Dear Friends:

One of my favorite Jewish jokes goes as follows:

When I was young, I asked my father, “If you don’t believe in God, why do you go to synagogue so regularly?” My father answered, “Jews go to synagogue for all kinds of reasons. My friend Garfinkle, who is orthodox, goes to talk to God. I go to talk to Garfinkle.”

Whatever your reason is for coming to shul, belonging to the synagogue and supporting the Jewish community is important, meaningful and rewarding.

Jewish life is both home and community based. An important aspect of Jewish living is daily observance or connection in some way – from reading a Jewish book (study), to saying a prayer (personal devotion), to keeping a part of kosher (spiritual connection), to acting ethically with caring, compassion and kindness (chesed), and more. Belonging to the synagogue connects you to the Jewish community, your faith and provides an “extended family.” It is important to be a synagogue member to help support the Jewish community. I’ve noticed that actively participating in Temple life deeply enriches the lives of those involved in so many ways. Our CBE community is especially warm, welcoming, and heimish, as everyone who has visited or joined us can agree!

We all have friends and relatives who do not belong. I would like to suggest that you invite them to come and join us. Like the joke expresses, they can come for social or religious events – what is important is that they join to show their support for the Jewish community, Jewish education and know that the Temple is there to be of service.

Our Jewish tradition teaches us that we are part of a family, the House of Israel. We are taught to help one another and assist each other. In our day, when so many people call the Temple for guidance, for help, for a family event, everyone should belong to a synagogue and be counted as part of the family.

We will have services and activities throughout the summer for the children and the adults. **Put “Shabbat @ CBE” on your calendar!**

Rabbi Israel “Ba’al Shem Tov,” the founder of the Hassidic approach to Judaism said: “Sadness locks the gates of heaven; Prayer opens locked gates and Joy has the power to break down walls.” Come be a part of our uplifting and joyous Congregation. Bring your friends, make new friends! You will be filled with contentment and have a sense of spirituality and meaning.

*Lehitraot.* See you in Shul!

**Rabbi Michele Paskow**

**OPPORTUNITIES for Involvement:**

- **ATTEND** Shabbat services
- **ESTABLISH** a spiritual and emotional bond with Judaism and the Jewish people through home rituals.
- **ENRICH** your knowledge with Rabbi Michele, guest speakers and adult education
- **PROMOTE AND SUPPORT** Jewish life in Simi and Moorpark through:
  - Sisterhood
  - Men’s Club
  - Havurah
  - Choir
  - Preschool/ ReligiousSchool
  - Religious and Community Services
President’s Message by Mitchell Salberg

Shalom,

The New Temple Board is installed and ready for action. I am excited to hear all the great ideas on ways to promote and grow CBE in the community. July and August are busy months for CBE. Ryan Richmond and the maintenance committee are working hard to get the grounds in shape, so as to be approved by the fire department. Bridget Baskin and her membership committee are working hard organizing events to bring in new members. Michael Mutal, Shelly Botan and the fundraising committee are planning some exciting new events for the near future. RuthAnn Rossman and Deborah Bass are each planning programs and events to promote our congregation in the local community. Carol Tolchin, in addition to her position as Financial Secretary, is getting bids and managing the upgrades to the synagogue. You will see new crash doors soon on the west end of the temple. John Elhai, the temple treasurer, is working hard at balancing the books. With that being said, we just had our budget committee meeting. After hours of adding and subtracting we were not able to balance the budget. We had to cut back on our expenses. We need to earn additional money through fundraising and our 2013-2014-membership campaign.

I am asking everyone to do whatever they can do to support Congregation B’nai Emet. Dues are a majority of the temple’s income and we need to do whatever we can to support CBE. New members are an integral part of the future of the congregation. Spread the word on how we are the best Reform Synagogue in the region. Let us all do our part to make sure CBE will be around for many years to come. We hope to have a bright future ahead of us.

Thanks,
Mitchell Salberg

Shabbat Under the Stars

Summer is almost here!
Join us for Shabbat Under the Stars
on one Friday
of each summer month:
July 19, August 9
A pot-luck dinner at 7 pm on the patio will precede each 7:45 pm service.
Bat Mitzvah

My name is Hanna Moss; I live in Thousand Oaks with my parents, two sisters and brother. I also have a Great Dane, Samba, that is a part of my family. This fall I will be in the 8th grade at Redwood Middle School. I enjoy playing soccer, and when I am not at practice or participating in a tournament I also enjoy drawing. I have been playing soccer for five years and plan on continuing playing through AYSO and on a school team when I enter High School.

