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Dear Friends – Shalom Chaverim!

This month we commemorate both Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah – 4/8) and Israel Independence Day (Yom Ha'Atzma'ut – 4/15). If you had told a Jew in Auschwitz in 1944 that there would be a Jewish state 4 years later, he would have told you that you were dreaming! While Israel is celebrating her 73rd anniversary as a modern country, her history and

connection to the Jewish people goes back over 4,000 years. We are one of the oldest continuous traditions, going back to ancient times. We have even revived the ancient Hebrew language, the original language of the Bible!

While people try to de-legitimize Israel and deny any Jewish claim to the land, there really is no disputing it! The more one digs, the more evidence is found! In fact, a recent excavation (trying to beat out looters), yielded new spectacular finds of Dead Sea Scroll fragments and more proof of a Jewish community in that region 2,000 years ago. There haven't been any finds like this for over 60 years. The Israel Antiquities Authority has only now started to publicize the results of their 4-year project to survey and investigate 550 caves along the Dead Sea valley. Specifically, the fragments that were found were from the Prophetic books of Zechariah and Nahum.



The Cave of Horror—where Jewish men, women, and children were besieged by Romans until they starved to death—is only reachable today by rappelling down the side of the mountain!



Harnessed up for safety in the precarious conditions, Israeli Antiquities archaeologists sieve sediment for small finds at the entrance to the cave.

Interestingly, they are written in a combination of Greek and ancient Hebrew and even at the time of the Bar Kockba Revolt, in 132 of the common era, these specific scrolls were already heirlooms. Perhaps that is why the Jewish people who fled to these caves took these scrolls with them—because they were so precious to them.

To learn more about this incredible find, watch:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQfh5sN4wk0>

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On Israel's 73rd anniversary, we say Mazal Tov v'Kol haKavod on your survival, tenacity, and tremendous success, despite having all of the odds stacked against you. Israel truly represents the words m'Shoah l'Tekumah, "from destruction to renewal". May we pray and work for peace, freedom, and respect for all people, and at the same time, may we be strong and supportive of ourselves, our heritage and our communities. May we be proud of who we are and may we continue to thrive and grow.

Am Yisrael Chai!

The People of Israel are alive!

Shalom u'vrachah,
Rabbi Michele Paskow

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Presidential Ponderings



It's been a long sabbatical for CBE's Chai Lites but we are back now, and fully up to steam!

In spite of the Covid-19 pandemic that has effectively shut down all live Shabbat services, Religious School classes, in-house fundraisers, and other social events, lots

has still happened within the CBE community. In fact, I believe CBE has gotten stronger during this yearlong isolation. Our congregation has bonded together with weekly Zoom Friday night Shabbat services, monthly Saturday morning Shabbat services, and Wednesday Zoom Nosh 'n' Drosh lectures and discussions. We were even able to host an abbreviated Passover service over Zoom last April, and did so again this March. Attendees joined Rabbi Michele for an exciting, fun-filled virtual seder while they munched on their own good (or not) home cooking. Recently, we presented an evening Zoom fundraiser showcasing Mark Husey, our High Holy Days Choir Director for the past two years, singing popular show tunes, standards, and a few Yiddish melodies. It was a wonderful evening for all attendees, not only because of the enjoyment of the terrific performance by Mark, but also in that it helped us to forget the sequestration we have all had to endure.

I hope that you and your family have been well throughout this unique, once-in-a-lifetime horrific episode. Now that the local counties, Los Angeles and Ventura, have met the criteria for Red Tier status, CBE is planning its first, live-inside Sanctuary Saturday Shabbat morning service on April 3rd. For those of you who are planning on joining Rabbi in our facility, attendance will be limited to 25% capacity, approximately 25 people. Following the March 2020 lockdown, if you have had Covid or gotten one of the three vaccines (Moderna, Pfizer, or the newly-available Johnson and Johnson version), you will still need to

follow all previous health protocols—social distancing and proper wearing of face masks—to ensure that we don't risk reversing the downward trend in the number of Covid cases. With these limitations in mind, and for those who choose to remain at home, we will also be offering this service simultaneously on Zoom.

On Sunday, April 28th from 3-5 PM, please help our congregation by partaking in our first "Virtual Paint with CBE Fundraiser." Whether you are a talented Rembrandt, Van Gogh, or DaVinci, or just a complete amateur, all ages and skill levels are welcome. I have been assured that you will be able to create your own masterpiece. In these unusual and trying times, CBE still has to raise money to meet its fiduciary obligations, so why not have fun and support CBE in this fundraiser!

It's been a very long time since we have had Shabbat Under the Stars services live and in person on our patio. We are planning three Fridays this summer: June 25th, July 23rd, and August 27th. Although it is hard to predict what phase or tier we will be in, we will follow whatever necessary rules and regulations are mandated at those times. I don't know if we will be able to tangibly touch or hug one another, but just being out in the open, fresh, summer air together with our CBE community should be exciting enough for you to attend.

Best wishes and happy Spring from myself and the CBE Board of Directors. May this year be a prosperous and healthy one for all of us.

אני מאחל לך את הטוב ביותר

I wish you all the best,

Les A. Sutton, DDS
President
Congregation B'nai Emet



Cantor's Corner

Esther vs. Haman/Moses vs. Pharaoh

Among the many stories of our people, there are two that stand out this time of year: the stories of Purim and Passover. The main characters are Esther vs. Haman, and Moses vs. Pharaoh. We usually think of these stories as “good” vs. “evil”. Perhaps we need to see these stories from a different perspective. There are conflicts in these stories just as there are conflicts in our lives. How do we resolve the conflicts and move on with our lives?



