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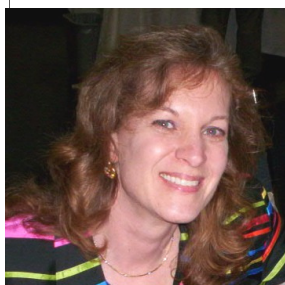
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Rabbi's Message

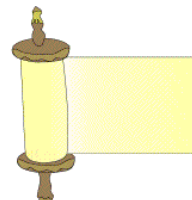
Shalom Chaverim!



It may come as no surprise to you that I love all of the Jewish holidays, but Purim always stands out as special, not only because it is a playful time, but because of its upbeat theme of survival against the odds. It's easy to see Purim only as a children's holiday with costumes, noise, a foolish king, a beautiful queen and an evil villain – that's because at that time we survived! But I see Purim on a much deeper level, as a paradigm for Jewish history: in almost every age there was a “*Haman*” who sought to destroy the Jewish people. Anti-Semitism is the longest-running, most widely adopted social pathology in history. Yet, despite all the odds, we have continued to survive until today. That is what I celebrate on Purim, our beautiful, varied and rich Jewish history, life and culture that has come down to us through the ages. It is for this reason that we laugh on Purim, not ribald laughter, but laughter born of faith and joy in the amazing survival of our people. Besides the reading of the *Megillah* and a spirit of joy, Purim is also marked by a sense of thanksgiving with sending gifts to friends and those in need. May we continue to celebrate and enjoy our Jewish heritage in our time of freedom.

Please join us for a fun Purim celebration on **Friday March 18th at 7 pm**. We will sing songs (from a “cool” powerpoint presentation) and watch the story of Purim presented by our 6th grade students, with an appearance by the evil *Haman*! (boo, hiss!... Sorry, Mr. Shore!) Don't be shy, come dressed in a costume - prizes will be awarded! Share in the fun, create positive Jewish memories and experiences and nosh some *hamantaschen* too!

Shalom and Chag Samaech!
Rabbi Michele Paskow



A MEDITATION FOR THE MONTH OF PURIM (ADAR)

By Rabbi Marc Gellman

Dear God,

Thank you for laughter. Nothing so burdens the work of religious people as the notion that all things religious are pious and sober, serious and stern, boring and forbidding. On Purim we remember that ours is a religion of joy and that You seek to be served in joy, *ivdu adonai b'simcha*. Our world is so full of despair, sorrow, tragedy, and mournfulness. Help us, therefore, to nurture and deepen our ability to laugh and sing, to dance and exult in whatever blessings we encounter on our road to You. Laughter and joy are, after all, not mere diversions, but the only antidote to the terror of existence. A smile is, after all, the way hope forms itself on the human face, and laughter is, in the end, the way the soul speaks Your kindness into this wounded world.

Happy Purim, Shalom!



President's Message by Michael Hollander

As we approach that hopeful season called "Spring," I remain positive about the strong direction in which Congregation B'nai Emet is heading. With the building behind us along with a successful New Year's Eve gala, our members are showing a strong optimistic attitude toward our future.

Financially, the temple is doing fine; but that comes with a footnote that we always have to be prudent when making decisions at every turn. I am proud to say that our board has been able to offer and continues to offer membership scholarships to those in economic need. I hope all of us or most of us are doing better, so I ask you all to consider the synagogue when you fulfill your dues obligations in the future. Basically, if you now have a full time job compared to a year ago, please consider readjusting your dues back to or close to the posted levels. If you are still having difficulty, we are here to work with you. No one is turned away.

Spring, in the life of our synagogue, also brings Board elections. Please consider running for a position and taking an active role in the temple operation. It's a fun and extremely rewarding opportunity to represent your fellow congregants as you make important decisions for CBE's future. You can find a list of Board positions in this newsletter and if you have any questions about the responsibilities for each position, call me or the temple office.

Meanwhile, hope to see all of you at the Black and White Purim Masquerade Ball this month and of course, at Synagogue on Friday evening.

Shalom,

Michael Hollander
President



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

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

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Membership

CBE membership is like a tree?

In a departure from the usual appeal for new members, I would like to pass along a beautiful song/poem, our Sisterhood sang at our recent lovely Tu Bishvat Seder. I think it speaks volumes as to the meaning and essence of temple membership.

