

NEWS IN BRIEF

March 8, 2010~22 Adar 5770



Monday, March 8

R.S. 3rd, 4th & 5th grades 4:00 pm

R.S. 6th & 7th grades 6:15 pm

Tuesday, March 9

Wednesday, March 10

R.S. 3rd, 4th & 5th grades 4:00 pm

R.S. 6th & 7th grades 6:15 pm

Homefirst Orientation Meeting 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 11

Noah Singer Bar Mitzvah

Minyan 7:00 am

Akiba 8th-11th grades 6:45 pm

University Lecture Series @JCC 7:30 pm



Friday, March 12

Noah Singer Bar Mitzvah

8th Grade Kadima Shabbaton @Metuchen

Candlelighting 5:41 pm

Services 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 13~Vayakhel/Pekude

Noah Singer Bar Mitzvah

8th Grade Kadima Shabbaton @Metuchen

R.S. 5th & 6th grades 9:15 am

Shabbat Services 9:30 am

Shabbat ends 6:41 pm

Sunday, March 14

R.S. 3rd & 4th grades 8:45 am

Minyan 9:00 am



Rabbi Nudell's Basic Judaism Class:

Passover-Making Sense of the Seder 9:30 am

Men's Club Meeting 9:30 am

Sisterhood Board Meeting 9:30 am

R.S. K-2nd grades 10:50 am



Supermarket Sweep Foodraiser

@Shoprite in Clark 2:00 pm

Mazel Tov: to David Armus, Rachel Armus, Zachary Aster, Carly Bayroff, Allison Begalman, Hayley Geller, Jake Margulies, Daniel Nizri and Emma Smelkinson on the occasion of the anniversary of their B'nei Mitzvah this coming weekend.

Condolences: to Steven Rosenberg on the passing of his father, Bernard Rosenberg.

We note with sorrow: the passing of Edward Markschied, a former member of our congregation. Condolences to his wife, Marion.

The University Lecture Series @the JCC: March 11th (7:30pm-9pm)-The U.S. & Israel Today: the Best of Times or the Worst of Times?, March 18th (7:30-9:00pm)-Jewish Pop Culture on the Lower East Side in the Early 20th Century. For information or to register, contact Michele Dreiblatt, 889-8800, x. 205, mdreiblatt@jccnj.org, www.jccnj.org.

Homeless Project: Orientation meeting at the synagogue on March 10th, 7-8 pm regarding this year's Homeless Project. Amy Van Pelt, the Director of Volunteer Programs of Homefirst's Interfaith Hospitality Network, will be leading this orientation. Our hosting weeks will be Sunday, July 11- Sunday, July 25th. This is a very rewarding and worthwhile Mitzvah project for our community and will be our 5th year of hosting. It is a great experience for families and would make a great project for Bar/Bat Mitzvah families. We are very much in need of some new volunteers and spearheads for our committees. In addition we need some new items to replenish our past supplies, including: new or gently used--Toys for all ages, Board Games (such as Monopoly, Checkers, Life, Clue, Shoots and Ladders and Candyland) and Gaming Systems, such as Wii or PS2 w/games. Also, Dress Up Clothes, Dominoes, Rubber Sheets, D Batteries and Movies (DVD Compatible for all ages). Monetary donations are very necessary and are always welcome. There will be a bin set up in the lobby for these items. The more expensive items can be dropped off in the Office. Please attend the orientation if you are considering volunteering in any capacity with this year's program. Please contact Jodi Heinz to RSVP or with questions, Jodi5758@verizon.net.

Kadima: 8th grade Shabbat @Metuchen March 12-13.




Supermarket Sweep Foodraiser: March 14th, 2pm-4pm @Shoprite in Clark. Meet back at JFS in Elizabeth at 4:30pm. \$5 entrance/team. To register-www.jewishjerseycentral.org or 288-2414.

Pesach Wine Fundraiser: Please submit your order to the Office by March 15th. The wine list is on our website and on the flyer stand in the Lobby.

Goods & Services Auction: Save the date: April 10th **Goods & Services Auction** @CBI at 8:30pm. Raffles, Auction, Dairy Desserts, Open Bar. Donate a service/talent/gift card to be auctioned! Send your check for \$18, which includes 5 free raffle tickets, by April 8th (your check is your reservation). \$25 at the door. If you have a group of 10 who want to attend and pre-pay by April 1st, we'll reserve a table for you! To help with the planning, contact Debbie Friedman, 232-0558 or Gaby Hecht, 654-2461.