I am looking forward to my Bat Mitzvah as this is one step closer to me being a responsible Jewish adult. My main Bat Mitzvah project was taking on team captain for the Relay for Life team created in honor of my oldest sister Gabrielle. This year we surpassed our fund raising goal of $2,500 and came close to the next fundraising level of $3,500 with a total of $3,171.00. My family and I will continue this project every year to help make a difference in the lives of those touched by cancer.

Men’s Club

The Men’s Club has a new vision. Come be a part of it! We are always looking to add new members to our ranks. Why aren’t you with us yet? Our primary purpose of aiding the Temple in any way that we can doesn’t necessarily preclude having fun while we help. Then there are the social activities that will bring camaraderie to our group. Who’s the best poker player? Can anyone go 25/25 on the skeet or trap range? Anybody capable of bowling a 300? There’s only one way to find out the answers to these and many more questions. Join the Men’s Club.

Don’t forget about the “Meet & Mingle” July 28th at the Temple, where we will be working the BBQ and meeting new potential Temple members.

The CBE Men’s Club meets for breakfast at 9 AM, the 2nd Sunday of the month, at The Firehouse Café, 1244 Sycamore Dr., Simi Valley (near Sycamore & Royal). Call Alan Mann, (805) 341-3836 or write to alanmann60@att.net so that he can let the restaurant know how many to expect.

I’d like to thank all the Men’s Club members and some non-members (why not?) for helping make the Religious School Fundraiser BBQ successful.

Contact Men’s Club President Michael Enright for more info at: lamigra223@yahoo.com

Michael Enright
Men’s Club President

Membership

A letter from Membership

I would like to start by introducing myself. My name is Bridget Baskin and I am the Vice President of Membership. This is a very important role and I am proud to have been selected to be a member of the board of Congregation B’nai Emet. Getting to know my role has been very exciting, and luckily I have had the help of many current and past board members.

Our family joined CBE three years ago when our daughter started at the CBE preschool. We felt becoming a member of the Temple would help us as parents to teach our children about Jewish traditions. We started by attending family services where we were warmly welcomed. In the last year we have become more involved. It is really special to be able to show our children the results of being an active member in our community.

There are many reasons to be a member of a temple but here are a few of my favorites:

- Connecting with people who have similar religious beliefs and traditions
- Being a part of a community
- Getting to know your neighbors
- Having a place to go Friday nights

We have several exciting events coming over the summer, including our annual “Meet and Mingle” BBQ on July 28th. The food will be tasty and many thanks to the Men’s Club for all their support. We will have fun music and activities. I hope that all of our members can come. We encourage you to bring a friend who isn’t a member, who may want to learn about our Synagogue.

Please remember that membership dues are our main source of income. We need as much support as possible. With membership renewal approaching, I hope to have the chance to talk to each family and find out what your favorite reason for being a member is.

Bridget Baskin
VP Membership

Contact Meridith if you are planning to come: 805.300.0217 or mspatera@earthlink.net

ADULT JEWISH EDUCATION

Jewish History: the Golden Age and Beyond
Mondays all summer 7:35-8:45 PM
taught by School Administrator
Meridith Patera
at CBE 9 W. Bonita

FREE!
Donations to CBE happily accepted.
Come weekly or just drop in.
Classes are subject to minimum enrollment.
LESSON FROM THE JOURNEY
Cantor Michael Russ

While our ancestors traveled from Egyptian slavery to freedom in the “promised” land, 40 years passed and 40 places are named as encampment sites. In our own lives, there are many “places” we experience. Some of us have physically moved from place to place. Also we have traveled from place to place in our lives. The main “places” would be birth, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, marriage, birth of children, mourning the loss of loved ones, etc. Of course there are schools with classes and activities, graduations, etc. Each year on our Jewish calendar we have holidays, which also help us, mark time. On Passover the youngest traditionally asks, “Why is this night different from all other nights?” However, perhaps we should look at each holiday and also ask ourselves: “How am I different from last year?” “What have I learned?” “Are the changes in my life good?” “How have I dealt with the difficulties I have encountered since this time last year?” “How can I adapt to new circumstances?”

The world is changing so quickly. We have entered into the electronic, computer, instant information age. Sometimes this is good. However, we must work all the harder to keep up with the changes. We need to have the latest electronic computer gismo and learn to use it for business and personal use. Everyone concerned immediately knows about a happy or sad event. We can communicate with each other almost instantaneously. Sadly, so can the “crazies”. Lies and hatred can also be distributed in an instant. Mean spirited lies filter into our communication devices even if we don’t want to see or hear them. Everything changes and yet everything remains the same. Children and adults too often become completely distraught when rumors are spread about them.

