dramatically the Sinai experience retains its appeal. At CBI, we're already blessed with a central bima which facilitates the drama of presenting the Torah at Sinai. All we need to do would be to add some beautiful Asheville greenery.

At the moment of the revelation of the Torah, God addressed the people with the words, "I am the Lord your God..." The Hebrew word for "your God" is in the singular. This is puzzling, because there were many thousands of people present. Why would God use the singular "you" when the plural form would have been grammatically proper? The midrash's answer is that although God addressed thousands of people all at once, each individual experienced the moment as if God was speaking personally to him/her. Jewish practice emphasizes the communal nature of prayer. Examples of this include the insistence on making a minyan and the routine of reciting the same words together at key points of the service. However, we need to also try to recreate the Sinai experience. We need to find a way to encounter God and prayer, not only as members of a community, but also as individuals seeking a personal relationship with the holy.

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Breakfast & Study with Rabbi Mitch Saturday May 21, 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. Please RSVP to the CBI office.

Is There a Jewish God That An Atheist Can Believe In? Thursday, May 26, 4:00pm

Rabbi Mitch will give a talk and lead a discussion co-sponsored by the Jewish Secular Group of Asheville and CBI. All are welcome.



A Message From CBI President Ellen Sanders

Spring has sprung! Greenery is quickly spreading, flowers are popping. We're already pulling lots of weeds. We are (cautiously) having more activities happening in our building, and there's lots planned for the coming months. I'd like to do a run-through of some of the special things on the calendar.

The month of May starts off with a bang as HardLox (a wonderful annual Jewish festival held downtown) makes its reappearance on May 1st, after a two year hiatus. Food, artwork, crafts, music - if you haven't been it's so worth your time! CBI will, of course, have a booth there, selling beautiful Judaica from our gift shop and offering a fun activity as well. If you can make it that day, please make sure to stop by and say hello. Oh, and the JCC will be having its annual Falafel 5K race, too, if you're feeling especially energetic that morning!

Mother's Day is the following Sunday, May 8, and while we don't have anything specific planned at CBI, that's always a special day for us moms out there! Since my kids and grands are all elsewhere I'll look forward to talking with them all via FaceTime or on the phone (yes, I'm old school). Call your mother, if you can!

Our Youth Education program winds down for the year in May, and I'd like to give a shout-out to Josefa and Isabella for their terrific work. *Todah rabah!*

Looking ahead to early June, we've got a Jewish Jazz concert scheduled for June 2nd, and the second annual CBI Golf Classic scheduled for June 3rd. More information for both of these events are in this issue. I *do* know that the Golf tournament is looking for golfers to participate, and volunteers to help with "day-of" stuff. Please get in touch with Rochelle if you would like to participate or if you can help. I hear that last year's was a lot of fun!

Much further in the future is our annual Rummage Sale over Labor Day weekend. This is a big event and often earns CBI lots of needed funds. It is a big endeavor, though, and lots of help is needed far in advance - especially with marketing and prep/organizing. Many hands make light work! Please let Rochelle know if you can help.

I believe I've hit the high points. It's so nice to be thinking about getting together and doing fun things. Hard for me to believe, but my year as Board President is winding down. I know I've said this many times over the past year, but I encourage you all to get involved in your shul! We are small, yes, but can be mighty. Whether it's participating in services, coming to various learning sessions, helping on a committee — you are wanted and needed. Our small size can be a challenge but it's also, in a way, our strength. You are more than just a name here at CBI. I know I'll be leaving my role as president at the end of June, but definitely plan to continue my involvement. Hope to see you around the place!

Yours,
Ellen

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



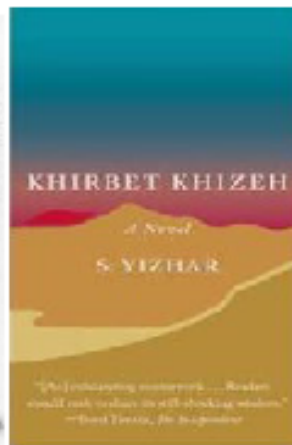
Join Josefa and featured guest, Alan Baumgarten, as we create an intimate space at home to welcome Shabbat with psalms and prayers. The Zoom link is on the home page of the CBI website.

Awakening the Heart with Rick Chess Saturday, May 28, 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.

