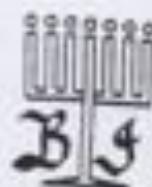




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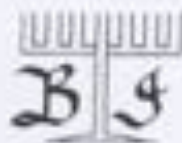
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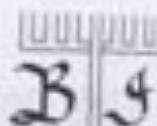
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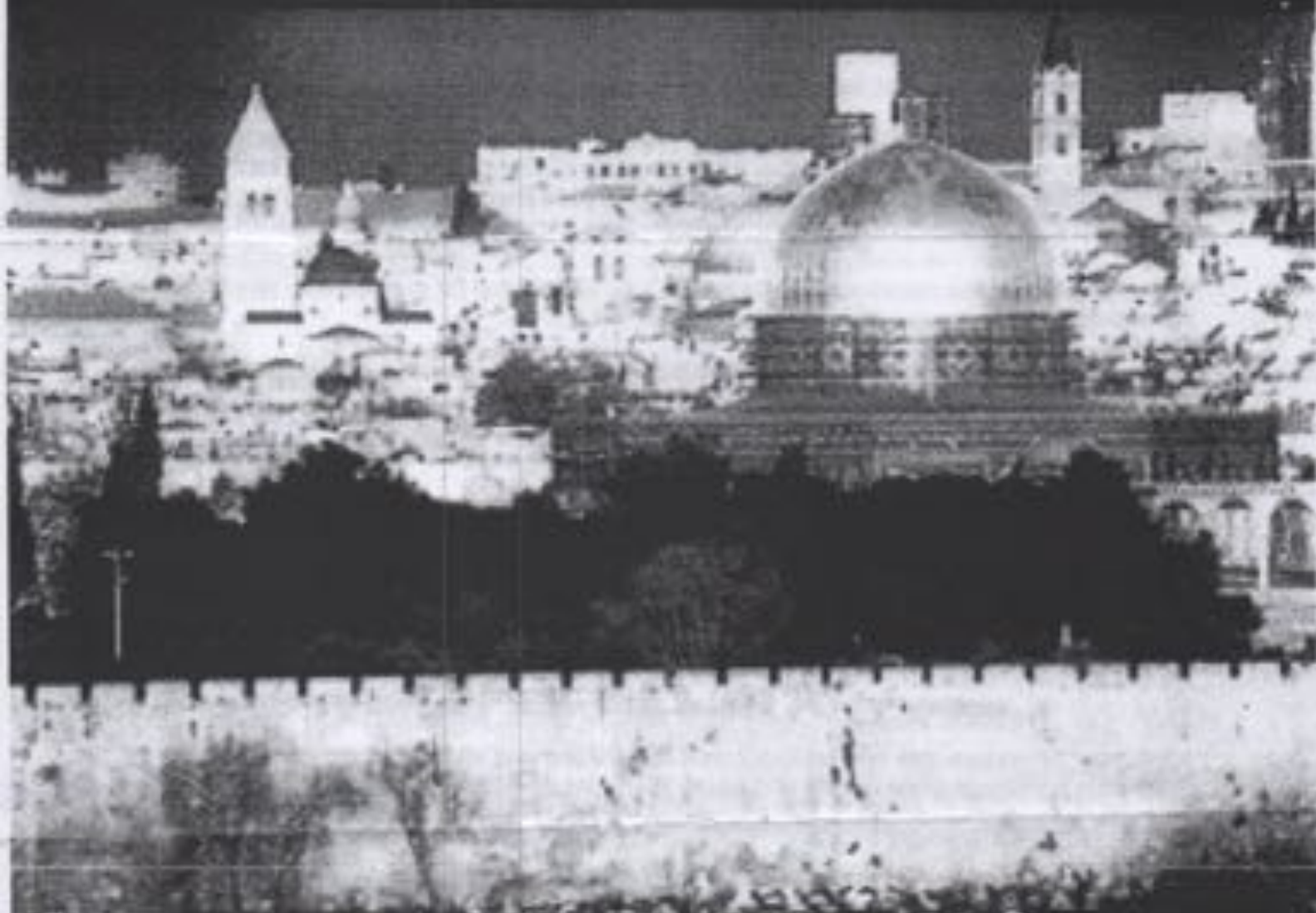
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## The Birth and Development of a Song

Ira Epstein will discuss the song's history for its 50th Anniversary.

Sunday, May 21st at 2 p.m.



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Dear CBI Friends,

Do you have your original wedding photo of the happy couple all those years ago? Plan to bring it to CBI as we display them on the day you join us for our Rededication of Vows. Our Sanctuary will be filled with your photos so start getting your albums and pictures together. Every couple will be able to set up a display so we can oh and ah and let you all know how wonderful and young you still appear.

