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Rabbi's Message



Dear Friends,

"A bad economy demands a good community" is a clever slogan I saw. During these trying times, I invite you to come and get involved at CBE. The friendships you make, the meaningful services, and all of the activities we do really do make a difference in the lives of those who are active and involved – just ask them! B'nai Emet offers a warm, caring, friendly, *heimish* community, devoted to Jewish life, education, practice, and culture. It's easy to get caught up in everyday life, but making the extra effort to be involved in synagogue life definitely pays off!

I recently read that Passover is the oldest-known holiday in Western civilization. And, perhaps, it is the most significant and profound of all of our Jewish festivals as well. Celebrating freedom and liberation from slavery, teaching us to welcome and share with the poor, are indeed important values. Since the September 11th terrorist strike on America, the ideals of freedom, democracy and human dignity, have indeed taken on even greater meaning.

Surveys have shown that more American Jews observe Passover than any other Jewish holiday. Perhaps this is so because it takes place in the home (and involves eating!), but also because it is joyous and given over to wise lessons. It may even be that deep in many people's consciousness there is also annual rejoicing over the religious, political, social and even economic lessons that Passover teaches us. As Jews we are a time-centered, cycle-oriented people. During Passover we celebrate springtime, freedom, and family, joining together to remember the history of our people. We tell a story of the past while we exist in the present; but we tell it with hope and optimism for the future.

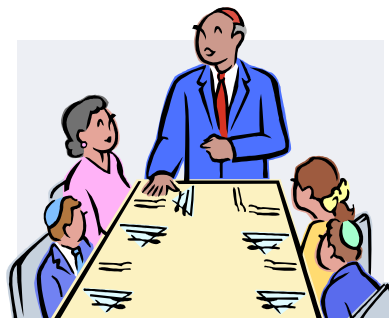
The optimism that comes from the new sights and smells of spring are, in a sense, reinforced in a Jewish context by Passover. Many of the Seder rituals exude this upbeat feeling. When we break the middle matzah to save half of it for dessert (the *afikoman*), we are actually learning to save and plan for the future. We enjoy some benefits now and others later, once we have earned them. Similarly, we sing "This year we are here, next year may we be in Jerusalem. This year we are still slaves, next year may we all be free". Some rabbis comment that we can read Jerusalem, in Hebrew Yeru-sha-la-yim, as "ir-shalem" or "ir-shalom", the city of peace. We pray that there will be peace, not only in Jerusalem, but in every city, wherever we may be.

We also sing about Elijah the Prophet, who according to legend, is the bearer of good tidings. He appears in times of trouble to promise relief and redemption and to plant hope in our hearts. A nice custom you may want to add to your Seder is to have each person pour from his/her wine cup into the Cup of Elijah. This symbolizes that each one of us must work toward peace and harmony in our world. You may also like to do this at your Seder this year, thinking about how you personally, can have a role in creating Shalom now and in the future.

Wishing you and your families a happy and joyous Pesach holiday!

Shalom v'chag sameach (happy holiday),

Rabbi Michele Paskow



President's Message by Earl Rosado

In the last newsletter I inadvertently left out some significant contributions made to the temple by various people. I would like to mention those people and their contributions now:

If you've been to our temple then you've seen the stunning stained glass windows in the lobby doors leading to the sanctuary. They were donated and installed by CBE charter members **Wayne and Shari Schultz**. They are a beautiful welcome to our synagogue sanctuary.

These other items, while not in plain sight, have helped our temple tremendously.

Steve and Susie Fintz donated a brand new refrigerator for our kitchen.

Arlene Nolke donated six huge lateral file cabinets that are being used in the temple office, the rabbi's office, and the religious school.

Steve Friedman donated shelves that are being used by the gift shop, the rabbi, and in the storage area. He also donated light fixtures which are illuminating our kitchen area.

Julie Bienenfeld donated a huge, beautiful desk that is anchoring the Rabbi's office.

Michael Mutal donated the fresh flower arrangements that were displayed for the torah march and our grand opening ceremonies.

Suzanne and Ken Epstein donated art work which is gracing our hallway and choir area.

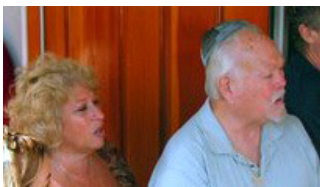
The following people were inadvertently left off the list of hard-working volunteers who helped renovate our building to get it ready for the opening:

Shari Schultz
Wayne Schultz
Dawn Ringer

Due to the chaos inherent in a move of this magnitude and despite our best efforts to keep track of volunteers, a few names escaped us. We appreciate the efforts of all the volunteers and apologize for the omissions. Please let me know if I've still forgotten anyone.