CBI'S FRIDAY NOON STUDY GROUP ANNOUNCES ITS FUTURE EXPLORATIONS



On **May 6 and 13**, our group will discuss the Israeli novel *Khirbet Khizeh* by S. Yizhar. Published just months after the founding of the state of Israel, this novel deals with a young Israeli soldier who finds himself battling with Arab villagers who have been expelled from their homes and his own conscience. Once required reading in Israel's high schools, *Khirbet Khizeh* is an extraordinary and heartbreaking modern Hebrew Masterpiece. Participants will be expected to have completed this short novel prior to the group's discussion on May 6.

Starting on **May 20**, we will begin 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 will begin meeting again from 12-1 in CBI's library or small chapel starting on May 6 (with an option for Zoom for those who cannot attend in person). All are welcome to attend regardless of their level of expertise. Copies of the Yizhar and Horn books are available through a variety of internet outlets. If you have questions, please contact Jay Jacoby at jbjacoby@unc.edu.



CBI's Social Action Committee works hard to call attention to the work needed to repair many cracks in our broken world. We have garnered your support to provide food, clothing, and shelter for our region's homeless population (see next month's report on CBI's 13-year history with local Habitat for Humanity). We have asked for, and received, your support for Afghan refugees here in Asheville and for those who are suffering in Ukraine (we were recently able to make a generous donation to HIAS on behalf of CBI thanks to donations made to this committee and synagogue discretionary funds). Through a variety of programs and discussion groups, we have worked to raise awareness of how everyone deserves equal economic, political, social, and *educational* rights and opportunities.

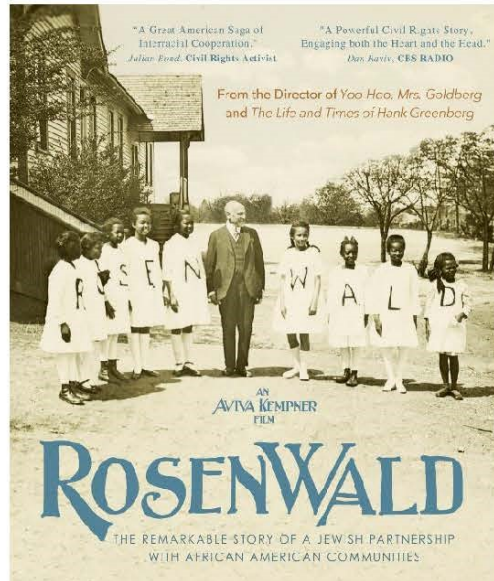
Over the next few months, we are helping to sponsor a series of programs designed to familiarize you with the work of **Julius Rosenwald**, an early Twentieth Century champion of social justice, one of the least known Jewish philanthropists, and perhaps the first and foremost pioneer in forging meaningful relationships with our country's African-American population. Julius Rosenwald, CEO of Sears, Roebuck and Co., worked together with Booker T. Washington; educator, author, and dominant leader in the African American community, to establish a network of nearly 5,000 schools intended to serve African-American children in the South. North Carolina was the site of over 800 Rosenwald Schools (more than any other state), including schools in the Shiloh Community in Asheville, Brevard, Flat Rock, and Mars Hill.



Under the thoughtful leadership of CBI congregant Sally Gooze, the Rosenwald Collaborative (representing a variety of Jewish and non-Jewish institutions in our area) has been working for months to plan programs that will familiarize the Asheville Community with Rosenwald's philanthropy, the pioneering Black-Jewish alliance formed between Rosenwald and Washington, and the Rosenwald Schools and their legacy (Sally is seen here with Fatimah Shabazz, from the Friends of the Mars Hill Anderson Rosenwald School, and Ronald Gates, Senior Pastor at Asheville's Greater Works Church of God in Christ). The work of restoring the Rosenwald School in Mars Hill was a cover story in the March 30 issue of the *Mountain Xpress*; earlier in March, Shabazz, Gooze, and Gates were interviewed by Carol Anders in a "Dreamers and Doers" segment on 103.3 FM radio.

Congregation Beth Israel is deeply involved in helping to sponsor an initial screening of Aviva Kempner's documentary, ***Rosenwald: The Remarkable Story of a Jewish Partnership with African American Communities*** and in hosting Scholar/Artist-in-Residence programs featuring Andrew Feiler, photographer and author of ***A Better Life for Their Children: Julius Rosenwald, Booker T. Washington, and the 4,978 Schools that Changed America*** during the month of May (please see the pages 5-7 for details). We are grateful for the assistance of Malaprop's Bookstore, who is helping to promote these events and handling book sales and registration. We hope that members of CBI will mark their calendars and come out in force to these events to show their support.

