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July 2019

Fri. July 5/Tammuz 2
Services, 8 p.m.
Light candles, 8:12 p.m.

Sat., July 6/Tammuz 3
Bar Mitzvah
David Fanshteyn,
See p. 6

Rabbi's class, 8:40 a.m.
Services, 9:20 a.m.

Sun July 7/Tammuz 8
Services, 10 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah
Simona Shkolnick
See p. 8

Fri., July 12/Tammuz 9
Services, 8 p.m.
Light candles, 8:09 p.m.

Other dates to keep in mind

Tues. July 2—Ritual Committee and ticket sales, 8 p.m.

Sun. July 14—"Singin in the Rain," 2 p.m.

Wed. July 17—Sisterhood meeting, 7 p.m., followed by fun night

President's message

IT'S A GREAT feeling when you have experienced one happy event. The feeling is multiplied when it is followed by another. This is my feeling now.

The first event was the luncheon celebrating the 50th anniversary of our building. As I wrote in the journal accompanying that event, it brought back a flood of memories of the last 50 years.

From a personal point of view, 50 years ago, I was a young man, who had both his parents. Now, I am 50 years older and my parents are just memories. Fifty years ago, our Congregation was looking forward to a bright future. Now, our vision of the future is not as bright, but still does not call for the despair I sometimes hear. We did not survive for all these years by
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Sat. July 13/Tammuz
10

Rabbi's class, 8:40 a.m.
Services, 9:20 a.m.

Fri. July 19/Tammuz 16
Services, 8 p.m.
Light candles, 8:05 p.m.

Sat. July 20/Tammuz
17

Rabbi's class, 8:40 a.m.
Services, 9:20 a.m.

Fri. July 26/Tammuz 23
Services, 8 p.m.
Light candles, 7:59 p.m.

Sat. July 27/Tammuz
24

Rabbi's class, 8:40 a.m.
Services, 9:20 a.m.



From the

Desk of

Rabbi Pearl

NOTABLE ON THE Jewish calendar for July is the commencement of the period known as the "Three Weeks." Beginning on Sunday, July 18, and finishing on Sunday, August 10, with *Tisha B'Av*, we observe three weeks of modified, and then increasing in intensity, mourning for the destruction of the Temple and the tragedies of Jewish History.

For events that took place so long ago, why the continued mourning?

Judaism is based on the long continuity of our history. Our observance today is founded upon events, attitudes and practices that were shaped centuries ago. "*Minhag Avoseinu Be yadeinu*" we hold the customs of our fathers in our hands. We base our daily practice of our faith on what preceded it. History is a beloved teacher for us.

Jews have continually faced tragedy. Our identity is tied up with the painful events that have taken place throughout our history. To fail to commemorate them is to deny our identities.

It all took place long ago. But the impact of the burning of the holiest space for Jews, the resulting exile, the continuous insecurity of being a minority over all the world, continues to be felt.

Remember the tragedies of destruction and exile, and use them to strengthen your resolve to be a better Jew.

Pinchas N, Pearl
Rabbi

Two events to plan for

THE FIRST IS on August 4, where a trip to Staten Island Yankee Stadium is planned to see the SI Yankees play the Mahoning Valley Scrappers, See p. 3

The second is Sisterhood's trip, on September 15, to the Museum of Jewish Heritage, to visit the very moving exhibit on Auschwitz, See p. 7.

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There are several ways you can remember a loved one or commemorate a special occasion.

Call the Synagogue office (718) 987-8188:

to schedule a Bar/Bat Mitzvah or Baby Naming

to dedicate a Chumash (\$75) or Siddur (\$36)

to sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush

to make a donation to the Hebrew School

to reserve a date for a special function

to dedicate a leaf on our Tree of Life

to plant a Tree in Israel

Call Dr. Selman Berger (718) 948-5447 for informa-

- tion about our cemetery plots

Call Scott Diamond (917) 674-3317 for information about a Memorial Plaque

President's message (continued)

giving up when it seemed hopeless, and this is no time to start.

The second event that I spoke of was, of course, the holiday of *Shavuot*. Of all the holidays in the Jewish calendar, this one, commemorating the giving of our Holy Torah, should be the one to inspire hope in our future. There were our ancestors having just left the slavery of Egypt, in the desert, facing an unknown future, being given a code that would sustain them and their descendants, us.

