Dear Friends:

WHICH SYMBOL ARE YOUR KIDS MORE FAMILIAR WITH?

I saw this advertisement for a Hebrew school some time ago and it caught my eye. This simple picture conveys an important message - not only for our children, but for ourselves as well. Namely, how familiar are we with our Jewish values, rituals and traditions? And how important are they to us? Are they a regular part of our life? Or is McDonalds a more frequented "sacred" site?

According to Jewish tradition, we sound the shofar each day during the month preceding the High Holydays to stir our hearts and souls to prepare for these Days of Awe. Now as we approach Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and the start of a new year, let us take the in-depth tour of adventure and excitement of being Jewish. Let us make a stronger commitment to renew and enhance our Jewish identity. Here are 10 ways to do this:

1. **Invest Yourself.** Make the time and commitment to enhance yourself Jewishly and add meaning to your life and home.
2. **Share** your journey with friends in a community context.
3. **Seek** opportunities for serious study to increase your knowledge and to gain intellectual awareness and historical perspective.
4. **Seek** a religious-spiritual component to your life with all your heart and soul.
5. **Pray every day** with both meditative and intellectual contemplation. Let your soul feel the spirit which is holy.
6. **Bless** your food. Turn your table into an altar.
7. **Make the Sabbath day and Holidays holy.** Enhance them with ritual and delight at home and at the Synagogue.
8. **Involve your family.**
9. **Be aware** and involved in Jewish causes. Be supportive in action. Don't separate yourself from the community.
10. **Make a pilgrimage to Israel.**

If you would like to participate in the Holyday services, please contact me at the Synagogue office. We will have weekly Shabbat services and activities throughout the summer. I hope to see you! Join us for a Bar-b-que and Barechu on Friday July 10th. On Saturday July 18th, we will gather at Zuma Beach to relax, schmooze and enjoy the day. At sundown we'll do the HAVDALAH ceremony to mark the end of the Sabbath. Bring your family and friends to join the wonderful, warm camaraderie of the CBE family.

Many wonderful programs and activities are planned for the coming year -- don't be a stranger. We look forward to seeing you.

B'shalom u'vracha,

Rabbi Michele Paskow
Rav.michal@verizon.net

For the complete Religious School Calendar for 2009-2010 go to

President’s Message by Earl Rosado

Dear Congregants,

Our religious school year is over and summer is underway. I hope all of you have great plans for the summer.

Recently we’ve enjoyed the following special services put on by our religious school: Confirmation, seventh grade graduation, and Teacher and Aide Recognition. All services were well attended and enjoyed by all. The Judaica High Confirmation and seventh grade graduating classes gave monetary gifts to be used as seed money for a plaque to be placed at the outside entrance to our building. This is yet another positive gesture showing how all the various entities of our temple contribute to the well being and future of our congregation.

On June 19th we had another special service led by the Women of CBE which included the dedication of our new prayer books. It was a wonderful evening with quite a bit of spontaneity by Rabbi Michele and various congregants. Remember, it is not too late to either buy a prayer book for yourself for $36.00, or you can buy one for the temple with a commemorative bookplate to be placed in the front leaf for $50.00.

I’m looking forward to July 18th, not only because it’s my anniversary, but because we will be having our first Temple Beach Day, which will be highlighted by a Havdalah service at Lifeguard Stand 9 at Zuma Beach. Check Meridith’s upcoming emails or contact Ruth Ann Rossman for more information. There is also a flyer in this issue.

I’m proud to have such a wonderful collection of dedicated board members. They are people much like you. They are men and women with jobs, homes, and other civic interests who still find the time to help make CBE a better place for all of us. When you see these board members at temple or in the community, take a moment to say thank you to them for all they do.

Soon you will be receiving your CBE membership packet for the 2009-2010 membership year. Please take time to review this packet carefully because we have made some changes. Please note the date and time our VP of Membership, RuthAnn Rossman, has designated as our sign-up day.

Shalom and Keep the Faith,
Earl

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

**Mitzvah Plans**

Thanks to Shelly Botan for coordinating a presentation from the Jewish World Watch organization on the current situation in Darfur. Sale of our Solar Cooker Pins and other items raised $130 for the JWW. These pins are now available in our gift shop for a suggested donation of only $4.00. All proceeds will continue to go to the JWW for their efforts to help Darfur. Not only will your donation help, but when you wear the pin you will help raise awareness when someone asks you what you are wearing.

