Rabbi’s Message: Israel Chai-lights - Israel at 60

Dear Friends:

This year Hanukkah begins Tuesday night December 4th. Merchants and Jewish kids will probably be very happy about this. That’s ok. Merchants have to do business to keep the economy going and all children want to be part of a big celebration and receive presents.

As I prepare for Hanukkah this year, rereading the famous stories about the Hasmonean revolution, the miracle of the cruse of oil, and the Temple rededication, a simple, obvious, but often overlooked question comes to mind: why do we observe Hanukkah for eight days? Didn’t the actual miracle only last for seven days, not eight? When the Maccabees reentered the Temple, they found enough oil for one day, so the actual miracle only lasted for seven days, not eight!

Let me share some possible answers to this question with you. Some say that the first day of Hanukkah commemorates the miracle of the military victory: “on the 25th day of Kislev the Jews rested from battle with their enemies.” They, therefore, celebrated that day as a miraculous military victory and the remaining seven as a spiritual and religious victory.

Others suggest that the small amount of oil discovered was divided into eight portions to last the eight days required to produce new oil. During this time the menorah would be lit for at least a brief period every evening; miraculously, however, this small amount of oil poured into the menorah each evening burned the entire day. Therefore the miracle did indeed last a period of eight days.

A third explanation suggests that the very fact that the people did not despair from lighting the lamps even the first day, when they knew they would not have enough oil for the next day, was in itself a great miracle. This can be thought of as the miracle which enables the Jewish people to endure through all the generations. Had we always tried to surmise what the future held in store for us at the outset of every calamity, we would have lost our capacity to survive long ago. However, we have placed our trust and our faith both in God and in ourselves, in our own ability to persist, to resist and to move forward.

These are all interesting, creative and possible answers to my opening question; sometimes there is more than one way to answer a question! The main point is that during this time we bring LIGHT into our homes. We celebrate our heritage and existence as Jews. We come together as families, friends and community to remember our victories and to reaffirm our faith in our Jewish teachings and precepts. As we eat latkes, play dreidle, exchange gifts, sing Hanukkah songs, laugh and rejoice, let’s renew our devotion to our faith and rededicate ourselves to our holy teachings.

Have a Happy Hanukkah. I hope you receive all the presents you want.
Shalom!

Rabbi Michele Paskow
President’s Message by Earl Rosado

I hope that 5768 has been a good year for everyone so far. Since the last newsletter there have been a number of things that have happened at CBE. The High Holy days, General membership meeting, Sukkot, movie night, Simchat Torah, Relay for Life and bunko.

Thank you to Rabbi Michele and Cantor Russ for the wonderful services they presented for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Also, it is always a pleasure to hear Adina sing during the High Holydays.

There were 48 CBE families represented at our General membership meeting. There was a report given by the Bonita committee which led into a question and answer period followed by some discussion time. A motion was passed by 87% of the families in attendance to sell the Corto property.

Thanks to Robert Sternberg for a wonderful movie night evening. It was a great movie, good food and lots of fun with all the people who were there.

We had a full house for Simchat Torah with lots of dancing, singing and Torah carrying. The kids had a great time and of course there was plenty of food.

Thanks to Susie Fintz for organizing the “Big Inning” Relay for Life team. I wasn’t able to make the Havdalah Service but heard there were about twenty people there. There is a collage of pictures that Susie took at the Relay for Life which is being displayed at the Temple. Thanks to the sisterhood for putting together one of the best Bunko nights we have had.

The Corto property was put on the market for sale a couple weeks ago. There have been a few offers made on the Corto property. One of the offers has been accepted and we are waiting for the contracts to sign.

The Bonita property is still on the market! There has been a revised offer made on the Bonita property and we are waiting for a response from the Bonita people.

Please keep November 4th open for the annual Mitzvah Day activities that have been scheduled by Susie Fintz. If you don’t have time to help out, there are a number of other things you can do to show your support. You could buy T-Shirts; donate OLD sneakers, VCR tapes, food and more.

Don’t forget our annual Hanukah play directed by Meridith Patera. Meridith has a part for everyone.

Shalom,

Earl Rosado

The minutes of CBE Board meetings are available to all members in the Temple office.
Got Mitzvah?
A huge thank you goes to everyone who participated in the Relay for Life. I counted 51 congregants who walked and even more who donated to this very worthy cause. Together we raised $3,741 for American Cancer Society. The Relay is expected to exceed our goal of $400,000 by the time all company matches and late donations are tallied. See photos in this newsletter and on our website of a few of our participants. More photos are displayed at the Temple. Thanks, again, to everyone who truly made this a very Big Inning for CBE and the ACS!

