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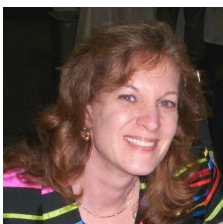
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Congregation B'nai Emet

# C. B. E. Chai Lites



## Rabbi's Message



Dear Friends –  
Shalom Chaverim,

There is a midrash (legend) which says: “why did God appear to Moses

in the lowly bush? To teach us that nothing in creation is without God’s holy presence, not even the commonest bush. When God created man and woman, they were shown everything in the Garden of Eden and God said: ‘See My work, how good it is. Know that everything which I have created, I have created for you. And now take care, lest you spoil and destroy My world, for if you spoil and destroy it, no one will rebuild it after you.’” (Ecc. Rabbah VII 2.1) The Jewish festival of Tu BiShevat highlights the importance of the natural world and its

preservation. While it is a minor holiday, 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! I would say that Tu BiShevat epitomizes the Jewish approach to life, which is to plant, sow, create, and enjoy the beauty of Creation.

This year Tu Bishevat, the New Year for Trees will be celebrated on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

To celebrate Tu BiShevat you can have trees planted in Israel through the Jewish National Fund [jnf.org](http://jnf.org) - (800) 542-TREE (8733), you can plant your own spring garden, you can renew your efforts toward ecology and environmentalism, or make a

contribution to our own Temple for our Tu BiShevat garden. Our Sisterhood will have its annual Tu BiShevat Seder on Tuesday February 10<sup>th</sup> (with a little bit of home-made etrog schnapps), and we’ll have a special Tu BiShevat Oneg at our Family Service on Friday February 6<sup>th</sup>. Of course, we will be doing special projects with the students during Religious School.

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!**

Shalom and Be Well!

**Rabbi Michele**  
**(“Michal”!) Paskow**

הרב מיכל פסקו

## The Divine Tree of Life

Menorah of Zechariah’s Vision (Folio 316v), from the  
Cervera Bible  
Illuminated by Joseph the Frenchman, Spain 1299-1300



*The fruit which nourishes life  
comes from the trees of God’s earth.*

*Torah, which is a Tree of Life,  
comes from our covenant with God.*

*The flow of life and energy from God  
was pictured by the Kabbalists  
as coming through the Divine Tree, another  
“Tree of Life,” as they called it. This Divine  
Tree of Life is inverted; its roots are in the heavens  
With God, invisible, inexplicable, unknowable,  
yet its branches stretch down toward us  
bringing the flow of God’s energy  
which creates, shapes, and gives life to our world.*

*We celebrate the trees which give us fruit.  
We celebrate Torah, the Tree of Life,  
which nourishes the spirit.*

*On Tu BiShevat we celebrate the Divine Tree of Life,  
and the renewal of the flow of God’s creative power  
and energy into our world.*

**OUR CORE PURPOSE: TO NURTURE JEWISH MEANING, CONNECTION AND CONTINUITY.**

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are available to all members in the  
Temple office.

Black and white hard copies of the  
newsletter are also available in the  
Temple office

**Don't forget! Blood Drive**  
**March 22, 2015**

Just one pint may save up to 3 lives!!  
To make an appointment you can sign  
up at CBE or sign up online at  
[www.blood4life.org](http://www.blood4life.org) using the  
sponsor code: **8041** or call United  
Blood Services at [800-715-3699](tel:800-715-3699)

WHERE: 9 W Bonita Drive  
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[805-581-3723](tel:805-581-3723)

TIME: 12:00PM – 4:00PM

Sponsored by:  
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The Gathering Place

(See flyer on page 14)



**Save the dates:**

**Friday January 16, 2015 –**  
**COUNTRY SHABBAT**

6:30 pot-luck dinner; 8 PM service;  
8:45 Israeli dancing.

(The CBE Choir will introduce the new  
“CBE Shuffle”!)  
(Flyer on page 3)

**Friday February 6, 2015**

7 PM Family service, followed by a  
special Oneg, in honor of Tu-Bishevat.

**Sunday February 8, 2015**

1:30 PM – Israel Trip Info. meeting  
at Temple.  
(flyer on page 13)

**Friday March 6**

PURIM service, 7 PM

Wear a costume (win a prize!)  
Watch the Purim story pantomimed by  
the Religious School students- starring  
Haman, Esther, and King Ahasueros!