A SPECIAL SCREENING OF



The Remarkable Story of a Jewish Partnership with African American Communities

Sunday, May 15, 2022, at 3:30 PM

Greater Works Church of Christ in God

25 Forsythe Street, Asheville 28804

This feature-length historical documentary begins with an account of Julius Rosenwald's rise from a job in the clothing business of his father, a German-Jewish immigrant, to the chairmanship of Sears Roebuck. Shocked by reports of anti-Jewish pogroms in Russia, Rosenwald realizes that America's treatment of African Americans is no better and marshals his fortune to improving their condition. He develops a friendship with Booker T. Washington, president of Alabama's Tuskegee Institute, and helps develop a model project to build over 5,000 schools in the Jim Crow South. A Rosenwald Fund also provided grants to support a who's who of African American artists and intellectuals.

This screening is one of many initiatives of the Rosenwald Collaborative, representatives from various Jewish and non-Jewish institutions who have planned a variety of programs to familiarize the Asheville Community with Rosenwald's philanthropy, the pioneering Black-Jewish alliance formed between Rosenwald and Washington, and the Rosenwald Schools and their legacy.

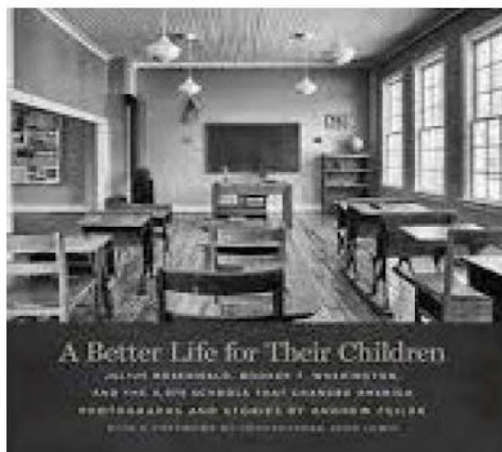
The presentation is free to the public, but you must register in advance at <https://forms.gle/U7xAcHP9K6TyXHue9>.

See all of the Rosenwald-related upcoming events here: <https://www.malaprops.com/rosenwald-school-events>

ARTIST/SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE ANDREW FEILER

Congregation Beth Israel Sunday, May 22, 2022

Early in the 20th century, Julius Rosenwald, a Jewish philanthropist and CEO of Sears, Roebuck, and Booker T. Washington, educator, author, and dominant leader in the African American community, formed a remarkable alliance. Working together with communities throughout the American South, Rosenwald and Washington established a network of nearly 5,000 schools intended to serve African-American children. The collaboration between Rosenwald and Washington pioneered many future Black/Jewish partnerships.



A BETTER LIFE FOR THEIR CHILDREN

Andrew Feiler's *A Better Life for Their Children: Julius Rosenwald, Booker T. Washington, and the 4,978 Schools that Changed America* is the first comprehensive photo-documentary of the program created by Booker T. Washington and Julius Rosenwald. From 1912 to 1937, this collaboration built schools for African American children across 15 southern and border states and transformed America. To tell this story visually, Feiler drove more than twenty-five thousand miles, photographed 105 schools, and interviewed dozens of former students, teachers, preservationists, and community leaders.

At 7 PM on May 22, Mr. Feiler will speak of Rosenwald schools' connections to the Trail of Tears, Great Migration, Tuskegee Syphilis Study, embezzlement, murder, and more. His presentation will be held in-person in Congregation Beth Israel's Social Hall. It will also be available via Zoom. Malaprops Bookstore will be at CBI to sell books. The presentation is free to the public, but you must register in advance at <https://forms.gle/8q763NS9MwgM7WLu9> (to attend in-person) or <https://forms.gle/WmymovyGTNUjDmJf6> (for link to attend virtually).

FEILER ON HIS PHOTOGRAPHY

At 10 AM May 22, Mr. Feiler will be discussing his photo-documentary techniques in Congregation Beth Israel's Social Hall. Feiler's photos have been featured in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Smithsonian*, *Slate*, *Architect*, *Preservation*, *Eye on Photography*, *Oxford American*, *The Forward*, numerous other magazines and newspapers, and on CBS News and NPR. His work has been displayed in galleries and museums including solo exhibitions at such venues as the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, National Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta, and International Civil Rights Center & Museum in Greensboro, NC.

