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Rabbi's Message

Dear Friends,

"Shavuot" or "Shavuot" is the next holiday we'll celebrate, at the end of May. 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 and it becomes as if we, too, 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 will be having Shabbat services throughout the summer – I hope to see you!

Another tradition which has emerged in the American Jewish experience is that of Confirmation, when our teenagers continue their Jewish studies and involvement. We plan the Confirmation service to coincide with Shavuot, both a time for re-affirming and "confirming" our faith in Judaism. Please join us on Friday June 8th as we celebrate the beautiful Shavuot holiday and the Confirmation of five of our Judaica High School students: David Bergmann, Michael Foster, Louis Knecht, Brandon Tellio and Melisa Tellio. We are proud of our students and wish them *Mazel tov*!

Hag Samaech - Happy Holiday! See you in shul!

Rabbi Michele Paskow

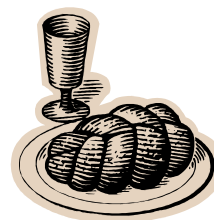
Save The Dates

Sisterhood Shabbat, **May 11th**.

On Friday night **May 18th**, join us as Shari and Wayne Schultz share "chai-lights" from their recent travels to Egypt and Israel!

May 25th will be our Java Nagilla Shabbat celebration with special music, stories, desserts & nice coffees

(See more "Save the Dates" on page 5.)



President's Message by Earl Rosado

Dear Congregants,

During the last couple of months, the celebrations of holidays have brought us together as friends and family. Those of you who attended Purim services saw the children, and some adults, wearing great costumes. Prizes were awarded and we saw an enjoyable PowerPoint show. Eric Kaufman did an exceptional job putting together one of the best Purim carnivals for the children.

Sandy Leon and Ruth Ann Rossman did a fantastic job decorating the Cultural Arts Center for a festive Community Seder which included all the traditional foods. The Rabbi led the fun and informal service, which was topped off by a unique rendition of Chad Gadyah. Ryan Lefton and Matt Epstein were exceptionally entertaining.

We have had two great fund raisers put together by Robert Sternberg. Dinner at The Grinder in Moorpark was a social gathering for many of our members in a relaxed atmosphere. Dinner and Movie night brought laughter and tears while we watched Everything is Illuminated.

At the General Membership meeting in March the revised By-Laws were approved and the new Board of Directors was elected. Please take a look at the new board and don't hesitate to call on these people if you need assistance with a temple issue:

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VP Social Action	Suzie Fintz
VP Fundraising	Robert Sternberg
VP Programs	Sandy Leon and Miko Sion
VP Havurah	Harlan Gould

I'd like to thank all the people who continue to support our temple, especially those who volunteer their time to serve on our various boards.



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

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B'nai Mitzvah



Devon Reese Cohen is a seventh grade student at Sinaloa Middle School. He is the eldest of three sons. His brother Lucas is eight and brother Joshua is seven. Devon lives in Wood Ranch with his parents, Eric and Stacy Cohen. He enjoys skateboarding, gaming, playing guitar and singing. He also enjoys his reptiles and hanging out with his two smooth-fox terriers, Stryker and Riley. Devon hopes to someday secure a responsible position working with NASA on further developments for the international space station. Devon's personal mission in life is to reduce his global footprint and minimize the effects of global warming.



Shalom! My Name is **Jordan Shilkoff**. I live with my dad Larry, my mom Cindy, my sister Melissa and our two black and white cats, Samantha and Sabrina.



I attend Hillside Middle School where I play the clarinet in our concert band. This is also my second year being involved in Hillside's PTSA. Last year I received a scholarship to attend the four-day California State PTA Convention in Anaheim. For fun, I like to play X-Box with my friends and re-search new computer hardware. I am currently designing a Windows Media System for our home entertainment center.

My entire family actively volunteers, so for my "Mitzvah Project" I gave my time to two causes. For many months, I helped to feed the needy at a local church, participating in everything from purchasing the food, to preparation and finally to clean-up. I also volunteered at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center by working on the backstage crew every weekend for the entire run of a recent musical show.

My Bar Mitzvah is important to me because completing two Mitzvah projects has taught me what it means to volunteer and give back to my community. I accept this responsibility as a Jewish adult.

Walk for Darfur

Jewish World Watch JWW is sponsoring a Walk for Darfur on the morning of June 3, 2007. This will be a powerful and moving Citywide demonstration of our community's commitment to ending the Genocide as well as a significant opportunity for us to raise funds to support that important work. We have developed two tools for outreach for the Walk -- a brochure and a dedicated web site.