Steve Rossman is putting the finishing touches on a receptacle to collect printer cartridges and small household batteries for recycling. Look for this receptacle at the Temple in front of the blue curtain in the hallway. Many thanks to Steve for using his creativity and labor to make this receptacle!

I have registered our team for the Relay For Life to be held Oct 10-11 at Royal High School. If you would like to be REALLY proactive and join the team now, you can do so by going to:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/?g=entry&fr_id=13810

Select Sign Up, then Join A Team. Our team name is CBE Walkers.

Our Feed the Needy program was handled in May by Debbie Knecht and her daughter’s girl scout troop; in June, by Ruth Ann Rossman and her co-workers. Thanks to all those who helped. If you would like to help with this program, please contact me at 818-298-5433. It takes so little of your time to help out one month and it means so much for the people who need our help. Remember, too, that if you would like to help cover the cost of the increasing demand for meals, please send a donation to the Temple for the Feed the Needy program.

Your Mitzvah Maven,

*Susie Fintz*

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**B’nai Mitzvah**

My name is **Sandra Weinstein**. Soon my bat mitzvah will occur, on August 22, 2009. I’m going into eighth grade at Hillside Middle School. I live in Simi Valley with my parents, my brother Aaron, and my sister Gail. I enjoy reading, playing with my dogs, and taking care of my hamster. As I have graduated from Religious School on Sundays, next year I am going on to Judaica High.

Hi! My name is **Aryanna Ringer**. I live in Simi Valley with my parents Dawn and Jeff. I have an older brother named Matthew who is 16. I go to Sinaloa Middle School and will soon be an 8th grader when school starts again. My hobbies are dance, playing with my pets, helping animals, and shopping, though with all my dancing that is pretty much all I have time for.

My bat mitzvah is on August 29, 2009. For my mitzvah project I am using my dance events to help various charities, such as the My Stuff Bags Foundation. This charity helps comfort abused and neglected children who have been taken from their homes by stuffing bags with items that will help comfort them.

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**Men’s Club**

The Men’s Club concluded a successful day at the Simi Valley Street Fair. We had to replenish our supplies during the day due to the popular (actually overwhelming) demand of our tri-tip sandwiches and the addition of our new fryer to make French fries. It truly was a team effort by those who worked it (there were too many to mention).

The Men’s club will be hosting a Sha-ba-ba-Q prior to services on Friday July 10, 2009 at 6:30 PM. It will be a meat meal; we will be serving kosher hot dogs and hamburgers. We look forward to you joining us and staying for services. If the weather is cooperates, the Rabbi plans to have services on the patio.

We have a men’s fellowship meal (usually a breakfast) once a month plus many other social events coming up through the year. If this sounds like a way you would like to serve the Jewish Community of Simi/Moorpark and enjoy some wonderful camaraderie then please email (mmmutal2002@yahoo.com) or call me at 805-527-9104 for more information. We look forward hearing from you and having you join us.

*Michael Mutal*

Men’s Club President

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**I want to extend a big thank you to a CBE hero. David Nusbaum (age 15) helped me mow our many acres on Bonita so we could comply with the Fire Department’s brush clearance order. In spite of our aging yard equipment, he pressed on, making a huge dent in the project. Thank you David. Now, who’s next?**

*Michael Hollander*
Fund Raising

Plans are moving forward with fund raisers for the Temple.

WIN A TRIP TO HAWAII
Coming this fall, a limited drawing with only 200 tickets will be sold for $100.00 each. Such great odds – who will be able to resist? Details are being finalized but I can tell you that it will be a trip for two persons including airfare for 6 nights at a very beautiful location – but come to think of it, are there any bad locations in Hawaii?!

KIDS LUNCH WITH THE STARS
What child hasn’t dreamed of having lunch with Mickey, Dora or even a princess? Well, they will have that chance when CBE and the CBE Preschool host a fabulous Character Lunch on Sunday, October 18 at the Senior Center in Simi Valley. This exciting fund raising activity will feature favorite characters from film and television, include a delicious lunch, goodie bags and much, much more! Watch this space for more information about this wonderful event.

Carla Shaw, V.P. Ways & Means

Temple Beautification

We are so thrilled with our beautiful, new synagogue and it is only going to get better. Although we will not be doing any major renovations until we officially close on the sale of the building, there are still many opportunities to enhance our temple.

