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THE RABBI'S WORD:

This being the final edition of the KOL of Congregation Beth Ahm, I want to leave our readers, congregants and non-congregants alike with a message from the Hassidic Anthology, words which my teachers taught me and I teach others to live by as well:

Rabbi Menachem Mendel, the Vitebsker said:
"Rejoice that you have an opportunity to sing to God; rejoice that you are a Jew; rejoice that you are able to pray, to study and to perform God's will; remember that the highest saint and the lowliest commoner are equal in the eyes of God; be contented with your achievements in affairs of the spirit, as well as your worldly status; do not doubt yourself and enjoy the Light of God."

Let us also remember that there is no Hebrew word for good-bye; we greet with "Shalom" and we leave with "Shalom, l'hitraot," peace and until we meet again.

At our final worship service on Shabbat morning June 23, I invite all my students over the past 19 years to join me for any or all of the prayers as we say L'hitraot. Notice, I never say "former students" because my students are always my students as well as my teachers; and as Jews, we don't say good-bye," we say: "L'hitraot –until we meet again!"

Shalom, l'hitraot, as Jody joins me with much gratitude and appreciation.

- Rabbi Alan

NOTICE OF CBA Semi-Annual Meeting Monday, June 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. D'Var Torah
- III. Minutes
- IV. Business
 - a) Update on sale of the building
 - b) Update on merger negotiations with Temple Beth Hillel
 - c) Plans for Community Open House
 - d) Plans for Final Service & Luncheon
 - e) Plans for Removing the Torah and the Torah Walk to Temple Beth Hillel
 - f) Distribution of our Torahs
 - g) Buying future cemetery plots – CBA discount
- V. Upcoming Events and Meetings
 - June 21 Community Open House
 - June 23 Final Shabbat Service/Luncheon
 - June 24 Torah Walk
- V. Financial Secretary's Report
- VI. Treasurer's Report
- VII. Rabbi's Report
- VIII. Adjournment
- IX. Good and Welfare

CBA Members:

Take a careful look at Page 4 for latest details of our merger with Temple Beth Hillel.

From the Executive Committee:**Dear CBA Members,**

Children's stories often feature super heroes, characters who can leap over tall buildings in a single bound or stop dams from bursting and washing away small towns. These super heroes, with their cunning, creativity and perfect timing, show up at just the right moment to set the planet back on its axis and the story ends with a flourish. Contrary to *Little Golden Books'* tradition, however, there are no super heroes for Congregation Beth Ahm. On Thursday, June 21st, we will hold a Community Open House to thank the businesses and organizations in the greater Windsor area who have so loyally supported us over the past nearly seventy years. We would love to have a good turnout of our members on that day and on Saturday, June 23rd, when we will hold our last Shabbat service, followed by a luncheon.

Then the next day on Sunday, we will remove the last Torah from the ark and begin the long walk to Temple Beth Hillel in South Windsor, where it will be delivered to its new home. On the way out the front door, we will remove the mezuzah. Except for a few days of packing up the remaining items that are coming with us, 362 Palisado Avenue will no longer be our home.

So, we don't have super heroes, but we do have heroes, men and women of the synagogue who may not have X-ray vision or move faster than a speeding bullet, but they are my heroes because they show up. Time and time again, they are there when there is a death among our members and a shiva minyan is needed. Or the trash needs to be emptied. Or there is work to be done. While we have been packing up the synagogue, old members have returned to help, full of fond memories about what Beth Ahm has meant to them over the years.

I am willing to risk leaving out a number of heroes by identifying a few, to offer my gratitude. First, Rabbi Alan, for joining us on this journey. You have encouraged us to think for ourselves, to be ourselves and to love ourselves. There is no one quite like you and you cannot be replaced. Ted Groenstein, you cannot pass by the building without stopping to check the mail, water the flowers or make sure that everything inside is OK. You give meaning to the word "Stewardship". Laura Broxterman,

we are reading the Kol right now because of your efforts. Any time there was a notice in the print or electronic media, it was because you put it out there. The world knows that we were here because of you. Karen Groenstein and Stacy Kowaluk, your wise financial oversight kept us solvent when many other wealthier congregations folded. You taught the board members how to manage a budget with little to manage, and we take that skill with us in the next leg of our journey. Marcia Heneson, you have been the patient overseer, the responsible, detail-oriented driving force behind this entire merger process. We have a place to go to, a welcoming new home, largely as a result of your efforts. You have been a warm, wonderful spirit, determined to see this process to completion and I will forever be grateful for your efforts.

