



Congregation Beth David Narragansett, Rhode Island

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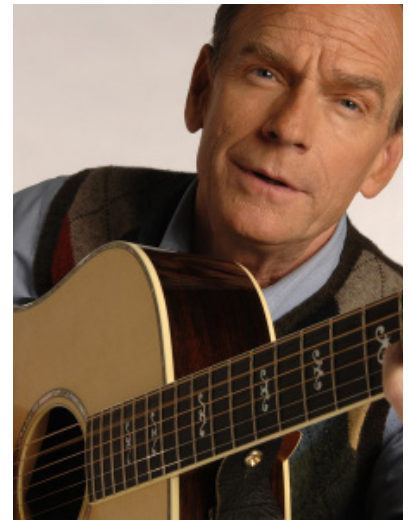
Livingston Taylor coming to CBD July 9

Popular singer/songwriter Livingston Taylor will headline this year's CBD summer fundraiser on Sunday, July 9 at Aqua Blue.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with dinner, followed by Livingston's performance. There will also be live and silent auctions, once again featuring an African Safari (photographic) valued at more than \$7,000.

Tickets are \$45 for CBD members and \$50 for others. Sponsorships are also available at various levels that include a number of tickets, preferred seating, and an invitation to a pre-performance reception with Livingston. Contact Frank Prosnitz (frank.prosnitz@gmail.com) or 401-935-9890 for further information about sponsorships and advertising.

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'Being Jewish is more than learning the Alef-Bet'

By Sophie Ahava

(Winner of the Wendy Adler Scholarship)

Debbie Friedman, a Jewish songwriter, sings the song *Im Ein Ani Li*. The chorus says: יֵל יֵנָּא וְיָא חָא, יִתְמַיָּא, וְיִשְׁכַּע אֶל חָאן. יֵנָּא חָא, יִמְצַעֵל יִבְאָשְׁכוּ. יֵל יֵמ:

For those of you that do not know, the line above asks, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?"

Ever since I entered Hebrew School in first grade at Congregation Beth David, I quickly learned that being Jewish is more than learning the Alef-Bet and studying for your Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Judaism teaches the lessons you need to be successful and happy in life.

Debbie Friedman's song above is very important to me. It says that you need to find yourself before you can be of service to others and if you are only for yourself, then you cannot be of any service at all. Judaism revolves around helping others, doing mitzvot, good deeds. That has really been a major value of mine all my life. Being a part of Congregation Beth David has allowed me to explore so many opportunities and discover what it really means to be Jewish.

For the last 11 years, I could not have been a part of a better congregation; a congregation based on mitzvot and tikkun olam. When I came to Rhode Island as a seven year old, I moved from rural West Virginia, where I had learned to not say much about my religion. My mom, dad, brother and I made up the one "Jewish community" in the whole county. I came to Rhode Island a little embarrassed

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FROM RABBI ADLER ...



Judaism is a religion of laws, customs, traditions and lifestyles. Much of what we know about our religion originates in a number of sacred texts. Most important is the Torah, which proclaims 613 commandments. These have been interpreted and re-interpreted by the sages of 2000 years ago. Thus developed the Talmud, a rich and expansive array of rabbinical attempts at discovering what the Torah really means when it says this or that.

One section of the Talmud, is called 'Pirkei Avot,' widely translated as 'Chapters of the Fathers', sometimes as 'Ethics of the Fathers.' Its six chapters contain pithy and very teachable maxims about life in general, and Jewish life in particular.

Chapter 1, verse 15 recalls the words of Shammai, a contemporary of the perhaps more famous Rabbi Hillel. He used to say the following: "Make the study of Torah your primary occupation; say little, but do much; and greet every person with a cheerful face." Reading this, I could not help but think that Shammai must have been to Beth David!

At CBD, we offer several opportunities for study – various topics presented throughout the year; Essen & Lesson every other month; book club; various speakers and programs that encourage us to look more closely at who we are and what we are all about.

I have always stated that CBD is a small Shul with a big heart! We may not say much, but we certainly have a calendar full of activities – some regularly scheduled and some at various times throughout the year. Even a quick glance at CBDRI.org will reveal plenty of opportunities to take advantage of all that we offer.

