



CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL UPDATE

Dear CBI Family,

I want to start out this important CBI update with a heartfelt *'Shanah Tovah* to all of you and your entire family. May this coming year be so much better than the year we have had (and are still) experiencing. We will get through all of this and with the help of spirituality, some luck and continued diligence by our staff and members, CBI will become stronger and thrive in the years to come.

As we have begun the official period of the High Holy Days, I wanted to let everyone know that CBI has opened both their preschool in person and virtually, and our Religious School began virtually as of Sunday. The preschool has been getting numerous calls from parents who now feel safe and very comfortable to send their children back in person. We expect the same will occur once the final decision is made to bring our older Religious School students back on campus. Please stay tuned for continual updates. We are so proud of our entire staff for adhering and enforcing all the regulations issued by the Department of Health and the CDC.

Unfortunately, CBI did not escape unscathed from this horrible pandemic as we have suffered some major financial losses and had to furlough and cut salaries of many employees. To try and minimize that action, Rabbi Silvers, Rabbi Keller and myself have started to zoom call our members to help us jump-start an Operational Campaign and give from your heart to help. There will be one ask this year as we will not have the regular fundraising opportunities like the sale of non-member High Holy Day tickets, our Speaker Series, our Cantorial concert and our Gala, which this year was going to honor the 36th (Double Chai) anniversary of the founding of our beloved Congregation. We are also planning a Zoomathon in October where we will present teachings, guest speakers, fun episodes, etc. to raise more dollars for CBI. Please stay tuned for further details.

We are looking for 100% participation from our membership regardless of the amount. To participate in the Operational Campaign you can contact me at steve.allen@cbiboca.org or [Click Here](#) to go directly to the Operational Campaign donation page. Thank you in advance for your help.

In closing, on behalf of the Clergy, professional and administrative staff, and the Board of Trustees, may this year of 5781 be one of good health, peace and a return to some normalcy in our everyday lives. We thank you again for your commitment and dedication to CBI and we hope to see you very soon on campus. *L'Shanah Tovah!*

Warmly,

Steve Allen
CBI Executive Director

