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Lach L'cha!

By Rabbi Howard Mandell



As many of you know, I celebrated my 80th birthday this past month. My birthday fell on the very same day as a long-planned Shabbat Chai Friday night service. At the birthday celebration the synagogue so graciously held for me that evening, I shared a story about my zaydee, Charlie, for whom my younger son is named. My grandfather, who had never before stepped foot on a plane, flew to Montgomery, AL, where my former wife, my newborn son, Josh, and I were living, for Josh's bris.

When I asked my zaydee, what had inspired him to fly, for the first time in his life, all the way to Montgomery for Josh's bris, he responded that he had recently turned 70; that according to the Jewish Tradition the days of our lives are 70 years in number; which meant to him that, having already lived out his allotted time, each day was a special gift from God; and that he thus wanted to try to show his appreciation to God by doing God's will each and every day. "I am here in Montgomery," he explained, "because I thought that this is what God would want for me to do."

The verse from the Psalms that he was referring to goes on to say that, if God gives us the strength, we may even live to the age of 80. Thus, for a number of months leading up to my birthday, seeking to discern God's will for me. I would ask myself, "if I am, in fact, blessed by God to reach the age of 80, how can I best follow my zaydee's teaching, whose words have always stayed with me and been a powerful influence in my life?"

3 options seemed to make the most sense to me. The first was retirement: "[I]sn't this what most people do, when they reach the age of 80 and wouldn't it be nice to have more time for family, travel, volunteer work, exercise, and relaxation, just "sitting quietly and doing nothing"? A second possibility that I thought about, especially with so many issues and challenges existing in our society today, was returning to the social justice/civil rights arena and/or teaching full time.

The third option would be to accept the CBI Board's incredibly kind offer to return as your Rabbi for another year.

What I came to far better realize and appreciate, after several months of prayer and discernment, is that I am right where I need to be. This warm and supportive community has enabled me, during the time that I have been your rabbi, to work on and refine so many of the Jewish values that are vitally important to me—values such as *hesed*, "loving kindness," *anavah*, "humility," *selicha*, "forgiveness," *tzedek*, "justice and righteousness," and *hakrat hatov*, "gratitude".

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Yet, it is also extremely important to me, to most rabbis I know, to be making a difference in the lives of those we seek to serve. “Am I, in fact, making any real difference in the lives of the CBI community” is thus a question I often ask myself?

Toward the end of the *Shabbat Chai* service, Merle Roesler, as an introduction to a Mary Chapin Carpenter song about gratitude that Bashert was going to play, looked over to me and said that Bashert had selected this particular song as a way of saying “thank you” to me for having taught us about the importance of gratitude. Merle’s comments reminded me of other similar comments from many of you, confirming what I needed to hear—that at least to some extent, I am making a positive difference in your lives.

While I have made progress over the past 12 years working on and refining those Jewish values that are important to me, I am well aware that I am a work in progress and still have a long way to go. I thus greatly appreciate your giving me the opportunity to return to CBI for another year to continue to work on and refine the values that I hold dear in my own life and, hopefully, at the same time, to become a better rabbi, spiritual leader, and teacher primarily for this community and for the greater Jewish and non-Jewish communities I also serve.

B’ha’ar’racha! Appreciatively!

Rabbi Howard Mandell

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

By Jon Brody

Public Notice 3

Ellen, Dena and I spent the past weekend in Chicago visiting Adam and doing a variety of great things including two shows, two museums and one moot court competition mingled in with lots of walking and great food.

One of the museums we visited was the Art Institute of Chicago, a wonderful museum similar to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. The museum has almost a million square feet of exhibition space filled with fine art from all the great impressionists, antiquities from ancient Egypt, Greece and Italy, arts from the Far East, arts of the Americas, modern art, and, one of my favorites, the fantastic “America Windows” made by Marc Chagall and presented to the museum as a gift in 1977.

There are also several special exhibits spread throughout the museum. One of these special exhibits is what I want to focus on for this month’s article. I found the exhibit extremely compelling given not only the parallels to what is going on in the world today, but also when thinking about how we should be addressing these issues given the key tenets of our faith.

