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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 all of the minutiae of 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. Watching the turmoil and upheaval in the world today, the ideals of freedom, democracy and human dignity have 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 freedom, family, springtime, rebirth and renewal, 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.

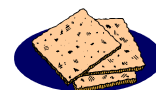
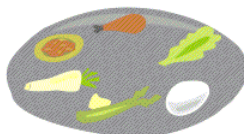
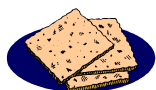
The optimism that comes from the new sights and smells of spring are, in a sense, reinforced in a Jewish context by Passover. Many of the Seder rituals exude this upbeat feeling. When we break the middle matzah to save half of it for dessert (the *afikoman*), we are actually learning to save and plan 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. This year our Community Seder will be on the second night of Passover, on Saturday April 7th at 6 pm at the Temple; children are welcome. I hope you'll join us. Each year it gets better and better!

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

Shalom v'chag sameach (happy holiday),

Rabbi Michele Paskow



President's Message by Michael Hollander



Spring is looming ahead and that usually brings positive feelings and hopeful thoughts that our lives will somehow be better. We have been in the doldrums, held captive by a weak economy along with an overall apprehensive feeling. Many people caught up in the financial net did not want to spend nor take any risks with their investments.

Unemployment still remains very high and foreclosures continue to dominate the economic forecast. However, we are starting to hear a few positive hints that the economic slide is slowing down and investors are venturing back out. When it comes to your community, I'm asking that your involvement in our Synagogue be your investment. The rewards are different for everyone, but well worth it in each case.

Your investment in Congregation B'nai Emet could be financial by increasing your pledges or adjusting your dues if you are currently on scholarship. Your investment could be volunteering a little more by supporting our Board, joining Men's Club or Sisterhood, or help us to rekindle a Youth Group. There is seed money available to make the launch that much easier. Your investment might just be attending more Friday evening services or taking more of the Rabbi's classes. Whichever works and makes you a better, more dedicated temple member will also work to support the community as a whole and everyone is better off for it...even our economy. Shalom and see you at services.

Michael Hollander

ADULT EDUCATION
PASSOVER STEP-BY-STEP
with Rabbi Michele
Sunday April 1st
11-12 AM at the
North Campus. (no fee).

Congregation B'nai Emet is on [facebook](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Congregation-Bnai-Emet-Simi-Valley-CA/133861023341661) - "Like" us at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Congregation-Bnai-Emet-Simi-Valley-CA/133861023341661>

The minutes of CBE Board meetings are available to all members in the Temple office.

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

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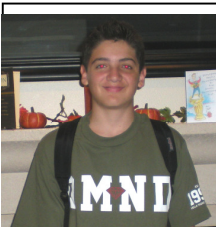
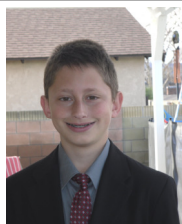
B'nai Mitzvah



Hi, my name is **Alex Stanton**. My Bar Mitzvah was on January 7, 2012. I live in Simi Valley with my Dad, mom, brother Adam and my dog JR. I have lived there my entire life. I am a 7th grader at Hillside Middle

School. I love school and I am in the honors program. I have been in Boy Scouts since I was in 1st grade and hope to get my Eagle Scout by the time I am 16. My hobbies are skate boarding, swimming, camping and reading. I love baseball and play as much as I can. When I go to college I am going to study to become an architect. For the past five years, I have been going to a Jewish sleep away camp during the summer. I love the Shabbat dinners and Israeli dancing. I plan on continuing with my Jewish education and would like to help tutor new bar and bat mitzvah students. I believe that having Jewish faith has kept me very grounded in my life.

Hi my name is **Ben Tabak**. I can't wait until my Bar Mitzvah on April 21, 2012. I live in Simi Valley with my parents Greg and Francine and also my two sisters Samantha and Rachel. I am a 7th grader at Sinaloa Middle school. For fun I like to hang out with my friends, go on hikes and play video games. After my bar mitzvah I will continue to remember all of my Jewish studies throughout the rest of my life.