Brochures are available from the JWW office and you can access the web site at <http://www.walkfordarfur.org/>

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Encino, CA 91316
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info@jewishworldwatch.org

"Jewlicious" Festival



CBEers Rachel Ostrowiecki (L) and Max Patera, pictured with other Moorpark College students, attended the Jewlicious Festival for LA area college students in Long Beach the weekend of March 9-11. Max came back exhausted and with a henna tattoo but was otherwise unscathed. The Festival included musical performances, panel discussions, and lots of food, of course.

Holocaust Remembrance Events

CBE MOVIE NIGHT

CBE celebrated its first Movie Night on April 14 at the temple. After a delicious dinner from El Pollo Loco, attendees held a havdalah service with Judy Sternberg accompanying on her guitar. Then we watched the tragicomic Holocaust film, *Everything Is Illuminated*, starring Elijah Wood and directed by Liev Schreiber. After dessert and coffee, Meridith Patera led a stimulating discussion on the film about a young American searching in Ukraine for the woman who saved his grandfather from the Nazis. Everyone had strong opinions on the themes of guilt, memory, history and survival that the film presented, and on comparisons with the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel on which the film was based. Kudos to Rob Sternberg for organizing the first of what are sure to be many enjoyable evenings.



Fredyce Holland listens intently as Marilyn Hollander makes a point at the discussion following the showing of "*Everything Is Illuminated*" at CBE on April 14.

HOLOCAUST DAY OBSERVANCE

April 15 was Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day. Congregation B'nai Emet observed the solemn occasion in several ways.

At the April 13th Friday night service, Peppi Lamm, who grew up in Germany, told of her childhood and how she escaped in 1939 with her older sister to England, where they worked as servants until they knew enough English to get other jobs. After the war, Peppi learned that her parents and two brothers had been murdered in the camps. One brother survived five years in Auschwitz, but never recovered his health. Peppi came to America, where she worked and raised a family with her husband.



Peppi Lamm

After her talk, congregants lit seven yellow memorial candles, for the six million Jews and others who perished in the Holocaust, followed by a special kaddish that mentioned the names of the sites of the atrocities.

On Sunday morning, Mount Sinai Memorial Park held a special Holocaust Remembrance Program. Many of our congregants attended, as well as all the students from the fifth, sixth and seventh grade Religious School classes, their teachers, and Judaica High students. Rabbi Michele Paskow led the opening prayer and the students and other children were invited up to the bimah to light the memorial candles. Visiting cantors and choirs supplied the music and a panel discussion included moving statements by survivors and liberators.

On Monday night, Peppi Lamm generously gave more of her time to speak personally with the students in the Judaica High, who were able to ask her more questions about her experiences and feelings.



Meridith Patera leads the havdalah service at CBE's Movie Night on April 14

Wolf Ascher, who survived the Holocaust by escaping with his family to Shanghai, China, lights a memorial candle while Matt Epstein and Nathan Ray look on.



Save The Dates

Sunday School Graduation and Staff Appreciation will be held at the Friday Shabbat service on June 1 at 7:00 PM. The service will be conducted by the **Seventh Grade** class.

Confirmation will be held during the Friday Shabbat Service on June 8 at 8:00 PM, which will be led by the entire **Judaica High School** Class. Students being confirmed this year are **David Bergmann, Michael Foster, Louis Knecht, Brandon Tellio** and **Melisa Tellio**.

CBE JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP – GRADES 4-8

On Sunday, May 20, we will be having an after Hebrew School picnic at Vista Del Arroyo Park (corner of Sequoia and Royal). We'll start at 12:30; older kids can join us after B'nai Mitzvah class. Come, bring a sack lunch and play, or shoot some hoops with your friends. We'll stay until about 3 PM.

Please RSVP to Tara at jschleien@yahoo.com or (805) 581-7113.



Judy Sternberg accompanies the havdalah service at CBE Movie Night.



The Cantor and CBE Choir enhanced the intensity of the April 13th service.

Membership

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Spring has brought some new and returning members to CBE:

Carol Ackerman - new
Glenn and Lisa Barry (Cameron and Jenna) - new
Steven and Raye Charton (Whitney Pasch) - returning
Joseph and Elena Koenka (Isaak, Rina and Sara) - returning
Alice Walsh - new

Welcome to all of you - we are so glad you are here.

It has been my pleasure serving as Membership VP - best of luck to incoming Membership VP, Dan Brandler.

