Rabbi’s Message

Dear Friends – Shalom Chaverim –

Feliz año nuevo – Happy New Year! In November I travelled with 30 colleagues on a rabbinic “people to people” mission to Cuba to learn about the Jewish community- the people, history and rebirth of Jewish life today, as well as to see and experience the fascinating culture and history of Cuba. The trip was a truly profound experience on so many levels. In fact, it had such an impact on me, I’m organizing a tour there next November, if you are interested.

I was very curious to see what Cuba is like and was able to learn a lot in the short amount of time that we had there. There is so much to see and experience and yes, there is a certain thrill in seeing old American cars from the ‘50’s and ’60’s driving down the streets! Currently there are about 1,200 Jews; before the Revolution (that’s the demarcation line for a lot of things…) there were 15,000, many from Poland, and the large Sephardic community originated in Turkey. We visited and met with representatives of the 3 congregations of Havana and then 2 more remote communities, the second one hosted in someone’s home! I was deeply moved when we said the kaddish together in the home synagogue and recited the words “d’chol Beit Yisrael” – “from the whole House of Israel” – as here I was with another part of the House of Israel, people who were denied religion for 20+ years and are now in the process of rebuilding it, dedicating themselves to Jewish life and living. These people are part of our collective Jewish family and it was exciting to meet them and see what they are doing and to give them a connection, encouragement and support. Some have children who have made Aliyah; some of the teens have been on Birthright, March of the Living or even played in the Maccabi sports games! These “Jubans” are proud to be Jewish and eager to have a Jewish life and sense of community. I was inspired by the devotion of those in each community working (just like we do) to have a little Jewish center with prayers, activities, learning, community, etc. Through the generous support of Jewish funding from Canada and the US, they are able to provide a weekly Shabbat dinner, which of course is a big draw for people, in a country with very low wages and rationed food. They have a Rabbi who comes from Chile to work with the community several times a year. Members from the congregation lead the services and divrei Torah, which is very impressive!

One of the most striking and paradoxical things about Cuba (or at least Havana), is that you can see that it was once a very wealthy country. Although many of the buildings are in disrepair, their beautiful architecture with dramatic columns and European-influenced baroque style reflects a more opulent time. Despite the economic hardships and severance from America, the people are beautiful and lovely and vibrant. The music culture is wonderful and joyous, after all, it’s the Caribbean! Talented musicians performed at the various restaurants during lunch and dinner and even at our hotel during breakfast! The art is also very dramatic, expressive and abundant.

While Cuba is regulated and also under sanctions by the U.S., there are some pros to living in a socialist country (as we were told). Medical care is good and it’s free; there are no or almost no homeless people, no drug problem, no gun violence, college education is free, there is almost no anti-semitism. There’s also no Target, no Costco, no giant supermarkets, malls or access to Amazon with massive quantities and varieties of products and choices. The only abundance seems to be of rum, cigars, sugar cane, pulsating lively music, gracious smiles and tenacity.

By Cuban artist Rene Portocarrero, Havana Landscape, oil on linen 1961

I saw this magnificent picture at the Fine Arts Museum – Cuban Arts Collection which has many beautiful, expressive paintings. For me this picture is a metaphor of what I experienced in Cuba – the many components of the history, life and culture there. There is lot of texture in the painting, the paint is thick and stands out if you look at it closely and of course, there is a lot of detail to it. Then as you back up to get a perspective on the bigger picture, you see how lovely and colorful it is. There is something very special and unique about the people of this multi-faceted Island, themselves so colorful, creative and resilient, but also so contained and restricted…

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Upcoming Events in 2019
Mark your calendar
- Tues. Jan. 8 - Sisterhood Tu Bishvat Seder 7 pm

The minor holiday of Tu BiShevat symbolizes more than just a birthday, or an Arbor Day. Trees signify growth, renewal and the continuity of life. In fact, the Torah itself is compared to a Tree of Life. At this start of the New Year and a new cycle of nature, may we renew our commitment to Torah, to our beautiful Jewish traditions, and to our own lives. HAPPY TU BISHEVAT!

- Sat. Feb. 2 - Fiddler on the Roof Singalong and Havdalah, 3 pm at CBE
- Fri. Feb. 8 – Celebrate the Chinese New Year Jewish style with a pot-luck dairy/vegetarian Shabbat dinner at 6:45 pm followed by a Shabbat service at 8 pm to learn about the History of the Jews in China.
- Fri. Mar. 22 – Purim, 7 pm
- Sat. Apr. 20 - Community Seder, 6 pm

Bulletin Bytes
Thank you to Mike and Amy Mittelman and also Ron and Gail Mittelman for leading a latke-making workshop for the Hanukkah party!!! Wow! Thank you also to Sandy Miller, RuthAnn and Steve Rossman, Ryan and Natalie Richmond, and Judy and Rob Sternberg for all of their hard work to make the CBE Hanukkah party such a great success! Thank you to everyone for attending and your support!!! Yasher Koach to Meridith for directing both plays and to our student and adult performers.