My name is **Ryan Fromer**. I live in Simi Valley with my parents, Eric and Susan, along with my little brother Jason. I attend Sinaloa Middle School. I am going to be graduating in June. My Bar Mitzvah is April 28. My Bar Mitzvah important to me because it is a Jewish Tradition. My hobbies are basketball, golf and being with my friends.



Shalom, my name is **Rachael Rosenstein** and my Bat Mitzvah is on March 31, 2012. I will be sharing my Bat Mitzvah with my brother Ryan. I also have two loving parents who fully support me, Peter and Jennifer Rosenstein. I am a sixth grader at Sinaloa Middle School and I like to read, swim, and hang out

with my friends. For my Mitzvah Project I am asking people to order special license plates to help stop pet overpopulation. I chose this project because I love animals and my pets are very important to me. I plan to continue my Jewish education and attend Judaica High School and volunteer at the religious school after I graduate.

Shalom, my name is **Ryan Rosenstein** and my Bar Mitzvah is coming up. It will be on March 31st. I will have the Torah portion Tzav. My Bar Mitzvah project will be playing music for the elderly. I look forward to seeing the smiles on their faces. I will follow more Laws like keeping kosher after my Bar Mitzvah. I will also continue my Jewish education in Judaica High School. I live with my father, mother, grandma, and my sister, Rachael, who I will be sharing my Bar Mitzvah with. I hope a lot of the readers will come so I can share my happy moments with them.



Executive Vice President

It is hard to believe that another year as your Vice President has gone by. A lot has occurred in the past year. The Montessori Preschool has been upgraded, the temple roof has been repaired and the grounds have never looked better. Big thanks to Earl Rosado for heading the Montessori and roof repairs. Also, I would like to thank the landscape committee for your support in keeping the grounds in great shape.

There are still many projects on the bucket list for the temple. Some of the major projects include upgrading the bathrooms and a new temple access ramp for the physically challenged, painting both the inside and outside of the temple, a pad in the back of the temple for the storage container and upgrading the landscaping, including a new sprinkler system. With everyone's support, hopefully they can all be accomplished in the near future.

Sincerely,
Mitchell Salberg
Executive VP

SAVE THE DATES

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA, March 2nd, 7 pm. Family service followed by pot-luck hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Please remember, everything must be *parve* or dairy, no meat/ chicken.

COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER – 2nd night of Passover, Saturday April 7th. This will be held at the Temple. Bring your family and friends

**LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION
IN THIS ISSUE**

The Light Within Us by Cantor Michael Russ

One Year Fundraiser to Benefit CBE

Our friends at Mt. Sinai Memorial Parks are offering a great opportunity for Congregation B'nai Emet to raise \$5,000 in just one year. Called the **5-5 program**, at least five burial spaces must be purchased by Temple members, their family members or friends. As each purchase contract is paid off, Mt. Sinai will pay CBE \$1,000. for each space, but not unless five spaces are purchased within the year – the clock starts March 1st.

This great offer applies to selected property for before-need use at the Simi Valley location. Choices range from single side-by-side spaces to companion “estates” which provide benches and plants. Property that is already discounted is not eligible for this program.

It's so important to think of your family and plan ahead. This opportunity gives you a great incentive to look to the future, giving your loved ones peace of mind while, at the same time, providing Congregation B'nai Emet with some financial security.

For more information, please contact:

Doreen Kayne
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(805) 306-6413
dkayne@mountsinainaparks.org



Recently in a Chapel, I noticed a quote from the Book of Proverbs (20:27): “Ner Adonay, Nishmat Adam”, normally translated “The spirit (or soul) of man is the lamp of the Lord.” The word for lamp, “ner”, is used in our candle blessings. . . . “ . . . L’hadlick ner shel Shabbat . . . ” “to kindle the candles of Shabbat.”

The function of holiday candles is to make a distinction between the “Holy Day” and our day-to-day life. It is important to mark the special time and set aside time for the specialness of the holiday. The “Ner Tamid” (“the eternal light”) reminds us of the eternality of God. When a loved one dies, or on the anniversary of a loved one’s passing, we light a “yizkor” or memorial candle. This can help us take time to remember that individual. However, just as the candle only lasts so long, so we are reminded of the short time we have on this Earth so we can work to make our lives count every day.

