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Rabbi's Message



PUT "SHABBAT @ CBE" ON YOUR CALENDAR!

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/ Religious School 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.

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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Congregation B'nai Emet



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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 \$3,117.00. 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:

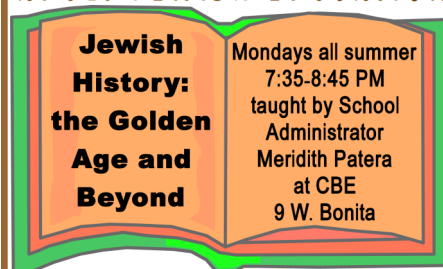
- Connecting with people who have similar religious beliefs and traditions
- Being a part of a community
- Getting to know your neighbors
- Having a place to go Friday nights

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

ADULT JEWISH EDUCATION



Contact Meridith if you are planning to come:
[805.300.0217](tel:805.300.0217) or
mspatera@earthlink.net

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

Be Our Guest! Meet & Mingle Open House



Barbecue!
Fun Music!
Magic Show!
Snow Cones!



Dessert Baking Contest!
Youth Group Car Wash!
Inflatable Water Slide!

Come schmooze with members of our temple family.
Bring the kids and grandkids for a fun afternoon!

Sunday, July 28
3 PM – 6 PM
Congregation
B'nai Emet
9 W. Bonita Drive
Simi Valley
(805) 581-3723



From Generation to
Generation...
... Making your
family a part of ours.

MAKE A DAY OF IT! Come at 1:30 to hear guest speaker Saba Soomekh, PhD, discuss her book "From the Shahs to Los Angeles: Three Generations of Iranian Jewish Women Between Religion and Culture"

SABA SOOMEKH

Women of CBE
present:



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.



Women of CBE

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.

THE WOMEN OF CBE

invite you to our next general meeting

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, July 9
6:00 PM
At the Food Court
Regal Center
Tapo Canyon S.
of Alamo
Simi Valley

We'll choose our food from Baja Fresh, Daphne's, etc., and then pick movies to see. Or you can just come for one or the other!

WOMEN OF CBE

invite you to our next general meeting

MEET & GREET SISTERHOOD BRUNCH

11 AM - 1 PM
Sunday, August 25
Varsity Park
Clubhouse
15078 Campus Park Dr.
Moorpark, CA 93021

Learn about Sisterhood at CBE
 Meet other members
 Enjoy brunch

For either of these events, RSVP to:
 Sylvia LeVine, [805.582.0147](tel:805.582.0147) or
boliviansylvia@roadrunner.com or
 Ronnye Sacks, rehsacks@att.net or [805.527.2036](tel:805.527.2036)
 or Cathy Holst, catherine3484@yahoo.com

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 countless hours she had put into the classes she had taught. She was and is the heart and soul of Judaica High School. Thank you!

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 grandparent's arrival into America from Russia.

My 3 years in-- here it is again-- Hebrew CHAI, were soooooooooooooo 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 --- say it with me--- 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



(l to r) Evan Gering,
Eliana Plotkin, Steven Sherden

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.

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



Choir Party



At the CBE Board Installation Dinner, outgoing president, Michael Hollander (r), handed over the job to new president, Mitchell Salberg.

Youth Group Picnic Ventura - June 9



Bunco Night



**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

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

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

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Building Fund

Catherine Holst – in honor of Rabbi Michele's Birthday

Memorial Donation Fund

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Joan Bourland – in memory of Cathy Mae and Ray B. Bourland;
Isadore Philip and Ida Moses; Samuel, Mary
and Harry Greenberg

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 Michael 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 Doepping - 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

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

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.

