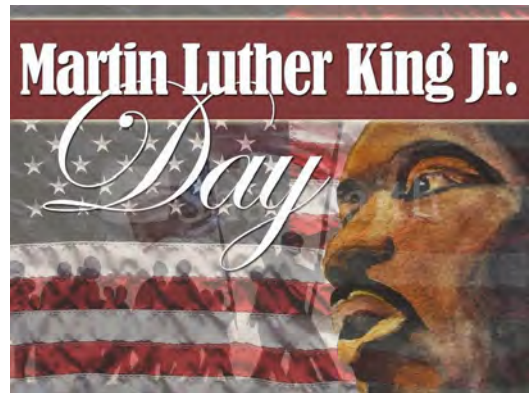


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Lach L'cha!

By Rabbi Howard Mandell



As the *sefer torah(s)* are returned to the holy ark each Shabbat morning, we chant the following verse in Hebrew: *d'rah'che'hah darchai-noam, v'chol n'tee'vo'tee'hah shalom*, “Her [Torah’s] ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.”

This verse, which is taken verbatim from Proverbs 3:17, serves as the source for one of the most important of the 613 *mitzvot* or commandments established by the rabbis of the Talmud, that being, *darchei shalom*, “the ways of peace”. More specifically, the rabbis of the Talmud believed that *halacha*, or “Jewish law,” was given primarily to increase pleasantness and peace in the world.

For example, it is taught in the Jerusalem Talmud Gittin 5:9, “In a town where Gentiles and Jews live together, one appoints overseers of charity from Gentiles and Jews; one provides for the Gentile and Jewish poor, visits Gentile and Jewish mourners. We do this for the sake of peace.”

I thought of the mitzvah of *darchei shalom* this Chanukah, when the first evening of Chanukah and Christmas fell on the same day, December 25, which, in turn, reminded me of the famous teaching from the Talmud involving two rabbis, who are by now hopefully old friends to many of us, Hillel and Shammai. A non-Jew first approaches Shammai, and then Hillel, asking both of them the same exact question: “[I]f you can tell me everything that I need to know, while standing on one foot, I will convert to Judaism.” Shammai, who tended to apply the “letter of the law” in interpreting Jewish law, is angered by the man’s question and thus chases him away, chastising the man for asking such a ridiculous question.

Hillel, however, who typically was guided by what he perceived to be the “spirit of the law,” takes a more inclusive approach, telling the man that he will be glad to convert him, that all the man needs to know is “not to do unto others what he would not want them to do unto him, and that the rest is merely commentary.” Hillel concludes his remarks to the man by strongly encouraging him to now go out and practice this teaching.

With the spike in Antisemitism in our state and country and across the world, it would be understandable, if we Jews decided to pull back and retrench from the greater community. Yet, I am constantly heartened by the non-Jewish clergy in our community, who are greatly dismayed by the increase in Antisemitism, and who have offered to do whatever they can to educate and sensitize their religious communities.

I am thus hoping that we, as a synagogue community, will do even more to reach out during 2025 to our non-Jewish neighbors and showing them the beauty of Torah and of the Jewish Tradition.

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Lach L'cha!

By Rabbi Howard Mandell



This past Friday evening, I had the pleasure and the privilege of leading a Friday night service at our sister synagogue in Andover, Temple Emanuel. In my d'var Torah, I shared that the holiday of Chanukah is about 2 conflicts going on in Israel in the Second Century B.C.E.—the one that most of us are familiar with—the Maccabees' revolt against King Antiochus and the Greeks—but there was also a second, serious and even violent conflict going on in Israel at the same time.

This conflict was an internal one, between the Maccabees and their followers, who are described by the rabbis as “zealots,” and those Jews living in Israel, who were more assimilated, having adopted aspects and practices of the Greek culture.