So much happens so quickly we may sometimes feel we are strapped into a rollercoaster that never stops or gives us a chance to recover and breathe. These are the times we need to “lift up our eyes unto the mountains, from whence comes our help.” (Psalm 121) We need the special times in our lives to take a moment and reflect upon where we are coming from and where we are going to. We need our holidays and special events to remind us of the past and look forward to the future.

When we go on a trip for a vacation, we must learn to enjoy the journey as well as the destination. Even though our ancestors were traveling to the “promised land,” they had to experience the journey itself so they could learn from their slavery past and develop a land of freedom for the future. Slavery is miserable but simple. You work, eat and sleep. Freedom is much more complicated. To experience our own freedom and yet not impose upon someone else’s freedom is not always easy. As we travel through our lives, let’s take those moments given to us to reflect and change for the better.

There’s No Place Like CBE
Yes, you caught me. I am doing some paraphrasing here, borrowing from the saying, “There’s No Place Like Home.” From where I sit, it’s a perfect description of all the positive things CBE offers us as Jews living in Simi Valley, Moorpark, and Thousand Oaks. Here are just a few…

- A warm welcoming environment in which to express our Jewishness.
- A Rabbi and Cantor who provide the spiritual atmosphere for contemplation, prayer and song.
- And speaking of song, we have a choir that enhances many of our Shabbat services.
- A special monthly early Shabbat service specifically devoted to families with young children.
- A Religious School with a staff which is a source of infinite knowledge about Judaic history and practices.
- A beautiful site sits on a hill in a residential neighborhood. Our location provides a beautiful terrace with a wonderful view of Simi Valley. One of our Shabbat Services held during the Summer months of June, July and August feature an opportunity to see the lights of the City aglow before us.
- A preschool that guides, the development of little ones not only academically, but also provides an opportunity for them to learn about Judaic practices in a fun, fulfilling way.
- We offer the opportunity to join our Sisterhood, Men’s Club and Havurahs for those looking to widen their social activities within a Jewish environment.
- A Board of Directors with extreme acumen and devotion, which works tirelessly to keep CBE a viable, lasting entity.
- And so much more!

We have plans, “big” plans. So, now, all we need is you! Whatever your spiritual needs or practical interests, we invite you to join with us in our endeavors to provide a growing center of Jewish life.

Shalom,
Shelly Botan, Member for 30+ years
Programs

Hold the Date!!!! Friday November 1st There will be a special service at the temple in honor of the temple’s 35th anniversary, and to honor those that have helped to make the temple what it is. There will be something for everyone including a special oneg.

Hold the Date!!! Saturday November 2nd There will be a special celebration at Lost Hills Country Club in honor of the temple’s 35th anniversary.

More information will be coming your way.

Thank you to the Judaica High School class for the microphone stand.

Thank you to Steve Rossman for doing all kinds of important repairs and upgrades in the Temple. We are very appreciative of all of your hard work and time you have put into making our Temple look good!

Your generosity is appreciated – TODAH RABBAH!

Religious School News

The kids made it through another exciting and informative year of Religious School. It’s time to have fun and take a break. Before you know it, it will be time to start it all over again!

Congratulations to the students who got confirmed this year and thank you to all of Judaica High for donating the microphone stand to the Temple. The Judaica High students did a marvelous job at the confirmation service.

More congratulations go to the graduating class of the religious school. You did it! What an amazing job at the graduation service. Thank you to the graduating class families for the generous cash donation to the religious school. We are very much looking forward to having you in Judaica High next year.

Bunco night was a success. Many thanks to all who participated. We had fun and made some money for the Religious School. We are currently having our honey fundraiser. Please see the flyer in this newsletter to get a direct link to this year’s Honey Storefront, where you can repeat your orders from last year, add more recipients, or start a brand new order. This is a great fundraiser and we get $3.50 for every bottle we sell.

Sincere Regards,

Jen Rosenstein
Religious School VP

Women of CBE present:

SABA SOOMEKH

Author of “FROM THE SHAHS TO LOS ANGELES Three Generations of Iranian Jewish Women Between Religion and Culture”

A professor at UCLA and CSUN, Professor Saba Soomekh was born in Tehran and raised in Los Angeles. She earned her Masters in Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School and her PhD in Religious Studies from the UC Santa Barbara. She teaches and writes extensively on World Religions, Women and Religion, and the geo-politics of Israel and Iran.

