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 **Congregation B'nai Israel**



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Saturday, May 13, 2023

**FUCHSBERG
JERUSALEM CENTER**

CONSERVATIVE YESHIVA

TORAH PORTION: BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI



Parshat Behar-Bechukotai
May 13, 2023 | 22 Iyyar 5783
Torah: Leviticus 25:1-27:34 Triennial: Leviticus 25:1-38
Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

Parshat Behar - Bechukotai / פרשת בהר-בְּחֻקוֹתַי
[This week's Torah Sparks](#)

SHABBAT SERVICE

**Kiddush will be served in the Tomarin Room after the service.*

Saturday, May 13th @ 9:30 am

Led by Fanny Dolansky and Blake Teichman

**This Week's Torah Portion will be read by
Naomi Levanoni**

**and the Haftarah will be chanted by
Fanny Dolansky**

[Pre-registration](#) is strongly encouraged to attend any
in-person services/events at CBI.

It assists with planning and contact tracing.

Kindly [pre-register](#) here no later than today,
Friday, May 12th @ 4 pm.

If you are unable to pre-register but wish to attend,
you will be registered at the door.

Covid-19 Protocols @ CBI
New Protocols: Effective October 29th, 2022

1. Masking* will no longer be mandatory, but is highly encouraged especially in the sanctuary.
2. For security purposes, all members should pre-register for each service and program event.
3. For security purposes, all guests must pre-register for each service and program event.

**CBI reserves the right to reinstitute a mandatory masking policy, if required.*

CBI held its Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration last weekend!

We were introduced to the new CBI Choir, led by Maya Chriqui, with performances on Friday evening and Saturday during Shabbat Services and on Sunday during the party!



CBI Choir

Back Row (L-R): Jeri Dehghani, Karen Caplan, Lynne Fruitman, David Fruitman, Mark Minden and Gord Blake.
Front Row (L-R): Maya Chriqui, Dina Caplan, Iris Rinkoff, Marilyn Lackie, Esther Barak-Rubin, Sandi Fruitman, Dolores Bonilla and Janice Wright.

You can watch part of the festivities from Sunday's party using this [video link](#):





The afternoon started with a [video presentation](#) by Howard Slepkov. Following that, the Klezmer Band was introduced and played with the brand new CBI Choir. They performed a number of songs, then Maya Chriqui performed a couple of solo numbers and the afternoon finished with some dancing. There was some great food and desserts for lunch.

A great time was had by all!



I hope this finds all of you enjoying our summer-like weather today in good health.

Our 75th Anniversary Party weekend of events for Israel has come and gone. From almost every point of view, it was an overwhelming success. There were between 50 and 60 of you and your guests at each of the three events. The spirit and enjoyment of those in attendance were apparent right from the start. Thanks to everyone's generosity, although we consumed lots of food, it would appear that we broke even.

Thank you to all those who came out for at least one or maybe more of the events. Your participation made for the success that it was. But thanks to go to everyone who worked in some way behind the scenes to guarantee that everything was done splendidly. From the delicious salads to the wonderful sounds of our newly formed choir, from the eye-catching decorations to the first-time use of our newly acquired large screen and projector, from the helping hands serving and cleaning up to the many hours spent in the kitchen on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday by the Chessed team, everyone and everything helped make it a wonderful weekend for all of us.

Providing names is always a risky business but I wish to publicly acknowledge firstly the work of our caretaker Tim Bishop and his wife Irene who spent their whole weekend and then some providing us with backup in the kitchen and in the building. Next comes Esther Barak-Rubin who marshalled the talents of her Chessed Group and kept them busy in the kitchen. In lieu of their conductor Sid Segalowitz, Fran Heinemann provided able backup with our wonderful Klezmer band. Our ever-faithful Serge Chriqui was there for record keeping and technical assistance constantly. His wife Maya was and still is the driving force behind our newly formed choir. It takes a whole community to bring off a celebration like we had. Our community rocked it this past weekend.

All in all, a wonderful weekend.

Howard

(Originally published earlier this week via eMessage)



[Share the news of your family or of our community and their family*](#)

Refuah Shlema





to the following:

**Doris Mann,
Francine Williams
& Esther Gitlin**

(Maya Chriqui's Mother)

and to all who are ill.

May the Lord bless, show kindness,
grant health and peace to everyone.



IMPORTANT!

As members/friends of CBI, you might not be aware that CBI receives funding through *Delta Bingo and Gaming* in St. Catharines.

Peter Runcan and his team volunteer their time at Delta Bingo and in return CBI receives crucial funding from them.

Peter is in need of volunteers to ensure that we continue to obtain maximum funding from them. If you can spare some time, please be in touch with Peter ([email](#) or phone: 905.328.2894) to express your interest...

Thank you!

A Note About Security

It is imperative that the large glass doors at the entry to the CBI building stay locked at all times. As most regular attendees to our facilities know, we have security guards hired for Shabbat Services and other programs. They are the ones who monitor who comes into the

building along with our member-ushers. Once inside the building, please leave all responses to visitors approaching from outside to those charged with monitoring entrances.

That way, due care and vigilance can be assured.

Thanks so much!



Our friends at Hamilton Jewish Family Services help a number of recipients in Niagara through their food bank.