Standing On The Shoulders

by Lanny, Steve and Doug Cotler

In the garden there's a tree
Planted by someone who only imagined me
What love, what vision, I marvel at the gift
No fruit could be sweeter than this.

I'm standing on the shoulders of the ones who
came before me.

As our people went from land to land
Something passed from hand to hand
And it isn't just the words and stories
Of the ancient laws and golden glories
It's the way we study the Book we study
It's the way we study the way.

Today my life is full of choice
Because a young man raised his voice
Because a young girl took a chance
I am freedom's inheritance
Years ago they crossed the sea
And they made a life that's come to me.

So in the garden I'll plant a seed
A tree of life for you to read
The fruit will ripen in the sun.
The words will sound when I am gone
These are the things I pass along
The fruit, the Book, and this Song.

As you can see, the above words so eloquently tell the story of the choices many Jews have made across the centuries. Identifying with a temple family like Congregation B'nai Emet enables you to plant the seed with your membership, nourish its growth, and enhance the ability of our Jewish heritage to flourish.

Shelly Botan, V.P. Membership

Welcome to New Members

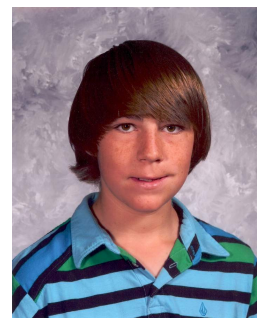
Debbie Stern and Children, Rebecca
and Joshua Zalmanowitz

Welcome to Returning Members

John and Cindy Elhai and Daughters,
Julia, Kellie and Michelle

Bar Mitzvah

Hi, my name is Ryan Strohbach. I live in Thousand Oaks with my mom and my dog. I am a 7th grader at Redwood Middle School. Some of the things I like to do are snow boarding, water skiing, wake boarding, and playing hockey. I am looking forward to my Bar Mitzvah on April 9th. I have learned a lot of things in my studies at CBE that I will carry forward in my life.



Executive VP's Message

As Vice President of the Temple I am in charge of maintenance of the property. You will notice a lot of things going on. Since the close of escrow, we now have the responsibility of the maintenance of not only the Temple, but also the Montessori School. Cleaning up the landscape around the Temple and Montessori properties is in full swing. I am hoping to get the property cleaned up and most of the trees trimmed before spring. Any help is appreciated.

Within the next few months, work will start on the installation of a new roof on the Temple along with multiple projects on the Montessori building. This is an exciting and busy time for us, and the improvements will help make our Temple an even better place to worship.

Thanks,
Mitchell Salberg, EVP

Men's Club

The Men's Club has been preparing to help out the Sisterhood with its Black and White Purim Masquerade Ball and is working on the Purim Carnival the following weekend for the children. The Purim Carnival is a very rewarding event for our children. We make sure that all the children go away with lots of little prizes and our goal that day is for the children to have a fun experience.

We continue to meet monthly and have a breakfast once a month on Sundays at various locations throughout Simi. Our Sunday breakfasts are strictly a social gathering. If you are not on our email list please contact me at mmmutal2002@yahoo.com or my business phone (805-527-9104) and I will add you to our email list.

Michael Mutal

Religious School

It's been wonderful to see so many students at the Shabbat services, especially at the Family Shabbats! We're looking forward to seeing more of you in the coming months. Remember, b'nai mitzvah students must attend ten Friday and five Saturday services in the year prior to the big event. Mazel tov to Carla Shaw and the K/1/2 and 3/4 classes for their impressive performance at the February 4 Shabbat service. They sang and prayed so beautifully and have been invited back for an encore!

Mid-year report cards were mailed home at the end of January to inform you of your children's progress in Judaica and Hebrew. Let us know if you have any questions about your student's grades and comments.

March and April are such a great time of year for us here at the Religious School. Our 6th Grade students are working hard – rehearsing with Mrs. Patera to put on the best Purim Play that has ever been produced.

Get ready to boo and hiss and make noise with your groggers when Haman and Mordechai, Esther and Vashti all go head to head! Please mark your calendars – join us on Friday, March 18, at 7 PM, when our 6th grade class will present a pantomime of the Purim story. The students and Mrs. Patera will also join us in a sing-along of Purim songs – it's always fun, and everyone has a good time.