"Back by Popular Demand." If you missed it, you missed something special. Cantor Michael Russ and his daughter, Adina, put on another spectacular performance at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Center. They sang a wide variety of music ranging from show tunes to opera. I'd like to thank them for all the time and work they put into this wonderful afternoon of entertainment that was also a fundraiser for our temple. Thank you Cantor Russ and Adina!

Shalom and Keep the Faith!



Shari and Wayne Schultz and the beautiful stained glass door panels they donated.

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Social Action

Mitzvah Plans

Thanks to everyone who supported our food drive at the Hanukah Candle Lighting in December. Due to your generosity I delivered six bags of food to Care and Share. The need for food, especially baby formula, continues at the food bank. If you would like to donate food, you can drop it off at Care and Share at 5924 Los Angeles Ave (just East of Yosemite) between 10:00 and 2:00 Monday through Thursday.

Our Social Action Committee is hard at work planning several events. Watch for more information soon on an earthquake preparedness presentation in April, a speaker on Darfur in May and several recycling programs.

We continue to help **Feed the Needy** every third Saturday evening of each month. Due to economic pressures, the number of people needing our help is increasing. The United Methodist Church continues to fund this program; however, this funding is not covering the cost due to the increasing number of people to feed. Many of our volunteers have generously covered the cost over the allowance, but we are finding it more challenging than ever to continue as the gap widens. Alan and Sandy Leon have made a very generous donation to start a fund to supplement the allowance. If you would like to assist with covering this gap, please send a donation to the temple office and mention that it is for the Feed the Needy program.

We thank Carla Shaw and Michael Hollander for organizing crews for January and February. If you would like to help with this very important mitzvah, please contact me at 818-298-5433 or sfintz@sbcglobal.net. It takes so little of your time to help out one month and it means so much for the people who need our help.

Your Mitzvah Maven,
Susie Fintz

Men's Club

The CBE Men's Club is looking forward to Simi Valley Street Fair, Purim, and a possible trip to Las Vegas.

For more information, contact Herschel Berger at:
syd2karli@aol.com

Herschel Berger, Men's Club President

Bar Mitzvah

My name is Brandon Lefton. I am looking forward to my Bar Mitzvah on April 25. I live at home with my older brother Ryan, my mom Sally, and my two dogs Codie and Roxie. I am a 7th grader at Valley View Middle School. My hobbies are playing music. I plan to be a more responsible person and Jew after I become a Bar Mitzvah. My family has been a member of CBE since before I was born, and I plan to carry on the tradition as I get older.



Programs

Our Community Seder will take place on the second night of Passover, Thursday April 9, 2009, at 6:00 PM. The dinner will be held at CBE.

The movie, "Farewell Israel", which was shown on February 22, was a very moving film.. It had a great deal of impact for those who attended. The discussion with the producer of the movie was very interesting and added to the day.

Thank you,
Sandy Leon, VP-Programs

Membership

Entertainment Books

This year the preschool is selling the entertainment books. We had them at Mt. Sinai for the High Holidays like we do every year. There were 8 books taken that were not paid for. If you took one and forgot to pay for it we would very much appreciate the payment as we have to pay the company. The books are \$20 each. The profit is only \$3 and so it is costing us money to pay for the books taken and not paid for. Thank you for your cooperation.

2008-2009 Temple Phone Rosters

They are ready to be picked up in the temple office. If you can not get in and would like it mailed, please call Marilyn. There is one per temple family. You must be a member to receive one and they are to be used only for friendship and temple business. Please do not use for personal business solicitation.

We welcome new families at all times of the year. If you are interested in a membership application or information I would be more than happy to talk to you.

RuthAnn Rossman, V.P. Membership
818-709-7913

Jewish Life Center

Even though the Jewish Life Center is in a “wait and see” period with both our escrows (Royal/Corto and Bonita Drive), we do have activities going on.

We have done the usual maintenance of the Royal/Corto property, with weed clearance of the land (required by law) and paid the property taxes on Royal.