The presentation is free to the public, but you must register in advance at <https://forms.gle/fG37ig6C2ZypE5gn7>.



May 2022 Events

No Cost to Attend • Donations Appreciated

Sunday, May 1 • 11AM – 4PM

HardLox Jewish Food & Heritage Festival

Music ♦ Bands ♦ Art ♦ Food ♦ Children's Area
Pack Square Park in Downtown Asheville

Sunday, May 15 • 3PM

Rosenwald Documentary

Screening of film by Aviva Kempner w/Ciesla Foundation.
Reception featuring Homemade Desserts & Coffee.
Hosted by Supt. Ronald Gates.

Greater Works Church of God in Christ
25 Forsythe Street in Asheville

Sunday, May 22 • 10AM

Photographer Andrew Feiler

Andrew Feiler discusses his three-year journey
photographing the Rosenwald Schools. Photographic
techniques and research will be shared.

Congregation Beth Israel - Social Hall
229 Murdock in Asheville

Sunday, May 22 • 7PM

A Better Life for Their Children Book Signing & Presentation

Photographer and author Andrew Feiler discusses the
collaboration between educator Booker T. Washington and
philanthropist Julius Rosenwald. Held in-person and
via Zoom. Books and book signing follow presentation.

Congregation Beth Israel - Social Hall
229 Murdock in Asheville

Saturday, May 28 • 3PM

Appalachian Ancestral Heritage

A theatrical portrayal by SART. Spoken Word, Dance, Music.
Owen Theatre at Mars Hill University • *Tentative*

Saturday, May 28 • 5:30PM

Jam Session & Creative Collaboration

Native American, African American, and Appalachian
traditional and home grown music, instruments, and dance.

Location TBA

For more details, or to RSVP, please visit
www.malaprops.com/rosenwald-school-events

Brought to you by the Rosenwald Collaborative, Mars Hill Anderson Rosenwald School, Malaprop's Bookstore, Greater Works Church of God in Christ, MHU, and AYSIR



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JEWISH JAZZ

**Great connections between
Jazz and Klezmer music
Works by Joplin, Goodman,
Kovacs, Gershwin & more**

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

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@bethisraelnc.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 May for the June-July issue
15 July for the August issue

For questions or submissions contact the editor at hashofar@bethisraelnc.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](#)

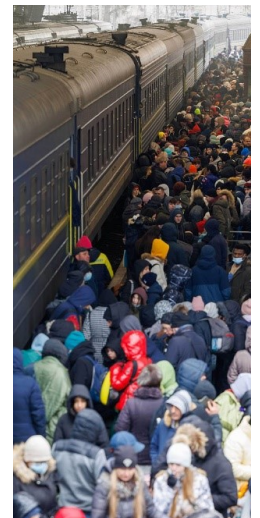
[Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society \(HIAS\)](#)

[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.

Our Gift Shop



Regular Gift Shop Hours: Fridays, 12 to 3

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 hope that you'll visit us at our booth at Hard LoX on May 1 at Pack Square. We will be ordering new items following this event and in anticipation of the coming year. As always, we would appreciate your feedback as to what items you would like us to carry.

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.

Ongoing CBI Events

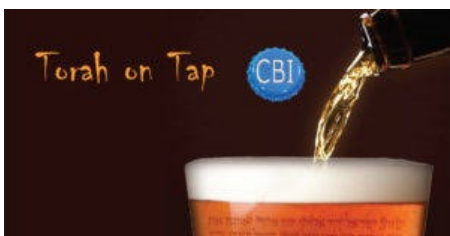
Parsha Discussion with Justin May 14, 1:00pm

Once a month following Shabbat morning services and Kiddush lunch, join your CBI family and Justin Goldstein for a deep dive into the week's Torah portion.

Come for lunch and stay for the discussion, or spend the morning celebrating Shabbat with services followed by lunch and discussion.



Torah on Tap at CBI Sunday, May 29, 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- 5:30 pm, usually at the CBI firepit. In case of inclement weather, we meet inside.