This year, one small aspect of the Passover story seems more real than ever before. . . the plagues! For over a year we have been experiencing a terrible plague. It is affecting our lives in many ways, including life and death. Science came into the picture and is helping us learn how to escape the devastation of this terrible plague. They created a vaccine and showed what each of us can do to alleviate this scourge from our lives. A simple act of modifying our behavior and taking the vaccine will bring us back to the light of health and happiness.

Each of us has issues that complicate our lives. We are not all scientists and doctors but we can listen to those who are. In this process of using the tools given to us, we not only can help ourselves, but we can improve the entire community. In a very positive way, we need each other.

We all have difficulties in our lives. We need to reach out to others to help us understand and resolve our conflicts. The struggle is not easy, but we were put on this planet to live together. We must learn how to make this a better place.

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank the spiritual and business leaders of our congregation for helping us through this difficult time in our lives. We are called “Congregation B’nai Emet”, the “Congregation of the Children of Truth”. This is our truth: We need each other. Thank you.

Cantor Michael Russ

Religious School News

In spite of the problems of the past year, CBE Religious School and Judaica High managed to squeeze in a lot of Jewish learning!

Rabbi Michele and I had to learn how to engage students over Zoom, but we soon got the hang of it. Since most of our learning is through songs and crafts, we had to find other methods of teaching. We both became mavens of PowerPoint. We used videos, stories, and games to involve the students. (We also learned to say “unmute” every time we asked a question!)

Rabbi spent half an hour each Sunday leading a service, during which the kids took turns reciting and studying prayers. In Judaica, I did a deep dive into the early Genesis stories that we skipped last year, and taught new things about the holidays. We were even able to do an art project! Continuing our study of great Jewish artists, students learned about the seminal work of comic book artists like Siegel and Schuster, the creators of Superman. Students made their own comic book version of the Superwoman Esther story. You can see some of their work on the following pages, and download the whole thing on the CBEsimi.org home page (scroll down and look for the link that says “Student Purim Comic Strip”).

On Monday nights, our Judaica High students learned about the history and causes of antisemitism and the Holocaust, which unfortunately are more relevant than ever. By December, the students were a little shell-shocked, so I had to promise that we would only study these things on alternate weeks and devote the remaining weeks to “fun” topics and games. I had fun too!

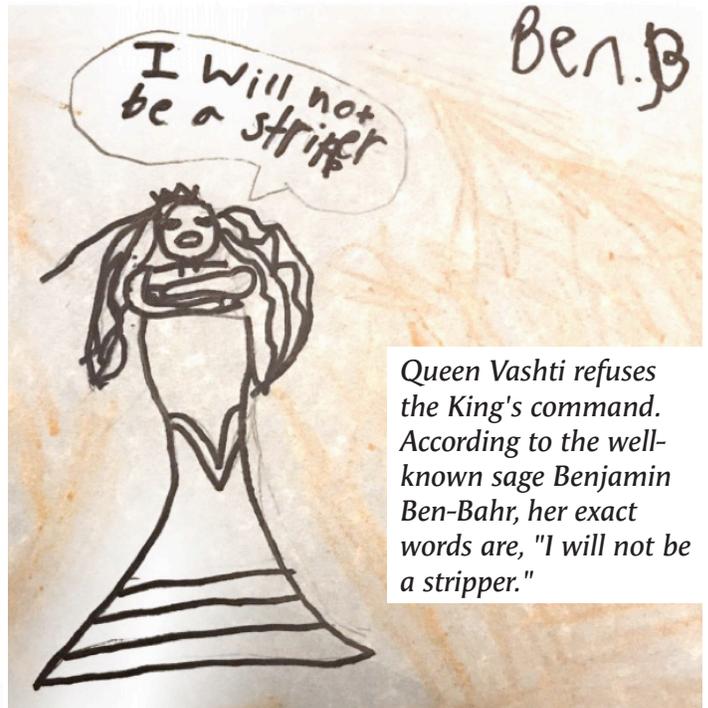
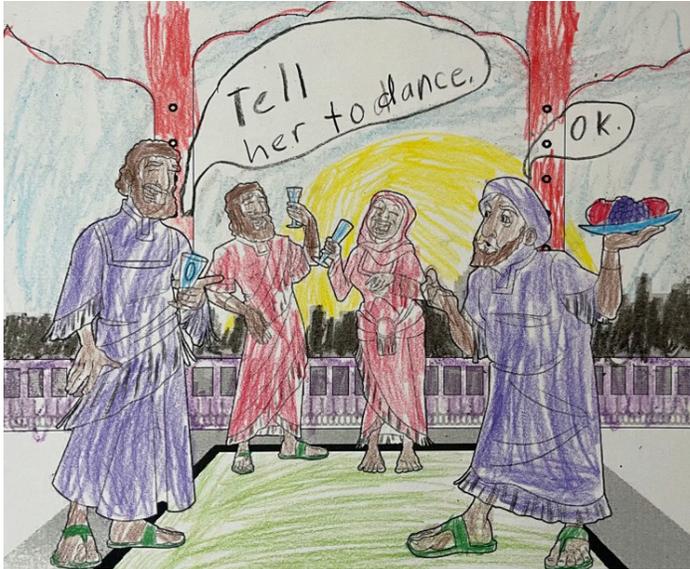
Classes were small, but attendance was usually 100%. I think the kids enjoyed having something different to do on weekends.

We don’t have many sessions remaining in our school year now, but we are confident that we will be ready for another great year of Jewish education in the fall—person!