Shalom,

- Marla Adelsberger, Executive Comm. member

CBA Members:

Take a careful look at Page 4 for latest details of our merger with Temple Beth Hillel.

**SEEKING PHOTOS OF
CBA ACTIVITIES & MEMBERS
OVER THE YEARS FOR
SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION**

June 8 is Deadline for Submissions

Jillian Bower, who grew up at Congregation Beth Ahm, has generously agreed to create a historic slideshow of synagogue photos that we will present at our Community Open House on Thursday, June 21st.

If you have photos or electronic images of members at CBA events over the years, you are welcome to scan and email them to her no later than Friday, June 8. Email them to her at: Bowerj19@gmail.com

It would be very helpful if you noted dates on the photos and include identifying info such as *Purim Carnival 2010, Latke Baking, etc.*

R'FUAH SHLAYMA – GET WELL:

- Larry Bodian
- Fran and Phil Feltman

JUNE 2018 SERVICES & EVENTS

Saturday Shabbat Services at 9:30am

(Final Saturday Service is June 23)

NO Friday Evening Services

- Sat., Jun 2 **CBA Morning Services** 9:30am
- Thur., Jun 7 **Card Club** 7:30pm
- Sat., Jun 9 **Bat Mitzvah of Sara Markman**
9:30am
- Sun., Jun 10 **RSVP due to Rhonda Simons for**
Jun 23 CBA Members Lunch:
rs22js@sbcglobal.net or 860-983-6780
(see page 4)
- Mon., Jun 11 **Semi-Annual Congregation Mtg.**
7:00pm (see page 1 & 4)
- Sat., Jun 16 **CBA Morning Services** 9:30am
- Thur., Jun 21 **CBA Community Open House**
4:30pm-7:00pm
(see page 4)
- Thur., Jun 21 **Card Club** 8:00pm
- Sat., Jun 23 **Final Shabbat Service** 9:30am,
followed by CBA Members’
Kiddush Luncheon – RSVP:
rs22js@sbcglobal.net or 860-983-6780
(see page 4)
- Sun., Jun 24 **Torah Tiyul (Torah Walk)** to
Temple Beth Hillel, South Windsor
9:30am CBA Members Ceremony
10 am Walkers depart CBA
Go to: <http://bit.ly/TorahTiyul>,
(see page 4)

Final CBA June Events at CBA:

Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting

Monday, June 11 at 7 p.m.

Open House for the Community

Thursday, June 21, 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Final Public Shabbat Service &
Kiddush Lunch for Past & Current Members**

Saturday, June 23, 9:30 a.m.

Torah Tiyul (Torah Walk) – rain or shine

**Sunday, June 24, 9:30 a.m. CBA Ceremony,
10 a.m. Walkers depart CBA**



**Sara Ann Markman
invites all Congregation Beth Ahm
members to join her as
she is called to the Torah
as a Bat Mitzvah.**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9 at 9:30 a.m.,
followed by kiddush.**

**Sara always will carry the honor of
being the final Bat Mitzvah celebrated
at Congregation Beth Ahm.**

Mazel Tov!



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Important CBA Members Reminder:

In order for us to meet our financial obligations (building expenses, insurance, etc.) for this fiscal year, it's important for all CBA members to pay any balance on your dues, if you have not already done so.

If you plan to join Temple Beth Hillel or any another synagogue, it is most beneficial if you are a member in good standing as other synagogues likely will contact us to ask.

UPDATE ON MERGER & OUR FINAL EVENTS

Sale of the 362 Palisado Avenue:

Congregation Beth Ahm (CBA) is still on track to sell the building to the church that has rented from us for the last seven years. Inspections and an appraisal have been completed. The closing is set for July 2. As with the sale of any property, there are always a few glitches along the way, but we are confident that the sale will happen.

Merger Negotiations: The negotiating teams from Temple Beth Hillel (TBH) and CBA have met several times. Steve Feltman, Marla Adelsberger, Helena Friedman, Sarah Markman, and Marcia Heneson are representing our synagogue.

► The **merger is the main agenda item at our Semi-Annual congregation meeting on June 11 at 7 p.m. We will present all details at that time.**

At TBH's Board meeting on May 10, their board reviewed the plans, and will recommend the merger at their congregation meeting on June 10. On May 17, CBA's Board met to review and determine whether or not to recommend the merger.