According to our creation story in the Bible, God created “man” from the dust of the Earth and “blew into his nostrils the breath of life” (Genesis 2:7). In Hebrew, “Nishmat Chayim” is “the breath of life.” “Nishama” is a “breath” and/or “soul”. The “Nishmat Adam” from our original quote is the “spirit” or “soul of man”. We are of the dust of the Earth and within us is the spirit, or light, or breath of God.

Each day we need to be reminded of who we are. When our lives are dark we must search to find the light. When we feel as low as the dirt of the Earth we need to remember that within us is also that light, even if we have to search through the darkness to find it. The light is in each of us.

But also remember that light is a symbol of joy as well. In the book of Esther which we read on Purim: “And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad. The Jews had light, and gladness, and honor.” (Esther 8:15 & 16).

May our lives find us always searching for the light. And when we see that light, may we rejoice in it.



Thank you to
Matthew Nusbaum
for building the
beautiful new
Shabbat candle stand
in honor of his
Bar Mitzvah.
Thank you for your
generosity and
yasher koach!

Photo by Earl Rosado

Thank You to Auction Sponsors 2012 Purim Ball

Alex Shaw - Handyman Services	Meridith Patera
Ali Baba Café	Michael's Flower's
Arlene's Skin Care	Millie's Restaurant
Baja Fresh	Mountasia
Bodyworks by Myrna	Munchies
Brian Bemel - Ojai Storytelling Festival	Muvico Theaters
	NCIS
Brian Franklin	Northridge Skateland
Café Firenze	Panera Bread
California Pizza Kitchen	Petal Pusher Florist
Chuy's	Play It Again Sports
Cindy Elhai - Shop 4 Designer	Posada Royale Hotel & Suites
Knockoffs	Old Susana Café
Coco's	Red's BBQ
Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf	Renaissance Hollywood Hotel
Cookie & Arnie Uretsky - software	and Spa
Corner Bakery	Rite Aid
Do It Center	Ronald Reagan Library
Dr. Conkey's	Ruth Ann Rossman
Dr. Ron's Vet	Sharon Rose Jewelry
Dugout Grill & Bar	Simi Hills Golf Course
East Coast Pizza	Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center
Edible Arrangements	Sony Pictures
Elephant Bar	Souplantation
El Paseo Nail Salon	Stacy Chase - Facial/Waxing
El Patio	Starbuck's Coffee
Gold N Heart Jewelry	Steve Rossman - Handyman Services
Gold's Gym	Stonefire Grill
Green Acres	Subway
Hard Rock Cafe	Sutter's Mill Restaurant
Hershel Berger, DDS	TGI Friday's
Hidden Cottage	Pampered Chef - Karen Taketa
Hollywood Wax Museum	Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Center
Howie's Grill & Bar	Tierra Rejada Golf Club
Islands	Tire Pros
Jamba Juice	Trader Joe's
Jane's Jewelry	24 Hour Fitness
Jeff Melnick	Urban Sparrow
Jersey Mike's	Viva La Pasta
Jewel Time	Yolanda's
Joanne Miessner	
Just Trudi's Boutique	<u>Special Thank You To:</u>
Kingdom Sewing & Vacuum Center	Laurie Crites
	Cheryl Hirsch
Lost Canyons Golf Club	Sandy Melnick
Mac & Yazmin Peebles - Opportunity Tix	Meridith Patera
Market Broiler	Kathy Smith
Marmalade Cafe	Susie Stern
	ALL Event helpers



RuthAnn Rossman calling the winning numbers for the terrific raffle items.

Membership

With Passover coming up, I am reminded how one can relate each Jewish holiday to modern life. Each spring, we celebrate the beginning of a new era as free people during our Passover Seders. In Southern California, spring marks the beginning of the new growing season: trees grow new foliage and flowers begin to bloom. For me, spring marks the start of baseball, where every team starts with a clean slate. Regardless of how bad things have been in the past, each spring I am reminded that we have the opportunity to make the future better.

I would like to wish everyone a happy Passover, and would encourage you to participate in events at CBE; and maybe tell a friend, or two, about our Temple. I am always willing to welcome visitors and new members to our "family."

Ryan Richmond
VP Membership

Social Action

Every month, on the third Saturday, CBE feeds the needy at the United Methodist Church at Erringer and Cochran in Simi Valley. You can't imagine the feeling of gratitude to have the opportunity to do this great mitzvah. In these trying times, more and more people are coming each month.

