

Friends....We're off to a very good start for 2017. Our board met recently and had a review and did some planning for the upcoming months. One of the topics we spoke about, was FOOD FEST. I'm sure our Sisterhood President will report on this, but I have to say, it was a huge success. Be sure to look for her report and see our totals. I stop here to mention how much we thank Sisterhood for their most generous donation to our CBI budget. I know it's "us" working and contributing for "us", but it's the Sisterhood project and we appreciate their contribution to our Temple. It has supplemented our financial picture for several years and is greatly appreciated.

We have several events planned for our congregation in the upcoming months. I'm excited about a HEBREW REST CEMETERY work day. That beautiful cemetery needs an overhaul and updating. We are taking bids for a new fence around the side and back, for work on the front stucco fence, for sandblasting and repairing the front metal gate, and other repairs. However, in advance of that work, we planning a work day, to do some clean up trimming, repairs, etc. for the property. It's something WE can easily do. I sent a note out about this, and about 30 people have responded that they will help. I'm so happy. I mentioned we would be doing it when the weather "warms up", but it looks like (from the temperature this week) we'll need to look for a day when it "cools off" a bit. Will keep you informed, but looking forward to a great day together.

We also have planned a memorial musical program honoring a great friend of CBI, Mr. Andy Moore, who has been a big part of our Holiday Services in the past years. We are planning a musical evening, in the near future and will let you know details soon.

We also are planning a NEW MEMBER SHABBAT for April 28, to coincide with the Family Shabbat dinner. We have several new members this year, and want to celebrate their new memberships.

The Nominating Committee is hard at work. Jim Gold is chairing this committee, and we expect a new slate of officers to be presented in the next couple of weeks. Two years gone by.....I can hardly believe it.

Have a great week....month....year.

Chris Adler
President, Congregation Beth Israel