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## President's Message

Shalom!

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Congregation B'nai Emet has had a lot of exciting changes in 2014. There is a beautiful new sign, handicap ramp and garden. What exciting things are planned for CBE in 2015? The Temple Board has many wonderful ideas planned for this coming year. You will have to come by and see.

As the consummate optimist, I feel that 2015 will be a great year. For those who make New Year's Resolutions, one great resolution would be to volunteer some time supporting your synagogue. Congregation B'nai Emet is always looking for a few more good hands. There are many ways you can show your support. Please contact the temple office or ask a board member if you would like some ideas on how you can support CBE. You will be doing a great Mitzvah!

My wish for 2015 is that everyone have a happy, healthy and successful 2015. See you at the Kugel & Klezmer event on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

See you at temple!  
Shalom,  
*Mitchell Salberg*



## COUNTRY SHABBAT!

**Wear your Country best  
for our Shabbos Fest!**

**Join us on Friday Jan. 16th at CBE**

**6:30 - Pot-luck dinner**

**8:00 - Shabbat service with the  
CBE Choir, introducing the new  
"CBE Shuffle"**

**8:45 - Israeli dancing**

**Last names beginning with the  
following letters please bring:**

**A - H: Appetizers & salads**

**I - O: Main dishes (no meat)**

**P -Z: Side Dishes**



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### 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 2015 be a year of compassion and  
blessing!*

## BULLETIN BYTES

Thank you to Emily Doepking, Tracie Breiter, Laura Tepfer, Ruth Ann Rossman and everyone who helped with the Hanukkah party!!! Wow, the party and the plays were excellent! Thank you also to Sandy Leon for organizing the beautiful Oneg reception for our Interfaith Thanksgiving service.

### CREATIVE HELP NEEDED!

We are enhancing our "Sanctuary" at the North Campus (Religious School site). Please let Rabbi Michele know if you can help with some of the simple projects!

### SUNDAY BOOK CLUB:

Join us bi-monthly. The next meeting will be Sunday January 25 at 10 am at the N. Campus. This month's book is: *The Last Jew* by Noah Gordon.

### ALSO IN THIS ISSUE:

Look for information about trip to Israel (page 13)  
Adult Education (page 4)



## Celebrate Shabbat by Cantor Michael Russ

We just celebrated Chanukah. January and February seem like a “holiday” from Holidays. Finally, in the beginning of March we celebrate Purim and in April we participate in Passover, one of the most important Holidays of the year. So it seems that we can take a break from all this Jewish stuff for a couple of months after Chanukah. Yet, according to our tradition, **Shabbat** is the most important Holiday and it comes once a week, not once a year!

What is the importance of Shabbat? In the fourth commandment in Exodus 20 we are reminded that God, Who was so busy creating the universe, still found it important to rest on the seventh day. What could be more important than creating the universe? If God rested from His work after 6 days, shouldn't we?

In the book of Deuteronomy (Chapter 5) Moses notes: “Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord, your God brought you forth from there with a

mighty hand and with an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to observe the Sabbath day”.



When we sing the Kiddush (prayer for the wine) we are reminded that the Shabbat . . . “*zecher litziat Mitzrayim*” . . . “recalls the Exodus from Egypt.” Remember, slaves don't get a day off from work. Free people are able to take a day off from work. Let's celebrate our freedom!

So, just because it looks like we don't have a big Holiday in January through February . . . “remember the Sabbath day and make it holy.” We can make Shabbat holy by remembering the beauty in the world, the awesomeness of the universe and the goodness of people. We can celebrate that we have family and friends and when things are difficult there is always “Hatikvah” . . . “the hope” of a better future for each of us and all humankind. Let's celebrate!

## Adult Education

Did you miss out on receiving a Jewish education?  
Would you like to learn more about Jewish life?  
Are you thinking of converting to Judaism?