For your information, here is their upcoming May Events Calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Chair Yoga 9:45 am Bingo 12:30 pm	2 Computer with Amy 1pm	3	4	5
8 Chair Yoga 9:45 am Bingo 12:30 pm	9 Support Group Self Esteem-Self Awareness 11 - 12:15pm Kibitz Corner 11am Lag BaOmer	10 Kibitz Corner 11am	11 Kibitz Corner 11am	12
15 Chair Yoga 9:45 am Bingo 12:30 pm	16	17 Debt Reduction Workshop on Zoom 12:30 - 1:30pm	18	19
22 Office Closed Victoria Day	23 J-Walk 9:30 am Kibitz Corner 11am Support Group Self Esteem-Self Awareness 11 - 12:15pm	24 Kibitz Corner 11am	25 Shavuot Eve Office Closed	26 Shavuot Office Closed
29 Chair Yoga 9:45 am Bingo 12:30 pm J-Walk 9:30 am	30 Kibitz Corner 11am	31		

For more information, please check their [website...](http://www.hamiltonjfs.ca)

community **Help us fill the**



shelves at Community Care

CBI still has blue barrels in the Tomarin Room for accepting non-perishable food donations for Community Care.



Their most needed food items are:

- Canned foods: meats, tuna, salmon, etc.
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Juices (no sugar added)
- Healthy snacks (peanut-free)
- Peanut Butter

*** Participate in an act of Tikun Olam ***

*** Help those less fortunate ***

*** Perform a mitzvah ***

THANK-YOU!

for choosing to make a difference!

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Save
the
date

The Torah Study with Rabbi Moshe originally scheduled for
Sunday, April 30th @ 7:30 pm
has been postponed to
Thursday, May 18th @ 7:30 pm



Topic:

"Chironomy; The Original Art of Torah Reading"

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THE PENINSULA ORCHESTRA
PRESENTS

A SPRING CONCERT

IN MEMORY OF

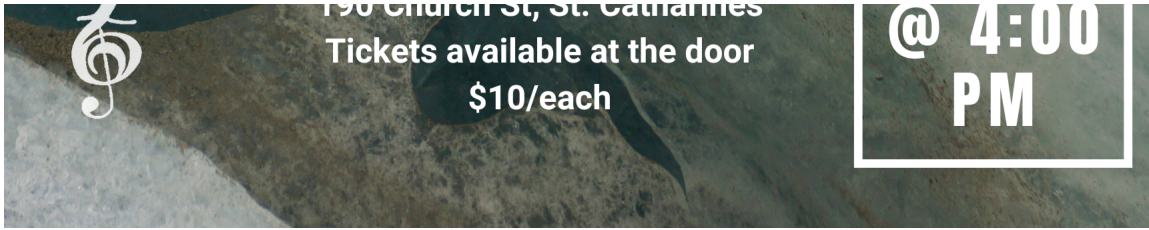
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MIRANDA, ROSSINI, BRUCH AND SCHUBERT

FEATURING GUEST SOLOIST: GRACE SNIPPE

 Congregation B'nai Israel
100 Church St. St. Catherine's

MAY 28



YIDDISH CLUB

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Yiddish.

Sunday, May 28th @ 10 am

The Yiddish Club returns in May with a showing of the
1928 version of *The Jazz Singer*, starring Al Jolson.

As usual, please arrive early (9:45 am) for breakfast.

Look for the Pre-Registration eMessage as the date approaches...



Congregation B'nai Israel and Strettino
take pleasure in announcing a Concert of Music

Sunday, June 4th @ 3 pm

CBI Auditorium

190 Church Street, St. Catharines

More details to follow...

Saturday, June 24th

Shabbat Kiddush in honour of Harold Nash!





More information to follow...

Donations To CBI

Donations to CBI provide a convenient, meaningful and worthwhile manner in which to honour someone, offer condolences, offer a speedy recovery or mark a special occasion, etc.

Choose from the following available funds to be listed in your recognition:

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
Library Fund
Chesed Fund
Kiddush Fund
Torah Fund
Security Fund
Simcha Lunch Fund
Tree Of Life Fund
Prayer Book Fund
Education Fund
General Fund

[Email](#) or call 905.685.6767 CBI during office hours (or leave a voicemail)
Donations can be made with a credit card, cheque or cash

An appropriate acknowledgement will be sent to the recipient you wish to acknowledge upon receipt of your donation

eMessage sponsorships for 2023 are now available!

(August '23 and onwards are currently available)

Thank you to all our 2023 sponsors!

Memorial (Yahrzeit) Plaques for the Memorial Boards located in the Sanctuary are \$200 each (partial tax receipt)

Tree of Life plaques are available
Leaves are \$180 each plus inscription fee

Tax receipts will be issued

Out of town donors may donate from our website: www.jewishstcatharines.com



accepted (preferred)
as well as cheque, Visa & Master Card



Congregation B'nai Israel is proud to participate in Charitable Gaming through Delta Bingo and Gaming St. Catharines.

Their ongoing financial support allows us to offer much needed programs and services.

When we come together, we make things possible for our community!



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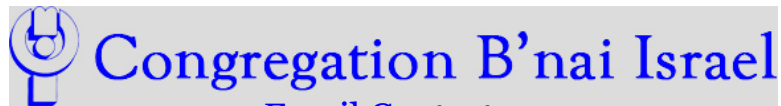
Thanks to Delta Bingo for their monthly donations to CBI!

BINGO-GAMING

CBI Office



Should you require assistance to arrange a meeting,
Please contact Serge Chriqui, our office administrator, by [email](#) anytime or call 905.685.6767



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