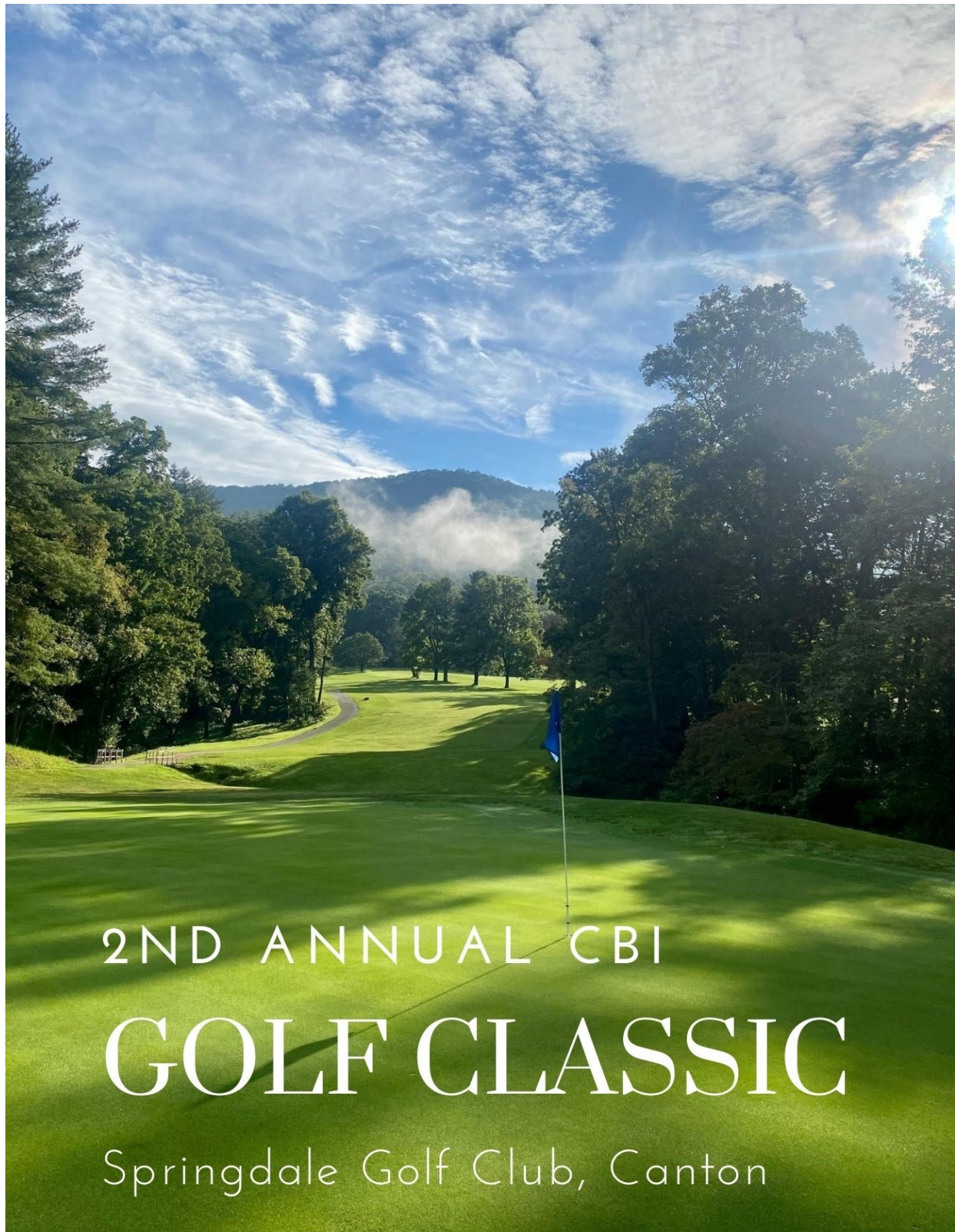
You are welcome to bring a lawn chair, snack or meal, and a beverage of your choice.

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 library starting May 6 as we begin 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.





2ND ANNUAL CBI
GOLF CLASSIC

Springdale Golf Club, Canton



FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD, 9:30AM

Registration Now Open

www.bethisraelinc.org

828-252-8660

To register, click [here](#). We're looking for volunteers to help with and promote this fun golf fundraiser. Have questions? Please contact Paul at Paul.Deletetsky@gmail.com

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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Your Amazon purchases can help support Beth Israel. Amazon Smile donates 1% of your purchases to CBI at no cost to you. Just visit <https://smile.amazon.com> and select Congregation Beth Israel, then shop as you regularly would. If you are a regular Amazon shopper, you can bookmark this website so as to find it easily every time you shop.



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

Support Your Shul and Its Congregants!