We usually have six or seven people helping to prepare, serve and clean up. Each month a different board member is in charge of the process. In January, the CBE Preschool did a wonderful job feeding 70 people. In February, only four of us were there to help out. What a herculean effort! I am very impressed at how hard everyone worked. Fortunately, several of the guests helped with the set-up and clean up. We fed 65 people a fine dinner of roast chicken, green bean casserole, salad, mashed potatoes and gravy. And they ate every last bit of it! Irwin Cohen's green bean casserole was a big, delicious hit! Shelly Botan's mashed potatoes were a stunning success! Bob Poehls' clean-up skills are unrivaled. What a team!

Kol ha k'vod! Great job, everyone.

If you are interested in helping this month, or any month, please contact me at carlajshaw@yahoo.com or (805) 298-2239. You'll be glad you did.

Carla Shaw
VP Social Action

“Sock Hop” Photos

All Party Photos by Erik Breiter

CBE Members and Friends enjoyed Time Traveling back to the 1950's at the “Sock Hop” Purim Ball



Men's Club

The Men's Club is in the middle of planning its spring activities. We helped Sisterhood with their “Sock Hop” Purim Dance. Next is the Purim Carnival (Sunday March 4th) at our North Campus. It will be from Noon to 2:30pm. We will have a BBQ and Sisterhood is planning a Chicken Soup Cook-Off. Weather permitting, we will have a moon bounce plus lots of games and give-aways for our children.

Our March meeting will be Sunday, March 11, 9 am at Michael's Flowers at Sequoia and Los Angeles. At that meeting we will be discussing our recent activities, the new memorial wall for the temple, plus holding elections. As usual, bagels and cream cheese will be served and everyone should bring their own beverage.

If you wish more information please contact me at 805.527.9104 or mmmutal@gmail.com

Michael Mutal
Men's Club President



LIKE TO SING? JOIN THE CBE CHOIR.

*Dues are \$540 a year.
You must be a citizen of the United States.
You must be able to sight-read music
and read Hebrew fluently.
You must have perfect pitch.
You must be able to make 6 rehearsals a
week. (We take off Saturdays to observe
the Sabbath).
You must look good in Blue.*

Actually, **none of this is true!** We are just a bunch of people who do enjoy singing and each other's company.

There are no dues.
Most of us can't read music or Hebrew.
(Some of us even have trouble with English.)

We rehearse *occasionally*.
(Sometimes we sound like we don't even do that.)

Everyone looks good in Blue.



If you are interested, contact Irwin Cohen at [\(805\) 526-8432](tel:8055268432) or e-mail IrwinLCO@aol.com.

Women of CBE

Sisterhood is looking forward to some exciting events. Our elections will be held at our March meeting and installation of officers will be held at a restaurant (TBA) at our April meeting. This is a special event which we hope everyone will attend. Although the nominating committee has submitted a full slate of officers, if you are interested in working on the board in a particular position, please contact Janine Enright at (805)390-1601.

Our major fundraiser is being held on Feb 25, the Purim Ball. We're looking forward to a great event and will report our results as soon as possible. We have lots of fun things coming up; the year is not over!!! Hope to see all of you at Sisterhood meetings and good times.

Penny Neugroschl

President, Women of CBE



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM
stronger together



Sisterhood members enjoyed sharing household tips at the February meeting.

Oneg Sponsors

December 30, 2011

The Rossman family in honor of David's birthday
The Picker family in honor of Lloyd's birthday

January 6, 2012

The family of Alex Stanton in honor of his bar mitzvah
Teri Levy in honor of the Hebrew naming of
Holden Royce Levy
Laura Tepfer, a woman of a certain age, in honor of her birthday

January 13, 2012

The family of Andrew Nadler in honor of his bar mitzvah
Lynne Kelly in memory of Max Rabin
Valerie Singh in memory of Leonard Schwartz
Cathy Holst in honor of her two brothers' birthdays
Janine & Mike Enright in honor of their 12th anniversary

