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## THE RABBI'S WORD:

It has been suggested that the worst thing that can happen to a person is not necessarily serious illness or bereavement (these are inevitable, in any case), but rather, for most of us, the worst thing that can happen is to be disconnected from the people around us, to feel isolated and alone. People can cope with virtually anything if they know they have a support network of people to hold their hands, encourage them and, if necessary, grieve with them so that they are not left to grieve alone.

One of the wonderful things about Congregation Beth Ahm, which I have experienced in the 19 years that I have served you (and one of the things this community truly does right), is the bringing of minyanim to a shiva house. On the deepest level, what is really provided when we do this is not merely the opportunity to say Kaddish, but rather a sense of belonging, a sense of community.

The same acknowledgement goes to our auction committee, to whom I have always offered my deepest accolades for the wonderful successes of our auctions. In actuality, the best part of the auction was the preparation; the coming together of our community for a common cause, the common goal for the well-being of Congregation Beth Ahm.

Along these lines, I am convinced that the primary purpose of congregational prayer is not

to put us in touch with God (there are, after all, many ways of doing that) but rather to help us become part of a congregation and, thereby, overcome the isolation with which we might otherwise have to contend. We gather in a certain place at a certain time (and all synagogues have their gathering times), not because God keeps office hours but because we need to be there with other people to make the service work.

We read somebody else's words out of a siddur – not because their words are necessarily better than our own – because when we all read and chant the same words, we become one not only with the immediate community with whom we gather, but we connect with Jews worldwide.

*(Rabbi's Word continued on page 4)*

### YIZKOR EVENING SERVICE

**Monday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m.  
at Congregation Beth Ahm**

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### EVENING SERVICE HONORING HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADS FOLLOWED BY SHABBAT DINNER

**Friday, May 11 at 6 p.m.  
at Congregation Beth Ahm**

*See Page 3*

### SORTING & PACKING AT CBA

**7 p.m. on Monday, April 30,  
Monday, May 14 & Tuesday, May 29**

**Do let Marla know if you can help at one  
or more packing sessions**

## From the Executive Committee:

### Dear CBA Members,

You should all know by now that members at the special Congregation Beth Ahm meeting held March 26, voted to begin negotiations with Temple Beth Hillel (TBH) in South Windsor for a merger of our synagogues.

The first meeting between our transition negotiating team and representatives from TBH was held on April 22. We are discussing the disbursement of our assets, financial commitments for CBA members who choose to join Temple Beth Hillel, the transfer of our memorial boards and artwork, and ways to maintain CBA's legacy.

Be assured that any concerns and suggestions from the CBA Board and membership regarding these negotiations are being considered during this ongoing process with TBH.

I would also like to report that the Passover Seder held at TBH and attended by over 20 members of CBA was a wonderful celebration and a great opportunity to meet TBH members, Rabbi Glickman and Cantor Harris. Those who attended enjoyed a mix of traditional and special touches that are unique to TBH – very similar in the way that Rabbi Alan has made our CBA services unique and rewarding. CBA attendees were welcomed warmly and participated willingly in the evening activities.

I encourage you all to attend a Shabbat service at TBH so you can personally experience what could be our new home. It will allow you to make an informed decision regarding membership at TBH. CBA members voted for negotiations because TBH seemed to be a good fit for the CBA culture and member needs.

There are some **very important events coming up at Congregation Beth Ahm** in the next two months that I hope you can all attend (*see page 3 for full list*):

- May 11 Shabbat Dinner Honoring Graduates
- May 21 Yizkor Memorial Services
- June 9 Sara Markman's Bat Mitzvah
- June 11 CBA Semi-Annual Meeting
- June 21 CBA Open House
- June 23 Final CBA Shabbat Service & Members Kiddush Luncheon

**Reminder:** *In order to meet our financial obligations for this fiscal year, it's important for CBA members to **pay the balance on your dues**, if you have not already done so. **If you plan to join Temple Beth Hillel or another synagogue, it will be beneficial if you are a member in good standing.***

On a final note, please volunteer to help pack things up at CBA so the sale of the building and move-out will go smoothly.

We must clean out the classrooms, gift shop and storeroom, and determine which books in the library are wanted and decide what to do with the others. We need help on:

**Monday, April 30** at 7 p.m.

**Monday, May 14** at 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 29** at 7 p.m. (if needed)

**Please let Marla know if you can come to one or more sessions.**

**Shalom!**

**Steve Feltman, Executive Committee**

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

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 June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**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.