Internal conflicts within Judaism have existed, unfortunately, for the past 2,000 years, starting in the First Century C.E. with the Saducees, the more wealthy and powerful Jews of the time, and the Pharisees, the younger, less powerful rabbinical class. These conflicts have continued up to the present time, with the establishment of different movements in Judaism. I have thus reached out to Rabbi Wilfond, the Rabbi at Temple Emanuel, and expressed my hope that our two houses of worship can do more things together during the coming year, for however important our respective movements may be, *klal Yisrael*, the Yiddish phrase meaning “the whole Jewish community” and the well-being of the entire Jewish community should be of paramount concern for each of us.

I am hopeful that by strengthening our bonds with both our fellow Jews and with the many non-Jews of good faith in our community, we can do our part to fight Antisemitism and to demonstrate that the ways of Torah are to bring peace and pleasantness to the world.

Wishing your loved ones and you a healthy, meaningful, and blessing filled secular new year!

Rabbi Howard Mandell

תודה רבה - Todah Rabah, Thank You

Thank you to my CBI family for the wonderful celebration for my 101st Birthday!

Fondly,
Ethel Somers

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

By Jeff Tye

“*IMAGINEERING – PART 2*”

As we approach the end of Chanukkah (ending in the evening of Jan. 2, 2025), we also know that we have begun a new secular year. (Dick Clark probably didn't even realize that new generations would enjoy welcoming in the New Year with as much celebration and fanfare as he created back then, or did he??) Many around the world will be trying to create several resolutions to enact over the coming year. History tells us though that most of these resolutions will typically fall by the wayside by the end of January. Instead of saying something big like, “I will lose 30 pounds in the next 3 months”, what if it were changed to “I intend to lose 10 pounds per month for the next three months by eating a healthier menu”. This breaks the goal down to a much more manageable intention and it has a specific plan (or component) to get there, making it more likely to succeed.

For example, while preparing my thoughts for this article, I found out that the small band of the Maccabees and their followers did not actually end the war when they recaptured the (Second) Temple. Apparently, the war to reclaim their Jewish heritage and practices lasted for several more years. The Temple though, was finally back under their control, but it became a significant step in their ultimate fight, spurring them on to victory. (Smaller goals that further larger goals, despite the odds against it.)

In last month's Executive Board Bulletin article, Jon Brody shared with us the basics of a new and exciting program that USCJ has created in conjunction with author Ben Voorspan. If you haven't read Jon's article yet (or even if you have), it's well worth the read (or re-read). (It can be found on our website bethisraelmv.org in the December'24 Bulletin. The focus of it revolves around the Disney concept of *imagineering* and how it can apply to non-profits such as ours. To learn more about this process, I purchased the book that Ben wrote on this topic. Not surprisingly, it's a very interesting, enlightening, and enjoyable read. Just like a “New Year's” resolution can be restated / reframed to make it more achievable, so too can CBI's next chapter in our continuing journey be furthered with the right guidance. This is an “easy” way that each of us can help create our next chapter!

Jon closed his article last month with the following request: *“I would love to start a group to meet every other week to begin reimagining what our shul could be in the next 2-10 years. What are our biggest challenges? How can they be addressed starting with a blank sheet of paper and then eventually addressed given the constraints we really have, or believe we have. If you are interested in joining me on this quest, send me an email at JonBrody@comcast.net and I will start gathering names and we will find a time we can all meetand DREAM.”* **This offer still stands!**

I also decided to review our “Elevator Pitch” (additionally found on our website). It was created several years ago with the help of our ESC partners and the Committee that worked with them. So far, it has stood the test of time, with good results! *“Throughout our long history, Congregation Beth Israel has been a warm, vibrant Jewish community. Every member is invited to engage in a rich, diverse mix of religious, community service, learning and social activities for adults. While honoring the traditions of the past, we strive to strengthen and renew our faith with participatory religious services, active community involvement, a wide range of adult education programs, and a full calendar of fun social events. At Congregation Beth Israel, we believe everyone is family.”*

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MESSAGE OF THE MONTH FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