“Public Notice 3” is a site-specific light installation by contemporary artist Jitish Kallat. It is installed directly into both sides of the grand staircase located by the entrance to the museum and was unveiled on September 11, 2010. The work connects two key historical moments: the terrorist attacks that hit our country on September 11, 2001 and an historic speech given on that day in Fullerton Hall at the museum 108 years earlier, in 1893, by the Indian monk and social reformer Swami Vivekananda. I had never heard of this speech, but in the country of India and India’s culture it is considered one of the greatest speeches and is often compared with Martin Luther King’s “I have a dream” speech. According to our tour guide, when people return home to India after visiting Chicago, people often ask them, “Did you visit Fullerton Hall where the great speech was presented?”

The installation reproduces the key message of the landmark address delivered by Vivekananda at the first Parliament of the World’s Religions during which he called for an end to all “bigotry and fanaticism.” The text from the speech is written into the back of each step of the grand staircase with colored lights reminiscent of those from the Lite Brite game from the 1970s. The text is illuminated in 5 specific colors as those used by the Homeland Security National Territory Advisory System starting in 2002 after the attacks. The colors signify the severity level of a potential threat from green (low risk) to red (the most severe risk). The exhibit, therefore, views the memorable speech as a site of contemplation and then refracting it through our government’s systematic response to our current turbulent times.

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Swami Vivekananda

This is his full speech:

Sisters and Brothers of America,

It fills my heart with joy unspeakable to rise in response to the warm and cordial welcome which you have given us. I thank you in the name of the most ancient order of monks in the world, I thank you in the name of the mother of religions, and I thank you in the name of millions and millions of Hindu people of all classes and sects.

My thanks, also, to some of the speakers on this platform who, referring to the delegates from the Orient, have told you that these men from far-off nations may well claim the honor of bearing to different lands the idea of toleration. I am proud to belong to a religion which has taught the world both tolerance and universal acceptance. We believe not only in universal toleration, but we accept all religions as true. I am proud to belong to a nation which has sheltered the persecuted and the refugees of all religions and all nations of the earth. I am proud to tell you that we have gathered in our bosom the purest remnant of the Israelites, who came to Southern India and took refuge with us in the very year in which their holy temple was shattered to pieces by Roman tyranny. I am proud to belong to the religion which has sheltered and is still fostering the remnant of the grand Zoroastrian nation. I will quote to you, brethren, a few lines from a hymn which I remember to have repeated from my earliest boyhood, which is every day repeated by millions of human beings: "As the different streams having their sources in different paths which men take through different tendencies, various though they appear, crooked or straight, all lead to Thee."

The present convention, which is one of the most august assemblies ever held, is in itself a vindication, a declaration to the world of the wonderful doctrine preached in the Gita: "Whosoever comes to Me, through whatsoever form, I reach him; all men are struggling through paths which in the end lead to me." Sectarianism, bigotry, and its horrible descendant, fanaticism, have long possessed this beautiful earth. They have filled the earth with violence, drenched it often and often with human blood, destroyed civilization and sent whole nations to despair. Had it not been for these horrible demons, human society would be far more advanced than it is now. But their time is come; and I fervently hope that the bell that tolled this morning in honor of this convention may be the death-knell of all fanaticism, of all persecutions with the sword or with the pen, and of all uncharitable feelings between persons wending their way to the same goal.

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That speech was delivered in 1893..... Martin Luther King's message was delivered in 1963..... And yet, here we are in 2025 and nothing has changed.

As we head into March, I wish you an early spring, blooming flowers and an easy preparation for Pesach around the corner.

Let's Go

BOWLING

PLEASE JOIN US!

Saturday, March 8th at Wamesit Lanes

Dinner at 6:30 followed by bowling at 7:30.
\$65 for 4-6 people plus \$5 for shoes

Please RSVP by Friday, February 28th so that we
can reserve the lanes.

Social Action Committee
Bagged lunches for
Lazarus House
Sunday, March 9
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Please join Congregation Beth Israel's Social Action Committee to make bagged lunches for guests of Lazarus House on Sunday, March 9! We'll meet at CBI to assemble 100 lunches that will include peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, fruit, a drink, and chips or cookies.

There are several ways to get involved:

- Meet at Suzannah Abbott's home on Sunday, March 9 to make the lunches
- Contribute to the lunches, such as chips, paper bags, or juice boxes
- Help serve lunch at Lazarus House from 11:15 to 1:15

To RSVP to volunteer or to contribute an item to the lunches, please contact Susannah Abbott at zaninandover@gmail.com. Thank you for joining us in Tikkun Olam!



Chag Purim Sameach!