Sunday, July 28
1:30 – 3:00 PM
Congregation B’nai Emet
9 W. Bonita Drive
Simi Valley, CA

No fee.
Refreshments will be served.

Please be our guest after the program for CBE’s Meet & Mingle Open House & Barbecue - 3-6 PM! Call (805) 581-3723 for more info.
### Oneg Sponsors

**May 10, 2013**
The Ranelletti family in honor of Julie’s birthday  
The Selbst family in memory of Lynne’s grandmother  
The Kelly family in honor of Keith & Robin’s birthdays  
The LeVine family in honor of their granddaughter Melisa’s high school graduation  
The York family in memory of Steven’s aunt, Sara Saffrin  
The Sternberg family in honor of Robert’s birthday  
The Rosado family in honor of Carol’s birthday  
Judy Epstein in memory of her father, Kurt Fleischmann

**May 17, 2013**
The families of the confirmands and the Judaica High Class  
The Hunau family in honor of Robin & Mike’s wedding next week  
The Moss family in honor of Gabrielle’s birthday  
The York family in honor of Jennifer & Alicia’s birthday  
Meridith Patera in honor of the confirmands & the Judaica High Class  
The Sherden family in honor of Bob & Lori’s anniversary  
Judy & Eliot Epstein in honor of Matthew’s graduation from CSUN

**May 24, 2013**
Charlene Pass in memory of her father Morrie Pass  
The Rossman family in honor of Steve’s birthday, Zachary’s birthday, Pearl’s 97th birthday, RuthAnn's birthday, Gabriel achieving tenure!!!!!!! & Meridith & Geri's birthdays  
Meridith Patera in honor of all the May birthdays, & in honor of Max Patera receiving his BS degree in information technology from Cal State Channel Islands

**May 31, 2013**
The families of the Graduation Class  
Meridith Patera in honor of the graduates & the Religious School staff  
Penny Neugroschl in honor of her 75th birthday & Jeffrey’s 18th birthday  
The Poehls family in honor of Aaron’s birthday  
The Elhai family in honor of Kellie’s birthday  
The family of Michelle Levine in honor of her birthday  
The Stafford family in honor of Jeremy & Julie’s 17th anniversary  
The Moss family in honor of Brett & Michaele’s 19th anniversary  

**June 7, 2013**
The family of Andrew Gering in honor of his bar mitzvah  
The family of Fisher Harrison Hilburn in honor of his Hebrew naming  
Marty Richter in memory of his father Abe Richter

**June 14, 2013**
The family of Mitchell Resnick in honor of his bar mitzvah  
The Bordo family in honor of Mitchell’s bar mitzvah  
Ken & Suzanne Epstein in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary  
The Enright family in honor of Janine’s birthday  
Meridith Patera in honor of Dan Brandler’s birthday  
Alan Mann in honor of Linda’s 50th birthday  
The Leon family in honor of Heather & Sandra’s birthdays  
Cantor Michael & Merle Russ in honor of their anniversary & the birth of their third grandchild

**June 21, 2013**
Eileen Tindall in memory of her beloved father, Max H. Nash  
The Selbst family in memory of Irys Schneider, sister of Lynne Alice Fiducia, who is happy that her husband is feeling better  
Shelly Botan in honor of Erin Hollander’s graduation  
The Pickler family in memory of Carole’s parents Manuel & Lee Lieber  
The Weiner family in honor of Eric’s birthday  
The Tepfer family in honor of Julie’s birthday  
Rabbi Michele in honor of her dad - Rabbi Shimon's birthday

**June 28, 2013**
The Enright family in honor of Mike’s birthday  
The Rossman family in honor of Judy Bloch’s birthday  
Lloyd & Carole Picker in honor of their 52nd anniversary  
The Hollander family in honor of Michael’s birthday & Erin’s graduation from UC Davis  
The Women of CBE in honor of Sisterhood Shabbat

### Havurah

Do you want to meet people? Have more fun? Get involved in your Temple on a more personal level? Then Havurah may be the answer for you. At CBE, our Havurot are groups of people who share interests, are looking for fun involvement, and want to make friendships with like minded people. We offer two types of Havurah--those which are for adult members only and those that include children. Each Havurah determines its own program. The choice is yours. When you fill out your Temple membership packet this year, please note that there is a Havurah application on page 14. If you are interested, fill it out and give it to the Membership committee along with the rest of your packet. The ONLY requirement for joining a Havurah is that you MUST be a temple member. I will be happy to arrange groups and will meet with each group to help you get started. New Havurot will be formed and you will be notified at the beginning of our fall calendar. Try it and you will find it great fun. If you have any questions, call or e mail me at: PennyNeugroschl@yahoo.com or 805- 526-1570. I look forward to hearing from you.

