

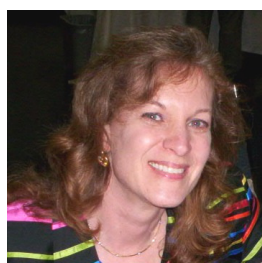
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Rabbi's Message



Dear Friends – Shalom Chaverim,

While Israel is faced with many challenges from the surrounding countries, and must deal with this insidious and vicious campaign to delegitimize and discredit her, we can take great pride in her reaching out and trying to help those in need. Just recently, in November, immediately following Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, Israel sent experts to help save lives. The Israeli government, at their own expense, sent a 147-member medical and humanitarian delegation to go and bring 100 tons of humanitarian and medical supplies. The doctors delivered over 36 babies (a few were named “Israel” in grateful appreciation of the doctors that came to help them) and treated nearly 3,000 people in the first 3 weeks after the devastation. Israel has also been helping Syrian refugees in need of medical aide.. Unfortunately, those who would like to see her demise, claiming that Israel is an apartheid country that violates Palestinian Arab rights, are working hard to undermine her very existence with the BDS – boycott, divest and sanctions campaign.

By now I'm sure you've heard about the American Studies Association's decision to endorse an academic boycott of Israel, calling on American universities to end collaboration with their Israeli counterparts. This is so offensive and outrageous, it's almost hard to believe it passed. There's no boycott of true human rights violators like Iran, North Korea, Syria, or Sudan— only Israel, which happens to be the one truly free state in the Middle East. I heard that a famous scientist went along with a previous academic boycott against Israel, yet ironically, much of the medical equipment he uses for his disabilities was invented in Israel! When asked why he brought the boycott to a vote and went along with supporting it, Curtis Marez, a UCSD professor and National Council president of the ASA, said because Palestinian groups had *asked* the ASA for the boycott, whereas no similar requests had been made by groups in other countries. This is a very telling lesson and a wake-up call for those of us who love and support Israel. It is up to us to respond and to educate others about what Israel is and what she represents. Why not write a letter to Dr. Marez and the ASA to tell them you oppose the boycott? Who can imagine what the next attack will be?

The feelings of warmth are still with me after the beautiful Shabbat service honoring my 21 years at the Temple, the Cantor's and Meridith's years of service, and CBE's 35th anniversary. I greatly appreciate everyone who celebrated with us that special weekend, those who made generous contributions, and those who worked so diligently to perfectly craft every detail for two beautiful evenings. We all felt the pride of our congregation and the greatness of our collective history, which will launch us toward the next steps in celebrating our Jewish life in Simi Valley. May 2014 be a year of blessings for us all.

Shalom and Todah Rabbah,

Rabbi Michele (“Michal”!) Pashow

PS: While the ASA was deciding to help put Israel into an academic ghetto, the academic world did not stay silent. Quite the contrary. To date, 25 American universities have refused to join the ASA boycott. In many cases, they have also issued strongly worded protests against the Association's actions. If you would like the list, please let me know.



President's Message by Mitchell Salberg



Shalom!

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! Congregation B'nai Emet experienced a lot of changes in 2013. What exciting things are planned for CBE in 2014? The Temple Board has many wonderful ideas planned for this coming year. You will have to come by and see.

As the consummate optimist, I feel that 2014 will be a great year. For those who have New Years Resolutions, one great resolution would be to volunteer some time supporting your synagogue. Congregation B'nai Emet is always looking for a few more good hands. There are many ways you can show your support. Please contact the temple office or ask a board member if you would like some ideas on how you can support CBE. You will be doing a great Mitzvah!

My wish for 2014 is that everyone have a happy, healthy and successful 2014.

See you at temple!

Shalom,

Mitchell Salberg

Bulletin Bytes

Thank you to **Steve Rossman** for making all of the latkes for the Hanukkah party!!! Wow! Thank you to **RuthAnn** for organizing the Temple Hanukkah party and putting together all of the gift baskets for the auctions. Thank you also to everyone who helped at the dinner.

Yasher Koach to **Meridith Patera** for directing this year's magnificent Hanukkah productions. The actors and musicians (all part of the CBE family) were superb! Thank you to everyone!!!