What better symbol of hope can there be?

We live in hope, but that must be combined with determination to do whatever is needed to keep our congregation as strong as possible.

Shalom,
Charles Greinsky
President

Anniversary luncheon proves very enjoyable

A FESTIVE CROWD came to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our building, and celebrate they did! They were treated to some lovely songs by one of our newer members, Regina Perel, had a delicious lunch, and honored seven women of valor, who received certificates distributed by our master of ceremony, Rabbi Pearl.

Pictured on this page are six of the honorees, Lillian Brosnick, Susan Finkelstein, Sandy Levy,

Sharon Pekuly, Laurie Raps, and Janice Rappaport, who made very heartfelt speeches about what CBI means to them. The seventh honoree, Barbara Kanter, could not attend.

The Family/Adult Activities Committee, Susan Finkelstein, Janice Rappaport and Laurie Raps, thanks Marty Eisenberg, Norman A. Kanter, Barry



Kashubo, Sharon Pekuly, and all those who contributed to our successful 50th Anniversary celebration. From left to right: Sandy Levy, Laurie Raps, Lillian Brosnick, Rabbi Pearl, Janice Rappaport, Susan Finkelstein, Sharon Pekuly

Sisterhood news

JOEL COHEN HAD successful surgery and is home from the hospital. Mark Cramer is in Eger Rehabilitation Center following a stroke.

The luncheon on June 2 was a huge financial success. We are planning a barbecue and movie night. A suggestion was made to have a Women's Bat Mitzvah. Two docents are reserved for the museum trip to the Auschwitz exhibit on September 15, but the money must be turned in as soon as possible. We have 15 people coming to "Singing in the Rain," and we are still accepting reservations for the Staten Island Yankees game on August 4.

There was positive feedback on the self defense presentation and a suggestion was made that we can arrange for group lessons Barbara Smith will look into laundering the bags of tablecloths from the luncheon. Silver polishing is scheduled for September 18, after our meeting.

Shoppers for July are Alice Frey, Barbara Kanter, Janet Rocco, and Barbara Smith.

Laurie Raps



**Congregation B'nai Israel's Afternoon
with
the Staten Island Yankees vs. Mahoning Valley
Scrappers**

Sunday, August 4, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Richmond County Bank Ballpark, 75 Richmond Terrace, SI NY 10301

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Credit card type (please circle one)

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Yahrzeits this month

Yahrzeits start on the evening before the date given. For additions or corrections to this list, please contact Scott Diamond at (917) 674-3317, or slzdiamond@hotmail.com

If you need to say kaddish for a yahrzeit, please call the office two weeks before, and we will try to arrange for a minyan. It would be helpful for you to bring a few family members and friends to make sure of a minyan, as it is not always possible to arrange one from our congregants. Many congregants come to services Friday night to say kaddish.

July 3/Sivan 30

Jacob Davis, grandfather of Dr. H. Davis
Gertrude Gordon, mother of Gary Gordon

July 4/Tammuz 1

Gertrude Berger, mother of Dr. Selman Berger
July 5/Tammuz 2

Evelyn Gruschka, mother-in-law of Norman Smith
Jennie Poris, mother of Steven Poris

July 6/Tammuz 3

Charles Landwehr, father of Evelyn Dovdovany
Mendel Mayzlin, husband of Mira Mayzlin

July 9/Tammuz 6

Hyman Hoffnung, grandfather of Diane Schwartz
Benjamin Kalifowitz, grandfather of Eileen Cooper
July 10/Tammuz 7