The same talented class will also perform a puppet show at the Purim Carnival two days later. All students will be dismissed at 11:45 AM on 4/20 for Purim Carnival; no there is no b'nai mitzvah class. Our students will instead be helping the Men's Club to make this the best carnival ever. Besides the puppet show, which will be presented multiple times, the 7th grade will run a bake sale to raise funds for our future education building. Judaica High students will help with booth set up and also run a face-painting booth. Younger students will make signs to help decorate the booths for this festive event. You can help by contacting the Men's Club to see what adult help is needed (see the notice elsewhere in this issue).

SPRING FUNDRAISER: This year, you will be able to send Purim greetings by way of sending Mishloach Manot gifts to fellow CBE congregants and you will be helping to support our Religious School at the same time. For more information, contact Deborah Bass, VP Religious School – drbass1115@sbcglobal.net or 805-624-5164. Order forms will be available the first week of March.

In April, our K-4 students will again sing at the April 1 service under Carla Shaw's direction; 4th graders will present the tallises they made, with fringes made by the b'nai mitzvah class.

Passover lessons will follow the fun of Purim, and our students will learn not only the lesson of how we earned our freedom from Pharaoh, but will complete various craft projects to bring personal pride to the Seder table. Passover workshops and model seders will be held on 4/17 at the school campus; any adult help with this busy day will be greatly appreciated. I know that, as parents, you will cherish for many years the items that your children lovingly craft and proudly present to you.

On a personal note, I want to thank you – it is a joy to spend time with your children, and a privilege that I truly am grateful for.

Todah Rabah –

Deborah Bass, VP Religious Schools

אתה ואני נשנה את העולם

You and I will change the world

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 4 – Shabbat across America (See below)

March 18 – Purim/Shabbat service – 7 PM service

March 20 – Purim Carnival – 12-3 PM – all students dismissed at 11:45 AM – no B'nai Mitzvah Class

April 1 – K-4 students sing at 7 PM service

April 17 – Model seders & Passover craft workshops during school

April 18-25 - No school for Passover/Spring Break



SAVE THE DATES

March 4 SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

Pot-luck hors d'oeuvres at 6 PM and service at 7 PM. Please remember, everything must be *parve* or dairy, no meat/ chicken. (See page 13)

March 6 Pet Parade—rescheduled (See flyer)

March 12 Black & White Purim Masquerade Ball (See more information page 9)

March 18, - PURIM service, 7 PM. Wear a costume (win a prize!), watch the Purim story pantomimed by the 6th grade students- guest starring Haman, Esther, and King Ahasueros!

March 20 – Purim Carnival (See page 8)

April 19 Community Passover Seder 2nd night of Passover. This will be held at the Temple. Bring your family and friends. Children are welcome. More information will be coming.

Notes from the Cantor by Cantor Michael Russ

Perhaps the greatest story of our Jewish History is the Exodus from Egypt. It is the story of the struggle of our people to break the chains of slavery, to become a free people, and to make our own history with the help of God. It was not then, and still is not now, an easy struggle. Some of the difficulty in our ancient story was with the Pharaoh who kept changing his mind about letting the Hebrews free. (It seems that the new “Pharaoh” recently had the same problem). Another problem was the struggle of the Hebrew people to actually believe it was possible for the great miracles of allowing God to deliver them from slavery, experiencing freedom and accepting God’s help with building a new community: “The Children of Israel”. With new laws from God, we would become who we are today with a homeland of Israel and a positive spiritual bond that has held us together for centuries.



As we watch events unfold in Egypt and other places in the Mideast today, we have many concerns of what will happen next. How will this affect the world? How will this affect Israel? How will this affect the United States of America? But what about the question . . . “How does this affect the people of Egypt? What will be their response to their own freedom?

Just as our ancestors discovered the meaning, significance, and responsibility of freedom, so do these new Egyptians need to learn the meaning of their own freedom. This is a new experience for them. We should hope and pray that they will experience and appreciate what freedom truly means. As they struggle to rebuild their country, let us pray that they understand that peace is also an important factor in their newfound freedom. The protestors we watched on TV were, for the most part, peaceful. Without a strong individual such as Moses, they prayed to God and did the work to overthrow the tyrannical leader of Egypt. And, so far, they have won.