Carla Shaw-Sapir

Women of CBE

NEXT SISTERHOOD MEETING COME EXPLORE A TREASURE IN OUR BACK- YARD

Join us at the Brandeis-Bardin Institute with Rabbi Lynn Habir Topper

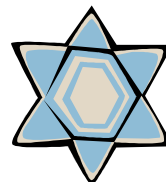
Tour the facility - learn their history - and then hear about Ruth, women and Shavuot.

**Tuesday, May 8
7:00 PM**

**1101 North Pepper Tree Lane, Simi Valley - Take
Tapo Canyon South to the entrance gate**

Brandeis will host (snack and information) our Sisterhood, so please let us know by May 3 if you will be joining us.

RSVP to Penny Neugroschl, pennynneu@sbcglobal.net or Ronnye Sacks rehsacks@msn.com.



Fourth Grade Shabbat– April 20



Carla Sapir's Second Grade class shows off the kiddush cups they made at the Passover workshops.



Jeff Sherden and Nicole Bordo enjoy Max Slotnick's part in the Model Seder held at the temple campus on April 1.



Max Tolchin decorates the tambourine he made at the Passover crafts workshop on April 1.

Rabbi teaches kids Passover songs during Family Shabbat.



Kindergarten students enjoy making frogs at the Passover craft workshops.

JLC Golf Tournament

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, as the 3rd chair of the Jewish Life Center. My name is **Michael Mutal**. I have been a member of CBE for over 15 years. I am married to Julie. I have 3 sons, in their 20s, Mark, Adam and Aaron. All 3 had their bar mitzvahs at CBE. I have a business (Michael's Flowers) in Simi for over 27 years. I have been on the Jewish Life Center board for 4 years now and have seen it evolve and hopefully will see it continue to evolve. Our mission is to raise the funds needed to build a comprehensive home for the Jewish Community in Simi with one central location for the congregation, pre-school, religious school, and other various social, religious and educational activities to be housed at the land. Our board members serve a two year term and are consist of 70% CBE members and 30% non CBE members. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at the Ziegler center at Mt. Sinai here in Simi Valley. Our meetings start at 7:15 PM and are open to all. We encourage and welcome involvement and participation. The success of our organization depends on growth and involvement, so as you go out into the community do not just look for donors for the Jewish Life Center, but also look and ENCOURAGE Jews to become members of Congregation B'nai Emet. The GROWTH of the congregation and development of the Jewish Life Center go hand in hand.

The Jewish Life Center of Simi Valley had a very successful Golf Tournament, The event helped bring us closer to our dream of "Building a Home for Jewish Life" in our community.



Herschel Berger shows good form at the JLC Golf Tournament.



JLC Volunteers got around at the Jewish Life Center Golf Tournament at the Tierra Rejada Golf Club.



Once and future JLC Chairs Michael Hollander and Michael Mutal preside over the silent auction at the golf tournament.



JLC Golf Tournament organizers Glen Knecht and Mike Mutal confer over presenting prizes at the dinner after the game.

Purim at CBE



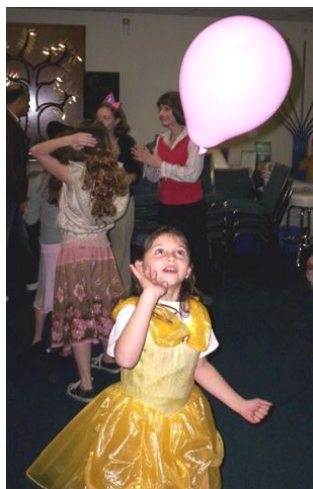
Alexis Brandler enjoys the moonbounce.



Cantor Michael Russ, shown with wife Merle, was the devil to Rabbi Michele's angel at the Purim service.



Chicken Soup cook-off



A pair of Queens



Winners of the Purim costume contest proudly display their winning certificates



Purim Carnival tug-of-war



Robert Sherden takes a chance at the fishing booth



Purim revelers



CBE Community Seder

A big thank you – Todah Rabbah – to Ruth Ann Rossman and Sandy Leon for organizing the Passover Seder. Thank you to everyone who participated and attended the Seder. This year's community Seder was terrific and a good time was had by all!