Are you curious about **Havurah**? New and renewing members who would like more information about joining a friendly group of like-minded CBE members, call or email Penny Neugroschl at 805-526-1570 or PennyNeugroschl@yahoo.com



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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***FAMILY* by Cantor Michael Russ**

Recently at a Shabbat service, our Rabbi Michele recounted the story of Joseph in the Bible. As she was reviewing aspects of the story, a big smile arose on my face. Joseph and the coat of many colors was the subject of my Bar Mitzvah Torah portion.

As a child I connected with Joseph as I learned of his struggles. My struggles as a child were different than Joseph's, but I began to see how he dealt with his problems and the troubles he overcame. As most children do, I had my difficulties trying to navigate in the world around me. I had brothers with whom I didn't always get along. As I attended school or went somewhere unknown to me, I had many apprehensions about how to maneuver in the world. Even though I had a large family and loving parents, I often felt alone and that others really didn't understand me. . . (OK... I know... many people still don't understand me... including my family). However, I learned to accept myself and I continue to learn how to live and deal with others just as Joseph did.

Yes, I know Joseph's problems were much worse than mine. After all, his brothers sold him to strangers who took him to a far away place where he was sold as a servant to people he didn't know. He was falsely accused of rape and landed in prison. Eventually, Joseph was freed from prison and became an important man and trusted advisor to the king of Egypt. My problems didn't even come close to Joseph's problems!

As I age (like a fine wine, of course) I look back on my life and my struggles over the years. Eventually I heard stories of how my grandparents on my father's side left Russia to come to America (another strange new land). They had to learn a new language and a new culture. My grandfather changed his name so he could better fit in and went into business to support his family. This story

reminds me of when my wife, Merle, and I spent a year in Israel as part of my graduate studies. We were young and were very excited about going to a "Jewish" country. We were surprised at our own culture shock! Mid-eastern culture is quite different from U.S. culture. When we arrived in Israel, we could say prayers in Hebrew, but we really didn't speak the language. We had to learn to communicate, pay bills, use the public transportation, etc. I began to understand what it was like for all those who came to the United States to settle, as well as Joseph in Egypt.



As I look back at my own life and consider the life of my grandparents and our grandparent's grandparents... until we refer to them as our ancestors, I understand more clearly how studying about our ancestors is simply learning about our family. The more we understand where we come from, the more we can understand ourselves. Our family has grown from Abraham and Sarah to over 13 million Jews today. There are many stories of our family. I feel so very connected to the world through my Jewish family. Our Jewish family has experienced many difficulties and we have overcome them over the centuries. As we teach our children Jewish history, we are teaching them about our family. As we teach our children about Jews in other countries, we are teaching them about our family. In order to teach, we first must learn for ourselves. This is another reason to have our congregation with its school and teachers. Congregation B'nai Emet...who are we? Where do we come from? How are we connected? Participation with our congregation is participation with our family from 4,000 years ago until today. Isn't it nice to feel connected?

Save the Date

Sunday January 12th – Tree-planting + E-waste donations at CBE, 9-1. (see page 8)

Tuesday January 14th – Women of CBE TuBishvat Seder (see page 4)

Friday January 31st – Pot-luck dairy/ vegetarian Shabbat dinner at 6:30, "Souper Bowl" Shabbat! (see page 5)

Adult Education

BEGINNING HEBREW - ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH

will be taught by Rabbi Michele on Sunday mornings beginning Feb. 2nd.

The class will be a 5-session seminar taught at North Campus (religious school site) from 11-12.

No prior background is necessary.

Fee is \$36 for CBE members and \$45 for non-members.

(see page 10)

Women of CBE



As we begin another calendar year, on behalf of Women of CBE, let me first to wish all of you a very happy and healthy New Year!

January is one of my favorite months. Not only do we get to start the (secular) year off fresh, but it's also time for Tu Bishvat! This is, by far, one of my favorite Jewish holidays! There is something so beautiful and special about thanking the Earth for what we have and enjoy on a daily basis. This year we have the privilege of using a new Tu Bishvat Seder book, which was created by a Sisterhood in Florida, and they were kind enough to share it with us! Our Tu Bishvat Seder will be held on Tuesday January 14, 2014 at CBE. It is always a very popular program. Each year we have full tables of Sisterhood members, wine, fruit, nuts and more! We would love for you to join us, and maybe it will become one of your favorite Jewish holidays, too!