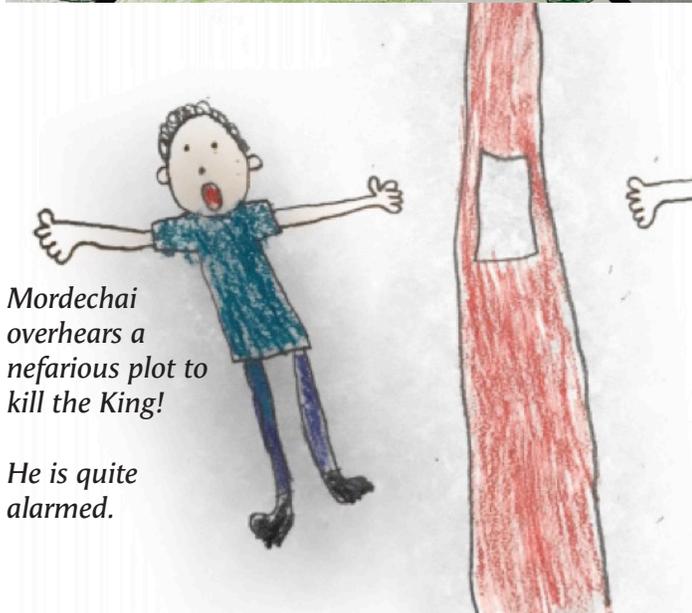
Meridith Patera
Religious School Educator

Religious School News

King Ahasuerus calls for Queen Vashti to dance for his guests. His servant seems less than enthusiastic about delivering the King's order to the Queen.

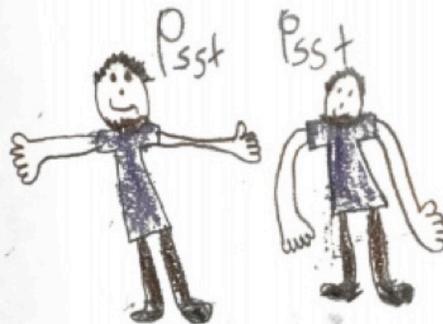


Queen Vashti refuses the King's command. According to the well-known sage Benjamin Ben-Bahr, her exact words are, "I will not be a stripper."



Mordechai overhears a nefarious plot to kill the King!

He is quite alarmed.



Haman is extremely miffed about having to honor Mordechai. Perhaps to make himself feel a little better, Haman appears to have drugged the horse. He has also given Mordechai a peculiar hat that resembles an upside-down cupcake tin liner...or possibly a lampshade.

Religious School News

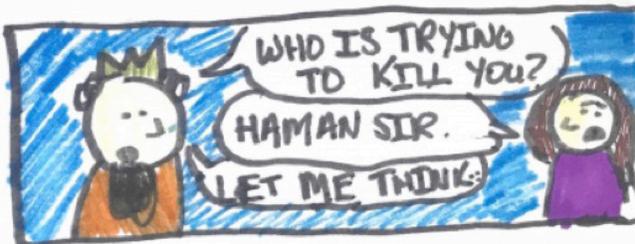
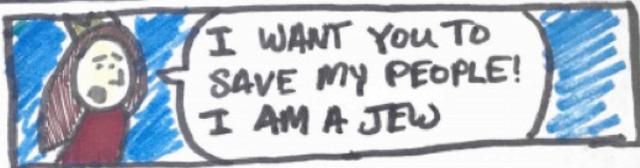


Haman gets comfy before pinpointing the day of the Jews' destruction, removing his pants and sitting in his favorite evil office chair. It appears that his pet demon ghost monkey has joined him.

This image displays clear signs of evil: beware persons with rotted yellow teeth and a penchant for cowhide wallpaper!



This is the most nerve-racking thing Esther has ever done. As nerves fill her body, the words come out and...



SHE STARTED TO CALL HAMAN'S NAME OVER AND OVER AND THEN...

Alan Baker



Social Action

CBE has consistently participated in Feed the Needy every fourth Saturday afternoon at the United Methodist Church. Many thanks to the Forster family, who have been leading this project for the past 9 years! If you'd like to participate in this event or contribute to its efforts, please contact Chen Mu-Forster or Suzanne Mahler.

CBE's social action Mitzvah Project collections & distributions have gone very well. In January, Dozens of warm handmade knitted and crocheted hats have been donated to those in need at the Samaritan center, to newborns at Simi Adventist hospital, and to the elderly at Simi Valley Care Center. Bags of dental hygiene supplies were donated to the Samaritan center for those in need in February. The remainder of those products will be given out during future Feed the Needy projects. There was a strong turnout for our March Chametz collection drive for SOVA. Our drive-thru drop-off took place on March 21st.

Our most recent blood drive was our most successful yet, with 24 donations! Looking forward to our next blood drive, scheduled for June. Stay tuned for details.

As more of us get vaccinated & restrictions related to COVID 19 continue to ease, CBE's social action committee and members will hopefully have more opportunities to perform Tikkun Olam—healing the world.

May you and your loved ones stay healthy and safe!

With gratitude,
Suzanne Mahler
VP of Social Action

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Women of CBE

It's been an unusual year, to put it mildly...

...but the Women of CBE have soldiered on and managed to accomplish a lot, most of it virtually.

Our talented Fundraising VPs, Gail Mittelman and Ronnye Sacks, produced two successful fun- and fundraisers: A Night of Magic on Zoom and a real-life Super-Hero Road Rally. The participation was more than we hoped for!

We held monthly virtual meetings, hosting familiar programs such as our Sukkot meeting in the rabbi's sukkah, our Hanukkah party with games and discussions, and a Tu BiShvat seder, led by Rabbi Michele. In addition, our amazing Program VPs, Jill Katell and Alice Fiducia, arranged for a (socially distanced) picnic in Coyote Hills Park, as well as a number of interesting guest speakers on such topics as children of Holocaust survivors, living wills and trusts, and COVID 19. People attended from all over the country!