In addition to Passover, the story of Purim is also a springtime celebration. Esther and Mordechai were cautious and kept aware of the events and personalities of those in power. They kept their eyes open and their ears listening to realize Haman’s treachery. The fact that Esther was the new queen did not make her and her people immune from disaster. They dealt with the problem in a clever way, and, in the end, they triumphed.



We, too, must keep vigil and understand what is happening. We must guard against a possible new “Haman.” However, we should encourage and celebrate the newfound freedom of the Egyptians. Perhaps, as they struggle with their own freedom, they will learn to respect the rights of others. It was so encouraging to see that as the Muslims in Tehrar Square were praying one day, the Christian Egyptians formed a circle around them so they would not be disturbed by the “anti-demonstrators.” Another day, the Christians prayed while the Muslims made a human shield around the Christians. Perhaps as they learn to respect each other in their own country they will learn to respect other countries.

Respect for others and praying for freedom and democracy of the Egyptians should not be equated with asking for troubles for Israel. We, and Israel, must be ever vigilant of the developments in Egypt. We must be aware of the possible evil influences (such as a Haman) in their struggle. However, there is always the chance that, as the Egyptian people discover their own freedom and experience their own peace and prosperity, they will lose hatred in their hearts and realize that everyone is better off if we could live in peace.

When we pray for peace in the world it cannot be for us alone, but for everyone, or else there really is no peace. When someone is ill, we recite the “Mi Shebeirach” Prayer. We pray to God for healing. The world needs healing.

“May the source of strength, who blessed the ones before us, help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing. Bless those in need of healing with ‘r’fua sh’leima’: the renewal of body the renewal of spirit, and let us say: Amen.”



Sisterhood Simchas

JANUARY 2011

Shelly Botan: Thanks to Julie Stafford for the great Krav Maga demonstration. Happy Birthday to my husband, Sy, on February 8th.

Jill Katell: Thanks to Julie Stafford for the Krav Maga demonstration. Happy 17th Birthday to my son, Joshua, on January 16th.

Carla Shaw: For the wonderful Debbie Friedman who gave us such joy with her music.

Janine Enright: Glad that Mike is starting to feel better.

Meridith Patera: Thanks to Julie Stafford of Simi Valley Krav Maga for a great lesson. In memory of Debbie Friedman, may she rest in peace. Congratulations to Fredyce Holland on her retirement. Refuah Shlemah to Representative Gabrielle Giffords.

Cathy Holst: Thank you to Julie Stafford for the Krav Maga demonstration. Happy Birthday to my two brothers, Steve and Ray.

FEBRUARY 2011

Cheryl Hirsch: In memory of my mother-in-law Norma Hirsch's birthday. I wish a speedy and healthy recovery to Marion Leon. Mazel tov to Sandy and Alan Leon on the birth of their grandson. Thank you to Rabbi Michele for leading our Tu Bishvat Sisterhood Seder. Thank you to Tami Plotkin and all the ladies who set a beautiful and delicious Tu Bishvat table.

Ronnye Sacks: Thank you, thank you, Ruth Ann, for doing our new Sisterhood roster! Mazel Tov to Sandy and Alan on the birth of their new grandchild. Thank you Rabbi for putting together our new haggadah and leading our lovely seder. Thank you Tami for setting up our seder and baking the delicious cookies. Thanks to all the sisterhood members who shared together in a delightful evening.

Laura Tepfer: Peppi Lamm, thank you for helping with my letter. Great Seder, Rabbi.

Shelly Botan: So glad to see Fredyce Holland at our Tu Bishvat meeting. Wishing Valerie Singh a successful hip surgery.

Minnie Anzo: Thank you, Rabbi, for the get-well wishes for Mark, my son's recovery given at Friday's services.

Valerie Singh: Thanks to Rabbi Michele for calling me in the hospital when I was sick. Thanks to Phyllis for giving me a ride to my doctor's appointment in West Hills last month. It was farther than she thought. Thank you, Ruth Ann, for giving me a ride to this seder. Tami, I really appreciated it.

Jill Katell: Thank you for a wonderful Tu Bishvat Seder. Happy birthday to Lynn Salberg.

Lynn Salberg: Thank you for a wonderful Tu Bishvat Seder. I enjoyed seeing all my sisterhood friends.

Penny Neugroschl: Thanks to Tami for organizing the lovely Tu Bishvat Seder. Thank you to the nominating committee for their hard work.