On Sunday, June 11, 2017 Rabbi will be performing a Rededication Marriage Ceremony for those Happy couples who want to renew their dedication to each other. In front of CBI Congregants and your friends and family you will float down the aisle to our Chuppah receive a beautiful Certificate, bridal bouquet and participate in a moving and spiritual ceremony. Of course, you must remarry the same Jewish spouse and you both must be members of CBI. If you have friends or family who might be interested in participation, tell them to hurry and join CBI now! The cost of the Rededication Ceremony is \$100 a couple. This will include the ceremony, certificate, flowers for Bride and Groom, coffee and cake for the happy couple, congregation and guests before the Rededication. Our Synagogue will be decorated for the event.

Ceremony will be followed by a festive and elegant luncheon including music for all your invited guests as well as CBI Congregants who want to join and share your special day. Reception will be at a local restaurant with a full menu approved by our Rabbi. The cost will be \$50 a person which includes all taxes and gratuities.

Please let your guests and friends know to save the date. Congregants save the date to attend our happy day also. Make your reservations early so you won't be disappointed.

Please email Lynn at [ls2003@aol.com](mailto:ls2003@aol.com) or call her at 516-641-2203 to tell her you can't wait to take part in this special day. Please let us know your intent and how many guests you are going to have at your reserved table. Make your reservations and payment early so we do not have to limit your reception guests. Your place is secured by your check.

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MAY 2017 SISTERHOOD NEWS BULLETIN/by J Levy-Slatsky & L Levy

We hope everyone had a Zitzen Pesach and enjoyed family & friends. Thanks to all who supported the Purim bag project, and to Dana & Kevin Brandes, Robin & Richard Krauss, Trish & Paul Skulsky, and Eli Soblick for donations.

April's Sisterhood Meeting started at our Temple and then we went to see the movie "The Zookeeper's Wife."

For the May 21st Sisterhood meeting, we are planning a Grandparent's Show & Tell, optional reading is Leslie Stahl's, Becoming Grandma. FYI: the average age for becoming a grandma for the first time is "50" and "54" for grandpa. Please bring in your pictures and your stories. In May, we will be voting on a new slate of Officers & Trustees, please attend.

June 4th is our Sisterhood meeting at 10:00 AM and this is a topic that is close to Judi's heart. The book is "Copenhagen", by Michael Frayne, a play, as well as a movie which depicts two famous physicists, Niels Bohr & Warner Heisenberg, friends & colleagues, finding themselves on opposite sides of the war during Nazi Germany's reign. Judi will give a short powerpoint presentation on the science behind the movie; We will then show the movie "Copenhagen" and there will be an interactive discussion on the film's basic premise. Why did Heisenberg come to Copenhagen in the middle of WW II to speak with Bohr and what do you think was said during that illusive five (5) minute conversation that may have changed the world forever?

Sisterhood Shabbat is June 23th and we will be distributing and emailing the liturgy to the songs we sing on Friday night. We will be calling to confirm that you want to reprise your Sisterhood Shabbat part from last year. Please let us know if you did not participate in the past and would like to now. As you Judi & Laura are finishing out their term and not slated to run next year, together or singularly. We would like to thank you for allowing us to serve you during our tenureship; it was a real honor.

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*Mountain air as clear as wine, and the scent of pine  
 Borne on the evening wind with the sound of bells  
 And in the slumber of trees and stone, imprisoned in her dream  
 Is the city which dwells alone, a wall within her heart*  
 — NAOMI SHERER (*Jerusalem of Gold*)

**F**irst occupied over 4,000 years ago, Jerusalem is one of the oldest cities in the world. Ever since King David conquered the Jebusites over 3,000 years ago, it has been continuously occupied.

The city has been destroyed at least twice. By the Babylonians (486 BCE) and by the Romans (70 CE). Its WIKIPEDIA page says it has also been besieged 23 times, attacked 52 times and captured and recaptured 44 times.

Over the millennia and as the population increased, Jerusalem grew beyond its walls. When the Independence War ended, Jerusalem was a divided city with the holiest site in Judaism, the Kotel (Western Wall), on the Arab side of the Green Line and beyond the reach of all Jews.

*BTW: Why a "green" line? That was the color of the ink used on the map when they drew up the armistice agreement!*

Instead of a Palestinian state (see UN Resolution 181) claiming East Jerusalem (and the West Bank), the land was annexed by Jordan with no complaints by any Arabs. All Jews were forced to leave.