Our membership remained stable and our Membership VPs Cheryl Hirsch and Kathy Smith threw an entertaining membership renewal event based on "Getting to Know Your CBE Sisters". Our brilliant cantorial soloist Suzanne Mahler performed a mini concert/sing along (for those who wanted to join in) with "friend songs". Diligent Sunshine Chair Sharlene Pass made sure that every member of sisterhood got a cheery birthday card, and Tribute Chair Lynne Kelly was kept busy, as always, sending cards for all occasions.

We tried our hand at a virtual Hanukkah Boutique, which wasn't exactly a success or failure, but we got several new vendors for the next one!

We also continued to raise money as industrious Bobbie Sion kept on top of Gift Card and Gift Shop sales, and from our generous congregants who donated to the Oneg Fund weekly, making it possible for us to continue our donations.

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Women of CBE

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We gave money to CBE each quarter for temple projects, and emergencies, and also contributed to High Holiday Gift Baskets, Feeding the Needy, Purim Baskets for Israeli Soldiers, and the Jewish Federation in Nashville as they recovered from devastating weather last spring. We also provided gift bags for the staff and students of CBE Religious School.

Our indefatigable Co-President RuthAnn Rossman made sure we stayed connected with our national and regional divisions of the Women of Reform Judaism. Several of us were able to attend gatherings and workshops on Sisterhood Area Day, the district convention, and the Fried Leadership Conference, in order to maintain and learn skills to adapt to the "new normal".

As our new membership year starts in May, we invite you to join us for a fulfilling experience and a year of companionship and sisterhood. See our flyers in this issue for upcoming events this quarter.

Shalom,
Meridith Patera
Women of CBE Co-President

To RSVP to any Sisterhood event, contact:
Alice Fiducia at jafiducia@gmail.com or
Jill Katell at j.katell@yahoo.com



SISTERHOOD INSTALLATION

Join the Women of CBE as we welcome the new board members for the 2021-2022 Member Year!

Shari Shelton from Women of Reform Judaism's Pacific district, who will honor our past and future board members.

Make your favorite dessert (be ready to share the recipe) and make yourself a cup of tea.
Then sit back as we share our thoughts about the past year.
What did you learn?
What did you miss most?
What are you planning for the end of the seclusion?



The Women of CBE Present our next virtual meeting:

BINGO

**TUESDAY MAY 11 AT 7 PM
ON ZOOM
MUST RSVP BY MAY 4**

Bobbie Sion will lead and will be sending the link out so that you can print off your bingo card. If you don't have a printer please let us know when you RSVP so that we can print off a card. You must RSVP by 5/4 so that we can mail out card to those who don't have a printer. We are playing four progressive games; one game leads to another (you only need one card for all four games: four corners, regular bingo, picture frame and blackout) You can use coins, beans or highlighter. Prizes will be given to the winners:

\$5 gift cards for first three winners, then \$10 card for the Blackout winner.

Left: Tami Plotkin brings beautiful spring flowers to her screen for the virtual Tu Bishvat Women's Seder.

Please send Sisterhood mail & donations to:
Women of CBE, c/o Meridith Patera
15050-C Campus Park Drive
Moorpark, CA 93021

DID YOU KNOW? האם ידעת?

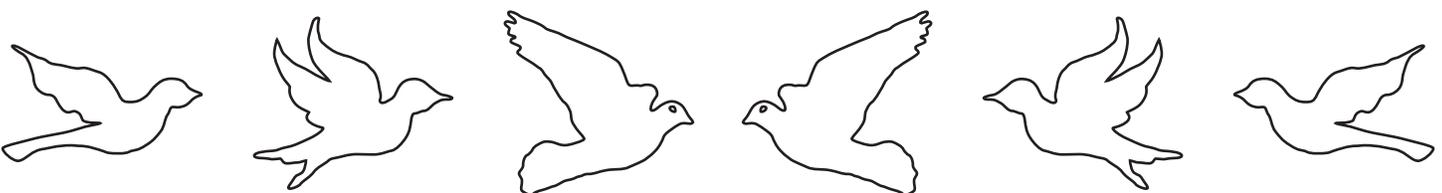
By Bobbie Sion

Did you know Israel is a great place for birdwatching?

Located at the nexus of 3 continents, with a diverse climate and one of the last green areas before the Sinai and Sahara deserts, Israel's Hula Valley in the north draws 500 million birds from 550 species.

The Hula Valley became a prime bird watching spot by accident, after a swamp that had been drained in the 1950s was allowed to remain flooded after heavy rains in the 1990s. Farmers planted corn and peanuts in the newly-flooded soil, which attracted cranes. Now, the government feeds the birds up to 8 tons of corn a day, to protect the farmers' livelihoods.

Tens of thousands of international birders come to Israel each year. Some compete in the Champions of the Flyway in Eilat, which is held by the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, at the peak of spring migration. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised by this one-of-a-kind bird race to raise awareness and combat the illegal killing of birds.



Upcoming Events

The Next Big (Jewish) Thing: Shavuot!

“Shavuot” or “Shavuos” is the next holiday we’ll celebrate, on May 16th-17th. While originally it was a harvest holiday, the rabbis of the talmudic period gave this holiday a new historical connection—namely, that it celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. This is a powerful and meaningful image which strengthens our connection to the Torah and to generations past. It becomes as if we are actually receiving the Torah ourselves!

The Torah is our most sacred object, for it contains our holy teachings, our sacred stories, our covenant with God. One Chassidic teacher wrote, “We study Torah for no other reason than this: that by studying Torah we might become Torah.” In other words, we study to learn and to be uplifted by our religious and moral teachings. The Zohar, the main book of Jewish mysticism, notes, “If you study the Torah, you are joined to the Tree of Life” (152b).