Recent Donations

Memorial Donations

Steve and Elaine Rosenfield – in memory of Mariel Graflund
Marvin and Sandra Sussman – in memory of Edith Greenberg
and Lewis Greene

Brian and Meryl Horowitz – in memory of Jack Trachtenberg

Keith and Lynne Kelly – in memory of Dorothy A. Rabin

Robert and Tami Finkbeiner – in memory of Frieda and
William Finkbeiner, Nettie and Bennie Riff,
Benjamin and Samuel Zimmerman, and
Rosa Zimmerman

Lloyd and Carole Picker – in memory of Mildred Ruth Picker

Bonnie Bosworth – in memory of Manny Singer

Stan Firestein – in memory of Pinnie Firestein

Peppi Lamm – in memory of Irving Lamm

Anthony and Laura Luskin – in memory of Aron Pichkhadze

Sheldon and Joan Liebmann – in memory of Joyce Alexman
and Gail Shapiro

Richard and Brenda Hoffing – in memory of Howard Wandell

Pearl Diamond – in memory of Anna Diamond

Ken and Suzanne Epstein – in memory of Werner Hollander

Tree of Life Leaf

Penny Neugroschl and the Sherden and Scherr families –
in memory of J.G. Neugroschl

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Mildred Plotkin – in memory of Leo Plotkin

Michael and Merle Russ – in memory of Oscar Keimon

JLC Donations

Lloyd and Carole Picker

Jerry and Marla Bergmann – in memory of Lewis Stone

General Donations

The Grinder Restaurant

Tribute Donations

Congratulating Ruth Ann and Steve Rossman on becoming
grandparents of a dear little baby girl...Mom

Congratulating Gabriel and Nicole Rossman on becoming
parents of a dear little baby girl...Grandma Pearl



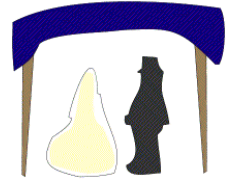
Bundle of Joy

Mazel Tov

To
Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Rossman
on the birth of their
new daughter

Proud grandparents Steve and
Ruth Ann Rossman are fine
though somewhat exhausted from
all the kvelling.





Birthdays

05-03	Harlan B. Gould	05-30	Neal Hoffberg
05-03	Michael Hoffberg	05-31	Adam Mutal
05-03	Jeremy Scharf	06-01	Aaron Poehls
05-04	Marianne Susman	06-01	Greg Tabak
05-06	Maya London	06-02	Kellie Elhai
05-07	Mischelle Ray	06-02	Peppi Lamm
05-08	Minnie Anzo	06-02	Jeffrey Sherden
05-09	Michael Foster	06-04	Anthony Luskin
05-09	Ronnye Sacks	06-04	Debbie Waitz
05-09	Dara Tolchin	06-05	Andrew Gering
05-10	Carol Rosado	06-05	Richard Meyer
05-10	Alan Treitman	06-07	Karen Holst
05-11	Keith Kelly	06-07	Dawn Ringer
05-11	Fred Krakauer	06-10	Steven Goldstein
05-11	Susan Singer	06-11	Jack Slotnick
05-12	Addison Little	06-12	Heather Leon
05-12	Robert Sternberg	06-12	Neil Shore
05-13	Adam Ehrlich	06-13	Donald Forman
05-13	Marilyn Kaufman	06-13	Adi Levy
05-14	Alicia York	06-15	Sydney Berger
05-14	Jennifer York	06-15	Daniel Brandler
05-15	Daniel Purcell	06-15	Joel Ribstein
05-15	Stuart Singer	06-17	Candace Kaufman
05-16	Carole Picker	06-17	Sandra Leon
05-16	Lynne Schwartz	06-21	Noah Bannon
05-18	Aaron Mutal	06-21	Claudia Bleser
05-20	Marion Leon-Doten	06-21	Sarah Salberg
05-21	Don Kingston	06-21	Seth Salberg
05-22	Ron London	06-21	Joshua Schleien
05-22	Ruth Ann Rossman	06-21	Julie Tepfer
05-23	Meridith Patera	06-23	Shari Goldstein
05-24	Tara Schleien	06-24	Robbin Tait
05-25	Herschel Berger	06-25	Anne Slotnick
05-25	Eric Cohen	06-26	Arnold Kaufman
05-25	Robin Kelly	06-26	Ofer Nadler
05-25	Jeffry Tellio	06-26	Adam Patrella
05-26	Geri Brandler	06-26	Martin E. Richter
05-26	Steve Rossman	06-27	Joshua Cohen
05-26	Zachary Dylan Rossman	06-27	Michael Hollander
05-27	Herman Gold	06-27	Judy Roesch
05-27	Penny Neugroschl	06-27	Debra Ross
05-28	Kevin Kieselbach	06-28	Joseph Stafford
05-28	Danny Schoen	06-29	Barbara Poehls