And finally, CBD shines as a place of welcome; where strangers and first-timers are treated not only as welcome guests – but are approached as friends that we just haven't met yet. CBD opens its doors to all, member and non-member alike, as if to state – "This is Beth David – B'ruchim Haba'im – may all who enter our doors be blessed." I have often been told that as soon as you walk in to our Shul, you are greeted with a smile and an invitation to join us, in whatever activity is going on.

I am proud to be part of such an incredibly wonderful place, and I am sure that Shammai is looking down at us, saying to himself – "Yup, they got it right." – that is, if he spoke English. ☺

Shabbat Services on the Beach are Back

Friday, June 30, 2016 - 6:45 p.m. (note special start time)

CBD's very popular Kabbalat Shabbat services on the beach are returning! Bring the entire family and friends to services on Narragansett Town Beach. Services will be held in between the Town beach cabanas, which are located to the left of the North Beach Club House. BYOB (Bring Your Own Beach chairs) and your singing voices!

Our first Shabbat service on the beach honors Phaedra DeLeo and Ben Avedisian, our Hebrew School graduates.

Watch our Constant Contact for all Shabat on the Beach service dates and times.

(Sophie from Page 1)



about my beliefs because all my friends were Christian, but that ended when I started Hebrew school at Congregation Beth David.

From the classrooms at URI, to the little house off the Narragansett rotary, to classrooms at South Kingstown High School on Sundays, I never once felt out of place. It did not matter the building we were learning in, it was about the Rabbi, the teachers, the kids - it was about the community we created. Additionally, in the classrooms it was not just about learning the Hebrew alphabet in first grade or learning about the holidays in second. It was not just about learning to read Hebrew in third or learning about the history of our people in fourth or fifth grade. It was not even just about learning of the struggles of our people in the holocaust or starting our bar and bat mitzvah studies in sixth and seventh grade. There was so much more to learn.

I remember talking to my Christian friends about the Torah and the Bible and all the stories within them, and to my surprise there was not much, if any difference. That is when I realized that being Jewish was about much more than stories and lesson plans.

Looking back, it did not matter the teacher, it did not matter what I was learning in the class, it did not even matter the grade I was in, I would leave every class with the teacher telling all of us to just be good people. I remember one teacher would always tell us to write down five mitzvot we did in the week and we would share them the next week. Hebrew School taught me the real definition of Judaism and how to live my life with purpose. I graduated Hebrew School in seventh grade intent on doing mitzvot every day and living by tikkun olam. I didn't just learn about Judaism, I learned what it really meant to be Jewish.

I am now graduating high school and just finished my third year teaching at Congregation Beth David. For three years, I have seen kids grow and learn just like I had and frankly, still am. I have met my goal of paying it forward, of teaching kids the way I was taught, not just about the holidays or the difference between shin and sin, but about what mitzvah means and how they can live a life full of tikkun olam. I have taught the kids that to help others, they need to be confident in their abilities and know who they are, as both a Jew and a unique person that makes up every community of which they are a part.

It was very important to me to pass on the values and lessons I was taught when I went to Hebrew School and the lessons I still learn from Congregation Beth David today. There have been a lot of struggles throughout the years, whether it be in our own community or Jewish communities around the world, yet, despite whatever is happening we all ban together and don't let anyone fall. That is what I love about being Jewish. I love that we are proud of who we are and that our pride and confidence help keep the Jewish community strong both here in Narragansett, Rhode Island and around the world.

This fall I will be attending the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia. It is an hour from Washington D.C., Richmond, the beautiful mountains, and the ocean. It is in a perfect location and I cannot wait for all the adventures and opportunities I will have in the next four years. My goal is to study biology on the pre-med track and continue onto a master's program to become a physician assistant.

Ever since I was little I have always wanted to help people. If I can continue to do mitzvot every day and save lives, life could not get much better than that. I am also planning on traveling to Israel with 40 other Jewish kids from across the country sometime this year with *Birthright*. I made sure UMW had Hillel on campus and I will definitely be a part of it.

Being Jewish is something in which I take pride. I owe a huge thank you to Congregation Beth David members and especially Rabbi Adler for all the guidance and generosity he has given to me. CBD will always feel like home. I will be taking the values I have learned to help me succeed in everything and anything I strive for in my life. Thank you.