As we approach the Shavuot holiday, I hope you will renew and strengthen your commitment to Jewish life, values, and learning. Read a Jewish book, study a little Torah, come by the synagogue and be an active part of Jewish life in Simi Valley. We’d love to have you participate and hope to see you!

Rabbi Michele

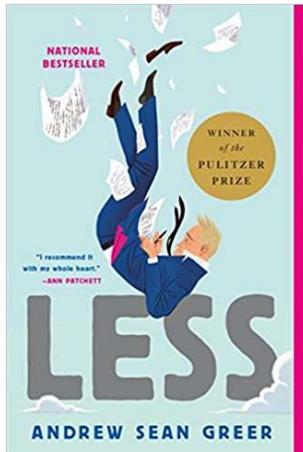
CBE BOOKS & BAGELS



Sunday April 11 at 9:30 am
via Zoom
BYOB (Bring Your Own Bagels)

Less: A Novel
by Andrew Sean Greer

A struggling novelist travels the world to avoid an awkward wedding in this hilarious Pulitzer Prize-winning novel full of "arresting lyricism and beauty"



Virtual Paint with CBE Fundraiser

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Recent Events

Kitsch from Koreatown



Brian Marcus (above) hosted the virtual concert showcasing the many talents of our High Holy Days Choir Director, Mark Husey (right). With clever use of a high-tech keyboard, the audience was treated to an orchestral performance of Broadway hits, old favorites, and modern mashups.

Broadway Shabbat



CBE's first-ever Broadway-themed Shabbat featured the talents of our home-grown singers and musicians, performing beloved hits written by Jews. Judging by the wildly enthusiastic response from the audience, we're guessing a new annual tradition has been born!



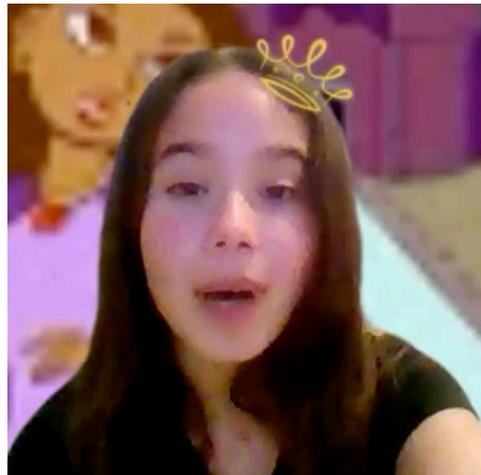
Above, Kaitlyn Richmond admires the brand-new bathrooms, the latest upgrade in our building's ongoing improvements. Pretty spiffy, no?

Recent Events

A Dr. Seuss Purimspiel



The players of this year's Seussified spiel prove that virtual can be as much fun as real! (Well, almost!) Some of the cast: Director Rabbi Michele goes incognito (above left), Michael Hollander as Mordechai (above right), Amanda Rozdial as Esther (near right), Maylee Doepking as Narrator Thing 1 (far right).



Below: A typical pandemic-style Friday night Shabbat service, with lots of smiling faces!



Recent Events

Super Hero Car Rally



A masterfully designed, COVID-safe scavenger hunt on wheels raised funds and spirits! Participating teams solved the clever clues and raced around Simi Valley, photographing their superhero-on-a-stick in front of local landmarks.



Mazel Tov to the New CBE Board!

We are looking forward to a great year under the guidance of our wonderful board and leadership!

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Anniversaries

Erik & Tracie Breiter	3/21	39th	Cynthia & Stacy Nath	6/25	4th
Ken & Frieda Bahr	4/10	16th	Ryan & Natalie Richmond	6/26	22nd
Daniel & Geri Brandler	4/10	50th	Eric & Cherie Bordo	6/27	29th
Mrs. Lesli Kitt-Perez & Gabe Perez	4/27	7th			
Miriam & Tom Hintz	5/5	36th			
Suzanne & Andrew Mahler	5/15	5th			
Lori & Robert Sherden	5/21	27th			
Dean & Orna Adams	5/25	9th			
Amy & Jeffry Tellio	6/3	31st			
Eliot & Judy Epstein	6/8	41st			
Mel & Louise Edelson	6/9	59th			
Renee & David Kieselbach	6/10	31st			
Ken & Suzanne Epstein	6/14	57th			
Drs. Ronald & Dr. Chen Mu-Forster	6/18	26th			
Cantor Michael & Merle Russ	6/22	52nd			
Steven & Lois Friedman	6/24	42nd			
Evan & Connie Davidhoff	6/25	18th			
Glen & Debbie Knecht	6/25	32nd			

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Buy your cards for all occasions from the Women of Reform Judaism, and you'll be supporting youth, education, and special projects in both the USA and Israel through their YES Fund.