**EXPLORE JUDAISM**  
taught by Rabbi Michele Paskow  
Thursday evenings 7-8 pm  
Feb. 12, Feb. 19 & Feb. 26.

Topics include: God (what Jews believe), Torah (what Jews do), and Israel (what Jews are).  
Fee is \$18 for CBE members and \$25 for non-members (\$30 per couple); \$15 optional book.

Congregation B'nai Emet

To reserve your place in class: [\(805\) 581-3723](tel:8055813723) or [congregationbnaiemet.org](http://congregationbnaiemet.org)

## Bar Mitzvah

Shalom! My name is **Matthew Levine**, and I will become a Bar Mitzvah on February 14, 2015. I live in Simi Valley with my parents, and I am a 7th grader. I have fun spending time with my friends, and enjoy video gaming and water polo. I'm also an active Boy Scout, and love outdoor activities. Part of my mitzvah project was participating in the temple Holiday Boutique by helping out with a bake sale with the other B'nai Mitzvah students. The proceeds were donated to *6 Million Coins*, a program that supports and helps Holocaust survivors. My Bar Mitzvah studies will help guide me through everyday life and allow me to make better decisions. I feel ready to take on the responsibilities of a Jewish adult.



### 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:  
Sisterhood, Men's Club, Pre/ Religious School, Havurah, Religious and Community Services.



## Fundraising Event

Congregation B'nai Emet, Temple Ner Ami and  
American Friends of Magen David Adom present

# KUGEL CONTEST & KLEZMER

Featuring  
Klezmer Band  
Extraordinaire  
**MOSTLY  
KOSHER**



**SATURDAY  
JANUARY 24  
7 PM – 10 PM**



**CONGREGATION B'NAI EMET  
9 W. BONITA DRIVE  
SIMI VALLEY, CA 93065**

Admission includes  
Kugel, Salad, and Dessert Bar Reception.  
\$36/ person by January 19  
\$42/ person after January 19

Donations gratefully accepted in lieu of attendance

For information on tickets and entering the Kugel Contest, go to [congregationbnaimet.org/klezmer](http://congregationbnaimet.org/klezmer)

## Kugel Contest Rules



**Dairy only (no meat), No Nuts**

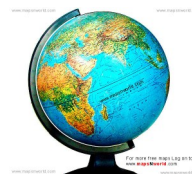
**Serving dish size 9" x 13" -  
Serving utensil will be provided**

**Must arrive for judging no later  
than 6:45 PM**

**\$10 Entry Fee -Waived if  
admission ticket purchased**

**For additional information,  
go to link below.**

## Guest Speaker at CBE



*On Nov. 14, Maciej (Mackey) Kotlicki (2nd from right), an attorney and member of Beit Warszawa, the Warsaw Progressive (Reform) congregation, shared his discovery and return to his Jewish roots. He also described the Jewish Renewal going on in Poland and the challenges of being Jewish in today's Poland.*

*On the far left is Rabbi Haim Beliak with our own Rabbi Michele Paskow and Cantor Michael Russ.*

## Recent Donations

### Building Fund Donations

Bella Hananel – in memory of  
Shoshanah Copelof  
Jay and Melissa (Bernstein) Schoen – in  
honor of their wedding

### Choir Donations

Irwin Cohen – in memory of  
Emanuel Cohen  
Barry and Lynne Selbst – in memory of  
Sam Selbst

### Memorial Donations

Jesse and Dale Charnick – in memory of  
Jeanette Ilowitz  
Marilyn Cameron – in memory of  
Beatrice Roth  
Alexander and Cima Goldenberg – in  
memory of Ber Goldenberg  
Sheldon and Joan Liebmann – in memory  
of Benish Landau  
Ronnye Sacks – in memory of Michael  
Grauman (Alice Fiducia's brother)

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Maxine Seidel – in memory of  
Gabriel Seidel  
Harvey and Joyce Goldberg – in memory  
of Darlene Jaffe  
Les and Darryl Sutton – November and  
December Donations