By Jeff Tye

All we have to do is look at our calendar of recent events, current and future activities that are already scheduled, to see how closely this fits with our “elevator pitch”. Many thanks to all who have made these events come to fruition, from planning and legwork, food preparations, opening their homes, creating publicity and taking care of all the myriad details required for successful programs and events! If someone were to ask you, “what makes CBI such a special place?”, would you be able to provide them with an enthusiastic answer? At the very least, look at our calendar and be aware of upcoming events! For example, can you name all 8 activities that are already on the calendar between now and March 2, which doesn’t even include our regular Thursday night minyanim and our Shabbat morning minyanim? (Hint for one of these 8 events) Did you know about our never-been-done (at CBI) Israeli olive oil tasting program on Jan. 12 (limited to the first 40 participants that sign up!)? Better yet, invite someone to join you for one or more of these events!

In the spirit of creating an even “brighter” future (sorry, still looking at the glow of the Chanukkah candles), this year, let each of us resolve to participate in more of the offerings at CBI. Let’s spread the light of what we *Imagineer* we can become, even if it is just one candle at a time!

THURSDAY NIGHT MINYAN

**Regularly scheduled on the 1st & 3rd
Thursdays of each month**

Thursday, January 2 & 16

You are invited to join us whenever you can to support the congregants and friends who are in mourning or observing a yahrzeit of a loved one.

Please let Janet know if you plan on attending by the Wednesday before by clicking here: office@bethisraelmv.org and we will email you the Zoom link.

The Jewish Experience in Haverhill 1878-2025:

Overview of the impact of the Jewish Community on Haverhill, and of Haverhill on the Jewish Community.

A lecture by Jill Schoenberg

**Thursday,
January 9 at 7pm**

at the
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**Snowdate:
Thursday,
January 23 at 7pm.**



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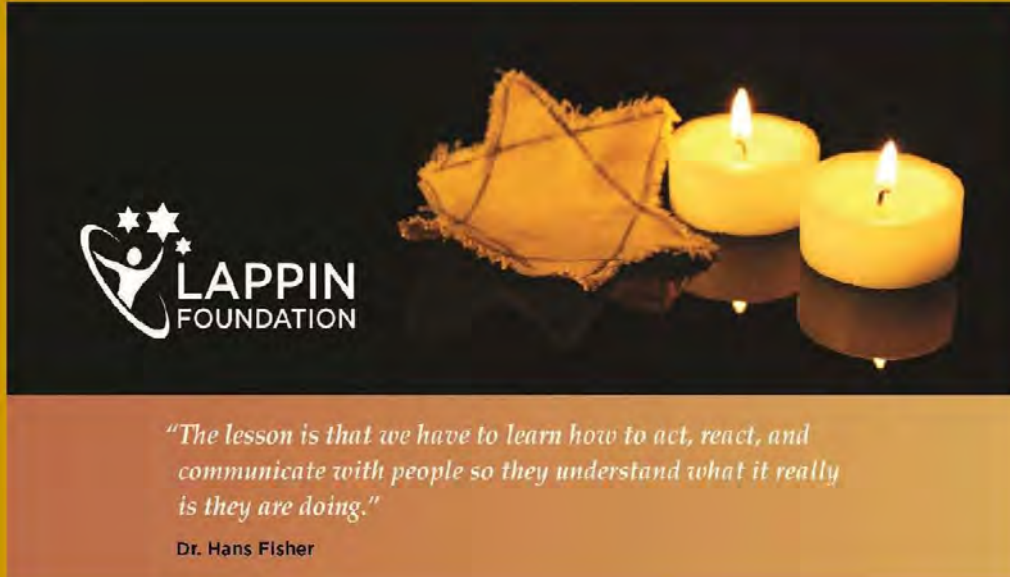
This 45 min presentation will be led by Ayala Noy Meir of *Kaiten*. We will taste oils from 4 different varieties of olives all grown and handpicked in Israel, primarily in the northern war-impacted regions.

We will also learn about the food community building she has cultivated in northern Israel and their Adam le Adama project to help farmers remain sustainable while reducing waste.

At the end of the workshop, we'll be invited to purchase oils at a discount.