Anniversaries

05/06	Eric and Candace Kaufman
05/09	Stanford and Tracey Lovett
05/20	Ofer and Rhonda Nadler
05/21	Robert and Lori Sherden
05/30	Kathy and Lee Smith
06/01	Jeremy and Julie Stafford
06/03	Jeffry and Amy Tellio
06/04	Harry and Eleana Shore
06/08	Eliot and Judy Epstein
06/10	Barbara and Alan Hoff
06/10	Dave and Renee Kieselbach
06/14	Ken and Suzanne Epstein
06/14	Donald and Michelle Forman
06/14	Stuart and Susan Singer
06/18	Richard and Carole Fineberg
06/22	Cantor Michael and Merle Russ
06/24	Steven and Lois Friedman
06/25	Glen and Debbie Knecht
06/25	Lloyd and Carole Picker
06/27	Eric and Cherie Bordo
06/29	Mark and Sung Friedman
06/29	Joseph and Elena Koenka

"Kvelling Korner"

Louis and Laura Tepfer wish to congratulate their princess, **Julie**, on her graduation from high school. We are very proud and love you very much.

Dad, Mom & Eric

The Habit

Corner of Tapo & Alamo
Last Thursday of every month
20% to CBE

Sharkeys

Corner of Cochran & Sycamore
Third Wednesday of every month
20% to CBE Youth Group

Yahrzeits

May 01	Rose Gabler	Iyar 13	Jun 05	Samuel Fishman	Sivan 19
May 01	Eileen Zimmet	Iyar 13	Jun 05	Julius Fleischmann	Sivan 19
May 02	Steven Vogel	Iyar 14	Jun 06	Marlene Bloch	Sivan 20
May 05	Dora Sharapan	Iyar 17	Jun 06	Julius Schwartz	Sivan 20
May 07	Mordecai Eskenazi	Iyar 19	Jun 07	Max Click	Sivan 21
May 09	Bertha Liebmann	Iyar 21	Jun 07	Hannah Fintz	Sivan 21
May 11	Louis Forman		Jun 08	Normand Meyer	Sivan 22
May 11	Bertram Marx	Iyar 23	Jun 08	Rita Pearce	Sivan 22
May 12	Marvin Cohen		Jun 09	Bernard Rich	Sivan 23
May 12	Bernard Geiger	Iyar 24	Jun 11	Ben Frank	Sivan 25
May 13	Sarah Etz Chayim	Iyar 25	Jun 11	Manuel Lieber	Sivan 25
May 14	Mary Brady	Iyar 26	Jun 11	Osias Schwartz	Sivan 25
May 15	Tina Schultz		Jun 12	Rose Firestein	Sivan 26
May 15	Steven Schwartz	Iyar 27	Jun 12	Ronnie Tabak	Sivan 26
May 15	David Tratner		Jun 12	Benny Zaltzman	Sivan 26
May 16	Rebecca Corb	Iyar 28	Jun 13	Inez Gerson	Sivan 27
May 16	Sara Saffrin	Iyar 28	Jun 14	George Lazarus	Sivan 28
May 17	Roslyn Silverman	Iyar 29	Jun 14	Jeanette Saylor	Sivan 28
May 18	Rose Friedman	Sivan 1	Jun 15	Howard Haney	Sivan 29
May 18	Bernice Hearn	Sivan 1	Jun 17	Milton Grossman	Tammuz 1
May 20	Milton Schoen	Sivan 3	Jun 18	Leon Brody	Tammuz 2
May 21	Matilda Behar	Sivan 4	Jun 19	Flora Nerenberg	Tammuz 3
May 21	Miriam Stein	Sivan 4	Jun 20	Michael Goldstein	Tammuz 4
May 22	Cynthia Miller	Sivan 5	Jun 20	Gustav Heimann	Tammuz 4
May 22	Trevor Scharf		Jun 20	Claire Klugman	Tammuz 4
May 23	James Bloch	Sivan 6	Jun 21	Alan Tolchin	Tammuz 5
May 23	Suzanne Brotz	Sivan 6	Jun 22	Joe Orloff	Tammuz 6
May 23	Sally Mittelman	Sivan 6	Jun 23	Ed Abrams	Tammuz 7
May 24	Ray B. Bourland	Sivan 7	Jun 23	Leatrice Goldstein	Tammuz 7
May 24	Estelle Guest	Sivan 7	Jun 24	Irwin Katz	Tammuz 8
May 25	Kurt Fleischmann	Sivan 8	Jun 24	Jack Shultz	Tammuz 8
May 25	Fred Sacks	Sivan 8	Jun 27	Jacob Gold	Tammuz 11
May 26	Leroy Ackerman	Sivan 9	Jun 27	Lee Lieber	Tammuz 11
May 26	Fanya Bronfermachev	Sivan 9	Jun 28	Lawrence Chusid	Tammuz 12
May 29	Herman Russ	Sivan 12	Jun 28	Ruetta Orloff	Tammuz 12
Jun 01	Dina Pichkhadze	Sivan 15	Jun 29	Florence Cricco	Tammuz 13
Jun 01	Gilbert Roethler	Sivan 15	Jun 30	Sylvia Benson	Tammuz 14
Jun 01	Rose Roethler	Sivan 15	Jun 30	Leo Brady	Tammuz 14
Jun 03	Morton Krebs				