Carol Picker: Get well to Marion Leon. Thank you for a wonderful Seder that everyone helped in.

Cathy Holst: Thank you to all the Sisterhood members that made this Tu Bishvat Seder so special and meaningful. Good luck to Carla Shaw on her new plant adventure.

Deborah Bass: Many thanks to Tami Plotkin for preparing a lovely Tu Bishvat Seder. Thank you Rabbi Michele for leading our beautiful Tu Bishvat Seder. Mazel Tov to Carla Shaw on her new business venture "Carla's Gardens." Mazel Tov to Doris Foster on the birth of her granddaughter, Lydia Josephine Bradley.

Meridith Patera: Thank you to everyone who helped so much tonight to make this evening so meaningful. Mazel tov to my sister Carla on her new businesses. Speedy recovery to Marion and Valerie. Fredyce, it's great to have you back! Mazel tov to Doris on the birth of her granddaughter Lydia. Mazel tov to Alan & Sandy Leon on the birth of their grandson Vincent.



Women of CBE

As our sisterhood year draws to a close, I have to say how honored I have been to serve as President for the last two years. We accomplished a great deal and have a lot to be proud of. I know that the new board, under the capable direction of incoming President Penny Neugroschl, will continue to grow and improve our organization in many ways, and I plan to be around as Immediate Past President to help that happen. Thank you to my wonderful board members, committee chairs, and all the other wonderful women who give of their time, money and selves to make this such a meaningful and productive group. We are stronger together!

In January, we had an exciting evening with a Krav Maga demonstration at our general meeting. Thank you to Julie Stafford of Simi Valley Krav Maga for her fascinating explanation and introduction to this Israeli martial art. Ruth Ann Rossman and Ronnye Sacks handed out the new Women of CBE roster that they so expertly composed.

At our February meeting, Rabbi Michele led us in a lovely Tu Bishvat seder with a Haggadah she wrote. Todah rabbah to her, and special thanks to Tami Plotkin who organized the food for the seder, as well as making some of her best cookies ever!

Our March meeting is the kick-off to a month filled with Purim activities. On March 8, we will learn "The Top Ten Things You Never Knew about Purim" and have games and discussions related to this fun holiday. Later in March, we'll bake hamantaschen for the Purim service on March 18, and then hold our world famous Chicken Soup Cook-off at the Purim Carnival on March 20.

On March 12, we will hold our biggest fundraiser of the year. Our Black & White Purim Masquerade Ball promises to be a deliriously happy experience for all of us – like a bar mitzvah reception without the kids or candle lighting! Wear a black and white costume or outfit with your own special touches and join us for an evening of dancing, deejay and dozens of delights! See the ad elsewhere in this issue and check our website for a list of all the fabulous silent auction and raffle items that will be available for your winning pleasure. Remember, childcare is available on site for a nominal price.

April will see the installation of our new board, as well as the continuation of our activities to support the temple, such as helping with the Passover preparations for the temple and schools. Join us as we plunge into a new year of fun and fundraising for CBE.

Geri Brandler

Women of CBE – Stronger together!



Women of CBE
invite you to our next general meeting featuring

**THE TOP TEN THINGS
YOU NEVER KNEW
ABOUT PURIM**

DISCUSSIONS - GAMES - SURPRISES

 **Tuesday, March 8, 2011
7 PM** 
**at the temple
9 West Bonita
Simi Valley**



RSVP to either event at mspatera@earthlink.net

Call for entries
**CHICKEN
SOUP
COOK-OFF***



**matzah balls optional*

***You know you make the best.
Now you can prove it!***

Bring soup and ladle in
your pot, warming tray
and booth decorations if
desired. We supply chairs,
outlets, bowls and spoons.

**at the CBE Purim
Carnival
March 20
12-3 PM
CBE North Campus**

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

This is a fundraiser for Women of CBE.



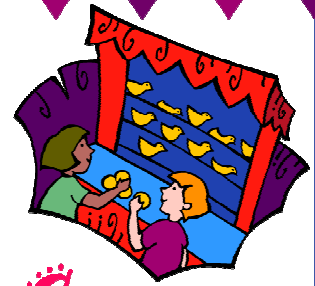
Food!



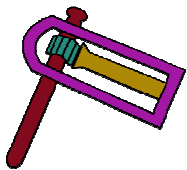
Bake Sale!