Probably our biggest changes have been within our board. After several years as a leader of our community (both CBE and JLC), Carole Fineberg and her husband Richard have retired in Reno, Nevada. If any of you know Carole, you know her presence will be greatly missed. She has served in just about every position there has been in our community, with the most recent being the vice chair of the JLC. The person who has taken Carole’s job as vice chair is Michael Hollander. Most of you know Michael’s dedication to our community, and since he has been a past JLC chair as well as the current Vice President of CBE, he was a natural choice for the position. To fill the vacant board position left by Carole, Earl Rosado has accepted the board position. Over the past year and a half, working closely with Earl, I have found him to be a dedicated, hard working, and overall wonderful person who cares deeply about the Jewish Community of Simi and Moorpark.

There are many other things in the works for the Jewish Life Center, and as they come to pass we will share the information with all of you.

Michael Mutal
JLC Chair

Religious School

There are many activities happening in the Religious School for the months of March and April.

The Sixth Grade Religious School class will present the megillah in pantomime at the Friday, March 6, 7:00 PM Shabbat/Purim family service at the temple with Rabbi Michele Paskow. This talented class will also present a puppet show, "You Are There at Purim", at the Purim Carnival.

All classes will meet at the temple on Sunday, March 8, the day of the Purim Carnival. Dismissal will be at 11:45 AM so that they can attend the Carnival or help out there. There will be no B’nai Mitzvah Class that day. Seventh graders will be working at the Rummage Sale, which is a class mitzvah project to raise money for our new Education Center.

The Fourth Grade class service has been changed to April 3 at 7 PM. The students will be wearing the tallitot they have made.

Tikkun Olam

This is the first of a regular article that will be published in our Chai Lites to provide information on local agencies where you can volunteer your time to help heal the world. Our Social Action Committee thought this would help raise the awareness of areas where our congregation tries to help and might also give you some ideas of ways you can help as individuals. This article will not feature events or activities that CBE is running; instead, it will give you background, contact information and volunteer opportunities for agencies in our community.

I’m sure you’ve heard of Habitat for Humanity, but did you know that **Habitat for Humanity of Ventura County** is the oldest of 55 Habitat affiliates in California? It was formed in 1983. Founders, Virgil and Lynn Nelson, also started Food Share and Project Understanding. Before they began building houses in 1994, they refurbished and repaired over 500 houses in the community. They have helped 47 deserving families in Ventura County realize their dream of homeownership, with two most recently in Simi Valley. Their affiliate has tithed almost \$300,000 to Habitat affiliates in Malawi, Africa and that money has built 120 houses to date. Every 29 minutes, a Habitat home is finished somewhere in the world. Habitat for Humanity International has built over 300,000 houses worldwide, making them the 14th largest home builder in the United States. Habitat also operates The Habitat Restore, at 167 Lambert in Oxnard, selling new and slightly used building materials.

You can volunteer to work at one of their two current building sites by going to habitatventura.org. Volunteers are needed on Thursdays and Saturdays at the Oxnard site and Wednesdays and Saturdays at the Santa Paula site. Do you have new or slightly used building supplies or appliances (no older than 5 years)? Donate them to the Habitat Restore, save on dumping costs and get a tax deduction. They will even come pick up your donation if needed. The Restore is always in need of volunteers, too. Check them out on the website above. All profits from sales at the Restore go to Habitat’s building programs.



PURIM SERVICE

March 6, 7 PM
Congregation B'nai Emet
9 West Bonita Drive
Simi Valley



**Costume
Parade
&
Contest
with
prizes
for all!**

Sixth graders present a
pantomime of the
Purim story!
Purim sing-along!
Megillah reading!

Hamantaschen & other goodies!

Food! **Hamantaschen Sale!** **Puppet Show!** **Games!**

PURIM CARNIVAL

MARCH 8 * 12 - 4 PM
CONGREGATION B'NAI EMET
9 West Bonita Drive
Simi Valley, CA 93065

RUMMAGE SALE
STARTS AT 8 AM

Run by CBE Men's Club
Information: (805) 581-3723

Moorbounce! **Prizes!** **Chicken Soup Cook-Off!**

RUMMAGE SALE

at the CBE Purim Carnival
Congregation B'nai Emet
9 West Bonita Drive
Simi Valley
Sunday, March 8
Sale starts at 8 AM
Carnival starts at noon

Run by the B'nai Mitzvah Class

Please bring your items for the
sale to the temple on Saturday,
March 7 for sorting and pricing.

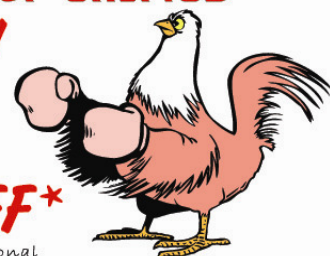
For info, call (805) 581-3723.