Sisterhood: Membership dues are now due. Mail \$36 (\$18 for new members) to Caryn Fox, 34 Fenimore Drive, Scotch Plains. **Sisterhood and Women's League Book Club** invite all women to a discussion of "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" on Wednesday, March 17th at the home of Erica Needle, 11 Pheasant Lane, Scotch Plains, 7:30pm. Please register by March 16th, (908) 288- 2414.

 **Annual 2nd Night Seder**-at CBI on Tuesday, March 30th @6:30pm. \$25/adults, \$13/Children (5 and under). Reservations forms are on the flyer stand in the lobby. Send RSVP with payment to the Office by **March 21st**. Questions? Contact Geri Samuel, samuelgeri@hotmail.com or 754-5911.

Religious School: PACT Program (Parents and Children Together)—Celebrate Passover with us on Sunday, March 21st, 10:50am-12:30pm. Crafts, music and a Seder, led by Rabbi Nudell. Special program for K-2nd grades, but siblings are invited too! RSVP to the School Office, 889-1830 or school@cbinj.org.

Mobile Meals Program: desperately needs volunteers in order to continue with this worthy Mitzvah. To find out more about the Mobile Meals program, please contact Rachel Scharf, rascharf@msn.com or (908) 232-8715.

Social Action Committee: If you would like to donate to the fund set up by Jewish Federation to help with humanitarian efforts in Haiti, go to www.jewishjerseycentral.org or send a check to Jewish Federation of Central NJ, 1391 Martine Ave, Scotch Plains. Indicate "Haiti Relief Fund" in the memo section. Social Action Committee is calling all performers: CBI students will perform at Sunrise Senior Living on April 18 at 1:30 pm in an Intergenerational Talent Show. If you would like to sing, dance, play an instrument, do magic tricks, or anything else, please email Laurie Woog, wooglaw@hotmail.com to sign up. This is a great mitzvah project!"



JFS Food Pantry: The JFS Food Bank welcomes your donations of kosher nonperishable foods - the need is greater than ever! Please bring items to the bins located under the bench in the main lobby.

GoodSearch: Help the CBI Religious School by changing your internet search engine to GoodSearch.com! The Religious School receives \$.01 for every search done by a registered congregant. Registration is simple-go to www.goodsearch.com and enter CBI's full name (and location) in the "Who Do You Goodsearch for?" section.



Gift Cards: Please check our website, www.cbinj.org for an updated list of vendors and denominations. Contact the CBI Office at 908-889-1830, x. 206 or email accounts@cbinj.org. Retail store orders are available for pickup at the CBI office in approximately a week. Forms are also available on our website. **You can also order online, on our website!** Go to the website and click on "NEW." You will receive an email confirming receipt and another email when your order is ready for pick-up! **The Biggest User:** The family that generates the most income for the synagogue through the purchase of gift cards this fiscal year (July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010) will receive \$180 worth of gift cards of their choice! **Effective immediately, gift card orders will be placed with our supplier on Monday mornings and should be available for pickup by Wednesday. Place your order by Sunday night and get your gift cards the same calendar week! We hope this will make it more convenient to check your weekend circulars and order gift cards for the stores that have the items you want on sale.**

Cemetery Plots: Please contact Arnold Lasner at 908-756-5974 in the evening, if you are interested in buying plots.



Kiddush & Oneg Sponsorship Opportunity: Sponsoring an Oneg or Kiddush in honor of, in memory of, for a special event or "just because." The cost is \$90 (5 chai) to co-sponsor an Oneg or \$180 (10 chai) to co-sponsor a Kiddush. CBI will provide an Oneg or a luncheon at Kiddush. (Upgraded Onegs & Kiddush Luncheons available upon request). We will announce your name and occasion for your sponsorship from the bimah and it will also be printed in the Shabbat handout. To schedule or for more information, please contact Davida Berkowitz, Executive Director, 889-1830.



Sisterhood Tribute Cards: They can be prepared & mailed by a tribute secretary for \$3.50 each, or purchased in bulk (min. of 5 cards) from the synagogue for \$3 each. Orders from the synagogue must be placed IN ADVANCE. Call one of the tribute secretaries to prepare a Tribute card or for info: Elaine Chinoy-(908)232-0062, Renae Douglan-654-4575, Myrna Gordon-889-4112, Shari Marcus-322-7562, Susan Menaker-654-6399 & Rebecca Rosenheck-756-6309.



CBI Website: Check it out.. www.cbinj.org
In our continuing effort to go **GREENER**, we will no longer be mailing out the "**Connection**". The Connection will be available on our website online, www.cbinj.org. In addition, we will have printed copies available in the Synagogue lobby's flyer station. ****If you do not have ready access to email and would prefer to continue receiving a standard mailing, please contact the Office with your request.**