Plans include a five-year phase-in for dues. **CBA members in good standing (CBA dues paid in full)** will be able to **join at a reduced rate and will be exempt from the Building Fund Fee if they join prior to June 30, 2019.** A committee with representatives from both synagogues will decide on the items we move and where they will be located. We propose **setting up a CBA Fund** to plan an annual cultural, religious, or social awareness program. A portion of the funds from the sale of the building will be used to pay expenses until the fund is depleted. The remainder of our assets, after all our financial commitments are met, will be transferred to TBH. We will be involved in decisions to determine how these funds will be used.

CBA's Memorial Plaques: Our plan is to move all of our memorial plaques to TBH. If you do not plan to join us in South Windsor and wish to keep your family plaques, call or text Karen Donn at 860-948-0688 or email: bostonkaren2003@yahoo.com

Personal Thoughts about TBH from Marcia:

The membership at TBH has been very welcoming and the negotiating team has been responsive to our requests. They are open to trying new activities and listening to our ideas. I've attended several Shabbat services at Friday evenings. People greet you at the door and chat before services begin. It was nice to hear many familiar melodies and the service contains a nice combination of Hebrew and English. Typically, you can expect an attendance of approx. 50 people

and they tend to linger at Oneg Shabbat afterwards.

If you have not already done so, please check out TBH's website and read a few of their monthly newsletters (tbhsw.org). You will learn that they are a vibrant community with lots of activities scheduled every month. They have an active Men's Club, a Book Club, social action projects, and special programs. We are hoping to help to revive their Sisterhood.

I strongly encourage all CBA members to try a Shabbat service. If you don't want to go alone, we are happy to go with you. Attending a typical service is a better and more immediate way to determine what TBH is like than attending High Holy Days there.

Final Congregation Beth Ahm Events: We have planned several events and you are welcome to all:

- **Informal Open House at CBA on Thursday, June 21 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.** for the Windsor community & friends, featuring a slide show with photos from our past 67 years;
- **Final Shabbat Service for the public on Saturday, June 23 at 9:30 a.m.** It will be followed immediately by a **Kiddush Luncheon for current and past CBA members, R.S.V.P. required by June 10 for the free luncheon to Rhonda Simons,** email rs22js@sbcglobal.net or call 860-983-6780.
- **Torah Tiyul (Torah Walk) on Sunday, June 24, rain or shine.** We will carry one Torah from CBA to TBH, nine miles divided into segments of less than 2.5 miles each. **At 9:30 a.m., Rabbi Alan will lead a brief ceremony only for CBA members,** and then **we meet TBH members outside the synagogue and depart at 10 a.m.** **There are opportunities to participate in the Torah Walk if you do not want to walk** as part of a relay team. **Everyone is welcome to join us on the Windsor Town Green** at about 10:30 a.m. where we will form a line and pass the Torah from person to person. Music will be provided by Rabbi Alan and TBH's Cantor Scott Harris. Refreshments will be provided by Get Baked, our local bakery. **IF YOU WANT TO walk one or more segments with a group from CBA and TBH or plan to attend the torah passing on the Town Green, please go to <http://bit.ly/TorahTiyul> and scroll down after the description to sign up.**

Everyone is welcome to join the final 1/2-mile walk to TBH from Talbot Lane in South Windsor, or meet at TBH's entrance, watch the Torah being placed in the ark, and attend a welcoming reception at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Contact CBA's Executive Committee with any questions. See Page 5 for phone #s & emails.

Yahrzeits – June 2018
(Sivan 18 – Tammuz 17)

Ida D. Waxman	Sivan 20
Robert Smith	Sivan 21
Sarah LaBell Sommers	Sivan 22
Cantor Joseph Cohn	Sivan 23
Richard Patten	Sivan 24
Marie W. Wasserman	Sivan 25
Louis Freeman	Sivan 26
Barney Schepart	Sivan 29
Lena W. Rieder	Sivan 29
Lily Yellen	Sivan 30
Max Samett	Sivan 30
Doris Yellen	Tammuz 2
Harry Blutt	Tammuz 3
Salvatore Benmaor	Tammuz 4
Bessie Gruber	Tammuz 6
Bertha Prague	Tammuz 8
Sarah Denenholtz Geller	Tammuz 9
Philip Tischler	Tammuz 11
Celia R. Venerose	Tammuz 11
Sophie Cramer	Tammuz 12
Esther Pearlstein	Tammuz 12
Joseph Oken	Tammuz 12
Rose Gordon	Tammuz 13
Sylvia Perlmutter Salad	Tammuz 14
Barbara (Bobbie) G. Haber	Tammuz 16
Wesley Burns Gilbert	Tammuz 17

**MAY THEIR MEMORIES
BE FOR A BLESSING**

(Refer to the attached calendar for the English corresponding English calendar date)