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Call for entries
**CHICKEN
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*matzah balls optional



*You know you make the best.
Now you can prove it!*

Bring soup and ladle in
your pot, warming tray
and booth decorations if
desired. We supply chairs,
outlets, bowls and spoons.

at the CBE Purim
Carnival
March 8
12-3 PM
CBE
9 W. Bonita Dr.

**NO ENTRY FEE!!!
PRIZES FOR ALL ENTRANTS!
SISTERHOOD MEMBERS RECEIVE DONOR CREDIT!**

This is a fundraiser for Women of CBE.

Contact Meridith at (805) 581-3723 or
mshpatera@earthlink.net to enter

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT PASSOVER

- Until very recently, matzah was round. Now almost all matzot in America are square!
- In Israel, Jews observe only one Seder, while most Jews in the diaspora observe two.
- The word *Haggadah* comes from a Hebrew word meaning “to tell” because it tells the story of the Jews being freed from slavery in Egypt. The *Haggadah* used on Passover is one of the few books in Jewish religious life that contains pictures. Even *Haggadot* printed centuries ago contain illustrations.
- The first *Haggadah* produced by a printing press rather than by hand was issued in Fano, Italy in 1505.
- In 1940 a Passover service was broadcast on television for the first time.
- In the past 450 years more than 500 different editions of the *Haggadah* have been printed throughout the world!
- The original purpose of making little holes in matzot was to prevent them from rising while baking.
- Nisan, the month in which Passover is observed, is the 7th month in the Jewish calendar. In biblical times, Nisan was counted as the first month of the Jewish year!
- In the *Haggadah*, “unleavened bread” is the translation of the Hebrew word *matzah*. However, *Matzah* now appears as an English word in many dictionaries.
- During the days of the Talmud it was the custom to bake matzot in different shapes and figures.
- There are four Hebrew names for the Passover holiday. They are:

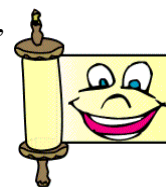
Pesach; Zeman Cheyruyenu (Season of our Freedom); Chag ha' Aviv (Festival of Spring); Chag Ha-Matzot (Festival of Matzot).

CHAG SAMAECHE and GOOD YUNTIF!



Save the Dates

PURIM: On Friday night March 6th at 7 PM, join us for a Purim service that is not to be missed! Rabbi Michele and Cantor Michael will lead the special service, including prayers and songs, and the sixth grade students will present the story of Purim in pantomime, with a special guest appearance by the evil Haman (boo!) Everyone will be able to see the *megillah* scroll of Esther from the Hebrew Bible and enjoy *hamantaschen* for dessert, baked by the Women of CBE. Of course, there will also be a costume contest, so come in your best disguise, or just a silly hat!



CELEBRATE PASSOVER W/ CBE!!

Come join us for the Community Seder, the 2nd night of Passover, April 9th.

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE EVENTS ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE.

PASSOVER BUZZ WORDS

CHAMETZ – *Chametz* refers to any food with leavening. The Torah instructs us to eat matzah and abstain from *chametz* during Pesach as a reminder of the haste with which we fled Egypt. During the week of Passover, we are a people in transition. The slavery of Egypt has been left behind, but the Promised Land lies far ahead in the future, and during this week, we must travel light.

MITZRAYIM – *Mitzrayim* is the Hebrew name for both modern and ancient Egypt. At the seder we tell the story of *Yitziyat Mitzrayim*, our going forth from Egypt. Because of it, we know that no people should be oppressed. The Torah reminds us countless times that we must treat people who are vulnerable with justice, compassion, and generosity “because you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”

The Hebrew word *Mitzrayim* can also be translated as “narrow straits.” This reading allowed the kabbalists to attach the story of their personal, spiritual journeys to the national, master narrative. Passover becomes the time that we examine the places in our lives where we feel “stuck” and seek to pare down our souls to their essence so that we can make our passage to freedom.

HAGGADAH – The *Haggadah* which is our guide through the seder, contains questions, songs, instructions for ritual, but most of all, the narration of *Yitziyat Mitzrayim*, the Exodus. *Haggadah* means “telling.” It is through the telling and the ritual re-enactment of our story that we re-experience our liberation. The *Haggadah* tells our story, and, in case we have missed this central point, it reminds us that “in every generation, one ought to regard oneself as if we personally had gone out of Egypt... It was not our ancestors alone that God redeemed, but the Holy One has redeemed us with them as well.” We are instructed to recount the story in a personal way to our children, “Because of this that God did for me when I went out from Egypt.”