THE TALMUD TEACHES...
By ten things is the world created, by wisdom and understanding, and by reason and by strength, by rebuke and by might, by righteousness and by judgment, by lovingkindness and by compassion.

Hagiga 12A
May we remember to use these attributes in the right balance in the new year!
**President’s Message**

During our last board meeting, we discussed the increase in anti-Semitic acts throughout the world, including a substantial increase in the United States. CBE is addressing security concerns with changes to our Shabbat routines. For example, you might find the doors locked if you arrive after service starts ... but we usually spot you a few extra minutes. We are installing security cameras throughout the property and have a list of other security related priorities that the board is discussing implementing.

It is a shame that we must think about safety while attending Shabbat service. It is a shame that some of our members are afraid to post on social media of their attendance at upcoming events. It would be a greater shame to see our religion and our culture disappear at fear or embarrassment. I raised my daughters to be proud Jews and to continue our rich culture and the positive impact it has in the world. I encourage you to embrace your Judaism and become more active in our local community. Attend service or come to one of our events. Despite the increase in anti-Semitism, the majority of Americans are not anti-Semitic and actually praise the contributions Jews make to American culture. Honestly, would music be the same without Neil Diamond, Billy Joel, or- for you younger kids - Adam Levine?

Shalom,

*Ryan Richmond*

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**Blessings**

Well, here we are with the ending of the old year and the beginning of the New Year once again. At the end of the Book of Genesis, Jacob bestows blessings upon his children just prior to his death. His life had not been easy, but he knew it was important to help his children move on to their life without him.

As we end one book of the Torah and prepare for the study of the next book, we recite a short but meaningful phrase in Hebrew: “Chazak, Chazak V’Nitchazake” - “From Strength to Strength may we be strengthened”.

For many of us this past year has had many difficulties. Politics, fires, public shootings and killings have had a terrible impact on our lives. And then there are always family and health issues, passing of loved ones, etc. that many of us have had to deal with.

The first word of the last Torah portion of Genesis begins with the word: “Vay’Chi” - translation: “And he lived” (referring to the life of Jacob). So with the last year we can say, “So we lived.” It is so important for us to remember and appreciate the blessings of the past year.

Let us take some time to appreciate the blessings we have and bestow blessings on those who are important to us. At religious services we repeat over and over again: “Baruch Atah Adonai” “Praised are you, Adonai” and then we thank God for so much. How about if we take a moment, each day, and praise and bless those who have been in our lives? We say, “from strength to strength...” Let’s also say, “From Blessing to Blessing may we be blessed.”

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**Cantor Michael Russ**

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**TU BISHEVAT – The New Year for Trees**

This year Tu BiShevat, the New Year for Trees will be celebrated on January 21st. I hope you will plant some trees in Israel in honor of the holiday – here’s the link: [http://usa.jnf.org/jnf-tree-planting-center/](http://usa.jnf.org/jnf-tree-planting-center/)

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**THE MAN WHO PLANTS A TREE** by Richard J. Dorer

The man who plants a tree
Must first prepare the fruitful earth
By moving duff or sod,
And cherish in his heart a silent prayer
For he is working hand in hand with God.

It is a sacred task, to plant a tree,
That always should be done on bended knee.

The artisans may strive for years to raise
A structure reaching to the vaulted sky.
That well deserves the everlasting praise
And words of wonderment from passerby,
But he, the humble man who plants a tree,
Is fashioning His nation’s destiny.

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**Men’s Club**

The purpose of the CBE Men’s Club is to support CBE and provide a social aspect to our community. Is your wife a member of the sisterhood? If so, why are you not a member of the Men’s Club? In order to make a difference, men need to support the group. The Men’s Club is calling all men to attend meetings and events.

The CBE Men’s Club meets for breakfast monthly, 10 am, at the Junkyard Café.

For more information, contact Marty Richter, President of the Men’s Club, at mailto:martyspc@aol.com
An inspiring quote I found says: "IT'S NOT WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN, IT'S WHAT YOU DO WITH WHAT IS." This really sums up both the Jewish community and the Cuban people as a whole—working with what they have, which is not a lot. It's also amazing to consider what Israel has accomplished despite so much hatred and terror from the Arab world; Cuba is next to the U.S. and Mexico and has so little. The word I thought of the most while there is resilience. I do believe the future will bring positive changes over time.