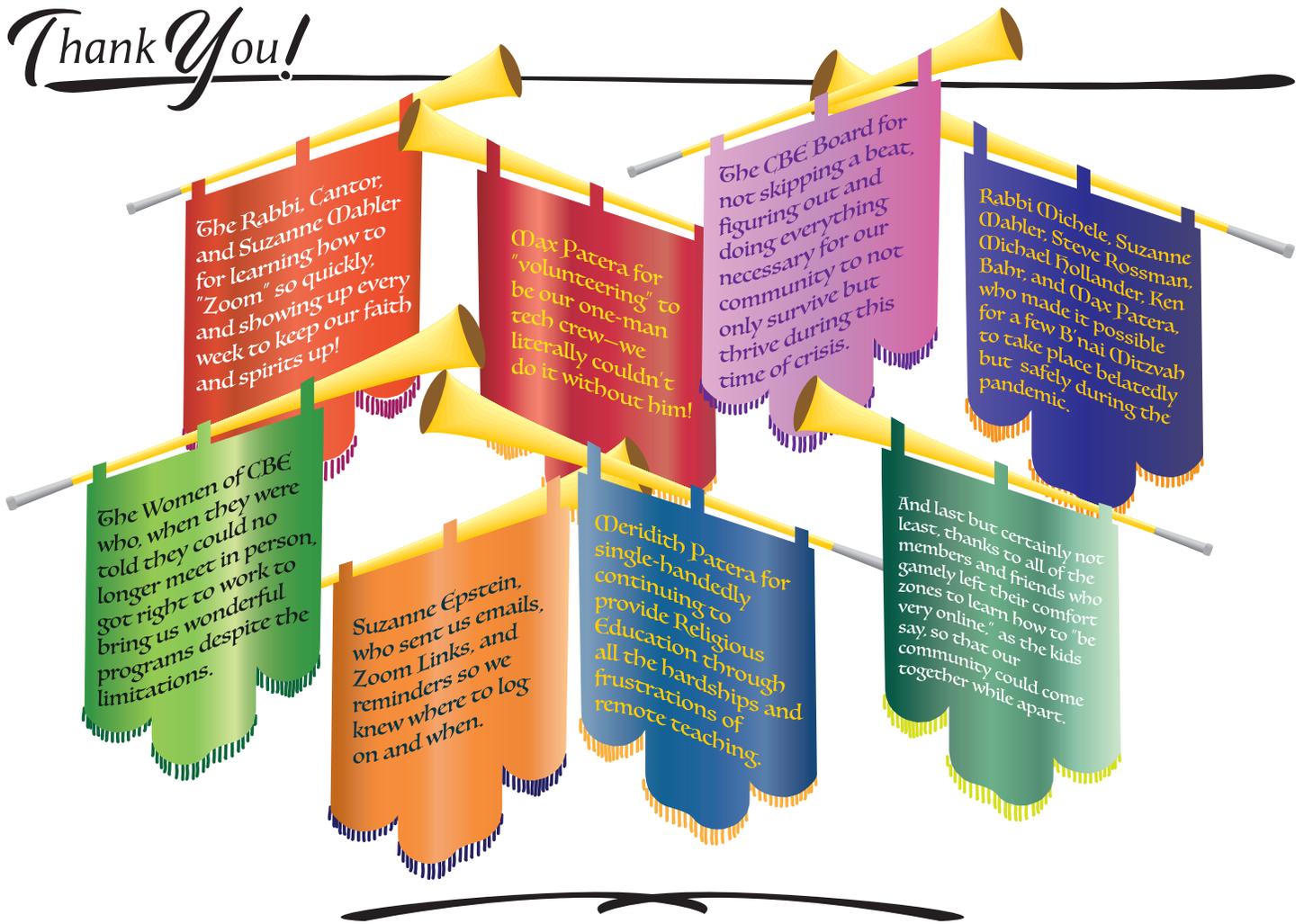
Prices start at just \$3.00, and your card will be handwritten and mailed out for you! All you have to do is provide the information, and send a check made out to Women of CBE.

For more information, and to purchase cards, contact Lynne Kelly at lkelmom@aol.com

Birthdays

Orna Adams	4/5	Minnie Anzo-Ackerman	5/8	Dean Adams	6/1
Ian Bahr	4/6	Julie Ranelletti	5/9	Peppi Lamm	6/2
Abigail Berezowsky	4/7	Ronnye Sacks	5/9	Benjamin Bahr	6/5
Todd Schneider	4/11	Carol Rosado	5/10	Thomas Hintz	6/9
Maximus Doepking	4/13	Dawn Rozdial	5/10	Wendy Niesen	6/11
Ken Epstein	4/14	Keith Kelly	5/11	Daniel Brandler	6/15
Rabbi Michele Paskow	4/15	Isaac Levy	5/15	Dale Charnick	6/21
Stacey A. Nadler	4/16	Belinda Geiger	5/16	Rabbi Shimon Paskow	6/21
Tracie Breiter	4/19	Daniel Levy	5/17	Linda Mann	6/22
Maylee Doepking	4/20	Alan Mann	5/17	Sanford M. Miller	6/24
Sheryl Hammer	4/27	Paul Venhuizen	5/19	Arnold Kaufman	6/26
Glen Knecht	4/28	Ruth Ann Rossman	5/22	Carol Paskow	6/26
Renee Kieselbach	4/30	Meridith Patera	5/23	Michael Hollander	6/27
Leo Berezowsky	5/1	Jeffry Tellio	5/25	Barbara Poehls	6/29
Emily Doepking	5/5	Geri Brandler	5/26	Gail Mittelman	6/30
Kenya Edelhart	5/6	Steve Rossman	5/26		

Thank You!



Schedule of Services, Candle Lightings, & Torah Portions

All Shabbat services will be held on Zoom until further notice. Zoom links are sent out in the CBE Weekly E-mail on Wednesday, and again on Friday mornings.