*Penny Neugroschl* VP for Havurah.
Welcome to Summer! I hope that many of you are able to join us on Friday June 28th as we combine Shabbat Under the Stars with our Annual Sisterhood Shabbat.

On July 9th Sisterhood is planning a Ladies Night Out with dinner and the movies by The Regal Theater. This is always a favorite event for us every summer!

The Women of CBE is participating in our Annual “Meet & Mingle” CBE Open House on Sunday July 28th by presenting a speaker, Professor Saba Soomekh. Dr. Soomekh teaches Religious Studies, Women’s Studies and courses on Judaism and Middle Eastern history. She is the author of the book *From the Shahs to Los Angeles: Three Generations of Iranian Jewish Women between Religion and Culture*. Her book was awarded the Gold Medal in the 2013 Independent Publisher Book Award in the Religion category and she participated in a PBS documentary. This is sure to be a very fascinating discussion!

On August 7, Sisterhood is sponsoring a Restaurant Fund Raiser to give cooks the night off, and on August 25 we are having our Annual Meet and Greet Sisterhood Brunch, which is always a lovely event with friends, food and fun!

If you’re not a Sisterhood member yet, please consider joining! It is a great way to get involved, meet new friends and make a difference. And as you can see, we have a lot of diverse activities. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Shalom,

Janine Enright
President of the Women of CBE

We celebrated our first wedding in our CBE sanctuary for Sandy Firth (who grew up in Simi) and Ryan Goldstein (of Hacienda Heights). CBE’s own Michael and Adam Mutal (owners of Michael’s Flowers) provided the beautiful chuppah. Choir Director Irwin Cohen played the music; Rabbi Michele officiated for the couple. MAZEL TOV!

Rabbi Michele and Father Steve Dean participated in a Blessing of the Pets Day at the Reserve Retirement Community in Thousand Oaks, Thursday June 20th.
CBE Confirmation Class and Their Speeches

By Evan Gering:
Judaica High School has taught me a lot of valuable lessons but the most important to me is the modern state of Israel. In Judaica High, I learned how Israel was established and the struggles that the people of Israel have had to face. Israel's journey since 1948 only happened because Israelis are so determined to have their own homeland.

I am very interested in technology and learned that Israelis have developed multiple new products and technologies that are used worldwide. For example, Israelis developed the flash drive, instant messaging, and first antivirus software. I found it fascinating to know that things I use every day were developed in Israel.

I had the privilege of going to Israel in the summer after my bar-mitzvah in 2010. I spent three weeks exploring the land, learning the culture, and meeting family I didn’t know I had. I enjoyed all of my time in Israel because of the new things I saw and learned. I visited the Western Wall, Masada, Yad Vashem, and even went zip lining. I had the time of my life experiencing new things. I am glad I had the opportunity to witness where so much history had taken place.

Judaica High has taught me to dedicate myself to things I care about. I wanted to learn more about my heritage, so I went once a week on Monday nights to get as much knowledge as possible. I enjoyed all of the time I spent in Judaica High.

I appreciate that my parents made it a priority for me to attend JHS. I thank my friends and family for always encouraging and pushing me to do more. Most importantly, I thank Meridith for all of the heart and soul she put into Judaica High.

I'm an ancestor, I could only hope that the lessons that I've learned could continue the chain of the Jewish traditions into the future. I know that as I grow into adulthood, I will encounter many people who argue false rumors about the Jewish religion against the physical truth, but because of my education, I will be able to informatively correct their fictional views. Someday, when I'm an ancestor, I could only hope that the lessons that I've learned could continue the chain of the Jewish traditions into the future.

By Eliana Plotkin:
My name is Eliana Plotkin and during the last year, our Judaica High class has studied the factors in German and Eastern European societies that led up to one of the greatest evils of our time- the Holocaust. We learned about anti-Semitism along with the awful logistics of how the murder of six million Jews and so many others was committed. Understanding the full horror of the concentration camps made me realize how much people in our society take for granted; such as leftover food, clothes, basic shelter, and the right to live. The savagery of the Nazis' actions towards the Jewish people is so difficult to comprehend on that large a scale. When our Judaica High class went on a "field trip" to the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust, the whole experience seemed much more intense when survivors were telling their personal stories to us. Their stories put individual faces on the tragedies of the six million victims. During the Yom Hashoah commemoration speeches that day, I was aware that I would probably never see this many living Holocaust survivors again. We're the last generation to hear about the horrors of the Shoah from the people that physically lived through it. This made me realize how important it is for me to pass on the knowledge I have learned these past three years to future generations.