There is a Hebrew saying “Kol Yisrael arayveen zeh lazeh” - כל ישראל ערבּים זו לָהוּ - even though the commandments are placed upon each individual, all Jews are connected to one another, and we are all a single body. Having the opportunity to meet our brothers and sisters in Cuba, with ancestors from Poland and Turkey and the same places as ours, was exciting and meaningful. Seeing what they’ve accomplished inspired me that we can do so much more!

If you are interested in traveling on a tour with me next November, let me know. The tentative dates are to depart Tues. Nov. 5th and return on the 13th. It will be both a humanitarian tour and an art, culture and history tour.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy year of growth and blessings.
Shalom and Be Well!

Rabbi Michele (“Michal”) Paskow

Social Action

Here are the upcoming Social Action events:

New for 2019: CBE is a community that cares for its members as well as our community in need. Do you have time to make a few phone calls to people who are in need to let them know that their CBE family is thinking of them? Do you have time to visit people who are in need of some company while they are ill? If so, please contact Suzanne Mahler at (805) 404-3301. Also, please contact Suzanne if you know someone in need.

In the month of January, CBE will be hosting a blanket drive. We will be accepting all new and gently used blankets to be distributed to those in need in our community, including our local charitable organization, the Samaritan Center. We are working with a corporate sponsor who will be contributing to our cause as well. Collections will take place January 1-31st in the bin in our front lobby.

In the month of February, CBE will be hosting a planting event in honor of Tu B’shvat. Please stay tuned for details on this great event for the whole family as well as the environment!

We need volunteers to assist with our ongoing Feed the Needy meals that are served at the United Methodist Church in Simi Valley on the 4th Saturday of each month. Upcoming dates are Saturday, January 26th & February 23rd, 2019. Please contact us via email at info@cbesimi.org and we will get you in touch with that meal’s coordinator.

For more information, please contact Suzanne Mahler 805.404.3301

Bat Mitzvah

My name is Kaitlyn Richmond. Many of you at CBE watched me grow up. I have been attending Religious School, since I was 4 years old. I was technically too young to join Religious School, but since there were not many kids there, Meridith let me join anyway. After all of these years, it is finally paying off. I have one older sister, Emily, who had her Bat Mitzvah in February of 2016. My dad, Ryan Richmond, is the Temple President. Then, I have my mom, Natalie, who is like my cheerleader for this astonishing journey. She cheers me on and encourages me to do my best in preparation of my Bat Mitzvah. I have my two lazy Beagles at home, along with two pet rats. In addition to attending Religious School, I am a big soccer fan having played for 8-9 years and support the LA Galaxy. When I was a little girl, I loved to sing and dress up. Who says I don’t still enjoy dressing up and singing quite loudly, especially in the shower!

For my mitzvah project, I volunteer at a local pet adoption place called “Shelter Hope” in Thousand Oaks. I first learned of them when I attended a workshop with my Girl Scout troop and learned about the importance of adopting pets vs. shopping in a local mall for pets. It’s better to adopt, because shelters don’t have enough space to hold every stray dog in the country, so they have to put the dogs and cats down. Shelter Hope is a chance to meet very sweet dogs and cats that deserve a better life. I will be volunteering at Shelter Hope this summer to continue my mitzvah project and I hope if you are looking for a pet, adopt don’t shop. I am so excited to be the 2nd person in my family in over 100 years to read from the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah, to finally reach the finish line, and become a Jewish adult.

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See photos from trip on page 8.
Women of CBE

The annual Hanukkah Boutique was held on Sunday November 11. It was very successful for the vendors, shoppers, and Women of CBE.

At the November 13 general meeting we created decoupage plates. Everyone went home with a beautiful plate which was unique and lovely.

The Women of CBE’s Hannukah party was held on December 11. As always, we had a lot of fun with our gift exchange, eating the yummy food, and schmoozing. Thank you to Judy Sternberg for hosting, and to Alice and Jill for organizing another great event.

On January 8 we will have our annual Tu Bish Vat seder at the temple. The rabbi will lead it with musical accompaniment. This is a unique experience that we all look forward to.

Sunday January 13 is our annual donor luncheon. Location and time to be provided soon.

On Saturday, February 2, there will be a sing-along with Fiddler on the Roof and havdalah service. This will take place at the temple at 3 pm. Everyone is welcome. Wear a costume!

At our February 12 meeting we will have an evening of Jewish Women Telling Jokes. Seriously!