Tuesday February 11th we will be making challah covers. This was something that RuthAnn Rossman learned how to do at our last URJ Pacific Area Day, and she would like to teach us how to do it too. You can make one for your home, or perhaps you'd like to donate one for our Onegs. At that same meeting, I will be sharing my experience from the WRJ Biennial Convention that was held in San Diego in December. It was an amazing experience and I can't wait to share what I've learned with all of you!

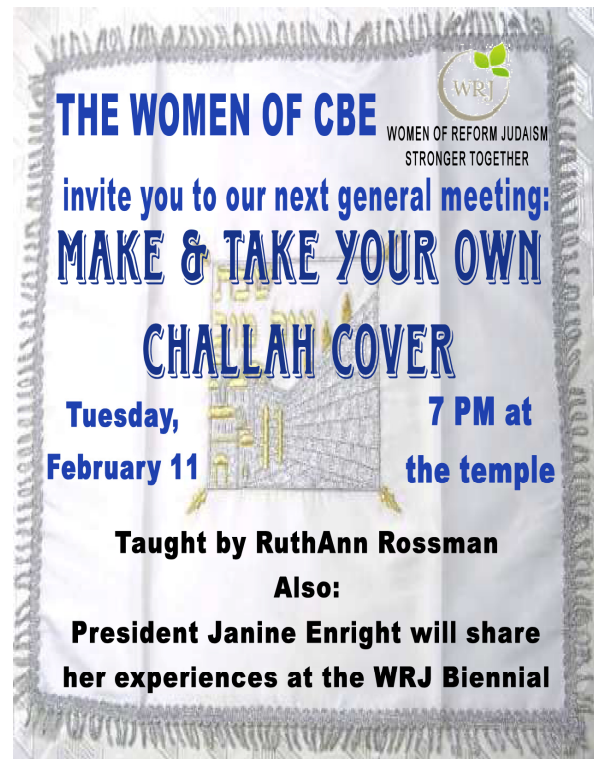
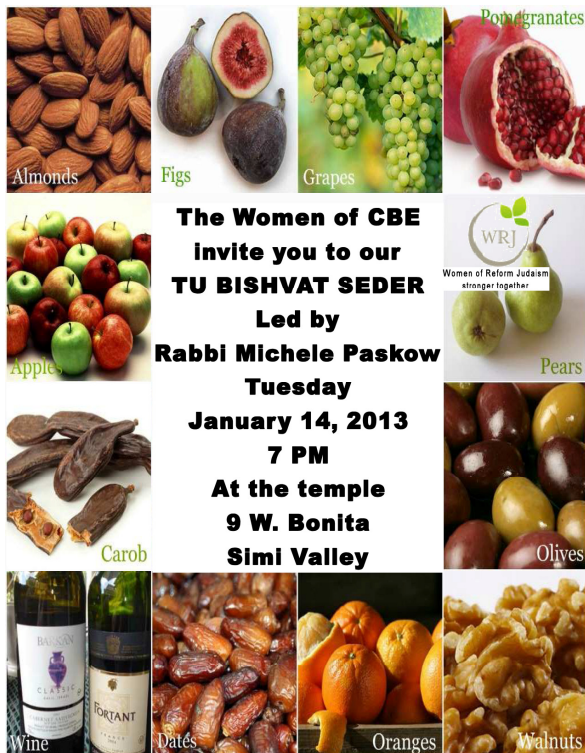
Please also mark your calendar for a very special evening on Tuesday, March 11th. We are fortunate to have Martha Abby Miller joining us again. She was a guest at CBE not long ago, when she did a one-woman performance as Anne Frank. It was riveting. This time she will be performing as Margaret Mitchell, the author of "Gone With the Wind". This will be a community event, so please invite your friends and family.

Well, it looks like we're off to a great start for the New Year! I look forward to seeing you at these and other programs Sisterhood is offering.