In learning about the Holocaust, I kept trying to imagine what I would do in that situation. For instance, dealing with people with such strong anti-Semitic beliefs that they would take them out on me. Their explanations were so unreasonable, ignorant, and contradictory, that it's hard to believe anyone in their right minds could ever consider torturing other human beings just for the sake of being Jewish. Another topic I found heartbreaking were the different ways that people used to survive to avoid going to the concentration camps. They would try anything such as giving up being Jewish, or even hiding in waste-filled sewers. Also, it astounded me that residents who lived near the camps would deny knowing what was happening even though the smell from the camps was everywhere and ashes from the crematoriums were raining down from the sky.

As Elie Wiesel once said "Words cannot express...". Anti-Semites absolutely refuse to observe any positive aspects of the group they hate, denying EVER seeing any good. They are so illogical we cannot even begin to correct their "reasons" and their denial of the Holocaust. All we can do is present the evidence about the Holocaust repeatedly. I've also realized that a population can be so influenced by the authorities in their government that they'll believe anything and waive their reason. Even when they've seen this evidence first hand, they'll deny the facts.

In these past years in Judaica High, I've gained so much more knowledge and appreciation for what it took my ancestors to endure so that I could be a modern Jew today. I know that as I grow into adulthood, I will encounter many people who argue false rumors about the Jewish religion against the physical truth, but because of my education, I will be able to informatively correct their fictional views. Someday, when I'm an ancestor, I could only hope that the lessons that I've learned could continue the chain of the Jewish traditions into the future.

By Sheven Sherden
Shabbat Shalom and thank you for coming. In my first year of Hebrew CHAI we studied Jews in America. We learned about Jewish migrations from all over the world to America. Also, like any story about Jews, we studied the troubles they faced once they arrived.

I learned many interesting things in my years in Hebrew CHAI. Apparently, even if Jews had a legal passport and documentation, some were still not allowed in the country because of their religious beliefs. Also, we traced our family tree back in order to find our ancestral connection with these immigrants. I found that my great great great.... really old uncle was a very notorious mobster. Well, he was Jewish, so he was a lawyer. But a lawyer for the mob. He was really good at lawyering and eventually came to be known as the "Fixer". Also, that summer, my family and I traveled to New York and took a tour of Ellis Island (the place where many Jews came through immigration to America). There, we found the exact records of one of my great great grandparents' arrival into America from Russia.

My 3 years in Hebrew CHAI were soooooo much fun. Not only did we learn about Jews in America, Israel, and the holocaust, but ALWAYS, every class, much to the chagrin of Ms. Patera, we always would spend at least 20 minutes having fun and laughing at each other. Sure I learned some stuff about being a Jew, but I also had a lot of fun in Hebrew CHAI.

I really want to say thank you, todah rabah, to the Rabbi for getting me this far in my Hebrew studies. Also, thank you to my classmates for making the last three years tons of fun. Thank you to my parents for supporting me in my endeavors as a Jew, and a man. Thanks to Jeff for... I don't know but I feel obligated to thank you. (wink) and that's it!! :) oh wait... MS. PATERA! Thank you for guiding me in my eleven years of Hebrew school and for putting up with me for that long, I know it was difficult.
Judaica High - The Fun Class !!!
Last Day of Sunday School
At the CBE Board Installation Dinner, outgoing president, Michael Hollander (r), handed over the job to new president, Mitchell Salberg.

Martha Abby Miller presented Anne Frank: Hiding and Writing, May 14
Fourth & Fifth Grade Service, May 3

Graduation & Staff Appreciation May 31
Rosh Hashanah Honey Fundraiser

What better way to wish family, friends and business associates a “Sweet and Healthy New Year” than sending a jar of honey?

This distinctive 8-ounce jar of kosher honey arrives in time for the Rosh Hashanah holiday, decorated with a festive label, and includes a personalized card reading “L’Shana Tova - Wishing you a Healthy and Happy New Year.” This card also lets the recipients know that a donation has been made in their honor to CBE Religious Schools.

Your cost is $10.00 per jar which includes shipping and handling within the United States. We will gladly mail orders outside the United States for an additional fee.

To order honey, go to www.honeyfromtheheart.org and follow the step-by-step instructions.