RuthAnn Rossman
Women of CBE President

RSVP to Alice at jafiducia@gmail.com or call RuthAnn at 818-312-7266
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Special thanks to the Sutton Family for the yummy challah.

**OCT. 26, 2018**

Alan & Linda Mann in memory of Lydia Fernandes Martins

**NOV. 2, 2018**

Meridith Patera in memory of Irwin Cohen & the martyrs of the Pittsburgh massacre
Lesli Perez in memory of Irwin Cohen & the Pittsburgh victims

**NOV. 9, 2018**

Julia Farago in memory of Thomas Farago

**NOV. 16, 2018**

Merle Russ in honor of the CBE Women’s Boutique
The Rossman Family in honor of the new members of CBE

**NOV. 23, 2018**

The Shilkoff family in memory of Louis Weiss & Sanford Shilkoff

**DEC. 7, 2018**

The Katell family in honor of Josh’s birthday
Carol Fineberg in memory of Irvin "Bud" Greenberg

**DEC. 14, 2018**

The Shilkoff family in memory of Marsha Evans & in honor of Jordan Shilkoff’s 25th birthday!
Laurie Crites in honor of the holidays
Ronnye Sacks in memory of Florence Howard & Steven Sacks
Steve Friedman in memory of Earl Ely Friedman
The Mutal Family in honor of the first performance by the Irwin Cohen Memorial Choir
The Katell family in honor of Shawna’s birthday

**DEC. 21, 2018**

Merle Russ in honor of Cantor Michael’s birthday

**DEC. 28, 2018**

Hal Goldstein in memory of his beautiful wife Clell
Valerie Singh in memory of Leonard Schwartz

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**Havurah**

If you are interested in joining a Havurah, please call Jill Katell at 818-429-9423 or reach her by email at mailto:grkatell@pacbell.net  **New Singles Havurah now meeting.**
Recent Donations

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Gabe & Jil Katell – Hanukkah ad in memory of Irwin Cohen
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Max Patera – Hanukkah Party Ad in honor of Tamara Leviton
Gabe & Lesli Perez – Hanukkah Party
Steve & Ruth Ann Rossman – Hanukkah Party Ad
Cindy Shilkoff – Hanukkah Party Ad in honor of Meridith Patera’s 30 years at CBE
Women of CBE – Hanukkah Party Ad

Fruit Tree Fundraiser
Catherine Holst – in honor of her grandchildren: Michael, Benjamin, Matthew & Allison Mahler
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Suzanne & Andrew Mahler – in honor of Spencer Mahler
Gail Mittelman – in memory of Alice Gottlieb
Meridith Patera – in memory of Harry & Kate Shaw
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Adam & Sarah Herson – in memory of Benjamin Herson
Arnold & Marilyn Kaufman
Cantor Michael & Merle Russ
Blanche Schoffman – in memory of Sidney Carter
Meeting w/ Rebecca who has the synagogue in her home on Cuba's South coast. There are five families, 18 people.

Above: Havana Ashkenazi Synagogue
Right: Entering Synagogue
Holocaust Memorial
Above: havdalah service remembering the victims of the Pittsburgh Massacre

Below: Religious school students hard at work matching Hanukkah flashcards.
Let’s Celebrate - Mazel Tov!

### Birthdays

- Jan 05: Nicole Bordo
- Jan 11: Laura Tepfer
- Jan 12: Joyce Forster
- Jan 13: Kenneth Bahr
- Jan 14: Elijah Mittelman
- Jan 16: Marilyn Hollander
- Jan 18: Aaron Cohen
- Jan 22: Jack Rozdial
- Jan 26: Penny Schneider
- Jan 27: Alice Fiducia
- Feb 01: Emily Richmond
- Feb 02: Ron Mittelman
- Feb 04: Jan Auerbach
- Feb 04: Bonita Joy Cleantis
- Feb 08: Seymour Botan
- Feb 11: Lois Friedman
- Feb 12: Tom Cleantis
- Feb 13: Suzanne Epstein
- Feb 14: Lynn Salberg
- Feb 15: Isaiah Mittelman
- Feb 16: Cindy Shilkoff
- Feb 18: Tomas Kovar
- Feb 18: Ryan Murphy
- Feb 19: Eva Bahr
- Feb 19: Evan Davidhoff
- Feb 20: Kaikoa Leiner
- Feb 21: Amy Mittelman
- Feb 22: Ronald Forster
- Feb 23: Lauren Ranelletti
- Feb 25: Miriam Singer
- Feb 26: Zoe Denila
- Feb 27: Lillian Knecht
- Feb 27: Cynthia Nath

### Anniversaries

- Jan 04: Keith and Lynne Kelly, 44th
- Jan 25: Michael and Marilyn Hollander, 32nd
- Jan 27: Tomas and Rita Kovar, 56th
- Feb 13: Harry and Patricia Kovar, 56th
- Feb 20: Daniel and Dawn Rozdial, 14th

### Sisterhood Simchas

**NOVEMBER**

**RuthAnn Rossman** – Thank you to ALL the Women of CBE for their volunteerism. The boutique was great due to your time and energy. Thank you, Rabbi, for suggesting such a fun craft. Also, to Jill and Alice for executing a great program. We all treasure our plates that we created.