Thank you to the confirmation class and graduating class of our religious school for their generous donations to purchase a new sign that will go over our front door with the name of the temple in Hebrew and English. I will be working with a woodcrafter to design the perfect sign.

If you would be interested in making a donation towards temple beautification please contact me, Carla Shaw, carlajshaw@yahoo.com or (310) 500-5311 and I will be happy to discuss your gift.

Carla Shaw, Chair, House Committee

Women of CBE

The Sisterhood has had a series of very successful events over the last three months reflecting the new membership. In May we held Las Vegas Night at the Temple, followed a couple of weeks later by the Darfur Awareness Presentation that was very well attended. We recently had a flower arranging class. Thank you to Michael Mutal of Michael’s Flowers for such an entertaining program.

On Friday, June 19, we celebrated Sisterhood Shabbat and the initiation of Mishkan Tefilah, the new Reform prayerbook. Many of our members participated in the lovely service. We’re very proud to have been a part of the acquisition of this new siddur for our congregation.

On July 12 we will participate in All Sisterhood Day, sponsored by Women of Reform Judaism Pacific District at Temple Ahavat Shalom. We have several ladies going and it will be a great experience. Also, On July 14 we are having a ladies night out with dinner at TGI Fridays and a movie. Dinner is starting at 5:30 pm followed by a movie. August 9th is a Get-to-know-us Brunch at Meridith Patera’s clubhouse. On August 16 there will be a Mah Jongg Tournament at the temple. See our flyer later in this issue for more information.

Watch for new membership materials to arrive in July. Join us for another great year of Sisterhood fun and fund raising.

Geri Brandler, Sisterhood President

Jewish Life Center

As of this writing the Jewish Life Center remains in a “wait and see” mode with our two escrows. As a reminder, we are selling the land at Royal & Corto, then purchasing the property at 9 W. Bonita. I am sure you are aware that our mission has not changed, which is to house all parts of the Jewish Community (preschool, religious school, sanctuary, and other Jewish Community services) at one location, making us the center for Jewish Life in Simi and Moorpark. We have also maintained the land (as required by law) at Royal & Corto with weed clearance. The escrow on the land at Royal & Corto is supposed to close during July, 2009. However, the developer (purchaser) has the option to pay monthly extension fees to allow them to extend the escrow period. We will keep you posted as events happen.

Michael Mutal, JLC Chair

Photos from Sisterhood Shabbat

Sisterhood president Geri Brandler and Rabbi Michele on Sisterhood Shabbat.
**April 24, 2009**
The Lefton family in honor of Brandon’s bar mitzvah

**May 1, 2009**
Meridith Patera & Carla Shaw in memory of Kate Shaw

**May 8, 2009**
Kathy Smith in honor of Minnie Anzo’s birthday
Carol Tolchin Boyd in honor of Dara’s birthday
The Rosado family in honor of Carol’s birthday
Ronnye Sacks in honor of her birthday

**May 15, 2009**
Dana Ehrlich in honor of Rachel’s bat mitzvah
The families of the Fifth Grade Class
The Sternberg family in honor of Robert’s birthday
Lloyd Picker in honor of Carole’s birthday
Ruth Ann & Steve Rossmann in honor of the anniversaries of Michael & Nancy Bloch and Judy & Eric Nielsen
Meridith Patera in honor of Max graduating from Moorpark college

**May 22, 2009**
Lloyd & Carole Picker in honor of their 48th anniversary & in honor of their granddaughter Kellie’s high school graduation
Ruth Ann & Steve Rossmann in honor of the birthdays of Pearl Bloch, Ruth Ann Rossman, Steve Rossman, Zachary Rossman, Meridith Patera and Geri Brandler
Meridith Patera in honor of the birthdays of Geri Brandler and all those Rossmans
The York family in memory of Sara Safrin
The Berger family in honor of Herschel’s birthday

**May 29, 2009**
The families of the Judaica High Class
Meridith Patera in honor of the confirmands
Penny Neugroschel in honor of her grandson Jeff Sherden’s confirmation
Judy Epstein in memory of her father, Kurt Fleischmann.