(Livingston Taylor from page 1)

Livingston picked up his first guitar at the age of 13, beginning a 50-year career that has encompassed performance, songwriting and teaching. Born in Boston and raised in North Carolina, Livingston is the fourth child in a very musical family that includes Alex, James, Kate and Hugh. Livingston recorded his first record at the age of 18 and has continued to create well crafted, introspective, and original songs that have earned him listeners worldwide.

From top-40 hits "I Will Be in Love with You" and "I'll Come Running," to "I Can Dream of You" and "Boatman," both recorded by his brother James, Livingston's creative output has continued unabated. His musical knowledge has inspired a varied repertoire, and he is equally at home with a range of musical genres—folk, pop, gospel, jazz—and from upbeat storytelling to touching ballads.

Livingston has never stopped performing since those early coffeehouse days, touring with major artists such as Linda Ronstadt, Jimmy Buffett and Jethro Tull, and he maintains a busy concert schedule of over 80 shows a year. He is a natural performer, peppering his shows with personal stories, anecdotes and ineffable warmth that connect him to his fans. His relaxed on-stage presence belies the depth of his musical knowledge, and fans might just as often be treated to a classic Gershwin or something from the best of Broadway.

Livingston is a full professor at Berklee College of Music, where he has taught a Stage Performance course since 1989.



RESERVATION FORM

An Evening With Livingston Taylor

July 9, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Aqua Blue Hotel, Narragansett

To purchase tickets, complete the form below and mail to Congregation Beth David, P.O. Box 3299, Narragansett, RI 02882 along with your check made payable to Congregation Beth David.

Number of Tickets ____ x \$45 each (CBD members). Number of Tickets ____ x \$50 each (non-members).

Total amount enclosed \$_____

Name(s):_____

Phone _____

Address: _____

Email Address _____

No. of Kosher Meals _____

Yes, I/We would like to be a sponsor ____ (CBD will contact you)

Images from CBD's Spring Fling



Community Garden



The Tikkun Olam committee planted Congregation Beth David's first community garden. Drive by the temple and take a look – it's located on the left side of the building alongside the fence. We started small – just tomato plants this year – but hopefully with lots of sunshine, water and care, we'll have a plentiful crop to share with those less fortunate. We plan to share our produce with the Johnnycake Center or the WARM Center in Westerly. Special thanks to the committee: Liz Karp and Bob Fricklas, co-chairs, Michael Jemal, Jen Avedisian, Arlene Hicks, Susan Kirschenbaum, JoAnn Babat, and Karen Markin.

As you plant your own gardens this year, consider planting just one additional tomato, or bean, or cucumber plant as your own personal act of Tikkun Olam. We can assist you in finding an appropriate place to donate your produce when it's ready to harvest. Happy Spring!

Donations, March 2017 - June 3, 2017

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Olivia Harlow Walke, Great
Granddaughter of Gladys
Jacobson and Granddaughter of
Jane and Alan Jacobson**

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**On the Passing of
Evelyn Wolff, mother of Beryl
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Stanley Freedman

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Services return to 8 p.m.

After much deliberation, the CBD Board of Directors has approved a change in the Friday Kabbalat Shabbat service start time to 8 p.m., which began with the June 9 service.

We changed back to the later start time because our experiment with a 6 p.m. start, which we began last November, did not attract an influx of families with young children, as we hoped. Meanwhile some of our more devoted attendees found the earlier time inconvenient, and many were unable to attend.

The Board considered responses to its survey regarding start time preferences, and considered additional input from members in personal conversations, by phone, and email.

Certain Shabbat services are not impacted by change in start time. The new start time will NOT impact the Shalom to Shabbat services for our youngest members, and our Family pizza services, both of which will continue to start at 6 p.m. Additionally, our popular Shabbat on the Beach services held during the summer will begin, as always, at special times to coincide with sunset. -

Harris Chorney

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CBD Annual Meeting

Join us for Congregation Beth David's annual membership meeting at 10 a.m. June 25, 2017, at the Temple. You'll get an update on all that's happening at CBD, and be able to vote on the proposed slate of officers and directors. And, what would a Jewish gathering be without food? Bagels and coffee will be served. Proposed slate:

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President - Harris Chorney
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