Recent Donations

Building Fund

Ronnye Sacks – in memory of Steven Sacks and
Florence Howard
Sheldon and Joan Liebmann – in honor of Lloyd Picker's
70th Birthday
Sheldon and Joan Liebmann – in memory of
George Liebmann

Religious School Fund

Marvin and Sandra Sussman – in memory of
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Dana Ehrlich – in memory of Dave Ehrlich
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Eugene Simpson-Menke
Karen Ribstein – in memory of Dorothy Zager
Ellen Libby – in memory of David Brookner
Andrew and Catherine Weinstein – in memory of
Mariel Graflund

Tribute Donations

Lloyd and Carole Picker - in honor of Cantor Michael
and Adina Russ



On Sunday, February 22, about sixty members and friends of CBE attended the showing of "Farewell Israel" at the temple.

Joel Gilbert (pictured on right) writer and director of the film, led a lively discussion following the showing.



Sandy Leon arranged a wonderful array of fruit, pastry, assorted cheeses and beverages.

Jeff Ringer, Earl Rosado, Michael Hollander and Robert Sternberg contributed their time and electronic skills to make it all possible.

Minnie Anzo

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Michael and Merle Russ – In memory of Stuart Keimon
and Rhoda Russ

JLC Donations

Bella Hananel – in memory of Charles Stein

Cantor Concert Donations

Marilyn Keimon
Jeremiah Jones
Sharon Lubin
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Ian Russ
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Jeffrey A. Beaumont, Esq.
Gregg Galen
Linda Wexler



Additional High Holy Days Donations

Susan Cohen

The annual **Congregation Am Hayam** Community Lecture Series kicked off Sunday, Feb. 22 at the synagogue at 4839 Market St., Unit C, Ventura, at 7 PM. Sportscaster/humorist Mike Leiderman opened the series, made possible by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Ventura County.

Author and chef Sheila Kaufman will appear on Wednesday, March 4 at 7 PM. Kaufman, an author of 25 cookbooks and a prolific writer for magazines and newspapers, will discuss Jews and Chocolate -- its history, health and medicinal value.

Actress/storyteller Elaine Rembrandt will introduce the audience to "Unlikely Heroes," the story of three Jewish women spies, on Tuesday, March 10 at 7 PM.

The final lecture in the series will be Wednesday, March 18 at 7 PM. With a performance by violinist Pavel Ilyashov, a native of the Soviet Union who has performed through much of Western Europe, Asia, South America and the United States.

A Series Pass costs \$45 and individual lecture tickets are \$15. Students are admitted free. Checks may be sent to Congregation Am Ha Yam, 4839 Market St., Unit C, Ventura, CA 93003. Mark "Lecture Series Tickets" on the envelope.

Information: 805-644-2899.

On March 20th tens of thousands of Jews across America will come together to eat, drink, relax, dance, enjoy, debate and celebrate at the **13th Annual SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA™**

On Friday night, March 20, 2009, hundreds of synagogues across the continent will take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate what unifies all Jews -- Shabbat! Everyone is invited... singles, couples, families -- all ages. So bring your neighbors, your friends, your co-workers -- and let's celebrate, together! For more information:

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Dairy Pot Luck Dinner and Shabbat Service – Hosted by Congregation B’nai Emet

Please RSVP to: 805-581-3723 or bnaiemet@rain.org

Dinner at 6:30, Shabbat Service at 8:00, March 20, 2009

Please bring the following dish depending on the first letter of your last name:

A-I salad/side dish

J-Q main dish (dairy)

R-Z dessert

Sisterhood News

Our very first Tu B'Shevat Seder was wonderful! Todah Rabah, Rabbi Michele – the program was beautiful and everyone really enjoyed themselves. Thanks so much to Deborah Bass for coordinating the event.

We have very exciting things in store for Purim – baking hamentaschen at Bobbie Sion's house on March 4 for the Purim Service on March 6 at 7pm. Our Chicken Soup Cook-off will be repeated at the Purim Carnival on March 8. We will also be helping with the Rummage sale on that same day.

We look forward to our installation dinner on April 28. Thanks to all of our outgoing members and for your excellent service.

The new slate for 2009-10 is as follows:

- President – Geri Brandler
- First Vice President – Susie Fintz
- Treasurer – Kathy Smith
- Secretary – Cathy Holst
- VP-Programs – Deborah Bass
- VP-Membership – Ronnye Sachs & Penny Neugroschl
- VP-Ways & Means – Shelly Botan & Sandy Leon

Save the Date! Saturday, May 2, 2009 - MONTE CARLO NIGHT!