Date	Candle Lighting	Service	Torah Portion
4/2 (20 Nisan)	6:59	Shabbat Service, 7 pm	Shmini (Leviticus 9:1-11:47)
4/9 (27 Nisan)	7:04	Shabbat Service, 7 pm	Tazria-Metzora (Leviticus 12:1-15:33)
4/16 (4 Iyar)	7:09	Shabbat Service, 7 pm	Achrei Mot-Kedoshim (Leviticus 16:1-20:27)
4/23 (11 Iyar)	7:15	Shabbat Service, 7 pm	Emor (Leviticus 21:1-24:23)
4/30 (18 Iyar)	7:20	Shabbat Service, 7 pm	Behar-Bechukotai (Leviticus 25:1-27:34)
5/7 (25 Iyar)	7:26	Shabbat Service, 7 pm	Bamidbar (Numbers 1:1-4:20)
5/14 (3 Sivan)	7:31	Shabbat Service, 7 pm	Nasso (Numbers 4:21-7:89)
5/21 (10 Sivan)	7:37	Shabbat Service, 7 pm	Beha'alotcha (Numbers 8:1-12:16)
5/28 (17 Sivan)	7:41	Shabbat Service, 7 pm	Sh'lach (Numbers 13:1-15:41)
6/4 (24 Sivan)	7:46	Shabbat Service, 7 pm	Korach (Numbers 16:1-18:32)
6/11 (1 Av)	7:49	Shabbat Service, 7 pm	Chukat (Numbers 19:1-22:1)
6/18 (8 Av)	7:51	Shabbat Service, 7 pm	Balak (Numbers 22:2-25:9)
6/25 (15 Av)	7:53	Shabbat Under the Stars, 7 pm	Vayikra (Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26)

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The following are Recent Donations as of January 1, 2021, but we are deeply grateful to all of our members and friends who helped support the temple throughout 2020 with donations for Yahrzeits, High Holy Days and Yizkor. We also want to thank you for supporting: Count Our Blessings, Buy a Roll, Giving Tuesday, Kitsch From Koreatown, and the Virtual Community Seder, our "Pandemic Fundraisers". Your generosity is lovingly appreciated.

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To purchase a leaf for our Tree of Life in memory of a loved one, please contact the Temple office.

Cemetery Program

It's not something we like to think about, but preparing for your own passing in advance ensures your peace of mind, and relieves loved ones of stressful decisions in a time of loss. Congregation B'nai Emet has partnered with Mount Sinai Memorial Park in an endowment program to help our members make pre-need arrangements for burial plots and other funeral concerns. Participation has financial benefits both for you and for CBE.

For more information, contact RuthAnn Rossman at rupee24601@gmail.com or (805) 581-3723. She will connect you with Josh Ryan, Advance Planning Representative at Mount Sinai, or one of his partners. Absolutely no obligation.

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Morris Davis	4/5	Nissan 23	Beverly Friedman	4/24	Iyar 12
Renate Fried	4/5	Nissan 23	William Rogen	4/24	Iyar 12
Moses Strassburger	4/5		Rosa Zimmerman	4/24	Iyar 12
Rae Donin	4/7	Nissan 25	Robert Friedman	4/27	Iyar 15
Curtis Picker	4/7	Nissan 25	Trudy Gorelick	4/27	
Pearl Wohlner	4/8	Nissan 26	Tomas Kovar	4/27	Iyar 15
Joyce Alexman	4/9	Nissan 27	Jesse Price Orellana	4/28	Iyar 16
Lillian Katell	4/9	Nissan 27	Dora Sharapan	4/29	Iyar 17
Herman Yager	4/9	Nissan 27	Martin Mitchel	5/1	
Trudy Jackman	4/12		Natalie Futterman	5/3	Iyar 21
Gery Kaye	4/12		Bertha Liebmann	5/3	Iyar 21
Arthur Irving Korn	4/12	Nissan 30	Paul Nadich	5/4	Iyar 22
David Miller	4/12	Nissan 30	Percy J. Frank	5/5	
Leslie Goldhammer	4/13	Iyar 1	Bertram Marx	5/5	Iyar 23
Irving Lamm	4/13		Richard Auerbach	5/6	Iyar 24
Burton Borrok	4/14	Iyar 2	Michael Theodorus Overdeest	5/6	
Ida Axelrod	4/15	Iyar 3	Sarah Etz Chayim	5/7	Iyar 25
Ira Berkowitz	4/15		Lewis Stone	5/7	
Helen Borden	4/15	Iyar 3	Jack Irving Yaskiel	5/8	Iyar 26
Daniel Small	4/15		Sarah Melnick	5/9	Iyar 27
Helen Eichner	4/16	Iyar 4	Steven Schwartz	5/9	Iyar 27
Philip Goldstein	4/17	Iyar 5	Miriam Mann	5/10	
Bernice Greenstein	4/17		Louis Forman	5/11	
Sheila Gurstein	4/17		Ryan Murphy	5/11	Iyar 29
Stanley Kubik	4/17	Iyar 5	Elaine Bienenfeld	5/12	Sivan 1
Phyllis Pass	4/17	Iyar 5	Marvin Cohen	5/12	
Addie S. Friedman	4/18	Iyar 6	Rose Friedman	5/12	Sivan 1
Oliver Gottlieb	4/18	Iyar 6	Mildred Ertel Jessel	5/12	Sivan 1
Michael Kelson	4/18	Iyar 6	Angela Mann	5/12	
Simon Mitchel	4/18		Rita Seidel	5/12	Sivan 1
Al Chudler	4/19	Iyar 7	Dorothy Glazer	5/14	Sivan 3
Rita Priest	4/19	Iyar 7	Milton Schoen	5/14	Sivan 3
Maude Leibert	4/20	Iyar 8	Matilda Behar	5/15	Sivan 4
Stanford Weinstein	4/20	Iyar 8	Jay & Helen Frank Protas	5/15	
Kate Shaw	4/21	Iyar 9	Tina Schultz	5/15	
Irwin Chessen	4/24		Miriam Stein	5/15	Sivan 4