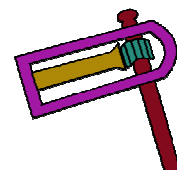
Puppet Show!



Games!



PURIM CARNIVAL



MARCH 20 - 12-3 PM

CONGREGATION B'NAI EMET

CBE NORTH CAMPUS

3050 Kadota Street

Simi Valley, CA 93063

Run by CBE Men's Club

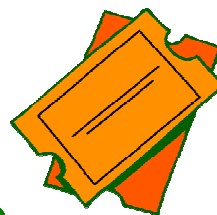
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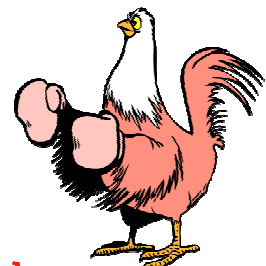
Moonbounce!



Prizes!



Raffles!



Chicken Soup Cook-Off!



BLACK & WHITE PURIM MASQUERADE BALL

**Saturday, March 12, 2011
8 PM**

**at Congregation B'nai Emet
9 West Bonita
Simi Valley, CA 93065**



**D.J.
silent auction & raffle
hors d'oeuvre, drinks, dessert bar
costume contest**

**\$25 per person till March 5
\$35 per person after March 5**

Child Care Available - \$10/child

This event is sponsored by the Men's Club & Women of CBE

To see a list of donations for silent auction & raffles, a printable order form, or to pay with PayPal, go to <http://www.congregationbnaiemet.org>.

Oneg Sponsors

December 31, 2010

The Picker Family in honor of Lloyd's birthday

January 7, 2011

The Rossman Family in honor of David's birthday

The Forster Family in honor of Joy's birthday

Keith & Lynne Kelly in honor of their 36th anniversary

January 14, 2011

Cathy HOLST in honor of her two brothers' birthdays,
Steve & Ray

January 21, 2011

Doris Bass Foster in honor of the birth of her
granddaughter Lydia Josephine Bradley
Doris Bass Foster & Deborah Bass in memory of
Aunt Bell

The Hollander Family in honor of Marilyn's birthday &
Michael & Marilyn's 24th anniversary

David Gering in honor of Evan's birthday

Marty Richter in memory of his mother Shirley Richter

January 28, 2011

The Katell Family in honor of Joshua's 17th birthday

Alice Fiducia in honor of her birthday

Alan Mann in memory of Alex Edward Mann

Steve & Holly York in memory of his mother Dora York

February 4, 2011

The Moss Family in honor of Brett's birthday

Shelly Botan in honor of Sy's birthday

The Levine Family in honor of Matthew's 9th birthday

Irwin Cohen in honor of his granddaughter Natalia Vicki
Cohen who is this month's Sabbath Queen at the
Institute of Jewish Education in Los Angeles

Meridith Patera in memory of Ruth Wilkerson

February 11, 2011

Cathy Holst in honor of her nephew Thomas Bailey's
birthday

Deborah Bass in honor of Doris Bass Foster's new
granddaughter Lydia Josephine Bradley

Ken & Suzanne Epstein in honor of Suzanne's birthday

The Steve Friedman Family in honor of Lois & David's
birthdays

The Foster Family in honor of Craig's birthday

February 18, 2011

Janine Enright in memory of her grandmother Ruth
Truskin

Deborah Bass in memory of Erica Patterson

Lynne Kelly in memory of Dorothy Rabin

The Forster Family in honor of Ronald's birthday

Recent Donations

Building Fund

Bella Hananel – In memory of Charles Stein and
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Marvin and Sandra Sussman – in memory of

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Birthday

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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Minnie Anzo-Ackerman – for the recovery of

Mark Ackerman

Religious School Donations

Julie Ranelletti – in honor of Lauren's birthday

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Jerry and Marla Bergmann – in memory of