### Religious School Donations

Carl and Bernice Greenstein – in honor  
of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
Howard and Gayle Evans

### Tree of Life Donation

Alexander and Cima Goldenberg – in  
memory of Ber Goldenberg

### Programs Donations

National Jewish Outreach Program –  
Sukkot Across America Grant

### General Donations

Vincent and Carole Nowell – in honor of  
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

### Additional High Holy Days Appeal Donations

Marc Borden – in memory of Helen  
Borden  
Arnold and Marilyn Kaufman –  
in memory of Family

צדקה  
TZEDAKAH

## Religious School

Shalom Everyone,

I hope you all had a fun and restful  
winter break.

All the religious school students did  
an amazing job in their Hanukkah  
play!

The religious school also earned \$50  
from the 50/50. Congratulations to the  
Richmond girls for winning the other  
half of the pot. Thank you to all who  
participated.

The teachers have a lot of exciting  
things planned for the rest of the  
school year.

Regards,

**Jen Rosenstein**

VP of Religious School

## Havurah

If you are a new or renewing member  
interested in joining a **Havurah**, call  
or email Penny Neugroschl at  
805-526-1570 or  
[PennyNeugroschl@yahoo.com](mailto:PennyNeugroschl@yahoo.com)

## Men's Club

The CBE Men's Club meets for  
breakfast at 9:15 AM, on the first  
Sunday of the month at the Religious  
School on Kadota, and on the 2nd  
Sunday of the month, at The Junkyard  
Café, 2585 Cochran Street, Simi  
Valley (Cochran Street just west of  
Sycamore). Call Alan Mann, (805)  
341-3836 or write to  
[alanmann60@att.net](mailto:alanmann60@att.net) so that he can  
let the restaurant know how many to  
expect.

Please contact [Michael Enright](mailto:Michael.Enright@att.net) for  
more info about the Men's Club.

**Michael Enright,**  
Men's Club President

## Thank You

*We have found the members  
of CBE to be warm & loving.  
On December 12, 2014 this was  
demonstrated when we were one of  
the sponsors of  
the oneg in honor of our 50th  
anniversary. We were  
presented with a beautiful  
certificate (that we will have  
framed) & during the oneg they  
had a lovely cake for us.*

*We were, and are, so touched.  
Thank you all.*

*Gayle & Howard Evans*



*Gayle and Howard Evans*



## Women of CBE

November and December have been busy months for the Women of CBE, but we have big plans for 2015 as well.

On November 9 at CBE we had a successful and enjoyable Hanukkah Boutique. So many sisterhood members turned out to sell, wrap, clean, serve food, and do whatever was needed to keep the vendors and customers happy. Thank you to Mike Enright & the Men's Club and to Sam Patera and Max Patera for all their help. Special thanks to the Religious School staff and volunteers for everything they did to make the day go smoothly.

Then on November 11 we had a delightful and creative meeting as Brenda Litt taught us new methods of jewelry making. We're grateful to our brilliant Programming VPs, Ronnye Sacks, Cathy Holst, and Sylvia LeVine, who always do such an amazing job.

Our annual Donor Event honoring those who do the most to raise funds for Sisterhood was held on November 16 at Custom

Pie in Moorpark, and everyone agreed it was the best Donor Event ever. Most of the biggest donors got their credits from supermarket scrip and gift card purchases. I encourage all CBE members to sign up for E-scrip at Ralphs and Vons and to purchase gift cards as often as possible, since this is a major fundraiser for us.

Sisterhood sponsored and set up the beautiful reception after the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service held at CBE. Thank you so much for their talent and hard work to Sandra Leon, RuthAnn Rossman (sisterhood's new Executive VP), Laura Tepfer, and all the others who labored to make it such a wonderful affair.

On December 9 we had our delightful Hanukkah Gift Exchange and Dinner at Jill Katell's lovely home. As always, we helped sponsor the CBE Hanukkah Party on December 14 with two full page ads in the program book. We also made donations to the Samaritan Center for the Homeless and to the Feed the Needy Fund.