Active Donor-Directed Funds

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

March-April Donations

General Fund

Alan Baumgarten & Judy Hoffman: in memory of Judy’s mother, Florence Hoffman

Carolyn & Steve Kayne: in honor of Caren Kessler’s birthday

Jerry & Thelma Uhler: in honor of Moris & Sheree Uhler’s anniversary

Steve & Carolyn Kayne: in honor of Aryn Gaslowitz’s birthday

Eileen & Bob Elkin: in honor of Caren Kessler’s birthday

Steve & Carolyn Kayne: in honor of Linda Lustig’s birthday

Lee Avishai: in honor of Ilana Brody’s birthday

Steve & Carolyn Kayne: in honor of Shimon Benklifa’s birthday

Perry & Haviva Dror: in memory of Perry’s parents, Ernest M. & Florence B. Gaynes

Steve & Carolyn Kayne: in honor of Adam Gaslowitz’s birthday

Steve & Carolyn Kayne: in honor of the birth of their great-grandnephew, Jake Silva Gaslowitz

Yahrzeit Fund

Hanan & Goldie Weizman: in memory of Hanan’s father, Michael Weizman

Leonard Jacobs: in memory of his mother, Shirley Jacobs

Jerry & Thelma Uhler: in memory of Jerry’s father, Morris Uhler

Michael & Michele Heller: in memory of Michael’s mother, Bernice Heller

Leonard Koenick: in memory of his mother, Adeline Meyers Koenick

Mike & Ilona Sena: in memory of Mike’s father, Harry Sena

Louis & Hanina Ruttenberg: in memory of Louis’ father, Milton Ruttenberg

Norm Winkelman: in memory of his mother-in-law, Nettie Samuels

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Yahrzeit Fund (cont.)

Neal & Beth Appel: in memory of Neal’s father, Sidney Appel
Alan Baumgarten & Judy Hoffman: in memory of Judy’s mother, Florence Hoffman

Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund

Robert & Karen Marcus: aid for Ukraine

Meta Berkowitz: aid for Ukraine

Louis & Hanina Ruttenberg: Passover Ma’ot Hittin

Arnold Wengrow: Passover Ma’ot Hittin

Lee Avishai: Passover Ma’ot Hittin

Josh Horowitz: aid for Ukraine

Paul & Hannah Kirschenfeld: Passover Ma’ot Hittin

Sheldon & Janet Harnash: Passover Ma’ot Hittin

Josh Horowitz: Passover Ma’ot Hittin

Perry & Haviva Dror: aid for Ukraine

CBI Golf Classic Sponsorship

Ed Israel (Carpet One)

Refuah Shleimah

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

Our Sympathy

To our former congregant Arlene Doloboff on the passing of her husband, Jack Doloboff.



יזכור

Yahrzeits

May their memories be for a blessing

Announced during services on:

April 30

05/02 (01 Iyar) Ilana Brody for her father, Yaakov Kalush
05/02 (01 Iyar) Marilyn Friedman for her father, Ed Schanzer
05/02 (01 Iyar) Robert Marcus for his mother, Julia Marcus
05/03 (02 Iyar) Rochelle Reich for her uncle, Edward Segel
05/05 (03 Iyar) Meta Berkowitz for her mother, Freda Berkowitz
05/05 (04 Iyar) Carol Cohen for her father, Hyman Rosen
05/05 (04 Iyar) Caren Kessler for her mother, Bertha Robcoff Kessler
05/06 (05 Iyar) Eleanore Fisher for her mother-in-law, Birdie Fisher
05/06 (05 Iyar) Joanna Zimmerman Corbett for her father, Seigmund Zimmerman

May 7

05/07 (06 Iyar) Ilana Brody for her mother, Chana Kalush
05/07 (06 Iyar) Eleanore Fisher for her father, Lew Goodman
05/08 (07 Iyar) Sandy Slosman for her husband, Benson Slosman
05/09 (08 Iyar) Jillian Krupp for her grandmother, Audrey Fox
05/12 (11 Iyar) Caren Kessler for her grandfather, Jacob Kessler
05/13 (12 Iyar) Connie Glaser for her father, Bernard Brown
05/13 (12 Iyar) Ellen Goldstein for her father, Saul Mandel

May 14

05/15 (14 Iyar) Steve Miller for his father, Melvin Miller
05/16 (15 Iyar) Wolff Alterman for his grandfather, Sam Alterman
05/19 (18 Iyar) Carolyn Goldstein for her stepfather, Albrecht Benno Strauss
05/20 (19 Iyar) Barbara Lewin for her grandfather, Morris Kaufman