Now it’s time to turn our focus to Mitzvah Day. Collection tubs are at the Temple for the following drives:

1. School supplies that will go to kids in need in our Simi schools

2. DVD’s and VHS movies for boys at the Camp Kilpatrick juvenile detention facility. New or gently used VCR’s are also welcome. These movies will be used to reward good behavior for the teens at this facility. Please make sure the movie content is appropriate for teenage boys.

3. Used athletic shoes to be recycled through Nike for material used to build playground surfaces.

4. Thanksgiving food for Many Mansions. This food will be given to families living at Many Mansion facilities to help them create a Thanksgiving dinner that they otherwise would not be able to afford. Please donate only food from this list: corn muffin mixes, cans of cranberry sauce, cans of pumpkin pie filling, graham cracker crusts, cans of green beans, cans of cream of mushroom soup, cans of dried onion topping, gravy packets, dressing/stuffing mix.

On Mitzvah Day, November 4, all donated articles will be packed for delivery to these charities. Our Hebrew school students will be creating name tags to be used on backpacks being sent to Darfur by Jewish World Watch. We will also have a letter writing campaign for messages of gratitude for our troops abroad to support Operation Gratitude. Letter writing materials and instructions will be available at the Temple on Mitzvah day for anyone who wants to participate.

Don’t know what to do with all that leftover Halloween candy? Bring it to the Temple on Mitzvah Day and we’ll donate it to Operation Gratitude who will send it to our troops abroad. And don’t forget – Mitzvah Day T-shirts are available for purchase at the Temple for $7.

We continue to volunteer to Feed the Needy the third Saturday of every month. Thanks to the Youth group and Men’s Club who helped with this task for the last 2 months. Please consider organizing a group from your affiliate, Havurah, family or friends to help out and contact me at 818-298-5433 to be scheduled.

Your Mitzvah Maven,

Susie Fintz

Bar Mitzvah

Shalom! My name is Colby Glazer.
I live in Simi Valley with my parents Michael and Cherrill. I have a brother, Zack, who is 14, and two dogs, Magic and Sugar. I am currently in the 7th grade at Valley View Middle School. My hobbies are paintballing, skateboarding, and all sports. My Bar Mitzvah is important to me because I will become a Jewish adult. To me, being a Jew is connecting to God. For my Bar Mitzvah project I am collecting cans and bottles at CBE for recycling. The money raised from the recycling project will be donated to the temple. This not only helps the temple, but also helps the environment. I am excited to become a Jewish adult through becoming a Bar Mitzvah and studying the Jewish religion.

Save the Dates

Annual Thanksgiving Interfaith service
Wed. night Nov. 21st, 7:30 pm.

Our next creative, lively and musical Java Nagilla Shabbat will be held on Friday Dec. 14th

Thank you -- Todah Rabbah -- to everyone who helped us with the High Holyday preparations, set-up and organization - to both Sisterhood and Men’s Club. Also thank you to each person who participated in the services. Special thanks to Geri Brandler for all her help in arranging the readers; to Irwin Cohen and the CBE choir, and to Barbara, Bob, Aaron and Bethany Poehls for their beautiful musical preludes to each service. It felt so wonderful to join together as a community in observance of our High Holydays.
The Modern Message of Hanukkah

As children, most of us were told at Hanukkah time the legend of the small cruse of oil miraculously lasting not one, but eight days as a sign that God favored our people. This story is still a favorite among children, inspiring them with the mystery and a sense of awe as each night they recount the tale and look forward to the kindling of all eight lights on the final night.

**Judaism's Continuity**

Despite the important place this story has assumed in Jewish tradition, the true story of Hanukkah takes on special relevance for the modern Jew. This holiday speaks to us not only of religious vigilance in the face of the external threats, but also of Jewish identity, the dual threats of assimilation and fundamentalism, and the supreme value of our people's continuity from one generation to the next.

**Maccabean Revolt**

Many believe that the story of Hanukkah revolves around the battle between the Greeks led by the Syrian king, Antiochus, and the Jews, led in revolt by Mattathias Maccabee and his sons. This is only part of the story. In truth, the Maccabean revolt was a civil war waged between the fundamentalist lower class traditional Zealots living in the hill country in coalition with the modern urbanized Hellenized Jews living in the cities against the extreme Hellenized Jews who had all but forsaken Jewish tradition.