A light brunch will be served.

Sign up [HERE](#) as space is limited!



"The lesson is that we have to learn how to act, react, and communicate with people so they understand what it really is they are doing."

Dr. Hans Fisher

Thursday, January 23, 2025
7:30 p.m. ET on Zoom

Please join the Lappin Foundation for a memorable International Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration. Dr. Hans Fisher, escapee of the Holocaust and passenger on the steamship St. Louis in 1939, will give his testimony of leaving Germany after Kristallnacht, the night of broken glass, and of his escape from Germany on the St. Louis.

The program is free and everyone is welcome.

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**NOVEMBER - "THE PEOPLE OF THE
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BY ALELET GUNDAR-GOSHEN**

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BY MICHAEL DAVID LUKAS**



**JUNE - "GOYHOOD" BY
REUVEN FENTON**

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We have a few dates still available for the remainder of the year. Do you have a Yahrzeit coming up? Special Birthday? How about just because?

We can do the shopping and setup for a small fee of \$75.

The following dates are available:

- ☆ January 11
- ☆ January 25
- ☆ February 1
- ☆ February 22
- ☆ March 1
- ☆ March 8
- ☆ March 15

Please contact Janet at [office @bethisraelmv.org](mailto:office@bethisraelmv.org) or at 978.474.0540.

In Loving Memory

Memorial plaques for the loved ones of CBI members and friends who have passed away are on display in the CBI hallways to be viewed at any time.

To honor the memory of your loved one with a memorial or *yahrzeit* (anniversary of death) plaque at CBI, please contact Janet at 978.474.0540 or via [email](mailto:office@bethisraelmv.org). The cost is \$250 per plaque.

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Barbara.moverman@gmail.com or Janet at office@bethisraelmv.org if you know of someone could

UPCOMING EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS!

- ☆ January 9 “The Jewish Experience in Haverhill
- ☆ January 12 Olive Oil Tasting Workshop—Please RSVP
- ☆ January 13 Board Meeting
- ☆ January 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Office Closed
- ☆ January 23 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- ☆ January 31 Shabbat on the Road
- ☆ February 2 Book Review “Waking Lions”
- ☆ February 8 Tu B’Shevat Seder following Services
- ☆ February 10 Board Meeting
- ☆ February 17 President’s Day—Office Closed
- ☆ February 21 Potluck Dinner & Shabbat Chai
- ☆ March 2 Brunch & Antisemitism Presentation

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Consider making a donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund which gives Rabbi Mandell the ability to purchase or fund items that benefit the synagogue, our members, and our neighbors in need. Kindly send your donation to Janet in the CBI office, **check made out to CBI, including the notation "RDF"**, and it will be credited accordingly.

Thank you for your generosity!



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The CBI Board of Directors will meet on Monday, January 13th at 7:15pm on Zoom for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

All Board Meetings are open to the membership. If you would like to attend, RSVP no later than January 9th to Janet at 978.474.0540 or

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The February 2025

Bulletin deadline is

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Jeremy Finkle	January 11
Mark Kaplan	January 21
Hilary Guida	January 25

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Ken Zeller	December 21	In memory of his beloved mother, Jeanne Zeller
Merle Roesler	December 21	In memory of her beloved father, Jack Schlesinger
Elaine Winic	December 28	In memory of her beloved aunts, Gert Tessler, Sylvia Abramson, and her beloved uncle, Seymour Rosenstone

Donations to the Kiddush Fund are always gratefully accepted.

Upcoming dates are available to honor / remember loved ones
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Ethel Somers on her 101st Birthday!

Ruth Jacobson (Caren's mother) on her 100th Birthday!

תנחומים - Tanchumim, Condolences

Rebecca Fishbein & Mitch Guttentag on the loss of Mitch's father, Albert Guttentag

תודה רבה - Todah Rabah, Thank You

Hilary Guida for shopping and preparing our weekly Kiddush.

Brian (from Ozzy Properties) for replacing all the light bulbs in Janet's office.