May 21

05/21 (20 Iyar) Bruce Brown for his mother, Frances Brown
05/24 (23 Iyar) Gail Shulimson for her brother, Richard Shulimson
05/24 (23 Iyar) Lauren Malinoff for her aunt, Celia Malinoff
05/25 (24 Iyar) Barbara & Paul Michalove for their daughter, Jennifer Leigh Michalove
05/25 (24 Iyar) Sara Yakira for her grandmother, Anna B. Heckelman
05/25 (24 Iyar) Frank Goldsmith for his mother, Mary Bess van Landingham Goldsmith
05/26 (25 Iyar) Davida Horwitz for her grandfather, Avraham Neugebauer

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05/29 (28 Iyar) Alan Baumgarten for his aunt, Hanni Friedmann
05/30 (29 Iyar) Elie Aharon for his mother, Carolyn Pollard

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

We are committed to being a dependable source of support, education, advocacy, and action. We have a WNC chapter, CJJ/West, and a CJJ/West Facebook page, and we would welcome your involvement (see opportunities below).

Community Round-Up: If you want to learn more about CJJ, we encourage you to attend a CJJ orientation for new and veteran members. Our next Round Up is May 4, 2022, from 12:00 - 1:30 pm. You can register here (or find it on the calendar page of our website, www.carolinajewsforjustice.org). Come and learn more about CJJ's history, values, our partners, and what we are looking forward to in the future. You'll hear from our founders, our current staff, and our partners, and have a chance to meet some new folks!

CJJ/West General Meeting (at CBI!): Make sure to save the date for our next General Meeting on Sunday, June 12, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at Congregation Beth Israel. We are thrilled that Marsha Davis, Executive Director of the Tzedek Fund (formerly the Mandel-Rodis Fund), will share her thoughts about reparations in Asheville. Marsha is a dynamic speaker and leader so there will be lots of food for thought, conversation and, of course, a chance to break bread together. It will be so good to gather together again!

Protect Our Democracy: In response to the current attack on democracy rights, CJJ has been working across the state on education, mobilization, and action. On Sunday, April 24, we will host a virtual meeting with Leslie Winner, who will highlight the history of gerrymandering in NC and shed some light on what is happening in our state at this time. For more information, contact Ron at ronkatz327@gmail.com.

Antisemitism Listening Project: Many of you have already participated in our Antisemitism Listening Project Circles; those small, intimate circles where we get to share our stories, be heard and also listen, and witness other people's personal experiences of antisemitism. We are still working on analyzing the data, but the anecdotal evidence is clear: people have found these experiences to be moving and meaningful. Here are select words participants shared at the end of the sessions: "moving, naches, vulnerable, heartening, welcoming, enlightening, educational, eye-opening," to

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name a few! Our hope is that these circles mark the beginning of healing journeys where we show up for each other, do our own healing and become better prepared to show up in solidarity for other oppressed groups. For more information, click [here](#). If you are interested in participating in an upcoming circle, contact Lisa at lisa@carolinajewsforjustice.org.

Hard Lox Is Back!: We can't wait to celebrate all that is joyous about being Jewish at the Hard Lox festival on May 1st. Come visit us at our booth for some CJJ swag and to learn more!

If you want more information about any of the above or just want to talk about your passion for social justice work, feel free to reach out to our Statewide Community Organizer based in Asheville, Lisa Forehand, at lisa@carolinajewsforjustice.org. You can also contact Frank Goldsmith at goldsmith.cf@gmail.com or Judy Leavitt at judleavitt76@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

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.

Safety and Security Training



The **Secure Community Network**, in cooperation with the **WNC Jewish Security Task Force**, is pleased to announce a series of security and safety training program modules scheduled twice a month during **January – May 2022** from **7:00-8:30pm**. The online Zoom training sessions are being offered to our WNC Jewish communities at no cost with advance registration required. (Please ignore the 6:00pm Central Time reference at the course sign-up website). The series is being funded with a grant from the **Jewish Federation of WNC**.

The training modules below have accompanying links for registration and will provide you with a Zoom viewing link via email upon receipt of your registration.