Please join us for a Pizza and
Salad Dinner followed by a
Purim Spiel Singalong
with Bashert


Thursday night ,
March 13, 2025 @6:30 pm
Hamantaschen and other desserts
served after the singalong



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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?

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The following dates are available:

- ✧ March 15
- ✧ March 22
- ✧ April 12
- ✧ April 19
- ✧ April 26
- ✧ May 3
- ✧ May 17
- ✧ May 24
- ✧ May 31

Please contact Janet at 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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UPCOMING EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS!

- ✧ March 2 Antisemitism Presentation & Brunch
- ✧ March 8 Bowling Night @ Wamesit Lanes
- ✧ March 13 Purim Dinner & Spiel
- ✧ April 12 – 20 Passover
- ✧ April 24 Yom HaShoah
- ✧ April 30 Yom HaZikaron
- ✧ May 1 Yom HaAtzma'ut
- ✧ May 11 Mother's Day
- ✧ May 15 Book Review "Watchman of Cairo"
- ✧ May 19 Jewish Heritage Night at Fenway Park
- ✧ May 26 Memorial Day
- ✧ May 26 Yom Yerushalayim

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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, March 10th 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, please RSVP no later than March 7th to Janet at 978.474.0540 or office@BethIsraelMV.org and the Zoom link will be provided, along with an agenda.

The April 2025

Bulletin deadline is

Friday, March 21st, 2024

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES MARCH 2025

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

יום הולדת שמח

Charlie Mandell	March 1
Yana Shapiro	March 6
Seth Grosz	March 16
Caren Jacobson	March 17



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Chris Cook & Ellen Rothstein	March 11
Tracy Dubin & Richard Roomberg	March 16
Bob & Barbara Moverman	March 31



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many more
healthy and happy
celebrations!

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<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Occasion</u>
Melodie & Howard Teich	February 8	In honor of Howard's sister, Natalie's 80th birthday, Haley & Eric Donati's 5th Anniversary, and Braiden Donati's 4th Birthday.
Rebecca Fishbein & Mitch Guttentag	February 15	In memory of Rebecca's brother, Steven Alan Fishbein.
Jill Schoenberg	February 22	In appreciation.

Donations to the Kiddush Fund are always gratefully accepted.

Upcoming dates are available to honor / remember loved ones
and / or special events / holidays.

Contact Janet for more information on Kiddush sponsorships.



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TEMPLE FUND

FROM

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Caren Jacobson & Blair Roberts	Sarah Blumenstock & Kris Girrell	Thank you for hosting the wonderful Shabbat on the Road!
Robin & Mike Rose	Rebecca Fishbein and Mitch Guttentag	Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Orli Gold Buchbinder
Susannah & Rob Abbott	Rabbi Mandell	Mazel Tov on your 80 th birthday!
Susannah & Rob Abbott	Rebecca Fishbein and Mitch Guttentag	Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Orli Gold Buchbinder
Mauser Family & Children	Rabbi Mandell	Happy Birthday!
Caren Jacobson & Blair Roberts	Ellen Brody	In appreciation for making the Rabbi's birthday a warm and celebratory event for all of CBI!
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Yana Shapiro	Strauss Family	In memory of Ancell Strauss

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Bill Shek	Rabbi Mandell	Happy Birthday!
Ellen Macklin	Rabbi Mandell	Happy Birthday!
Debby & Alan Friedman	Rabbi Mandell	Happy Birthday!
Yana Shapiro	Rabbi Mandell	In honor of Rabbi Mandell's 80 th birthday!
Ellen Somers & Allan Kolsky	Rabbi Mandell	Happy 80 th Birthday! Thank you for your continued commitment to civil rights and sharing the message of empathy, compassion, and community.
Terry Fetters	Rabbi Mandell	In honor of your 80 th birthday!
Ann Macklin	Rabbi Mandell	Happy Birthday!

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Occasion

In honor of Tu B'Shevat – May your blossoms always bloom, your branches grow strong, and your roots grow deep.
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From

To

Occasion

Debby & Alan Friedman	Rabbi Mandell	Happy Birthday
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Kiddush Fund

From

Terry Fetters

The following names will be read, and people remembered at *Yahrzeit*, on Shabbat Morning

MARCH 1-7 1 - 7 ADAR	MARCH 8-14 8 - 14 ADAR	MARCH 15-21 15 - 21 ADAR	MARCH 22-28 22 - 28 ADAR	MARCH 29—APRIL 4 29 ADAR—6 NISAN
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Hilary, Jeff, & Elaine for cleaning out the refrigerator (after it froze up)

Elaine Winic & Jeff Tye for the wonderful Tu B'Shevat Seder!