While under Jordanian rule Muslim holy sites were renovated and maintained; Christian sites had limited access while half of the synagogues were razed or converted to stables. The Mount of Olives cemetery – as old as the city itself – was desecrated; tens of thousands of graves destroyed, its gravestones used to build roads.

Fast forward to the end of the Six Day War in 1967 and Jerusalem was once again a united city. Free and open to all.

What was once an alley running alongside the Wall, there is now a large plaza offering Jews and non-Jews alike, access to the Western Wall – the last remaining structure associated with the Temple.

The Old City has Jewish, Muslim, Christian and Armenian quarters. Its narrow streets wind past houses, shops, markets. In contrast to the ancient stones that pave many of the streets, are beautiful and modern structures in the Jewish quarter.

Even though there are many historic sites both inside and outside the walled city, in many ways Jerusalem is quite a modern city. Its rail-line is surrounded on both sides of the tracks with stores and shopping opportunities. Modern hotels and ancient neighborhoods exist side by side. My last trip (wow! over two years ago already!) I must've walked up and down every street in the Old City and through a large sampling of neighborhoods outside the walls – all with my friend Antonio.



**T**he song *Jerusalem of Gold* (ירושלים של זהב) was written by Naomi Shemer in 1967. It debuted at the Israel Song Festival on May 15, 1967, the night after Israel's 19th Independence Day. Less than a month later, at the conclusion of the Six Day War, an extra verse was added to the song.



**S**everal holidays this month!!! **Yom HaZikaron** (Israel's Memorial Day) begins the month on Mon., May 1 followed by **Yom HaAtzma'ut** (Independence Day) on Tues., May 2. **Lag B'Omer** coincides with Mother's Day this year (Sun., May 14) and **Yom Yerushalayim** is on Wed., May 24. The month concludes with **Shavuot** on Wed., May 31 & Thurs., June 1.

The following services all begin at 9:30am:

**Shabbat Services:** May 6, 13, 20, 27

**Festival (Shavuot) Services:** May 31, June 1 (Yizkor)



**I**f you haven't signed up to **RENEW YOUR WEDDING VOWS ON JUNE 11**, then get in touch with Lynn Sevan immediately! You don't want to miss this great – once in a lifetime – opportunity.

— Rabbi Michael

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As I write this message, Passover is drawing to a close. I hope all of you had a "zissen Pesach" with your friends and family. According to those who document such things, more Jews participate in a seder than attend high holy day services. The seder is in the home, much less formal and there are good things to eat. And, of course, there is tradition. Some people dip egg in salt water; some people make a soup of it, mashing the hard boiled egg and adding matza or matza farfel; some people don't make the hard boiled egg a part of it all. But the soup and the kneidlach—this is bred into the bone of every Jew. The matza ball can be hard, soft, fluffy—sometimes all three are served. But no seder is complete without this. Jewish cooks have risen to fame on their matza balls. And the wine—some people still like the old standby, the concord grape, while others look for more sophisticated wines. After all, we are no longer in the shtetl. But college educated, sophisticated, worldly we may be, but when the youngest in his/her piping voice chants the four questions the way it was taught in Hebrew School, our hearts swell. This is the "nachas". This is what makes it all worthwhile.

There are so many services during the 8 day festival, and as president, I tried to make them all. I was heartened to see so many people come out for the weekday services. Except for the first day when Marianne, our official Kiddush caterer, was in New Jersey listening to granddaughter Danielle ask the four questions, we had convivial kiddushim.

When Rosemarie (Shoshanah) Murray came to us with the idea for a super raffle, we went for it, not knowing how long it would take for us to sell all of the 300 tickets. The terrific response from the congregants and the major efforts by our super salespeople has ensured the success of this venture. At this point, we have very few tickets not yet spoken for. The flyer is part of this month's bulletin, so if you have not entered, rush your response to the office. **YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT. Don't wait until all of the tickets are gone. ACT TODAY.**

Sad news came to us today. Long time congregant, holocaust survivor, David Lovinger, has passed away. David and Matilda raised their children in East Meadow, sent them to our Hebrew School and bar mitzvahed them at 94 Fulton St in Hempstead. One of their sons married into another congregational family. As with so many families, mother and father stayed here, and the children built their lives in other places. It's a big country and we are allowed to live where we will, unlike the old days in Europe, and so we spread out. Robin and I send our condolences to Matilda, Mitchell, Bob and the meshpucha, the family.

There are so many social activities happening all the time at Beth Israel, but our reason for being is Saturday morning and the occasional Friday evening. Pop in, join in the prayers and schmooz with other congregants at the Kiddush. It's heartwarming and uplifting.

Pesach is the official start of the Jewish year. Robin and I wish all of us the best of years.

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