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

**MAY 2018 SERVICES & EVENTS***Friday Evening Services at 6 p.m.**Saturday Shabbat Services at 9:30am*

Fri., May 4	Minyan Shabbat Service 6pm
Sat., May 5	CBA Morning Service
Tue., May 8	RSVPs due to Marla for May 11 <sup>th</sup> Shabbat Dinner
Thur., May 10	CBA Card Club 7:30pm
Fri., May 11	Last Shabbat Dinner & Evening Service: Honoring High School & College Graduates 6pm
Sat., May 12	CBA Morning Service 9:30am
Sun., May 13	Scrip Orders due to M.Heneson
Mon., May 14	CBA Sorting & Packing 7pm
Thur., May 17	CBA Board Meeting 7pm
Fri., May 18	<u>NO</u> Evening Service
Sat., May 19	CBA Morning Service 9:30am
Mon., May 21	Evening Yizkor Service 7:30pm
Thur., May 24	CBA Card Club 7:30pm
Fri., May 25	<u>NO</u> Evening Service
Sat., May 26	<u>NO</u> Morning Service
Tue., May 29	CBA Sorting & Packing 7pm (ONLY if still needed)

**FINAL EVENING SERVICE & SHABBAT DINNER ON MAY 11*****Also Will Honor Our High School & College Grads***

On **Friday, May 11 at 6 p.m.**, join us for Congregation Beth Ahm's last evening service, followed by our synagogue's final Shabbat dinner. The evening will include recognition of our members who are graduating high school or college.

It will be a very special and meaningful evening on many levels. *So please come.*

**DINNER**: \$16 adults; \$7 kids age 12 & under.

**Please respond by Tuesday, May 8** to Marla Adelsberger at 860-688-9989.

**CBA's RELIGIOUS SCHOOL** is held at Temple Beth Hillel, South Windsor

**Sundays**: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Tuesdays**: 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

**Sun., May 13** NO School

**Tue., May 15** Last day of School

**Sun., May 20** Shavuot Youth Program at Temple Beth Hillel

**Save the Dates: June Events at CBA:**

**Bat Mitzvah of Sara Markman**  
Saturday morning, June 9 at 9:30 a.m.

**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 Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon**  
Saturday, June 23, 9:30 a.m.

**CBA 2017-2018****EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

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- Marcia Heneson – 860-688-2283 or [mheneson@gmail.com](mailto:mheneson@gmail.com)

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**THE RABBI'S WORD (cont. from page 1)**

There is nothing magical about the words we recite, although you never know it as there are many ways of expressing the truths they express. Yet there is something magical about the experience of all of us reciting the same words at the same time and singing the same melodies, even if the tunes are different.

That is why it is so sad that many of us have lost the knack of being part of a congregation. For too many, the occasional visit to a synagogue service is more of a distancing and alienating experience than part of a true coming together. Here at CBA, we have had many adult learning opportunities to help our congregants overcome that sense of distance and, wherever we go, those opportunities will continue to present itself, presented to us as new openings. As Rabbi Hillel said, "Do not separate yourself from the community." However, sometimes joining in with the community requires a familiarity with the rituals that make it a community. This is an area where a little effort and study can reap rich and deep rewards. You are always invited, so please do so!

**OUR FINAL SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER**

**will be held on Friday May 11, starting at 6:00 p.m. That evening, we will honor our high school and college graduates.** Please join us for this special service and our last Shabbat Evening at CBA.

Shalom,  
Rabbi Alan

**CBA SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT**

**Many local seniors** are on fixed incomes and eligible for help from Windsor Social Services. They **can't afford the cost of personal care items such as soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes and soap.** They also can't afford **cleaning products** such as sponges, paper towels, and dish and laundry detergents.

**CBA collects these kinds of items for Windsor Social Services. We welcome** gift bags filled with personal care items for women and for men (including razors and shaving cream), or a box of cleaning products.

**Questions?** Contact Helena Friedman at 860-688-9989.

**Our condolences to the family and friends of our longtime member, Beatrice “Bea” Levine.**

**Yahrzeits – May 2018**  
(Iyar – Sivan)

Rose Juster	Iyar 16
Herman Abramovitz	Iyar 16
Lillian Kozlin	Iyar 16
Pearl Friedman	Iyar 16
Joel Martin Kress	Iyar 16
Barbara (Bobbi) Zimmerman	Iyar 17
Gertrude Schneider	Iyar 18
Seymour Savath	Iyar 20
Libby Sammett	Iyar 22
Florence Lisniansky	Iyar 22
Jacob Solnitzky	Iyar 23
Henry Vigdor	Iyar 24
Rosalind Berson Galinsky	Iyar 25
Yetta Sirota	Iyar 26
Samuel Denenholtz	Iyar 27
Monroe Isaacs	Sivan 1
Emma Lugoff	Sivan 2
Eva Klein	Sivan 2
Dahlia David	Sivan 2
Ida Dressler	Sivan 3
Bessie Galinsky	Sivan 3
Ernest Marsel	Sivan 4
Benjamin Cantor	Sivan 5
Julius Klepak	Sivan 6
Erwyn Bernard Glanz	Sivan 7
Julius Yellen	Sivan 9
Stanley Wayne	Sivan 11
Rhoda Danen Slitt	Sivan 12
Stanley Stewart Levine	Sivan 12
Anna R. Wood	Sivan 13
Charles Hertzendorf	Sivan 13
Bob Lichtenbaum	Sivan 15
George H Luckman	Sivan 16
Bennie Yellen	Sivan 17

**MAY THEIR MEMORIES**  
**BE FOR A BLESSING**

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

**YIZKOR SERVICE**

**Monday, May 21**  
**7:30 p.m. Evening Service**  
**at Congregation Beth Ahm**

Yizkor means “Remember.” Join us for a special service in memory of people who were important in your life. This is a time to put everything else aside and remember.