Order by July 9th, 2013 to avoid a $3.50 per jar shipping fee.

For more information or help with ordering, please contact:

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### Recent Donations

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Catherine Holst – in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday

#### Memorial Donation Fund
Sheila Kubik – in memory of Stanley Kubik
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David Glazer – in memory of Dorothy Glazer
Teresa Picker – in memory of Curtis Picker
Michael and Julie Bienenfeld Mutal – in memory of Frank Mutal
Lloyd and Carole Picker – In memory of Manuel Lieber
Mitchell and Lynn Salberg – in memory of Shirley Borrok

#### Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
Steve and RuthAnn Rossman – in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Robert and Judith Sternberg - in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Brett and Michaele Moss – Mi Sh’Beirach Prayer Donation
Rachel and Glen Reiff – in honor of Andrew’s Bar Mitzvah
David and Geula Bitan – in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Dan and Geri Brandler - in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Emily and Kristopher Doepking - in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Eliot and Judy Epstein - in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Julia Farago - in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Janine and Michael Enright - in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Peppi Lamm - in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Ryan and Natalie Richmond - in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Michael and Merle Russ - in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Minnie Anzo - in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Michael and Merle Russ – in memory of Herman Russ
Nate and Margaret Nusbaum - in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday

#### Religious School Donations
Gabe and Jill Katell - in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Peter and Jennifer Rosenstein
CBE Men’s Club
Michael and Marilyn Hollander - in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Stanley and Sandra Melnick - in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Penny Neugroschl - in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Lloyd and Carole Picker - in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Martin Richter - in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Lee and Kathy Smith - in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Louis and Laura Teper - in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Ken and Suzanne Epstein – in memory of Werner Hollander
Jeffrey and Tamara Plotkin - in honor of Rabbi Michele’s Birthday
Ron and Leslie Resnick – in honor of Mitchell’s graduation
7th grade graduating class of 2013
Michael and Julie Bienenfeld Mutal

#### Choir Fund Donations
R. Goldstein and S. Firth – in honor of June 8th Wedding

#### Preschool and Education Building Fund
Steve and RuthAnn Rossman – in memory of James Bloch

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Women of CBE – Donation for Round Banquet Tables
Michael and Julie Bienenfeld Mutal – Get Well Wishes for Earl Rosado
Stephen and Gail Silver – Get Well Wishes for Earl Rosado
Roberta Stearn – in honor of Rabbi Paskow and Cantor Russ

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### 2013 -2014 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### SEPTEMBER
8 SUNDAY SCHOOL – SESSION #1
9 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL –SESSION # 1
15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL – SESSION #2
16 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #2
22 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #3
23 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #3
29 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #4
30 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #4

#### OCTOBER
6 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #5
7 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #5
13 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #6
14 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #6
20 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #7
21 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #7
27 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #8
28 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #8
**Birthdays**

| Jul 03 | Jody Epstein          |
| Jul 04 | Alyssa Enright       |
| Jul 07 | Benjamin Baskin      |
| Jul 08 | Judith E. Sternberg  |
| Jul 09 | Jeffrey Plotkin      |
| Jul 09 | Bob Poehls           |
| Jul 09 | Karen Ribstein       |
| Jul 10 | Erica Weiner         |
| Jul 14 | Catherine Weinstein  |
| Jul 17 | Jonathan Cohen       |
| Jul 21 | Steven York          |
| Jul 23 | Jeremy Stafford      |
| Jul 25 | Shai Levy            |
| Jul 27 | Brandon Enright      |
| Jul 27 | David Nusbaum        |
| Jul 28 | Erik Breiter         |
| Jul 29 | Samuel Patera        |
| Jul 30 | Michelle Foster      |
| Jul 30 | Jeff Melnick         |
| Jul 31 | Joshua Bordo         |
| Jul 31 | Robert Sherden       |
| Aug 01 | Mark Mutal           |
| Aug 05 | Regina Brandler      |
| Aug 07 | Andrew Hollander     |
| Aug 07 | Ryan Richmond        |
| Aug 07 | Catherine Roberts    |
| Aug 09 | Matthew Epstein      |
| Aug 09 | Jason Fromer         |
| Aug 09 | Lynne Kelly          |
| Aug 09 | Eliana Plotkin       |
| Aug 09 | Valerie Singh        |
| Aug 11 | Mark Brandler        |
| Aug 11 | Jessica Breiter      |
| Aug 12 | Azure Porton         |
| Aug 12 | Zachary Spike        |
| Aug 13 | Max Patera           |
| Aug 13 | Andrew Weinstein     |
| Aug 15 | Wendi Spale          |
| Aug 17 | Jeremiah Sovetky     |
| Aug 18 | Al Levy              |
| Aug 19 | Gabriel H. Rossman   |
| Aug 21 | Melissa Bergmann     |
| Aug 21 | Jill Katell          |
| Aug 22 | Louis Tepfer         |
| Aug 26 | Frieda Bahr          |
| Aug 26 | Brittany Ribstein    |
| Aug 27 | Megan Smith          |
| Aug 29 | Allen Luskin         |
| Aug 30 | Grace Eskenazi       |
| Aug 30 | Bennett Patera       |