Bashert for a wonderful Shabbat Chai in honor of the Rabbi's birthday!

Ellen Brody, Rebecca Fishbein, Hilary Guida, Barbara Moverman, and Hilary Guida for the delicious dinner in honor of the Rabbi's birthday!

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To Rabbi Mandell on his 80th Birthday!

Adam Brody on his Moot Court Competition!

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**Regularly scheduled on the 1st & 3rd
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Thursday, March 6 & 20

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March 2025

Adar/Nisan 5785

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 1 Adar Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Shabbat Shekalim Rosh Chodesh Adar Havdalah @ 6:17pm
2 2 Adar Antisemitism Presentation by Rabbi Mandell and Brunch @ 10:30am	3 3 Adar	4 4 Adar MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm	5 5 Adar	6 6 Adar MINYAN	7 7 Adar 5:23pm Candle Lighting	8 8 Adar Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Shabbat Zachor Havdalah @ 6:25pm Bowling Night @ Wamesit Lanes
9 9 Adar Sandwiches for Lazarus House 9:00am-11:00am @ CBI Daylight Savings Spring Forward	10 10 Adar Board Meeting	11 11 Adar MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm	12 12 Adar	13 13 Adar EREV PURIM DINNER & SPIEL 5:36am Fast Begins Ta'anis Esther 7:23pm Fast Ends	14 14 Adar PURIM 6:32pm Candle Lighting	15 15 Adar Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Shushan Purim Havdalah 7:33pm
16 16 Adar Purim Meshulash	17 17 Adar	18 18 Adar MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm	19 19 Adar	20 20 Adar MINYAN	21 21 Adar 6:40pm Candle Lighting	22 22 Adar Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Shabbat Parah Havdalah 7:42pm
23 23 Adar	24 24 Adar	25 25 Adar MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm	26 26 Adar	27 27 Adar 5:10am Fast begins Yom Kippur Katan Nisan 7:40pm Fast ends	28 28 Adar 6:48pm Candle Lighting	29 29 Adar Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Shabbat HaChodesh Mevorchim Chodesh Nisan Havdalah 7:42pm
30 30 Adar Rosh Chodesh Nisan	31 31 Adar					

April 2025

Nisan/Iyyar 5785



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 3 Nisan MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm	2 4 Nisan	3 5 Nisan MINYAN	4 6 Nisan 6:56pm Candle Lighting	5 7 Nisan Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah @ 7:59pm
6 8 Nisan	7 9 Nisan	8 10 Nisan Yom HaAliyah MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm	9 11 Nisan	10 12 Nisan 4:42am Fast Begins Ta'anis Bechoros 7:57pm Fast Ends	11 13 Nisan 7:04pmpm Candle Lighting	12 14 Nisan Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Shabbat HaGadol 1ST SEDER Havdalah @ 8:07pm
13 15 Nisan Pesach I 2ND SEDER 8:09pm Candle Lighting	14 16 Nisan Pesach II 1st day of the Omer 8:10pm Havdalah	15 17 Nisan Pesach III 2nd day of the Omer MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm	16 18 Nisan Pesach IV 3rd day of the Omer	17 19 Nisan Pesach V 4th day of the Omer MINYAN	18 20 Nisan Pesach VI 5th day of the Omer 7:12pm Candle Lighting	19 15 Adar Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Pesach VII 6th day of the Omer Havdalah 8:16pm
20 22 Nisan Pesach VIII 7th day of the Omer	21 23 Nisan Board Meeting 8th day of the Omer	22 24 Nisan MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm 9th day of the Omer	23 25 Nisan 10th day of the Omer	24 26 Nisan Yom HaShoah 11th day of the Omer	25 27 Nisan 7:20pm Candle Lighting 12th day of the Omer	26 28 Nisan Shabbat Services @ 9:30am 13th day of the Omer Mevorchim Chodesh Iyyar Havdalah 8:25pm
27 29 Nisan 14th day of the Omer	28 30 Nisan Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 15th day of the Omer	29 1 Iyyar MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm 16th day of the Omer	30 2 Iyyar Yom HaZikaron 17th day of the Omer			