**The Greek Influence**

It is important for us to consider the unique conditions which gave rise to this war. For two centuries since Alexander the Great conquered Asia Minor, Greek culture brought philosophy, the arts, the applied sciences, literature and wealth to the countries within the Greek orbit. The cult of the body led to freer sexual morality, the growth of the gymnasium, athletics, and sculpture glorifying the human form. Jews were attracted to these cultural influences and many adopted the Greek ways, spoke Greek, took on Greek names, and abandoned the traditions of their forbears. Jewish youth began to compete naked in the gymnasium, the brit of the covenant became a liability towards inclusion in the general society, Sabbath worship seemed parochial, and the laws of Torah were regarded as irrelevant and anathema to life.

**Sacrifice at Temple Mount**

Meanwhile the Syrians were battling for control of the land of Israel against the Egyptian Seleucids. As the Greeks began to lose their hold on the land, their rulers became harsh and insensitive to the religious and cultural ways of the population. The local ruler, the self-appointed High Priest Menalaus, established a new city (i.e. Aelia Capitolina) on the site of Jerusalem, gave a Greek name to the God of Israel, introduced the detested pig to the Temple Mount as a sacrifice, and celebrated Greek festivals there.

**Coalition of Jewish Factions**

These extreme Hellenizing moves galvanized both the moderately Hellenized Jews of the cities with the more radical and traditional followers of Mattathias. The moderates, who might have once been sympathetic to Greek culture, watched as Jewish towns and populations were destroyed. This was too much for many who felt primordially Jewish. Thus, a coalition was forged between moderates and traditionalists against those who had long lost all semblance of Jewish loyalty. War was waged, and only because the Syrians were engaged in a war to the East did the Jewish community prevail and reassert its national hegemony on the land of Israel.

**History Reaffirming Our Identity**

This history reflects more than a battle for religious freedom. It is also a story of reassertion of new Jewish nationalism, of the dangers of unchecked assimilation and of intolerant fundamentalism. It is a story which calls upon Jews everywhere to reaffirm our Jewish identities and loyalties while at the same time acknowledging positive influences that work upon us from other cultures.
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The Fineberg Family in Honor of the 19th anniversary of Carole’s 29th birthday

Women of CBE

SISTERHOOD NEWS – Happy Hanukkah!

Program Meeting – November 13 – Iris Folding
Once again, Susie Fintz is going to teach us how to make a beautiful card using the Iris Folding technique. This time we will create a gorgeous Hanukkah card, so you won’t want to miss this one. RSVPs are a MUST so she knows how many card sets to prepare.

Hanukkah Boutique – November 18
Our fabulous Hanukkah Boutique, coordinated by Meridith Patera, is coming to the Temple. You can do all your holiday shopping and buy something for yourself, too – go ahead, no one is watching!

Hanukkah Party and Gift Exchange – December 11
This wonderful annual event will be at Meridith’s Clubhouse. We will have a delicious dinner catered by Brent’s Deli. The cost is $15 and a $10 gift for the always exciting and suspenseful gift exchange. RSVPs are a MUST!!

One Night in Shushan: A Monte Carlo Night Purim Extravaganza! – March 22
The first planning meeting for our major fundraising event was October 16. Although it was a small group, we made a great start in moving this event forward. The next meeting will be on November 20, 7:00 PM at the Temple. Any Sisterhood or Men’s club members are welcome.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful Sisterhood Board members. They do a wonderful job in keeping our many Sisterhood and Temple activities going. Our officers are: First VP, Geri Brandler, VP Membership: Barbara Hoff & Carole Picker, VP Programs - Ronnye Sachs & Penny Neugroschl, VP Ways & Means-Shari Goldstein, Treasurer - Kathy Smith, Secretary - Michelle Forman. Our committee chairs are: Judaica Shop: Bobbie Sion, Geri Brandler & Meridith Patera; Onegs: Susie Fintz, Scrip/gift cards: Lois Friedman & Cindy Shilkoff, Donor – Meridith Patera, Tribute Cards: Lynne Kelly and Gently Used Jewelry – Cathy Holst. Thanks so very much for all of the very hard work all of you do – it is an honor to work with such a terrific group of people!