Robin & Mike Rose for hosting the fabulous Chanukah Party!

Lorraine & Terry Fetters for the delicious homemade cookie platter.

Mi Shebeirach

Burt Ochs

Social Action Bulletin Article January 2025

A heartfelt thank you to Robin Rose and Rebecca Fishbein Guttentag for once again coordinating our annual project to provide holiday gifts for children in need in our community. This is the 18th year the CBI community has responded to this need, and we provided gifts for 25 children. This year we once again partnered with Operation Elf, which was founded by our very own Sarah Blumenstock & Kris Girrell. Operation Elf is designed to bring hope, joy, and the spirit of the holidays to children in at-risk situations across Massachusetts and greater New England. Operation Elf partners with many local referring community agencies, including the Nashua Children's Home, Jewish Family and Children's Services, and Children's Services of Roxbury among others that review each child's situation prior to including them in our program.

Thank you for joining us in Tikkun Olam!

Susannah Abbott and Amy Friedman Lee
Social Action Committee Co-Chairs

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January 2025

Tevet 5785

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1 Tevet NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED	2 2 Tevet MINYAN @ 7:00PM	3 3 Tevet 4:05pm Candle Lighting	4 4 Tevet Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah @ 5:12pm
5 5 Tevet	6 6 Tevet	7 7 Tevet MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm	8 8 Tevet	9 9 Tevet "The Jewish Experience in Haverhill" presented by Jill Schoenberg @ 7:00pm Buttonwoods Museum	10 10 Tevet Asara B'Tevet Fast begins 5:44am 4:13pm Candle Lighting	11 11 Tevet Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah @ 5:18pm
12 12 Tevet Olive Oil Tasting Workshop @ 10:00am	13 13 Tevet Board Meeting @ 7:15pm	14 14 Tevet MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm	15 15 Tevet	16 16 Tevet MINYAN @ 7:00PM	17 17 Tevet 4:21pm Candle Lighting	18 18 Tevet Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah @ 5:26pm
19 19 Tevet	20 20 Tevet MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OFFICE CLOSED	21 21 Tevet MAH JONGG	22 22 Tevet vdf	23 23 Tevet International Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration @ 7:30 Virtual	24 24 Tevet 4:30pm Candle Lighting	25 25 Tevet Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah @ 5:34pm Mevorchim Chodesh Sh'vat
26 26 Tevet	27 27 Tevet	28 28 Tevet	29 29 Tevet 5:35am Fast begins Yom Kippur Katan Shevat 5:31pm Fast ends	30 1 Shevat Rosh Chodesh Shevat	31 2 Shevat 4:39pm Candle Lighting SHABBAT ON THE ROAD	

February 2025

Shevat 5785

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Shevat Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah @ 5:43pm
2 4 Shevat BOOK REVIEW "WAKING LIONS"	3 5 Shevat	4 6 Shevat MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm	5 7 Shevat	6 8 Shevat	7 9 Shevat 4:48pm Candle Lighting	8 10 Shevat Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Tu B'Shevat Sedar following Services Shabbat Shira Havdalah @ 5:51pm
9 11 Shevat Super Bowl	10 12 Shevat Board Meeting	11 13 Shevat MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm	12 14 Shevat	13 15 Shevat	14 16 Shevat 4:57pm Candle Lighting	15 17 Shevat Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah 6:00pm
16 18 Shevat	17 19 Shevat PRESIDENT'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED	18 20 Shevat MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm	19 21 Shevat	20 22 Shevat	21 23 Shevat 5:06pm Candle Lighting Potluck Dinner @ Shabbat Chai @ 6:30pm	22 24 Shevat Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Mevorchim Chodesh Adar Havdalah 6:08pm
23 25 Shevat	24 26 Shevat	25 27 Shevat MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm	26 28 Shevat	27 29 Shevat 5:00am Fast begins Yom Kippur Katan Adar 6:06pm Fast ends	28 30 Shevat 5:15pm Candle Lighting Rosh Chodesh Adar	