**MAY 2018 TORAH READINGS**  
**SATURDAY 9:30 A.M. SERVICES**

**Saturday, May 5: *Emor*** (21:1-24:23)

Festival seasons are described in detail.

**Saturday, May 12: *Behar*** (25:1-26:2)

The sabbatical and jubilee years are discussed. ***B'hukotai*** (26:3-27:34) The punishment for rejecting God's covenant is discussed.

**Saturday, May 19: *Bemidbar*** (1:1-4:20)

Description of the Israelites' encampments during their journeys through the desert.

**Saturday, May 26: *Naso*** (4:21-7:89)

Regulations concerning Nazirites and the three-fold priestly benediction.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u><b>IN JUNE:</b></u>  <b>SAT, JUNE 9</b>                      9:30 a.m.                      Sara Markman's                      Bat Mitzvah</p>	<p><u><b>IN JUNE:</b></u>  <b>MON., JUNE 11</b>                      7 p.m.                      CBA Semi-Annual                      Meeting</p>	<p>16 Iyar <b>MAY 1</b></p> <p>Religious School</p>	<p>17 Iyar <b>MAY 2</b></p>	<p>18 Iyar <b>MAY 3</b></p> <p>Lag B'Omer</p>	<p>19 Iyar <b>MAY 4</b></p> <p>6:00pm Minyan                      Shabbat Services</p> <p>7:34 pm Candles</p>	<p>20 Iyar <b>MAY 5</b></p> <p>9:30am                      Services</p> <p>Emor</p>
<p>21 Iyar <b>MAY 6</b></p> <p>Religious School</p>	<p>22 Iyar <b>MAY 7</b></p>	<p>23 Iyar <b>MAY 8</b></p> <p>Religious School</p> <p>RSVPs to Marla for                      MAY 11 Dinner</p>	<p>24 Iyar <b>MAY 9</b></p>	<p>25 Iyar <b>MAY 10</b></p> <p>7:30pm                      Card Club</p>	<p>26 Iyar <b>MAY 11</b></p> <p>6:00pm Services                      Honoring Grads                      &amp; Final CBA                      Shabbat Dinner</p> <p>7:42 pm Candles</p>	<p>27 Iyar <b>MAY 12</b></p> <p>9:30am                      Services</p> <p>Behar-B'hukotai</p>
<p>28 Iyar <b>MAY 13</b></p> <p><u><b>NO</b></u> School</p> <p><i>Scrip Orders due</i></p> <p>Jerusalem Day                      Mother's Day</p>	<p>29 Iyar <b>MAY 14</b></p> <p>7:00pm Packing                      of Items at CBA</p>	<p>1 Sivan <b>MAY 15</b></p> <p>Last Day of                      Religious School</p> <p>Rosh Chodesh</p>	<p>2 Sivan <b>MAY 16</b></p>	<p>3 Sivan <b>MAY 17</b></p> <p>7:00pm                      Board Meeting</p>	<p>4 Sivan <b>MAY 18</b></p> <p><u><b>NO</b></u> Services</p> <p>7:49pm Candles</p>	<p>5 Sivan <b>MAY 19</b></p> <p>9:30am                      Services</p> <p>Erev Shavuot                      Bemidbar</p>
<p>6 Sivan <b>MAY 20</b></p> <p>Shavuot Youth                      Program at                      Temple Beth Hillel</p> <p>Shavuot</p>	<p>7 Sivan <b>MAY 21</b></p> <p>7:30pm                      CBA Yizkor                      Memorial Service</p> <p>Shavuot</p>	<p>8 Sivan <b>MAY 22</b></p>	<p>9 Sivan <b>MAY 23</b></p>	<p>10 Sivan <b>MAY 24</b></p> <p>7:30pm                      Card Club</p>	<p>11 Sivan <b>MAY 25</b></p> <p><u><b>NO</b></u> Services</p> <p>7:55pm Candles</p>	<p>12 Sivan <b>MAY 26</b></p> <p><u><b>NO</b></u> Morning                      Services</p> <p>Naso</p>
<p>13 Sivan <b>MAY 27</b></p>	<p>14 Sivan <b>MAY 28</b></p> <p>U.S. Memorial Day</p>	<p>15 Sivan <b>MAY 29</b></p> <p>7:00pm Packing                      of Items at CBA                      (if still needed)</p>	<p>16 Sivan <b>MAY 30</b></p>	<p>17 Sivan <b>MAY 31</b></p>	<p><u><b>IN JUNE:</b></u>  <b>THUR., JUNE 21</b>                      4:30pm-7:00pm                      CBA Community                      Open House</p>	<p><u><b>IN JUNE:</b></u>  <b>SAT., JUNE 23</b>                      Final A.M. Service                      &amp; Luncheon for                      CBA Members</p>