CBA 2017-2018

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- Marla Adelsberger – 860-668-5501 or mariaLadelsberger@gmail.com
- Steve Feltman – 860-561-4370 or glugh2o@aol.com
- Marcia Heneson – 860-688-2283 or mheneson@gmail.com

CBA's Windsor Cemetery Plots

CBA has long had an arrangement with B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom to purchase plots in its cemetery on Clubhouse Rd. in Windsor. **In light of CBA's closing, Tikvoh will honor its current pricing for paid-up CBA members who purchase plots through June 30, 2019.** CBA members currently purchase plots – including perpetual care – for \$1,800. The nonmember cost is \$2,500. At the time of burial, the current cost to open a grave is \$1,500 for CBA members, and \$2,500 for nonmembers. There only are about 12 unsold plots left in the three rows reserved for CBA members. **After June 30, 2019**, if anyone with CBA family wants a plot in those three rows (and if any are available), the pricing would be at the nonmember rate.

To buy plots until this June 30, contact Mark Sussman at [860-573-9151](tel:860-573-9151) or MSUSSMAN@murthalaw.com

On July 1 or after, contact Laura Soll-Broxterman at [860-688-4499](tel:860-688-4499) or Laura@Sollpr.com

JUNE 2018 TORAH READINGS

Sat. 9:30 a.m. Services until June 23

Saturday, June 2: Beha'alotecha

(8:1-12:16) Kindling of the *menorah*. Seventy elders are delegated to serve under Moses.

Saturday, June 9: Shelach-Lekha (13:1-15:41)

Twelve spies are dispatched to survey the land of Canaan. Two spies return with positive report.

Saturday, June 16: Korach (16:1-18:32)

Korach refuses to accept the leadership of Moses and Aaron. He and his assembly are killed by an earthquake.

Saturday, June 23: Chukat (19:1-22:1) The laws regarding the red heifer are enumerated. Moses strikes the rock and water gushes forth.

Saturday, June 30: Balak (22:2-25:9) Balak, king of Moab, sends Bilaam to curse Israelites. Instead, Bilaam gives his blessing to them.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SAT, JUNE 9 9:30 a.m. Sara Markman's Bat Mitzvah	MON., JUNE 11 7:00 p.m. CBA Semi-Annual Meeting	THUR., JUNE 21 4:30pm-7:00pm CBA Community Open House	SAT., JUNE 23 Final A.M. Service & Luncheon for CBA Members	SUN., JUNE 24 Torah Walk to Temple Beth Hillel	18 Sivan JUN 1 NO Evening Services 8:01pm Candles	19 Sivan JUN 2 9:30am Services <i>Beha'alotecha</i>
20 Sivan JUN 3	21 Sivan JUN 4	22 Sivan JUN 5	23 Sivan JUN 6	24 Sivan JUN 7	25 Sivan JUN 8	26 Sivan JUN 9
				7:30pm Card Club	Deadline for Submitting Photos for Presentation Bowerj19@gmail.com 8:06pm Candles	9:30am Bat Mitzvah of Sara Markman <i>Shelach-Lekha</i>
27 Sivan JUN 10	28 Sivan JUN 11	29 Sivan JUN 12	30 Sivan JUN 13	1 Tammuz JUN 14	2 Tammuz JUN 15	3 Tammuz JUN 16
<i>Your RSVP due for June 23 Luncheon to Rhonda Simons, rs22js@sbcglobal.net or 860-983-6780</i>	7:00pm Final Semi-Annual Meeting at CBA <i>Important!</i>		<i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	<i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	NO Evening Services 8:09pm Candles	9:30am Services <i>Korach</i>
4 Tammuz JUN 17	5 Tammuz JUN 18	6 Tammuz JUN 19	7 Tammuz JUN 20	8 Tammuz JUN 21	9 Tammuz JUN 22	10 Tammuz JUN 23
<i>U.S. Father's Day</i>				4:30pm-7:00pm CBA Community Open House 8:00pm Card Club	NO Evening Services 8:11pm Candles	9:30am Final Shabbat Service followed by CBA Members Kiddush Lunch <i>Chukat</i>
11 Tammuz JUN 24	12 Tammuz JUN 25	13 Tammuz JUN 26	14 Tammuz JUN 27	15 Tammuz JUN 28	16 Tammuz JUN 29	17 Tammuz JUN 30
Torah Walk: 9:30am Ceremony 10:00am Depart for Walk to Temple Beth Hillel					NO Evening Services 8:11pm Candles	NO Morning Services <i>Balak</i>