Join us in our new home for a fun-filled evening of: Casino Gaming, Hors d'oeuvres & Cocktails, Silent Auction, Door Prizes & Raffles, Friends & Fun

To find out more about Sisterhood activities please visit us on the web at:

<http://congregationbnaimet.org/sisterhood.php> or contact carlajshaw@yahoo.com with questions and/or comments.

We hope to see many of you at our meetings and events.

B'shalom,

Carla Shaw, President – Women of CBE

carlajshaw@yahoo.com

Oneg Sponsors

December 26, 2008

Irwin Cohen in honor of his granddaughter Natalia who was named Shabbat Queen at the Institute of Jewish Education in Los Angeles.

The Rosado Family in honor of Leah's graduation from UCSD

January 9, 2009

The Picker Family in honor of Lloyd's birthday

Jeffrey and Dawn Ringer in honor of their 20th wedding anniversary

The Rossman Family in honor of David's 17th birthday and in honor of welcoming all our new and returning families to CBE.

The Forman Family in memory of Michelle's mother
Sylvia Krebs

January 16, 2009

Rabbi Michele in honor of Aaron Cohen's birthday

The Katell Family in honor of Joshua's birthday

January 23, 2009

Marty Richter in memory of Shelly Richter

Minnie Anzo in memory of her brother Hyman Freeman

Michael Mutal in honor of Julie's first appearance with the CBE choir

January 30, 2009

The Hollander Family in honor of Marilyn's birthday & Michael & Marilyn's anniversary

The Horowitz Family in honor of Morgan's birthday

February 6, 2009

The Shilkoff Family in memory of Dorothy Barasch Weiss, mother and bubbie

Melissa Shilkoff in honor of the birthday of Cindy Shilkoff

February 13, 2009

Ken and Suzanne Epstein in honor of Suzanne's birthday

Steve & Susie Fintz in memory of his father, Ralph Fintz

February 20, 2009

Meridith Patera in memory of Ruth Wilkerson

Carole & Lloyd Picker in honor of the 20th birthday of their granddaughter Jennifer

January 9, 2009, Pot Luck Dinner in honor of new temple families



Reciting the kiddush



Membership VP Ruth Ann Rossman welcomes the new families



Deborah Bass



Lloyd Picker celebrated his 70th Birthday!



The Mikita Family



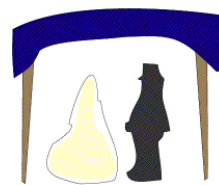
The Plotnick Family



Sixth and Seventh Grade students answer questions during their school service with Rabbi Michele.

Sixth Graders Noah, Steven & Evan prepare for the morning service at Religious School





Birthdays

Mar 01 Max Aragon
 Mar 01 Rachael Rosenstein
 Mar 03 Jerry Bergmann
 Mar 03 Michelle Elhai
 Mar 03 Michael Mutal
 Mar 03 Jacob Schleien
 Mar 05 Eric Tepfer
 Mar 06 Nancy Micon
 Mar 06 Devin Miyamoto
 Mar 06 Earl Rosado
 Mar 09 Meryl Horowitz
 Mar 11 Whitney Pasch
 Mar 11 Cindy Slotnick
 Mar 12 Blaire Auerbach
 Mar 12 Adam Cohen
 Mar 15 Felicia Auerbach
 Mar 16 Irwin L. Cohen
 Mar 17 Leah Duley
 Mar 18 Julie Klein
 Mar 18 Amy Tellio
 Mar 19 Marla Bergmann
 Mar 19 Reine Koretz
 Mar 19 Rachel Nusbaum
 Mar 19 Wayne Schultz
 Mar 20 Wilbur Brown
 Mar 21 Rochelle Botan
 Mar 24 Merle Russ
 Mar 25 Susan Fintz
 Mar 29 Jacqueline Sion
 Mar 30 Jennifer Rosenstein
 Mar 31 David Kieselbach
 Apr 01 Matthew Ringer
 Apr 02 Max Slotnick
 Apr 03 Grace Duley
 Apr 04 Aaron Weinstein