**June 5, 2009**
The families of the Graduating Class
Meridith Patera in honor of the graduates and the religious school staff
The Epstein family in honor of Eliot & Judy’s 29th anniversary
Cathy Holst in honor of Karen Holst’s birthday
The Kieselbach family in honor of Kevin’s birthday and Dave and Renee’s 19th anniversary
The Poehls family in honor of Aaron’s birthday
The Rosado family in memory of Kim Rosado

**June 12, 2009**
The Epstein family in honor of Matthew finishing his first year of college

**June 19, 2009**
Penny Neugroschel in honor of her 2 grandsons’ graduations
Jeff & Amy Tellio in honor of Brandon & Melisa’s graduations from Royal High.
The Tepfer family in honor of Julie’s birthday and Marty Richter’s 65th birthday (finally a senior citizen!) & in memory of Laura’s grandfather, Gustav Heimann.
Steve & Raye Charton in honor of Whitney Pasch’s graduation from medical school
Marty Richter in memory of Abe Richter
Suzie Fintz in memory of Max Click
The Russ family in honor of Mike and Merle’s 40th anniversary

**June 26, 2009**
Rabbi Michele in honor of the birthdays of her parents Shimon & Carole Paskow
Steve & Lois Friedman in honor of their 30th anniversary

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**CBE Calendar of Events**

**July**
3 – Shabbat Children’s Service, 7:00 PM
10 – Shabbat-A-Que and Service, 6:00 PM
14 – Sisterhood Meeting - Dinner and Movie
17 – Shabbat Service, 8:00 PM
18 – Sand, Surf and Havdalah, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
24 – Shabbat Service, 8:00 PM
31 – Shabbat Service, 8:00 PM

**August**
7 – Shabbat Children’s Service, 7:00 PM
9 – Sisterhood Brunch
9 – Discount Registration Day 5:00 – 7:00 PM
14 – Shabbat Service, 8:00 PM
16 – Sisterhood Maj Jongg Tournament
21 – Shabbat Service, 8:00 PM
22 – Sandy Weinstein Bat Mitzvah, 10:00 AM
28 – Shabbat Service, 8:00 PM
29 – Aryanna Ringer Bat Mitzvah, 4:00 PM
Membership

Membership is vital to a temple's existence. If you want the temple to be there for your milestones, then you need to support the temple so it can be there to meet your needs, whether it be for weekly Shabbat services, providing a Jewish education for your children, or for something like a wedding, funeral, baby naming, b'nai mitzvah, or counseling. Some functions of the temple are carried out by a core group of volunteers. There are many ways to get involved and help physically. We need the financial support also. Good thoughts do not pay the rent or the rabbi. We have services every Friday night and various other events are scheduled. Come be part of the temple family. Try it, you might like it!

All events sponsored by the membership committee are free and open to everyone, member or not, so come join us and see what CBE has to offer. In addition to Shabbat services and life cycle events, we participate in many community activities, such as feeding the needy, Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith Thanksgiving and many others. And we are here for friendship. Please... come join us!!!!

The annual Simi Valley Street Fair is a fun day for all (although this year it was very hot). Thank you to the many volunteers we had at the temple booth throughout the day. Susie Fintz, Michael Hollander, Earl Rosado, Shelly Botan, Irwin Cohen, Debbie Knecht, and many others greeted old friends and new people interested in what we have to offer. (If I have forgotten anyone I apologize.)

We are having a Sand, Surf, and Havdalah gathering at the beach on Saturday, July 18. Come meet us at Zuma Beach lifeguard station #9 and stay for any or all of the day and evening. It should be a fun, relaxing day of just being together. (Look for more information on the right).

We will have a Sunday Bar-B-Que membership registration event at the temple on Sunday, Aug.9, from 5 PM To 7 PM to finalize the early discount membership drive. Join us!!!! (See info on the right).

Membership was responsible for feeding the needy Saturday, June 20. I am so proud of my co-workers and their families for asking if they would be allowed to help! My boss, her daughter, and her parents came and they are already planning what they want to make next time. I want to thank Marianna, Haley, Nancy, Steve, Rio, Dominique, Ashley, and Kiya for working so hard and with such enthusiasm. Thank you Kaiser Woodland Hills Utilization Management team!!!! The dinner guests were polite, appreciative, and hungry. They loved their stew and fresh salad and homemade muffins.