Joseph Levine, father of Norman Levine
July 11/Tammuz 8

Miriam Cooper, mother of Marvin Cooper
July 12/Tammuz 9

Lev Shoikhebrod, father-in-law of Gretta Kovler
July 13/Tammuz 10

Heinz Moddel, father of Susan Finkelstein
Herb Sohn, father of Rita Eisenberg

July 15/Tammuz 12

Kenneth Zolotsky, father of Traci Frey

July 16/Tammuz 13

Maizie Klug, relative of the Mayle family

July 17/Tammuz 14

Gertrude Springer, mother of Sandy Levy

July 18/Tammuz 15

Zelda Cramer, mother of Mark Cramer
George Eisenberg, father of Martin Eisenberg

July 19/Tammuz 16

Manya Gitleman, mother of Mikhail Gitleman

July 20/Tammuz 17

Morris Finkelstein, father of Richard Finkelstein and
Gail Kashubo

Harry Goldstein, father of Dr. Steven Goldstein

Edith Levy, mother-in-law of Sandy Levy

Harry Nathanson, father of Leonard Nathanson

Harvey Phillips, husband of Lillian Phillis

July 22/Tammuz 19

Sol Eldlin, father of Doris Wasser

July 23/Tammuz 20

Sydelle Smolowitz, mother of Larry Smolowitz

July 26/Tammuz 23

Emanuel Appelbaum, father of Arlene Gerstman

July 27/Tammuz 24

Ann Perner, mother of Shelley Harwayne

July 30/Tammuz 27

Miriam Sue Greinsky, sister of Charles Greinsky

Thank you for your contribution

Contributions received after June 15 will be acknowledged in the August issue.

Flora and Miron Berenshteyn

Martin and Toby Birnbaum

Al and Sophia Cohen in memory of Edith Cohen

Eleanor and Michael Dovdovany, in memory of Ada Landwehr

Joel and Rae Ganzman in memory of Anna Ganzman

Dagmar and Otto Katz in memory of Alexander Ferencik

Naomi and Larry Kirsch in memory of Annie Wolf

Sandy Levy in memory of Arthur Levy

Ella Ligay

Janet and Michael Rocco in memory of

Lucille Rosenbach

Eugene and Roberta Sapolsky

Norman Smith in memory of Sidney Smith

Boris and Raisa Vernovsky

Preschool news

Registration continues for the PKA program for children born in 2015. We have a few seats available. The 3-K program for children born in 2016 has no seats available, but interested families can be on our Wait List.

Thank you for your continual support and enjoy the summer!

The CBI Academy Preschool Team

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SUBTOTAL _____	\$ _____

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HIGH HOLIDAY PRAYER BOOK ___ @ \$36 each _____

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TREE OF LIFE LEAVES ARE \$72 EACH. TO ORDER, PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION ON THE BACK

HIGH HOLIDAY PLEDGES:

Rosh HaShanah _____

Kol Nidre _____

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

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MEMORIAL PLAQUES _____	\$ _____
TREE OF LIFE _____	\$ _____
PRAYER BOOKS _____	\$ _____
PLEDGES _____	\$ _____
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To include names for Golden Book, check here _____ and list on back

Congratulations to our Bar Mitzvah, David Fanshteyn



Mazal Tov!

DAVID IS THE son of Tatyana and Timur Fanshteyn, who have been proud members of C.B.I. for over ten years. He attends IS 24, where he is a member of the Arista Honor Society, and is going into 8th grade. David has studied karate, is an excellent swimmer, and loves playing guitar. He is always volunteering, including at IS 24, and helping those in need. David loves reading books, especially about his favorite subject, science.

News about our members

WE EXTEND OUR condolences to Marat and Zoya Khalfin and their family on the passing of Marat's father, Sam. Condolences also go to Eric and Nancy Katz on the passing of Eric's father, Louis. May the two families be comforted with all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem and not know from any more sorrow for many years to come.

Mazel tov to Tatyana and Timur Fanshteyn on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, David and to Anna and Stan Shkolnik on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Simona..

We wish Masha Tabak a speedy recovery from her recent procedure.

If you have any news that you would like to share with our C.B.I family, please let us know. You can call Norman A. Kanter, at (718) 351-9150 or email him at bnkanter@verizon.net.

How Can I Help?

FROM TIME TO time, we have asked you, our members, to help in our work. You may ask, "I pay my dues. What else is there?" Here are some suggestions:

1. Come to services, not just the High Holidays, as important as that is, but on Friday nights and Saturday mornings.
2. Learn more about Judaism, by coming to the Rabbi's study sessions before Saturday morning services and attending his other classes.
3. Tell the Office or one of the officers of CBI what skills you have that may be of use.
4. Sponsor a Kiddush or Oneg in honor or memory of someone special.
5. Join a committee that you have a special interest in.
6. Host a new member to a Shabbat dinner.
7. Come to Congregational meetings and speak on matters of concern to you.
8. If you never had a Bar or Bat Mitzvah cer-

Auschwitz

Not long ago. Not far away. Museum of Jewish Heritage

*The Sisterhood of Congregation B'nai Israel
has made a reservation to visit
this very important exhibit, guided by a docent,
September 15, 2019 at 11 a.m.*

Please join us.