January 20, 2012

The family of Lucas Cohen in honor of his bar mitzvah
Ken & Suzanne Epstein in honor of the birthdays of
Marilyn Hollander & Stephen Epstein,
& in honor of Michael & Marilyn
Hollander's anniversary
Jill & Gabe Katell in honor of Josh's 18th birthday
Ronnye Sacks in honor of her daughter Tamara's birthday
The Leon family in honor of Eric's birthday
The Plotkin family in memory of Mildred Plotkin

January 27, 2012

John Fiducia in honor of Alice Fiducia's birthday
Marty Richter in memory of Shelly Richter

February 3, 2012

The families of the 3-4 Class
Laura Tepfer in honor of her new niece, Carmella
The Moss family in honor of Brett's birthday
Eric & Michelle Levine in honor of Matthew's
10th birthday

February 10, 2012

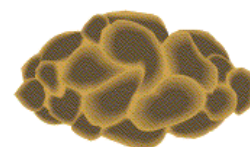
Ron & Sylvia Levine in honor of their 6th anniversary
Lloyd & Carole Picker in honor of granddaughter
Jennifer's 23rd birthday
The Moss family in honor of Brandon Enright's
completion of his G.E.D.

February 17, 2012

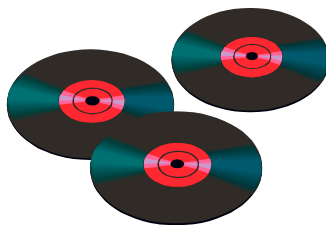
The Mann Family in memory of Alan's father,
Alex Edward Mann

February 25, 2012

The Family of Matthew Nusbaum in honor of his
bar mitzvah
Deborah Bass in memory of her mother Barbara Bass
Meridith Patera in memory of Ruth Wilkerson
Doris Foster in memory of Barbara Bass
The Moss family in honor of Sara's birthday
Ruth Ann Rossman



More "Sock Hop" Photos



Fundraising

Raise some money for CBE while enjoying dinner.

A fun and easy fundraiser is scheduled for Monday, March 12 at Chili's Restaurant in Simi Valley! They will donate 15% of everything you spend. **Coupons or gift cards or will not count** toward fundraiser. You must bring a flyer (below or print from CBE web site) and hand it to the server when ordering to show that you are there for the fundraiser. Let's try and get all of our friends to Chili's and raise over \$500 for the congregation! I know that we can do it!

Linda Martins-Mann

VP Fundraising

Web Link: <http://congregationbnaimet.org/CBE%20Chili%27s%20fundraiser%203-2-12%20flyer%20Half%20page.pdf>

HELP Congregation B'nai Emet Simi Valley, CA Raise Funds

WHEN: Monday, March 12, 2012
TIME: 11:00AM - 10:00PM
LOCATION: Chili's Restaurant
 25 West Cochran Street
 Simi Valley, CA 93065
PHONE: (805) 527-0377



SUBMIT FLYER

&

Congregation B'nai Emet OF Simi Valley, CA
 WILL RECEIVE 15% OF YOUR BILL!
 GOOD FOR DINING IN OR TAKE-OUT!

NO

other coupons, discounts or specials may
 be used for this event



Food! Bake Sale! Puppet Show! Games!

PURIM CARNIVAL

MARCH 4 - 12-3 PM

CONGREGATION B'NAI EMET
CBE NORTH CAMPUS
3050 Kadota Street
Simi Valley, CA 93063

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

Moontbouice! Prizes! Raffle! Chicken Soup Cook-off!

Call for entries
CHICKEN SOUP COOK-OFF*

*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 4
 12-3 PM
 CBE North Campus

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

This is a fundraiser for Women of CBE.

To enter please contact Meridith at
mspatera@earthlink.net or 805.300.0217

ADULT WORKSHOP

THE PARADIGMS OF PURIM:

UNRAVELING THE LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF ESTHER

Sun. March 4
 10:15 - 11:15 AM
 3050 Kadota St.
 (CBE Preschool site)
 With Rabbi Michele

We will discover some of the deep meanings of this joyous holiday.
 Hamantaschen & coffee will be served.
 Free! (Donations welcome to support CBE programs)

More info:
 (805) 581-3723



Celebrate Purim!

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

5th & 6th graders present a pantomime of the Purim story!
 Purim sing-along!
 Megillah reading!
 Hamantaschen & other goodies!

Costume Parade & Contest with prizes for all!