Yahrzeits

David Tratner	5/15		Silia Minor	6/1	
Marvin Waksman	5/15	Sivan 4	David Schneider	6/2	Sivan 22
Werner Hollander	5/16		Lori Alfred	6/3	
Cynthia Miller	5/16	Sivan 5	David Heimann	6/3	Sivan 23
Suzanne Brotz	5/17	Sivan 6	Radboud Venhuizen	6/3	Sivan 23
Sally Mittelman	5/17	Sivan 6	Marlene Bloch	6/4	
Lillian Knecht	5/18		Manuel Lieber	6/5	Sivan 25
Kurt Fleischmann	5/19	Sivan 8	Susan Lowenschuss	6/5	Sivan 25
Fannie Theodore	5/19	Sivan 8	Rose Firestein	6/6	Sivan 26
Leroy Ackerman	5/20	Sivan 9	Max LeVine	6/6	Sivan 26
Fanya Bronfermachev	5/20	Sivan 9	Morris Pass	6/6	Sivan 26
Alice Gottlieb	5/21	Sivan 10	Ronnie Tabak	6/6	Sivan 26
Bath-Sheva Moses	5/21	Sivan 10	Benny Zaltzman	6/6	Sivan 26
Morris Silversher	5/21	Sivan 10	Angela Berns	6/8	
Trevor Scharf	5/22		George Lazarus	6/8	Sivan 28
Dr. Leonard Bellenson	5/23	Sivan 12	Sheldon Raab	6/8	Sivan 28
Herman Russ	5/23	Sivan 12	Milton Grossman	6/11	Tammuz 1
Irene Heimann	5/24	Sivan 13	Marion Pfefer	6/11	Tammuz 1
Kim Rosado	5/24		Dena Daniella Yaskiel	6/11	Tammuz 1
Harry Isadore Friedman	5/25		Leon Brody	6/12	Tammuz 2
Adrienne Weinstein	5/25	Sivan 14	Miriam Korn	6/12	Tammuz 2
Mary Brady	5/26		David Solomon Becker	6/13	
Dina Pichkhadze	5/26	Sivan 15	Lucille Blecher Ginsberg	6/13	Tammuz 3
Gilbert Roethler	5/26	Sivan 15	Fred Sacks	6/13	
Rose Roethler	5/26	Sivan 15	Gustav Heimann	6/14	Tammuz 4
Sadie M. Frank	5/27		Claire Klugman	6/14	Tammuz 4
Victor Weiner	5/27	Sivan 16	Abe Richter	6/14	Tammuz 4
Corinne Elenor Elhai	5/28	Sivan 17	Gladys Rosenberg	6/15	Tammuz 5
Maureen Wessler	5/29		Alan Tolchin	6/15	Tammuz 5
Gussie Bloch	5/30		Joe Orloff	6/16	Tammuz 6
James Bloch	5/30		Shirley Borrok	6/17	Tammuz 7
Martin Bordo	5/30	Sivan 19	Leatrice Goldstein	6/17	Tammuz 7
Julius Fleischmann	5/30	Sivan 19	Irwin Katz	6/18	Tammuz 8
Bernice Hearn	5/30		Jack Shultz	6/18	Tammuz 8
Penny Neugroschl	5/30		David Evans	6/19	Tammuz 9
Harry Landau	5/31	Sivan 20	Frank Mutal	6/19	Tammuz 9
Julius Schwartz	5/31	Sivan 20	Josef Bromberger	6/20	

Yahrzeits

Charnette Shilling	6/20	Tammuz 10
Joe Soble	6/20	
Holly York	6/20	Tammuz 10
Marc Chesson	6/21	
Lee Lieber	6/21	Tammuz 11
Lawrence Chusid	6/22	Tammuz 12
Sharon Mahler	6/22	Tammuz 12
Florence Mann	6/22	
Ruetta Orloff	6/22	Tammuz 12
Leo Brady	6/23	
Florence Cricco	6/23	Tammuz 13
Hillary Scolari	6/24	
Steven Borrok	6/26	Tammuz 16
Harry Gould	6/27	Tammuz 17
Bernice Levy	6/27	Tammuz 17
Vera Glazer	6/28	Tammuz 18
Irving Marder	6/29	Tammuz 19
Karl Menke	6/29	Tammuz 19
Irys Schneider	6/29	Tammuz 19
Michael Liebmann	6/30	Tammuz 20

In Memoriam

Stuart Niesen	10/5/2020	Member
Marty Richter	1/14/2021	Member
Valerie Singh	3/24/21	Former Member
Molly Ann Schwartz <i>Cousin of Ruth Ann Rossman</i>		9/20/20
Terry Logan <i>Sister-in-law of Cindy Shilkoff</i>		9/21/20
Steve Bernstein <i>Cousin of Meridith Patera</i>		10/14/20
Roberta Schranze <i>Mother of Dan Schranze</i>		11/28/20
Rhoda Davidhoff <i>Mother of Evan Davidhoff</i>		12/8/20
Joseph Bailey <i>Father of Cathy Holst</i>		1/4/21
Emily Rosado <i>Mother-in-law of Carol Rosado</i>		1/17/21
George Barron <i>Uncle of Cynthia Nath</i> <i>Great Uncle of Frieda Bahr</i>		2/18/21
Sylvia Tillie Shapiro <i>Grandmother of Ken Bahr</i>		3/6/21
Dr. Goodwyn "Goody" Garfield <i>Uncle of Meridith Patera</i>		3/11/21

Observing Yahrzeits at CBE

A yahrzeit is the anniversary of a death. It is traditional to light a 24-hour memorial candle in your home, at sundown on the evening before the date of the yahrzeit.

Names of the remembered are read out at Shabbat services on the Friday night immediately preceding the yahrzeit date. Friends and family attend this service, and participate in the recitation of the Mourner's Kaddish. Many people also make a donation to the temple in honor of the remembered, as a mitzvah on behalf of a loved one who is no longer here to do so.

Those who have yahrzeits on file with the Temple office will receive reminders before the dates. We ask for your help in keeping this information current and complete. To check, change, or add to the current yahrzeit information on file, please contact the office.





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