The fee is \$25/person.

Mail a check, payable to Sisterhood Cong. B'nai Israel,
as soon as possible to: 45 Twombly Ave, SI, NY 10306.

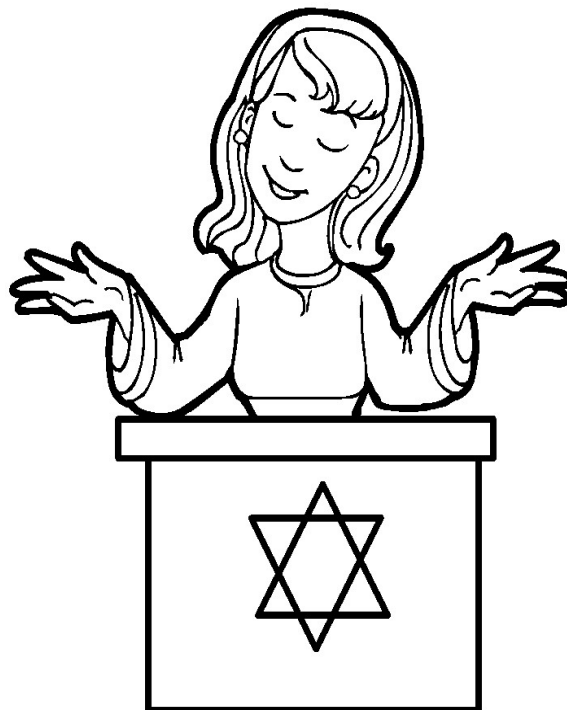
The exhibit is selling out rapidly and a space cannot be
guaranteed without payment.

Payment must be received by July 8, 2019

Questions, or to save a space at the museum restaurant
for lunch after the tour,

Contact Barbara Kanter: 718-351-9150, bnkanter@verizon.net

Congratulations to our Bat Mitzvah, Simona Shkolnik



SIMONA SHKOLNIK IS the daughter of Anna and Stan Shkolnik, who joined C.B.I. almost a year ago. She attends IS 7, and is going into the seventh grade. Simona is on the Honor Roll, and her passion is singing. She also loves ice skating, playing the ukulele and swimming. Reading a good book, and spending time with her sister and brother is her favorite thing to do.

Just for the fun of it

Renee and Isaac have been invited to Sarah's wedding and are discussing what they should give her.

"So what do you think, Isaac?" asks Renee. "I've known Sarah for many years but I can't say she's one of my very best friends."

"Well in that case," replies Isaac, "I don't think we should give her anything too expensive."

"I agree, darling," says Renee, "so I have a suggestion to make. Do you know that ugly silver tray we were given on our wedding? We haven't used it and it's still in its original box. I know it has our initials engraved on it, but I'm sure a good silversmith can remove them and put some new initials on it. Sarah won't be able to tell it's not a new tray and we'll save some money."

"What a great idea," says Isaac. Why not take it in to Roken, the silversmith, tomorrow?"

So the following day, Renee takes the tray to Mr. Roken and tells him how she would like the tray changed.

Mr. Roken uses an eye glass to look closely at the existing initials, then looks up at Renee and says, "I'm sorry, lady, but it can't be done. One can only make such changes three times."

Tree of Life

OUR BEAUTIFUL TREE of Life board contains leaves that can be used to commemorate a *simcha*, or any other significant event in your family

Each leaf costs \$72, which includes the cost of custom engraving. The profit from your purchase will help our synagogue continue to provide services to the Jewish community.

This is a meaningful way of celebrating an important date or person permanently.

Please contact the office for further information.

Have your reserved a plaque?

THERE ARE SEVERAL memorial plaques that have been reserved. If you know of someone who reserved

them, please get in touch with the office to confirm the reservation. We are concerned that some people may have reserved a plaque and, unfortunately, have passed on, without anyone notifying us.

See pages 3 and 7 for two events that are well-worth attending. Also, don't delay making your High Holiday reservations and Memorial booklet greetings. See pages 5 and 9

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Please send your announcements no later than September 13, 2019. Rosh Hashanah starts the evening of Sunday, September 29, 2019.

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