**March 2
7 PM
9 W. Bonita Drive
Simi Valley, CA
93065**

**Join us for a family shabbat program
followed by a pot-luck Oneg of light
appetizers & delicious desserts.**

Since its launch in 1997, the acclaimed Shabbat Across America Program has brought hundreds of thousands of Jews together for an annual fun-filled Friday night event.

Shabbat Across America is the first nationally orchestrated program to appeal to members of all major Jewish denominations. We hope that a memorable and rewarding experience at the event will infuse all Jews with a sense of a greater commitment to Judaism.

Women of CBE invite you to join us for:
Passover Memories
Tues. March 13 - 7 PM
At the temple

Join us for an evening of nostalgia & learning as we share tales of Passovers past, discuss some traditions from olden days & other Jewish communities, and make a lovely item for your seder table.

RSVP to Meridith at
mspatera@earthlink.net or
805.300.0217

COMMUNITY SEDER



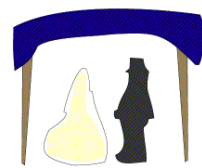
**Led by Rabbi Michele Paskow
Saturday, April 7 (second night)
6:00 PM**

**At the Temple - 9 W. Bonita
Simi Valley**

Complete dinner catered by Majestic Caterers
\$36 CBE member adults, \$20 CBE member children
\$45 non-member adults, \$30 non-member children
Children tickets are for ages 6 - 12. Children 5 and under are free.



For questions, contact Ruth Ann Rossman at bnaiemet@rain.org or (805) 581-3723.
For order form or to pay on line, go to www.congregationbnaiemet.org



Birthdays

Mar 1 Rachael Rosenstein	Apr 4 Jena Storry
Mar 3 Jerry Bergmann	Apr 4 Aaron Weinstein
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Mar 28 Stanley Melnick	Apr 25 David Bergmann
Mar 28 Brandy Taylor	Apr 25 Marla Donaldson
Mar 29 Jacqueline Sion	Apr 25 Sean Kelly
Mar 30 Jennifer Rosenstein	Apr 26 Michelle Scharf
Mar 31 David Kieselbach	Apr 28 Glen Knecht
Apr 2 Max Slotnick	Apr 30 Renee Kieselbach
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Mar 8	Julie and Stephen Storry
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Mar 6	Jack Shuster	Adar 12	Apr 2	Iris Lefton	Nissan 10
Mar 7	Mary Hollander	Adar 13	Apr 2	Bernadine Paige	Nissan 10
Mar 8	Leo Plotkin	Adar 14	Apr 3	Sidney Friedman	Nissan 11
Mar 8	Serena Weiss	Adar 14	Apr 5	Moses Strassburger	
Mar 9	Max David Greenberg	Adar 15	Apr 6	Rosy Hollander	Nissan 14
Mar 9	Julie Heimann	Adar 15	Apr 7	Shirley Oliver	Nissan 15
Mar 10	Anne Klein	Adar 16	Apr 8	Lisa Weissbrod	Nissan 16
Mar 10	Nathan William Kritzer	Adar 16	Apr 11	Marvin Kraft	Nissan 19
Mar 10	Mildred Ruth Picker	Adar 16	Apr 11	Gail Lenore Shapiro	Nissan 19
Mar 11	William Finkbeiner	Adar 17	Apr 12	Sherman Doctrow	Nissan 20
Mar 12	Marcia Grossman	Adar 18	Apr 12	Trudy Jackman	
Mar 13	Alvin Pass	Adar 19	Apr 12	Samuel Zimmerman	Nissan 20
Mar 15	Edward Abe Lindenbaum	Adar 21	Apr 13	Sandra Abala	Nissan 21
Mar 15	Meyer Siegel	Adar 21	Apr 13	Irving Lamm	
Mar 16	Dorothy R. Hasson	Adar 22	Apr 15	Morris Davis	Nissan 23
Mar 16	Ann Stern	Adar 22	Apr 16	Martin Mitchel	Nissan 24
Mar 17	Shirley Bergmann	Adar 23	Apr 17	Curtis Picker	Nissan 25
Mar 17	Jacob Landau	Adar 23	Apr 18	Pearl Wohlner	Nissan 26
Mar 18	Emanuel "Manny" Singer	Adar 24	Apr 19	Joyce Alexman	Nissan 27
Mar 20	Helen Kelson	Adar 26	Apr 19	Larry Frankl	Nissan 27
Mar 21	Helen Rogen	Adar 27	Apr 20	Lawrence Franklin	Nissan 28
Mar 21	Joseph Weissbrod	Adar 27	Apr 22	Arthur Korn	Nissan 30
Mar 22	Lewis Greene	Adar 28	Apr 23	Leslie Goldhammer	Iyar 1
Mar 22	Gerald Schned	Adar 28	Apr 24	Simon Mitchel	Iyar 2
Mar 22	Joan Tratner		Apr 25	Ida Axelrod	Iyar 3
Mar 23	Jillian Dru Abrams	Adar 29	Apr 25	Helen Borden	Iyar 3
Mar 25	Burton Borrok	Nissan 2	Apr 26	Cathy Mae Bourland	Iyar 4
Mar 26	Dario Acevedo	Nissan 3	Apr 26	Helen Eichner	Iyar 4
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Mar 27	Morris Glassman	Nissan 4	Apr 27	Stanley Kubik	Iyar 5
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Mar 28	Bertha Brody		Apr 28	Addie S. Friedman	Iyar 6
Mar 28	Pinnie Firestein	Nissan 5	Apr 28	Oliver Gottlieb	Iyar 6
Mar 29	Marie Menke	Nissan 6	Apr 28	Michael Kelson	Iyar 6
Mar 29	Ruth Singer	Nissan 6	Apr 28	Miriam Mann	Iyar 6
Mar 30	Shannon Cricco	Nissan 7	Apr 29	Al Chudler	Iyar 7
Mar 30	Nessine Ribstein		Apr 29	Rita Priest	Iyar 7
Apr 1	Samuel "Ken" Greenberg	Nissan 9	Apr 30	Maude Leibert	Iyar 8
Apr 1	Oscar Keimon	Nissan 9	Apr 30	Stanford Weinstein	Iyar 8