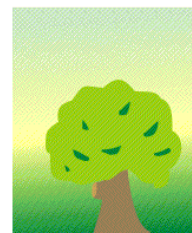
Apr 05 Cameron Barry
 Apr 05 Judith Miller
 Apr 08 Michele Cohen
 Apr 10 Rachel Schneidereit
 Apr 11 Chris Gagnon
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 Apr 13 Raye Charton
 Apr 13 Devon Cohen
 Apr 13 Holly York
 Apr 14 Nubia Ascher
 Apr 14 Ken Epstein
 Apr 14 Lori Stanton
 Apr 15 Rabbi Michele Paskow
 Apr 16 Michelle Holst
 Apr 16 Jerry Ostrowiecki
 Apr 18 Carol Tolchin
 Apr 19 Tracie Breiter
 Apr 20 Brittany Scharf
 Apr 21 Illise Holran
 Apr 21 Max Tolchin
 Apr 22 Jordan Fineberg
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 Apr 23 Eleana Shore
 Apr 23 Jonathan Strassner
 Apr 24 Richard Klein
 Apr 25 David Bergmann
 Apr 25 Marla Donaldson
 Apr 25 Sean Kelly
 Apr 26 Michelle Scharf
 Apr 28 Glen Knecht
 Apr 29 Michael Dager
 Apr 30 Renee Kieselbach

Anniversaries

Mar 03 Dennis and Illise Holran
 Mar 16 Glenn and Lisa Barry
 Mar 19 Michael and Michele Cohen
 Mar 21 Erik and Tracie Breiter
 Apr 10 Daniel and Geri Brandler
 Apr 15 Laura and Louis Tepfer

Thank You

Thank you to Michael Hollander, Mitch Salberg, Glenn Barry, Steve Friedman, Cathy Holst, Gabe Katell, Donald Forman, and Glen Knecht who did a GREAT gardening project at the synagogue. The grounds look great and are ready for Spring!
 (Apologies if anyone was omitted).



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CONDOLENCES TO:

Jeff and Tammi Plotkin on the passing of Jeff's mother, Mildred Plotkin.

Doris Gould and family on the passing of Harlan Gould.

May the memory of your loved one always serve as a blessing.

Yahrzeits

Mar 01	Nathan Hentell	Adar 5
Mar 01	Philip Nemchek	Adar 5
Mar 01	Benjamin Zimmerman	Adar 5
Mar 02	Geneva Alvarez	Adar 6
Mar 02	Robyn Libitsky	Adar 6
Mar 02	Max Perlson	Adar 6
Mar 03	Jack Trachtenberg	Adar 7
Mar 04	Abraham Shain	Adar 8
Mar 04	Isadore Sharapan	Adar 8
Mar 05	Eddie Oblas	Adar 9
Mar 05	Dorothy A. Rabin	Adar 9
Mar 08	Fritzie Gilson	Adar 12
Mar 08	Jack Shuster	Adar 12
Mar 09	Mary Hollander	Adar 13
Mar 10	Leo Plotkin	Adar 14
Mar 10	Victor Wohl	Adar 14
Mar 11	Max David Greenberg	Adar 15
Mar 11	Julie Heimann	Adar 15
Mar 12	Anne Klein	Adar 16
Mar 12	Nathan William Kritzer	Adar 16
Mar 12	Sabina Metzger	Adar 16
Mar 12	Mildred Ruth Picker	Adar 16
Mar 13	William Finkbeiner	Adar 17
Mar 14	Marcia Grossman	Adar 18
Mar 15	Sheldon Miller	Adar 19
Mar 16	Charlie Hyman	Adar 20
Mar 17	Edward Abe Lindenbaum	Adar 21
Mar 17	Meyer Siegel	Adar 21
Mar 18	Dorothy R. Hasson	Adar 22
Mar 18	Nessine Ribstein	Adar 22
Mar 18	Ann Stern	Adar 22
Mar 19	Jacob Landau	Adar 23
Mar 20	Emanuel Manny Singer	Adar 24
Mar 22	Evelyn Day	Adar 26
Mar 22	Sarah Herstein	Adar 26
Mar 22	Helen Kelson	Adar 26
Mar 22	Joan Tratner	
Mar 23	Beverly Cheiken	Adar 27
Mar 23	Sidney Naidorf	Adar 27
Mar 23	Helen Rogen	Adar 27
Mar 24	Lewis Greene	Adar 28
Mar 24	Fay Rivers	Adar 28
Mar 24	Gerald Schned	Adar 28
Mar 24	Edel Wechter	Adar 28
Mar 25	Jillian Dru Abrams	Adar 29
Mar 27	Sarah Flamm	Nissan 2
Mar 27	Jack Rivers	Nissan 2
Mar 28	Dario Acevedo	Nissan 3
Mar 28	Bertha Brody	
Mar 28	Aron Pichkhadze	Nissan 3
Mar 29	Morris Glassman	Nissan 4
Mar 29	Martin Judge	Nissan 4