Everyone is invited to join us on January 13 for a special one-woman show by ac-

tress-author Martha Abbey Miller about Franklyn D. Roosevelt and the women in his life. Martha has previously presented programs on Anne Frank, Beverly Sills and Margaret Mitchell at CBE and we are very excited to see this new performance.

Our annual Women's Tu Bishvat Seder will be held at the temple on February 10. This is always an inspiring experience as Rabbi Michele leads the special seder with our great new haggadot, especially if Tami Plotkin makes enough of her etrog liqueur.

We'll have a major fundraiser on March 21, Bunco Night, with a complete dinner, prizes, silent auction, opportunity drawings, and lots of fun and surprises. Bring all your friends and neighbors!


Please see the flyers elsewhere in this issue of Chai-Lites for more information on any of our events, or check out the sisterhood page on the temple website:

[congregationbnaimet.org/sisterhood](http://congregationbnaimet.org/sisterhood).


**Meridith Patera**  
Sisterhood President



**THE WOMEN OF CBE**  
invite you to our next general meeting:  
**Martha Abbey Miller performs:**




**ELEANOR, LUCY, AND THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE:**  
**A PERSPECTIVE ON FDR**



Learn about the complex relationships of FDR, First Lady Eleanor, Lucy Mercer and other women throughout his life in an interesting and insightful one-woman show by a writer and a dramatist renowned for her presentations about women of historical importance.

**Tuesday, January 13**  
**7 PM at CBE**  
**Open to all**




**The Women of CBE**  
invite you to our  
**TU BISHVAT SEDER**  
Led by  
**Rabbi Michele Paskow**  
With our beautiful new  
haggadahs  
**Tuesday**  
**February 10, 2015**  
**7 PM**  
**At the temple**  
**9 W. Bonita**  
**Simi Valley**



RSVP TO: Sylvia LeVine, [boliviansyvia@roadrunner.com](mailto:boliviansyvia@roadrunner.com) or Ronnye Sacks, [rehsacks@att.net](mailto:rehsacks@att.net) or Cathy Holst, [catherine3484@yahoo.com](mailto:catherine3484@yahoo.com) or call (805) 581-3723



## Oneg Sponsors

### November 14, 2014

Sharlene Pass in memory of her stepmother Ann Miller  
 Ronnye Sacks in memory of her father Lewis Howard  
 Cathy Holst in honor of her nephew's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 Laura Tepfer in honor of her niece's bat mitzvah  
 Miriam Hintz in memory of her brother Aaron Chusid  
 Gabe & Lesli Perez in honor of Lesli's 58<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 Minnie Anzo in memory of Rose Warren

### November 21, 2014

The Brandler Family in honor of granddaughter Lexi's  
 11<sup>th</sup> birthday

### November 28, 2014

The Sternberg & Abrahami Families in honor of the  
 naming of their grandchildren Hannah Gitta  
 Sternberg & Elijah 'Eli' Alexander Fleshman  
 The Ribstein Family in honor of Ryan's birthday  
 The York Family in memory of Gerald York

### December 5, 2014

The Mutal Family in memory of Robert Mutal  
 Emily Richmond in honor of Kaitlyn's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 The Katell Family in honor of Shawna's birthday  
 Marion Leon-Doten in memory of Dorothy Leon &  
 Jack Sovetky  
 David Gering in honor of the birthday of his mother  
 Claire Gering  
 The Friend Family in honor of Frida's birthday

### December 12, 2014

Howard & Gayle Evans in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
 Sharlene Pass in honor of her birthday  
 The Mutal Family in memory of Robert Mutal  
 Irwin Cohen in memory of his wife Vicki & in honor of his  
 granddaughter's 9th birthday  
 Cathy Holst in honor of her dad's recovery  
 Miriam Hintz in honor of Rachel & Ralph's  
 3rd anniversary