Carla Shaw
President – Women of CBE

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The Proctor Family In Honor of Adam’s & Theresa’s Birthdays

October 26, 2007
The Smith Family in Honor of Kathy’s & Leanna’s Birthdays
The Sion Family in Honor of Bobbie’s Birthday
Lesli Friedman in Memory of her Father Carl Kitt, Sr.
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1. You enjoy singing and want to form attachments with others who enjoy singing.
2. You want to learn more about music.
3. You want to learn more about prayer.
4. You want to learn more about Hebrew. (Reading Hebrew not required. Everything is transliterated into English.)
5. Want to participate more in the service and get good seats.
6. You need an outlet for expressing yourself.
7. You need an occasional night away from the daily grind.
8. You don’t have a budget for therapy. (Remember, music “soothes the savage soul.”)
9. You’re ready to try your singing outside the shower and the car.
10. You’ve thought about it a million times.

HANUKKAH BOUTIQUE

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Survivors’ Lap

Dan and Geri Brandler, Sally Lefton, Rabi Michele, Josh Blumenfeld, and Lloyd Picker celebrate Havdalah.

Blessings for Chanukah Lights

The candles are placed in the Chanukiah (or menorah) from right to left as you face the Chanukiah, but you light the candles from left to right thus lighting the newest candle first.

ברוך אתה נבון מלך גואלה עמר קדוש אלהים נשמות ו qualità להם ושלום עליכם

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, melech ha-olam, asher kideshanu b’mitzvotav v’tizivanu l’hadlik ner shel Chanukkah.

Blessed is Adonai our God, Source of all life, who gives us Mitzvot that make us holy, and commands us to kindle the lights of Chanukkah.

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Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, melech ha-olam, she-asah nisim l’avoteinu, b’yamim ha-hem, bazman ha-zeh.

Blessed is Adonai our God, Source of all life, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in those days at this time.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Monarch of time and space, who has kept us alive, upheld us, and brought us to this holy time once more.
CBE Concert

PLATINUM SILVER & GOLD
CBE Celebrates 30 Years
Cantor Russ Celebrates 20 years
with CBE

Join us at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza – Scherr Forum Theatre
February 10, 2009 at 2:00 in the afternoon.

Soon the invitations will be sent. Since our first mailings, we have received a very strong verbal response concerning attendance. We have begun selling space in the program, which will be distributed at the concert. This Program/Ad Book is a great way to raise income for the temple. If we can get each family to sell at least one ad, then the temple’s proceeds would increase greatly. If you would like to see samples of past programs they can be seen at the Temple or for more information and details please call Robert Sternberg or Cantor Russ or email us at cbeconcert@yahoo.com.

Approximately 800 invitations will be sent within the next few weeks. If you would like some invitations for friends and relatives please let us know. The seating is limited and we expect a full house so when you get your invitation be sure to reserve your tickets early in order to insure a seat at this terrific event. Those purchasing Benefactor seating and Patron seating will be invited to a special reception with Cantor Russ and Adina following the concert.

Adina and I are looking forward to singing for you and we are already having great fun planning this concert for the benefit of Congregation B’nai Emet.

Let’s celebrate together, have a great time and give CBE a great boost.

Cantor Michael Russ

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The K/1 class receives torahs and blessings at the consecration service on October 5.

Kiddush in the Sukkah.

Cantor Michael and Merle Russ march on Simchat Torah.
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Wishes for a **Refuah Shlemah**, a full recovery, to:

- Harlan Gould
- Herman Gold
- Dan Brandler

Doris Hollander-Gould’s two older grandchildren are away at college; Justin Faerman is at UC Santa Barbara and Jessica Jawitz is at UC San Diego.

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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. 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 the Families of:

Simon Urstein, father of Lisa (Dellon) Strommen, grandfather of Tanner and Summer Strommen.

Rose Gershwin, the grandmother of Mindy (Ronald) Schneidereit, great-grandmother of Joey, Curtis and Rachel.

Dorothy Gould, mother of Mark Gould, the grandmother of Brandon and Bailey Gould and the mother-in-law of Lisa Marlow Gould.

Dixie Cohen, wife of Claude and mother of Jordan and Rachelle.

Stu Stern, husband of Susan Riessen, father of Sam. Stu was a founding member of Congregation B’nai Emet and a long-time supporter of our congregation and Men’s Club.

Joel Ribstein, who is survived by his wife Karen and children Ryan and Brittany. The Ribsteins have been CBE, Men’s Club and Sisterhood members for many years.
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