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 4th.

To celebrate Tu BiShevat you can have trees planted in Israel through the Jewish National Fund 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 10th (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 6th. 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**

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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 downward 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.

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Our Core Purpose: To Nurture Jewish Meaning, Connection and Continuity.
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**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**

WHERE: 9 W Bonita Drive
Simi Valley, CA 93065
**805-581-3723**
TIME: **12:00PM – 4:00PM**

Sponsored by:
Congregation B’nai Emet &
The Gathering Place

(See flyer on page 14)

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**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-Bishevav.

**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!
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 24th.

See you at temple!
Shalom,
Mitchell Salberg

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.

May 2015 be a year of compassion and blessing!

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

Congregation B'nai Emet
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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 you God commanded you to observe the Sabbath day”.

When we sing the Kiddush (prayer for the wine) we are reminded that the Shabbat . . . “zechar 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!

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.

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

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.

To reserve your place in class: (805) 581-3723 or congregationbnaiemet.org
**Fundraising Event**

**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

Religious School Donations
Carl and Bernice Greenstein – in honor of 50th 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

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

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 so that he can let the restaurant know how many to expect.

Please contact Michael Enright 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 actress-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 haggadah, 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: congregationbnaemet.org/sisterhood.

Meridith Patera
Sisterhood President
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 15th 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 58th birthday
Minnie Anzo in memory of Rose Warren

November 21, 2014
The Brandler Family in honor of granddaughter Lexi’s 11th 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 9th 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 50th 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

The Women of CBE Present:

An Evening of Fun & Food!
Bunco: a Wild and Crazy Easy-to-Learn Dice Game
Raffles, Silent Auction & Door Prizes

Saturday, March 21, 2015
6:30 PM
At Congregation B’nai Emet
9 West Bonita Drive
Simi Valley, CA 93065
(805)581-3723

$36 in advance/$45 at the door
For ages 18+
Includes complete dinner plus dessert & beverages; wine & beer

For more information, go to
http://congregationbnaiemet.org/events.php

Shabbat Shalom!

Baby naming of the grandchildren of Rob & Judy Sternberg,
HANNAH GITTA STERNBERG & ELIJAH ‘ELI’ ALEXANDER FLESHMAN
CBE Kids Singing Hanukkah Songs at the December 5 Shabbat Service
**Let’s Celebrate!**

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**Hanukkah Boutique & Bake Sale Photos**

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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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