If you have any questions about membership please call the temple at 805-581-3723

Thank you,
RuthAnn Rossman, Membership VP
Recent Donations

**Building Fund**
Jeffrey and Barbara Wohner – in memory of Pearl Wohner
Glen and Debbie Knecht – in memory of Bernice Hearn;
in honor of Louis Knecht’s graduation from Simi Valley High School
Donald and Michelle Forman – in memory of Morton Krebs
2009 Confirmation Class - for CBE sign
2009 7th Grade Class – for CBE sign
Verizon

**Religious School Fund**
Sheldon and Joan Liebmann – in memory of Bertha Liebmann

**Memorial Donations**
Sheila Kubik – in memory of Stanley Kubik
Robert and Tami Finkbeiner – in memory of Sam and Rosa Zimmerman
Joan Bourland – in memory of Ida and Isadore Philip Moses and Ray B. and Cathy Mae Bourland
Ken and Suzanne Epstein – in memory of Werner Hollander
Steven and Rae Charton – in memory of William Rogen
Donald and Michelle Forman – in memory of Louis Forman
Grace Eskenazi – in memory of Mordecai Eskenazi
Steven Fintz – in memory of Hannah Fintz
Anthony and Laura Luskin – in memory of Dina Pichkhadze

**Tribute Donations**
Ken and Suzanne Epstein – in honor of new grandson, Jackson Parker Epstein

**Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund**
Marsha Evans
Doris Gould – in honor Rabbi Michele leading the memorial service of Harlan Gould
Gabe and Jill Katell – in honor of Rabbi Michele leading the memorial service of Lillian Katell
Myrna Stelman – in honor of granddaughter Julia’s Bat Mitzvah
Michael and Merle Russ – in memory of Herman Russ
United Church of Christ – Thank you to Rabbi Michele for her visit

**JLC Donations**
Bella Hananel

**Tree of Life Leaf Donations**
Gabe and Jill Katell – in memory of Abraham and Lillian Katell
Judith Miller, David Miller and Family – in memory of Cynthia Miller

**New Prayer Book Donations**
Gabe and Jill Katell – in memory of Abraham Katell and Lillian Katell
Paula Fruchtmann – in honor of Rachel Sara Ehrlich’s Bat Mitzvah
Joseph Zamore – in celebration of Rachel Ehrlich’s Bat Mitzvah
Marty and Gladys Ehrlich – in honor of Rachel Ehrlich’s Bat Mitzvah
Ira and Eleanor Greenberg – in honor of Rachel Ehrlich’s Bat Mitzvah
Jack and Phyllis Ehrlich – in celebration of Rachel Ehrlich’s Bat Mitzvah
Peter and Jennifer Rosenstein and Family – in honor of our new Temple
Eric and Stacy Cohen and Family

**Choir Fund Donations**
Gabe and Jill Katell – in honor of Cantor Michael Russ co-leading the memorial service of Lillian Katell

**Miscellaneous Donations**
Women of CBE – for advertising
Jerry and Marla Bergmann – for Preschool; in memory of Lewis Stone
Robert and Tami Finkbeiner – for General Fund

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**THE NEW REFORM PRAYER BOOK IS HERE!**

Mishkan T'filah Booklet

Congregation B'nai Emet has adopted the Reform Movement's first new prayer book in over twenty years, Mishkan T'filah.

- Help us stock our shelves by donating one or more books.
- With each $50 donation, a commemorative bookplate will be placed in the front leaf.
- If you prefer, you can purchase your own prayerbooks to keep for your family's use for $36 each and pick them up at the temple.
- Please use the form below for your order.

For more information, contact the temple at (805) 581-3723.

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Shabbat Dinner for Israel Independence Day
Students, parents and teachers enjoyed Israeli activities, including Krav Maga and an Israeli feast, at the temple on April 26.

Confirmation - The Judaica High Class led the service as Matt Ringer and Jeff Sherden were confirmed.

Fifth Grade Class Service
Graduation and School Staff Appreciation

Last day of Religious School

Preschool
Last day of school, first day of summer camp, and the animal show.
Dear CBE Parents,

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. I was elected VP of CBE Schools in April, and I am very excited to get to know each of you and your children before the new school year begins!

Both Meridith and I have some wonderful ideas for parent and family participation in the upcoming Sunday School programs, and you will be hearing more about that as our ideas take form.