Tues., May 17 **Safety and Security Team, Part 1**

<https://securecommunitynetwork-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwode6upj4tGtP554-yJR7jxssUpxZZ3WGH>

Wed., May 25 **Safety and Security Team, Part 2**

<https://securecommunitynetwork-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYocuitpj0sHddEUNYlwdqIhnGUoNCXnS8B>

Shout-Outs & Events



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Sheldon Harnash
- 03 Richard Laibson
- 04 Allen Nichol
- 05 Daniel Dunn
- 07 Lauren Boyd
Jodi Toren
- 11 Steve Miller
- 12 Phyllis Cooper
Danise Hauser
Judi Haskell
- 13 Larry Schantz
- 15 Lauren Malinoff
- 16 Steve Lehrer
Beth Appel
- 18 Sally Gooze
- 26 Karen Marcus
- 28 Jeremy Samsky
Gail Peretsman Clement
- 29 Thelma Uhler
Michael Sena
Rick Sanders
Jordan Scheffer

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 03 Alan & Pam Goldschmidt
- 05 Adam & Laura Kaufman
- 24 Michael & Ilona Sena
- 26 Allen & Barbara Nichol
- 28 Sebastian Matthews & Ali Climo

May 17—Don't Forget to



Many Thanks!

To our Passover Seder volunteers: Meta Berkowitz, Alan Laibson, Rich Laibson, Helene Nathanson, Logan Reich, Rochelle Reich, and Ellen Sanders.

To Alan Escovitz for all of his help with CBI's grounds and landscaping.



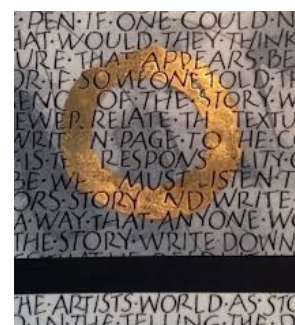
Fabric Explorations with Suzie Beringer

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. Early Bird discounted registration ends on May 15, and space is limited, so sign up soon!



HardLox Festival Sunday, May 1, 11:00am-4:00pm at Pack Square



Would you be interested in volunteering at Hard Lox? Our CBHT friends are actively recruiting volunteers to help sell tickets, serve food, and a slew of other things. Sign up at www.hardlox.org—it's a ton of fun! Would you rather have a slightly quieter gig in the CBI booth? We're taking volunteers too! Contact Rochelle at director@bethisraelinc.org. See you there!!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11:00am—4:00pm HardLox Festival (at Pack Square)	2	3	4 <i>Yom HaZikaron</i>	5 <i>Yom HaAtzma'ut</i>	6 12noon (Zoom) Noon Study Group 6:00pm Shabbat HaMalkah with Josefa (Zoom)	7 9:30am Shabbat Ser- vices (no Kiddush - Security Training)
8 2:30pm Online Jewish Meditation & Chant Circle <i>Mothers' Day</i>	9	10	11	12 6:30pm Zoom Board Meeting	13 12noon (Zoom) Noon Study Group 6pm Online Family Shabbat	14 9:30am Shabbat Ser- vices & Kiddush 1:00pm Learning with Justin Goldstein
15 3:30pm Rosenwald film (at 25 Forsythe St.)	16	17 7pm (Zoom) Safety & Secu- rity Team Training (1) <i>Election Day</i>	18	19 <i>Lag b'Omer</i>	20 12noon (Zoom) Noon Study Group	21 9:30am Breakfast Study with Rabbi Mitch 10:30am Shabbat Services
22 10:00am Feiler Photog- raphy Talk 7:00pm Feiler Rosen- wald Schools Talk	23	24	25 7pm (Zoom) Safety & Secu- rity Team Training (2)	26 4:00pm Class & dis- cussion with Rabbi Mitch	27 12noon (Zoom) Noon Study Group	28 9:30am Shabbat Ser- vices & Kiddush 9:30am Awakening the Heart
29 4:00pm Torah on Tap <i>Yom Yirushalyim</i>	30 <i>Memo- rial Day</i>	31 <i>CBI office closed</i>	1 <i>CBI office closed</i>	2 7:30pm Jew- ish Jazz Con- cert at CBI	3 CBI Golf Classic 12noon (Zoom) Noon Study Group	4 9:30am Shabbat Ser- vices & Kiddush



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May

Candle-lighting & Havdalah

Friday	05/06/22	8:03 pm
Saturday	05/07/22	8:52 pm
Friday	05/13/22	8:09 pm
Saturday	05/14/22	8:58pm
Friday	05/20/22	8:14 pm
Saturday	05/21/22	9:03 pm
Friday	05/27/22	8:19 pm
Saturday	05/28/22	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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