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. 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 Leslie and Buzz Buchanon on the passing of Leslie's father, Daniel Smith.

Condolences to Lynne and Mitchell Salberg on the passing of Lynn's father, Burton Borrok.

MEN'S CLUB

Check out the Men's Club blog at <http://cbemensclub.blogspot.com/> for more information.

Tired of high gas prices?
Hate to drive at night?
Car in the shop?
Don't let any of those things stop you from
coming to services.

Max Patera would like to match up
drivers and riders from different areas.

If you are interested in getting or
giving a ride to temple, contact Max at
maxy_david@lycos.com
or (805)298-0702.

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Shavuot

The Feast of Weeks, seven weeks after Passover, is celebrated for two days. In Biblical days the Hebrews would count seven weeks from Passover to Shavuot by bringing an omer or measure of barley to the Temple for forty-nine days, starting with the second evening on Passover, to give thanks to God for their produce during the barley season. In the absence of a written calendar, this was their way of determining the exact date of the Feast of Weeks. Even after the calendar was fixed and the sixth day of Sivan was made the date of the holiday, the name Feast of Weeks was retained. In traditional synagogues it is still customary to count the forty-nine days from the second evening of Passover to Shavuot.

In time, after the second Temple was destroyed, the Jews had to rely on their Torah to unite them rather than on their land, so they recalled the Ten Commandments that were given to Israel at Mount Sinai. The religious meaning of the holiday thus became more important than the agricultural meaning. Pesah, the "freedom from" festival, was a prelude to Shavuot- "freedom for" receiving God's eternal law. The giving of the Torah marked the end of Israel's childhood and its entry into national maturity. At the moment that it accepted the laws of justice, truth, and loving-kindness, Israel secured for itself a permanent existence.

On Shavuot, Jews rededicate themselves to the Torah by reading the passage containing the Ten Commandments. It is also customary to read the Book of Ruth on the festival of Shavuot, since it describes the grain harvest and the treatment of the poor during the harvest season. Ruth also embraces the Jewish faith by accepting the Torah.



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<u>Date</u>	<u>Candlelighting</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Torah Portion</u>
May 4/Iyar 17	7:32 pm	Family Service 7 pm/Israeli Dancing	Emor—Lev. 21:1-24:23
May 11/Iyar 24	7:29 pm	Shabbat Service 8 pm	Behar-Bechukotai—Lev. 25:1-27:34
May 18/Sivan 2	7:34 pm	Shabbat Service 8 pm	Bamidbar—Num. 1:1-4:20
May 25/Sivan 9	7:39 pm	Shabbat Service 8 pm	Nasso—Num. 4:21-7:89
June 1/Sivan 16	7:44 pm	Family Service 7 pm/Israeli Dancing	Beha'alotcha—Num. 8:1-12:16
June 2		7th Grade Shabbat Service	
		Devon Cohen Bar Mitzvah 10 am	
June 8/Sivan 23	7:47 pm	Shabbat Service 8 pm	Sh'lach—Num. 13:1-15:41
June 15/Sivan 30	7:50 pm	Shabbat Service 8 pm	Korach—Num. 16:1-18:32
June 22/Tammuz 7	7:52 pm	Shabbat Service 8 pm	Chukat—Num. 19:1-22:1
June 29/Tammuz 14	7:53 pm	Shabbat Service 8 pm	Balak—Num. 22:2-25:9
June 30		Jordan Shilkoff Bar Mitzvah 4 pm	

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