Mar 30	Pinnie Firestein	Nissan 5
Mar 31	Yetta Egan	Nissan 6
Mar 31	Marie Menke	Nissan 6
Mar 31	Ruth Singer	Nissan 6
Apr 01	Shannon Cricco	Nissan 7
Apr 01	Eunice Munkres	Nissan 7
Apr 03	Oscar Keimon	Nissan 9
Apr 03	Victor Schatz	Nissan 9
Apr 03	Daniel Small	Nissan 9
Apr 04	Harry Gelman	Nissan 10
Apr 04	Harry Gordon	Nissan 10
Apr 04	Joseph Kaufman	Nissan 10
Apr 04	Benjamin Landes	Nissan 10
Apr 04	Iris Lefton	Nissan 10
Apr 04	Bernadine Paige	Nissan 10
Apr 05	Sidney Friedman	Nissan 11
Apr 05	Moses Strassburger	
Apr 08	Rosy Hollander	Nissan 14
Apr 09	Shirley Oliver	Nissan 15
Apr 12	Trudy Jackman	
Apr 13	Irving Lamm	
Apr 13	Gail Lenore Shapiro	Nissan 19
Apr 14	Sherman Doctrow	Nissan 20
Apr 14	Samuel Zimmerman	Nissan 20
Apr 19	Leo Cohen	Nissan 25
Apr 19	Curtis Picker	Nissan 25
Apr 19	Louis Savoy	Nissan 25
Apr 20	Rickey Serlin	Nissan 26
Apr 20	Howard Wandell	Nissan 26
Apr 20	Pearl Wohlner	Nissan 26
Apr 21	Joyce Alexman	Nissan 27
Apr 21	Larry Frankl	Nissan 27
Apr 22	Roslyn Cohl	Nissan 28
Apr 23	Gery (Gary) Kaye	Nissan 29
Apr 24	Arthur Korn	Nissan 30
Apr 25	Leslie Goldhammer	Iyar 1
Apr 26	Samuel Nerenberg	Iyar 2
Apr 27	Ida Axelrod	Iyar 3
Apr 27	Helen Borden	Iyar 3
Apr 27	Pete Kaminsky	Iyar 3
Apr 27	Howard Silverman	Iyar 3
Apr 27	Anne Vogel	Iyar 3
Apr 28	Cathy Mae Bourland	Iyar 4
Apr 28	Helen Eichner	Iyar 4
Apr 29	Philip Goldstein	Iyar 5
Apr 29	Stanley Kubik	Iyar 5
Apr 29	Lewis Stone	Iyar 5
Apr 30	Anna Diamond	Iyar 6
Apr 30	Addie S. Friedman	Iyar 6
Apr 30	Oliver Gottlieb	Iyar 6
Apr 30	Werner Hollander	Iyar 6
Apr 30	Michael Kelson	Iyar 6



Please check the current Yahrzeit information on the data sheet you received in your membership packet. Verify its accuracy and call the office with any changes or new Yahrzeit information.

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

Call Michael Hollander with any questions regarding Yahrzeit data.

Thank you.

How to observe a Yahrzeit at C.B.E

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 **following** the yahrzeit date. 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.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Candlelighting</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Torah Portion</u>
Mar.6/11 Adar	5:37 PM	Family Purim Service 7 PM	Tetzaveh—Ex. 27:20-30:10
Mar. 10/14 Adar		Purim	
Mar. 13/18 Adar	6:43 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Ki Tisa—Ex. 30:11-34:35
Mar. 20/25 Adar	6:48 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Vayakhel—Ex. 35:1-38:20
Mar. 27/3 Nisan	6:54 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Vayikra—Lev. 1:1-5:26
Apr. 3/10 Nisan	6:59 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Tzav—Lev. 6:1-8:36
Apr. 8		Passover— First Seder	
Apr. 10/17 Nisan	7:04 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Pesach Shabbat Hol ha-Moed— Ex. 33:12 - 34:26, Num.28:19 - 28:25
Apr. 17/24 Nisan	7:10 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Shemini—Lev. 9:1-11:47
April 21		Yom Hashoah—Holocaust Memorial Day	
Apr. 24/1 Iyar	7:15 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Tazria-Metzora—Lev. 12:1-15:33
April 29		Yom Ha'atzmaut—Israel Independence Day	

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