Yahrzeits

Jul 01	Lillian Smith	Tammuz 23	Aug 08	Victor Ringer	Elul 2
Jul 02	Irene Goldbloom	Tammuz 24	Aug 08	Brett Tabak	Elul 2
Jul 02	John Levin	Tammuz 24	Aug 10	Barbara Ann Kitt	Elul 4
Jul 03	Debbie Alderton	Tammuz 25	Aug 11	David Breiter	Elul 5
Jul 03	Bessie Keimon	Tammuz 25	Aug 11	Irwin Foster	
Jul 04	Fritz Finkbeiner	Tammuz 26	Aug 11	Sylvan Greenwald	Elul 5
Jul 04	Edwin Kaufman	Tammuz 26	Aug 11	Jeff Levin	Elul 5
Jul 04	Cecilia Schwartz	Tammuz 26	Aug 11	Harry Shaw	Elul 5
Jul 05	Harry Goldberg	Tammuz 27	Aug 11	Howard Vine	Elul 5
Jul 07	Debby Odens	Tammuz 29	Aug 12	Irene Goldhammer	Elul 6
Jul 08	Frieda Davis	Av 1	Aug 12	Philip Goodman	Elul 6
Jul 12	Shary Farkas	Av 5	Aug 12	Herman Scharf	
Jul 13	Ruth C. Frolove	Av 6	Aug 13	Leonard Hollander	Elul 7
Jul 14	Ruth Dacks	Av 7	Aug 13	Marlene Reese	Elul 7
Jul 14	Harold Mann	Av 7	Aug 14	Seymour Gold	Elul 8
Jul 15	Medill Bienenfeld	Av 8	Aug 15	Ann Glassman Cohen	Elul 9
Jul 15	Carl Oliver	Av 8	Aug 15	Art Schultz	
Jul 15	Abraham Pichkhadze	Av 8	Aug 15	Isaac Sion	Elul 9
Jul 16	Melvin Bernstein	Av 9	Aug 16	Benjamin Wiseman	Elul 10
Jul 20	Norman Wohlner	Av 13	Aug 17	Ilene Kasch	
Jul 26	Phyllis Landau	Av 19	Aug 17	Iris Tuber	Elul 11
Jul 26	Irving Pfefer	Av 19	Aug 22	Sarah Kaufman	Elul 16
Jul 26	Daniel Scop	Av 19	Aug 22	Solomon Sussman	Elul 16
Jul 27	Donald Marx	Av 20	Aug 23	Ada Scheinert	Elul 17
Jul 28	Abraham Jacob Frank	Av 21	Aug 24	Harry Bercow	Elul 18
Jul 31	Laura Bloch	Av 24	Aug 24	Tim Wolff	Elul 18
Jul 31	Murry Fromer	Av 24	Aug 25	Rose Fleischmann	Elul 19
Jul 31	Dianne Marks	Av 24	Aug 26	Barbara Rosen	Elul 20
Aug 01	Florence Neugroschl		Aug 27	Dixie Cohen	Elul 21
Aug 02	Estelle Breiter	Av 26	Aug 27	Lynn Marlow	Elul 21
Aug 02	Lou Gotenstein	Av 26	Aug 28	Gerhard Heimann	Elul 22
Aug 03	Ann Hirschorn	Av 27	Aug 28	Winfred Jackman	
Aug 04	Katherine Diana Mutal	Av 28	Aug 28	Donald J. Schwartz	Elul 22
Aug 06	Caridad Perez		Aug 29	Armin Hollander	Elul 23
Aug 06	Eric Tepfer	Av 30	Aug 30	Joseph Melnick	Elul 24
Aug 07	Frances Shilkoff	Elul 1	Aug 30	Faina Vineberg	Elul 24



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



"Kvell Komer"

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 B'nai 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 Neugrochsl'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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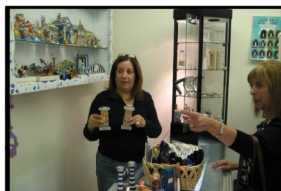
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July 5/28 Tammuz	7:53 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Matot-Masei—Num. 30:2-36:13
July 12/6 Av	7:51 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Devarim—Deut. 1:1-3:22
July 19/13 Av	7:48 PM	<i>Shabbat Under the Stars</i> 8 PM	Vaetchanan—Deut. 3:23-7:11
July 26/20 Av	7:44 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Eikev—Deut. 7:12-11:25
Aug. 2/27 Av	7:38 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Re'eh—Deut. 11:26-16:17
Aug. 9/4 Elul	7:32 PM	<i>Shabbat Under the Stars</i> 8 PM	Shoftim—Deut. 16:18-21:9
Aug. 16/11 Elul	7:24 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Ki Teitzei—Deut. 21:10-25:19
Aug. 17		Bat Mitzvah of Hanna Moss	
Aug. 23/18 Elul	7:16 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Ki Tavo—Deut. 26:1-29:8
Aug. 30/25 Elul	7:07 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Netzavim-Vayeilech—Deut. 29:9-31:30

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