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.

Condolences to:

Karen Ribstein on the passing of her father, Jay Zager.

Tracie (Erik) Breiter on the passing of her mother, Toni Shain.

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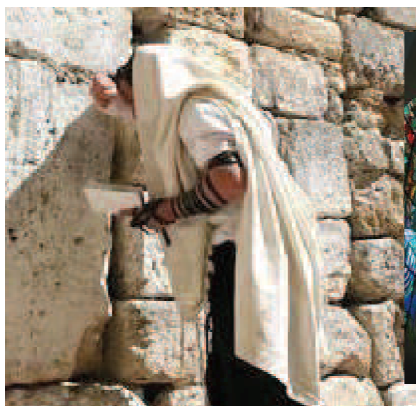
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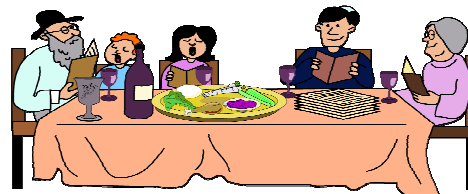
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Mar. 2/9 Adar	5:35 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Tetzavey—Ex. 27:20-30:10
Mar. 9/16 Adar	5:40 PM	Purim Service 7 PM	Tisa—Ex. 30:11-34:35
Mar. 16/23 Adar	6:46 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Vayakhel-Pekudei—Ex. 35:1-40:38
Mar. 23/1 Nisan	6:51 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Vayikra—Lev. 1:1-5:26
Mar. 30/8 Nisan	6:57 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Tzav—Lev. 6:1-8:36
March 31		B'nai Mitzvah of Ryan & Rachael Rosenstein	
Apr. 6/15 Nisan	7:02 PM	1st Night of Passover	
Apr. 13/22 Nisan	7:08 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	
Apr. 20/28 Nisan		Holocaust Remembrance Day	
Apr. 20/29 Nisan	7:13 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Shemini—Lev. 9:1-11:47
April 21		Bar Mitzvah of Ben Tabak	
Apr. 26/5 Iyyar		Israel Independence Day	
Apr. 27/6 Iyyar	7:18 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Tazria-Metzora—Lev. 12:1-15:33
April 28		Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Fromer	

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