Beverly Pedowitz

Preschool and Education Building Fund

Sheldon and Joan Liebmann – in memory of

Jacob Landau

General Donations

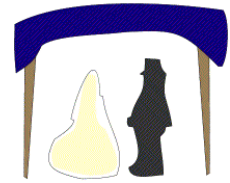
Brett and Michael Moss

Steve and Marcia Waldman

Additional High Holy Days Donations

Bob and Barbara Poehls





Birthdays

Mar. 01	Rachael Rosenstein
Mar. 03	Jerry Bergmann
Mar. 03	Michelle Elhai
Mar. 03	Michael Mutal
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Mar. 21	Erik and Tracie Breiter
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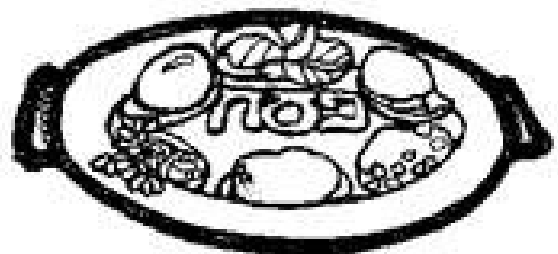
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Yahrzeits

Mar. 02	Evelyn Day	Adar-I 26	Apr. 09	Pinnie Firestein	Nissan 5
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Mar. 03	Helen Rogen	Adar-I 27	Apr. 10	Marie Menke	Nissan 6
Mar. 04	Lewis Greene	Adar-I 28	Apr. 10	Ruth Singer	Nissan 6
Mar. 04	Fay Rivers	Adar-I 28	Apr. 11	Shannon Cricco	Nissan 7
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Mar. 08	Bennie Riff	Adar-II 2	Apr. 13	Oscar Keimon	Nissan 9
Mar. 10	Jean Greenberg	Adar-II 4	Apr. 13	Irving Lamm	
Mar. 19	Mary Hollander	Adar-II 13	Apr. 13	Victor Schatz	Nissan 9
Mar. 20	Leo Plotkin	Adar-II 14	Apr. 13	Daniel Small	Nissan 9
Mar. 21	Max David Greenberg	Adar-II 15	Apr. 14	Harry Gelman	Nissan 10
Mar. 22	Joan Tratner		Apr. 14	Harry Gordon	Nissan 10
Mar. 24	Marcia Grossman	Adar-II 18	Apr. 14	Joseph Kaufman	Nissan 10
Mar. 25	Sheldon Miller	Adar-II 19	Apr. 14	Benjamin Landes	Nissan 10
Mar. 27	Meyer Siegel	Adar-II 21	Apr. 14	Iris Lefton	Nissan 10
Mar. 28	Bertha Brody		Apr. 14	Bernadine Paige	Nissan 10
Mar. 28	Nessine Ribstein	Adar-II 22	Apr. 15	Sidney Friedman	Nissan 11
Mar. 28	Ann Stern	Adar-II 22	Apr. 18	Rosy Hollander	Nissan 14
Mar. 30	Emanuel "Manny" Singer		Apr. 19	Shirley Oliver	Nissan 15
		Adar-II 24	Apr. 23	Marvin Kraft	Nissan 19
Apr. 01	Helen Kelson	Adar-II 26	Apr. 23	Gail Lenore Shapiro	Nissan 19
Apr. 02	Beverly Cheiken	Adar-II 27	Apr. 24	Sherman Doctrow	Nissan 20
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Apr. 03	Edel Wechter	Adar-II 28	Apr. 25	Sandra Abala	Nissan 21
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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.

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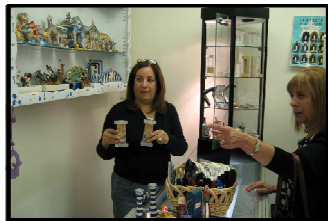
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Mar. 11/6 Adar II	5:41 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Vayikra—Lev. 1:1-5:26
Mar. 18/13 Adar II	6:47 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Tzav—Lev. 6:1-11:47
Mar. 20/14 Adar II		Purim	
Mar. 26/20 Adar II	6:52 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Shmini—Lev. 9:1-11:47
Apr. 1/27 Adar II	6:58 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Tazria—Lev. 12:1-13:59
Apr. 8/5 Nisan	7:03 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Metzora—Lev. 14:1-15:33
April 9		Ryan Strohbach Bar Mitzvah - 4 PM	
Apr. 15/12 Nisan	7:08 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Achrei Mot—Lev. 16:1-18:30
Apr. 18	7:11 PM	First night of Passover	
Apr. 22/19 Nisan	7:14 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Readings from Exodus for Passover
Apr. 29/26 Nisan	7:19 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Kedoshim—Lev. 19:1-20:27

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