I am really looking forward to speaking with each of you - hearing your ideas for making our CBE School better for your children, and how we can engage each of you to participate in your children's Jewish education. I will be calling each family between now and the end of summer to introduce myself and to get your input.

I would love to see one parent in each classroom each week - assisting our teachers and working with the children. I know that sometimes Sunday School is a long awaited break for a few hours each week, but if each parent were to take one week, there would be no great burden, and it would be such a tremendous help to our dedicated teachers!

Meridith has already begun looking at some new materials for the coming school year, and I am certain that these new materials, along with our teacher's enthusiasm, will go a long way to keep the children interested, excited, and involved.

Please know that if you should have any questions or concerns, I am available to you at any time, I want you to feel free to call me - the number above is my cell phone and it is with me all the time.

This really is YOUR Temple school - and our goal is to grow and thrive with your participation making the big difference in the future of our school and our children's success.

Ani veAtah Neshaneh et HaOlam! - You and I will change the world!

Deborah Bass, VP Religious Schools
drbass1115@sbcglobal.net

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Send the Sweetest of all Rosh Hashanah greetings to your family, friends and business associates.

We will ship a personalized package, including a festive 8-ounce jar of kosher clover honey, a gift card and the blessing for the New Year, anywhere in the United States. The package will arrive in time for Rosh Hashanah.

Ordering is quick and easy online. Your cost is $10 per jar and a portion of your purchase benefits Congregation B'nai Emet Schools.

Visit www.congregationbnaiemet.org and click on the honey link. Order online by July 24th to avoid extra shipping fees. Contact Deborah Bass at drbass1115@sbcglobal.net or (818) 321-5989 to request a honey order form (mail order deadline is July 20th) or if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

Click here to purchase honey:
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## CBE Kvells—2009 Graduates

**Max David Patera** received his AA with a specialization in Humanities from Moorpark College. He will continue at Moorpark until he has enough credits in Computer Network Engineering to transfer to CSUCI.

**Brooke Fineberg** graduated from George Washington University Law School and will begin studying for the DC and Virginia bar exam in July.

Both of Lee & Kathy Smith’s daughters graduated this year: **Leanna** from CSUN on May 20 with a degree in Liberal Studies and a minor in sociology and **Megan** from Sinaloa Middle School. She has made the Royal High School cheerleading squad.

Michael & Marilyn Hollander are kvelling over their kids: **Danny Jordan** got an AA from Moorpark College, and **Erin** graduated from Santa Susanna High School. She was accepted to 8 out of 8 colleges, and she's going to Berkeley. Erin also received a Kay Barker scholarship from the Simi Valley Branch of the American Association of University Women. Only 5 Kay Barker Scholarships were given locally, two of them to CBE women!

**Ariel Ostrowiecki** of Moorpark High School received a Kay Barker scholarship. She will attend either Moorpark College or California Lutheran University for studies as a research scientist or doctor.

**Michael Foster** graduated from Simi Valley High School. He will attend The University of Arizona in the fall.

**Louis Knecht** also graduated from Simi High and will be attending Moorpark College.

**Brandon and Melissa Tellio** graduated from Royal High School. Brandon will start at the Cordon Bleu in Atlanta Georgia July 7. Melissa will be going to Moorpark College.

Raye Charton’s daughter (Steve’s stepdaughter) **Whitney Lynn Pasch** graduated from Medical School at Western University, COMP in Pomona with a doctorate is in Osteopathic Medicine. Whitney begins her residency at UC Irvine Medical Center in Orange, CA. Her specialty will be Pathology.

**Shawna Katell** graduated from Royal High School and attending Moorpark College in the fall.

**Jennifer York** and **Breanna Nuss** also graduated from Moorpark College.
Dear God,
Help us to maintain our sense of humor. In our lives we have promised to help “repair the world” Yet daily we encounter destruction, hatred, and threat on a world-wide basis. Even our own personal situations sometimes overwhelm us.

Help us to remember that You are a lover of laughter. We can laugh with our friends or at ourselves, And in so doing, lighten our hearts so we can face another day.

Sense of humor is a precious attribute of humanity. You gave it to us. Help us to see its purpose, and to cherish it.

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.
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Friday July 10
6P.M.-dinner
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Come have a bar-b-que cooked by our Men’s Club and enjoy a lovely Shabbat Evening at Congregation Bnai Emet
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1:00-4:00 session 2 (three rounds) followed by prizes and awards
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