**DECEMBER**

**Miriam Hintz** - Thank you Judy for hosting our annual Chanukah Dinner and Gift Exchange. It was a marvelous evening.

**Ronnye Sacks and Cathy Holst** - Thank you Judy Sternberg for a wonderful Sisterhood Hanukkah party at your home. Thank you Alice Walsh Fiducia and Jill Katell for this lovely event. All your efforts made it truly special.

**RuthAnn Rossman**: Thank you Judy Sternberg for being such a gracious hostess. Your home was perfect for our Hanukkah party. Thank you to Alice and Jill for always putting out the effort to make our programs so enjoyable. Thank you to all our wonderful women for the hard work they did on the temple Hanukkah party/plays. You always help the events to run smoothly. You can be counted on to help wherever and whenever needed no matter what entity is sponsoring an event. You are amazing!!!
OPPORTUNITIES for Involvement:
• ATTEND Shabbat services
• ESTABLISH a spiritual and emotional bond with Judaism and the Jewish people.
• ENRICH your knowledge with Rabbi Michele, guest speakers and adult education
• PROMOTE AND SUPPORT Jewish life in Simi and Moorpark through:

CLICK HERE to sign up to volunteer
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2018-2019 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

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7 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #14
13 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #16
14 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #15
27 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #17
28 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #16

FEBRUARY
3 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #18
4 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #17
10 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #19
11 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #18
24 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #20
25 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #19

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Please call or email the office to check the current Yahrzeit information on file, or to make any additions or corrections to other family information (birthdays, anniversaries, etc.)

During the year, you will receive reminders for upcoming Yahrzeit dates. We want to have complete and accurate information.

Thank you.

### How to Observe a Yahrzeit at CBE

Light a 24-hour memorial candle in your home at sundown on the evening that begins the yahrzeit (anniversary of death.). It is also customary to attend Shabbat services at Temple and recite the Kaddish.

At Congregation B’nai Emet, names of your loved ones are read on the Friday evening before the Yahrzeit. If you observe the Gregorian (English) date, the name will be read the Friday before the yahrzeit date whether it’s the Jewish or Gregorian calendar. It is suggested that you make a contribution to the Temple so that the memory of your loved one can be honored with an act of love and kindness.

### Condolences to:

Sandy Miller on the passing of his sister, Sheila Ross.

Yehi zichronom l’vrachah – may her life be a blessing and an inspiration.


**CEMETERY PROGRAM**
Experience has taught the Jewish people how vital it is to anticipate the future and to be prepared… to act before the need occurs. This is especially important when considering making pre-need arrangements for cemetery property.

B’nai Emet’s program with Mount Sinai Mortuary for pre-need arrangements now has a unique program available to our Temple members and has already seen results.

You can perform two mitzvoth with one action. You can relieve your loved ones of a distasteful, but necessary, chore at a most stressful time, and you can help support Congregation B’nai Emet. Now is the time to do it!! Give yourself “peace of mind” before the need arises.

Contact either RuthAnn Rossman via the Temple office, or Josh Ryan at Mount Sinai, Advance Planning Representative, 805.306.6411 jtryan@mountsinaiparks.org

Identify yourself as a CBE member and receive all the details. There is no obligation.

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As you update your Will or Trust, please include CBE as a beneficiary. Our President, Ryan Richmond, or Treasurer, Les Sutton, are happy to work with you to help set this up.

Preserve your legacy - help sustain our future.

From Generation to Generation…
Making your family part of ours

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Cards from the Women for Reform Judaism’s YES Fund go to support projects for Youth, Education and Special Projects here and in Israel, such as rabbinic training and Israeli preschools for needy children.

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To purchase gift cards, contact Gift Card Chair Bobbie Sion at sionfam@gmail.com or leave a message at the temple: (805) 581-3723

Go to http://www.congregationbnaiemet.org/sisterhood.php

For a printable gift card order form listing all the many cards you can order.

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