**Anniversaries**

| Jul 01 | Gary and Susan Spike |
| Jul 17 | Bob and Barbara Poehls |
| Jul 18 | Earl and Carol Rosado |
| Aug 01 | Jerry and Jan Auerbach |
| Aug 03 | Peter and Jennifer Rosenstein |
| Aug 08 | John and Cindy Elhai |
| Aug 09 | Andrew and Catherine Weinstein |
| Aug 12 | Stan and Sandy Melnick |
| Aug 20 | Dean and Victoria Bennett |
| Aug 24 | Steven and Holly York |
| Aug 26 | Jeffrey and Tamara Plotkin |

**TOP 10 REASONS FOR JOINING THE CHOIR**

1. You enjoy singing and want to form attachments with others who enjoy singing.
2. You want to learn more about music.
3. You want to learn more about prayer.
4. You want to learn more about Hebrew. (Reading Hebrew not required. Everything is transliterated into English.)
5. Want to participate more in the service and get good seats.
6. You need an outlet for expressing yourself.
7. You need an occasional night away from the daily grind.
8. You don’t have a budget for therapy. (Remember, music “soothes the savage soul.”)
9. You’re ready to try your singing outside the shower and the car.
10. You’ve thought about it a million times.

**LOOKING AHEAD…**

- First day of Religious School is Sunday, September 8th.
- Erev Rosh HaShanah is Wednesday, September 4th.
- Rosh HaShanah is Thursday, September 5th.
- Kol Nidrei (Erev Yom Kippur) is Friday, September 13th.
- Yom Kippur is Saturday, September 14th.
- Sukkah Fest is Sunday, September 22nd.

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Mazel tov to Cantor Michael and Merle on the birth of their new granddaughter

**Althea Pearl Henry**

born to Adina and Mark on May 26th.
Yahrzeits

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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.

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.

Condolences to:

Renee and David Kieselbach, on the passing of her mother, Mildred Ertell Jessel.

The family of Herman Gold

The Salberg family on the passing of Lynn’s brother, Steven Borrock
Max Patera has received his BS in Information Technology from CSU Channel Islands, and will now get a job so that he can start supporting his proud mother.

Modest grandparent Irwin Cohen announces that Natalia Vicki Cohen has been selected as Student of the Month at West Hollywood Elementary School. She also received a perfect score on her Math Final - the only student to accomplish that feat!

Michael and Marilyn Hollander are delighted to tell you that their daughter, Erin, graduated with Highest Honors from UC Davis, on Saturday, June 15th. Her degree is in Linguistics, with a minor in Anthropology. They are beyond proud of her!

Michael Foster, a CBE Preschool, Religious School and Bat Mitzvah alum, recently graduated from The University of Arizona with a degree in Business Administration, majoring in Marketing and Business Management. He will be working as Campaign Coordinator with Sharethrough, a San Francisco based advertising agency. Michael continues to make his family, including parents Craig and Michelle, proud.

Matthew Epstein, son of Judy & Eliot, has graduated from CSUN. Jeremiah Sovetky is graduating from Santa Susana High School with Honors in Internet Development. He was honored at a special Honors Award Ceremony May 28.

Keith & Hillary Levy’s daughter Melanie received her Master’s Degree in Applied Statistics from Long Beach State.

Gabriel Rossman achieved tenure at UCLA. His parents Steve & RuthAnn are extremely proud.

Penny Neugrocshl’s grandsons are making her kvell. Michael Scherr has graduated from CSU Fresno and is now employed by the Fresno Grizzlies baseball team as their Senior Inside Sales Representative. Sammy Scherr, a cum laude graduate of UNLV, has been accepted and will be starting law school at Loyola University in August.
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Send a thoughtful greeting for sympathy, birthdays, congratulations, or just to reach out to someone!
### Schedule of Services, Candle lightings, & Torah Portions

*Candle Lighting Times are for Simi Valley Area*

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