### December 19, 2014

The Hollander Family in honor of Erin's 24th birthday

**שבת שלום**  
*Shabbat Shalom!*

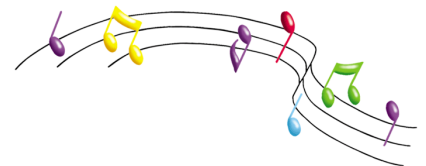
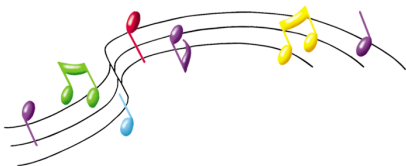
*Baby naming of the grandchildren of Rob & Judy Sternberg,  
 HANNAH GITTA STERNBERG & ELIJAH 'ELI'  
 ALEXANDER FLESHMAN*



For more information, go to  
<http://congregationbnaimet.org/events.php>



## *CBE Kids Singing Hanukkah Songs at the December 5 Shabbat Service*







## Let's Celebrate!



### *Birthdays*

Jan 01 Lee Smith  
 Jan 02 Stephanie Bergmann  
 Jan 02 Lloyd Picker  
 Jan 03 Jason Nadler  
 Jan 04 David James Rossman  
 Jan 05 Nicole Bordo  
 Jan 11 Laura Tepfer  
 Jan 12 Joyce Forster  
 Jan 13 Kenneth Bahr  
 Jan 16 Marilyn Hollander  
 Jan 16 Joshua Katell  
 Jan 16 Daniel Avram Sternberg  
 Jan 18 Aaron Cohen  
 Jan 20 Steven Richter  
 Jan 21 Eric Leon  
 Jan 25 Evan Gering

Jan 27 Alice Fiducia  
 Jan 27 Anne Levy  
 Jan 28 Stephen Epstein  
 Jan 31 Adrienne Roberts  
 Feb 01 Emma Baskin  
 Feb 01 Brett Moss  
 Feb 01 Emily Richmond  
 Feb 03 Robyn Seidel  
 Feb 04 Bonita Joy Cleantis  
 Feb 06 Mark Baskin  
 Feb 08 Seymour Botan  
 Feb 08 Matthew Levine  
 Feb 09 Jay Schoen  
 Feb 11 Jordan Levine  
 Feb 12 Tom Cleantis  
 Feb 13 Suzanne Epstein  
 Feb 14 Craig Foster

Feb 14 Lynn Salberg  
 Feb 19 Eva Bahr  
 Feb 22 Ronald Forster  
 Feb 23 Lauren Ranelletti  
 Feb 24 Sara Moss  
 Feb 26 Laura Luskin  
 Feb 26 Barry Selbst  
 Feb 27 Lillian Knecht

### *Anniversaries*

Jan 01 Janine and Michael Enright  
 Jan 04 Keith and Lynne Kelly  
 Jan 04 Al and Nirit Levy  
 Jan 23 Anthony and Laura Luskin  
 Jan 25 Michael and Marilyn Hollander  
 Feb 05 Ron and Sylvia LeVine  
 Feb 13 Harry and Patricia Schned

## *Hanukkah Boutique & Bake Sale Photos*



We're On the Web! <http://congregationbnaiemet.org>





## Annual Hanukkah Party

### Opening Greetings



### Student Play: Zlateh the Goat



### Adult Play: Be True to Your Shul



**Yahrzeits**

Jan 01	Stuart Keimon	Tevet 10	Feb 05	Dorothy Barasch Weiss	Shevat 16
Jan 02	Marvin Ackerman	Tevet 11	Feb 05	Dora York	Shevat 16
Jan 03	Morton Auerbach		Feb 06	Mariel Graflund	Shevat 17
Jan 03	Max Epstein	Tevet 12	Feb 06	Shirley Richter	Shevat 17
Jan 03	Salomon Goldstein	Tevet 12	Feb 06	Stella Zaltzman	Shevat 17
Jan 03	Irvin "Bud" Greenberg	Tevet 12	Feb 09	Shirley Hoffman	Shevat 20
Jan 04	Irving Brody		Feb 09	David Singer	Shevat 20
Jan 04	Florence Howard	Tevet 13	Feb 11	Gloria Goodman	Shevat 22
Jan 04	Steven Sacks	Tevet 13	Feb 11	Arthur Leon	Shevat 22
Jan 05	Leon Luger	Tevet 14	Feb 11	Marian Levin	Shevat 22
Jan 05	Rhoda Russ	Tevet 14	Feb 12	Nathan Brownstein	Shevat 23
Jan 06	Barbara Schwartz	Tevet 15	Feb 13	Frieda Finkbeiner	Shevat 24
Jan 07	Minerva Lefton	Tevet 16	Feb 14	Bernard Schwartz	Shevat 25
Jan 08	Clara Gordon	Tevet 17	Feb 15	David Bloch	Shevat 26
Jan 09	Anna Leader	Tevet 18	Feb 15	Joseph Hananel	Shevat 26
Jan 11	Gertrude Miller	Tevet 20	Feb 15	Nettie Riff	Shevat 26
Jan 11	Dorothy Zager		Feb 16	Alex Edward Mann	Shevat 27
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Jan 12	Israel Tepper	Tevet 21	Feb 17	Jay A. Keimon	Shevat 28
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Jan 16	Paul Sytten	Tevet 25	Feb 18	Bennett Krakauer	Shevat 29
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Jan 20	Edith Greenberg	Tevet 29	Feb 21	Bennie Riff	Adar 2
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Jan 28	Bernie Stern	Shevat 8	Feb 25	Max Perlson	Adar 6
Jan 29	Harry Hoffman	Shevat 9	Feb 26	Jack Trachtenberg	Adar 7
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Feb 02	Sophie Toni Shain	Shevat 13			
Feb 03	Sybil Kaplan	Shevat 14			
Feb 04	Beverly Pedowitz	Shevat 15			
Feb 05	Ken Stern	Shevat 16			



**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 the temple office with any questions regarding Yahrzeit data.**

**Thank you.**

**Condolences to:**

To the Mintz and Giles family on the passing of Steve Giles, husband of Miriam's sister Ivy.

To Alice Walsh Fiducia on the passing of her brother Michael Grauman.

To Jay Schoen and family on the untimely passing of his wife Melissa.

To the Sovetky and Doten families on the passing of Jack Sovetky

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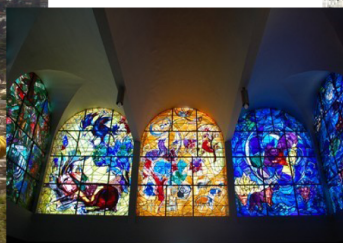
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Candle Lighting</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Torah Portion</u>
Jan 2 / 12 Tevet	4:39 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Vayechi—Genesis 47:28 - 50:26
Jan 9 / 19 Tevet	4:45 Pm	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Shemot—Exodus 1:1 - 6:1
Jan 16 / 26 Tevet	4:51 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Vaera—Exodus 6:2 - 9:35
Jan 23 / 4 Shevat	4:58 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Bo—Exodus 10:1 - 13:16
Jan 30 / 11 Shevat	5:05 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Beshalach—Exodus 13:17 - 17:16
Feb 3 / 15 Shevat		<b>Tu BiShevat</b>	
Feb 6 / 18 Shevat	5:12 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Yitro—Exodus 18:1 - 20:23
Feb 13 / 25 Shevat	5:19 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Mishpatim—Exodus 21:1 - 24:18
Feb.14		<b>Matthew Levine's Bar Mitzvah 4 PM</b>	
Feb 20 / 2 Adar	5:25 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Terumah—Exodus 25:1 - 27:19
Feb 27 / 9 Adar	5:32 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Tetzaveh—Exodus 27:20 - 30:10

### School Calendar

#### JANUARY

4 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #15  
 5 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #15  
 11 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #16  
 12 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #16  
 18 – no school – M.L. King Day  
 19 – no school – M.L. King Day  
 25 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #17  
 26 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #17

#### FEBRUARY

1 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #18  
 2 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #18  
 4 – **TU BISHVAT**  
**6 – Tu Bishvat Service – students perform**  
 8 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #19 – *Tu Bishvat Planting Day at CBE*  
 9 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #19  
 15 – No school – Presidents' Day  
 16 - No school – Presidents' Day  
 22 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #20  
 23 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #20



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