Shalom,

Janine Enright

President of The Women of CBE



RSVP (so that we can save you seats) to: Sylvia LeVine, [805.582.0147](tel:805.582.0147) or boliviansylvia@roadrunner.com
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THE KOBY MANDELL FOUNDATION

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7:00PM - 10:00PM**

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9 W. BONITA DRIVE,
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A Night of Comedy

Saturday January 25, 2014

Congregation B'nai Emet
9 W. Bonita Drive, Simi Valley, CA 93065

7:00pm

Wine & cheese reception

8:00pm

"Show Time"

featuring

INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED COMEDIAN

AVI LIBERMAN

and

"THE CBE TRIO"

TICKETS

Purchase tickets by December 31, 2013 - \$50 per person

Purchase tickets after December 31, 2013 - \$60 per person

VIP Table Sponsors* (up to 10 per table) - \$75 per person

* Front row seating & table sponsor plaque

Tickets available online at: www.congregationbnaimet.org/comedy

or mail checks payable to "CBE" w/memo "COMEDY"

CBE, P.O. Box 878, Simi Valley, CA 93062-0878

Information: 805.587.9210 or 805.551.5439

Donations gratefully accepted in lieu of attendance

<http://congregationbnaimet.org/comedy/index.html>

Souper Bowl Shabbat



**Friday
January 31
Potluck
Shabbat dinner,
6:30 pm,
followed by
service at 8 pm.**

At Congregation
B'nai Emet
9 West Bonita
Simi Valley, CA

Please bring meatless
dishes, if your last name
starts with:
A-E - drinks
F- M - appetizers/ salads
N-T - main courses: soup
or casseroles
U-Z - side dishes or kugels
Desserts provided by
CBE Sisterhood



WANTED



BY CBE SISTERHOOD:

All Cowboys & Cowgirls for Our 4th Annual

PURIM PARTY HOEDOWN

**Saturday Evening - March 8
At Congregation B'nai Emet**

**Great Food
Country Western Band
Raffles - Silent Auction**

For more info, go to

<http://congregationbnaimet.org/events.php>

Sisterhood Simchas

October

Sylvia LeVine-So happy my friends, Nina and Harriet joined us tonight. In honor of all my sisterhood friends. Happy my husband is feeling better. Happy Birthday to my friend Cathy Holst.

Shelly Botan- Happy 38th Anniversary for the Botans.

Val Singh-Thanks to my wonderful dentist for my new teeth! Thanks RuthAnn for checking in on me. It felt nice to have someone who cares!

Suzanne Epstein - Thanks to my daughter, Sharon, for making our new drapes. Thanks to my daughter, Jody, for overseeing our whole remodeling project. Best wishes to my niece, Erin Hollander, during her Belgian adventure.

Carole Picker- A Mazel Tov on my daughter Francine's birthday, October 15th.

Alice Fiducia-Thanks to all, Ronnye, Bobbie, Geri, and Shelly for a great crafty evening.

Marion Leon-In honor of our Wedding Anniversary. In Honor of our daughter Sue's birthday.

Cheryl Hirsch- Mazel Tov to my son, Brian, and daughter-in-law, Jeanette, on their new home. Happy Birthday to Cathy Holst and Kathy Smith.

Ronnye Sacks-Happy Birthday, Cathy Holst. Thank you to Shelly and Bobbie for a fun crafty evening.

Cathy Holst-Thank you to Bobbie and Shelly for a wonderful Sisterhood meeting. Mazel Tov to my daughter's family on their move to a home.

November

Peppi Lamm - In honor of my late husband's birthday, 11/13/13.

Alice Walsh Fiducia - Thanks for an interesting Sisterhood meeting. Special thanks to Ronnye and Cathy for all they do all the time.

Tami Plotkin - November 3rd was the 30th year anniversary of me becoming Jewish. My Hebrew name is Tamar Leah Bat Avraham Avinu V' Sarai Imenu.

Ronnye Sacks – Thanks so much to Diane Kealer for her wonderful presentation and to Sylvia for arranging for our guest.

Cathy Holst – Happy Thanksgivukkah



Oneg Sponsors

November 1, 2013

The Ribstein family in memory of Joel Ribstein
Marion Leon-Doten in memory of her mother Dorothy Leon, who was born exactly 100 years ago today
Craig & Michelle Foster in honor of their 29th anniversary
The Berger family in honor of Rabbi Michele, Cantor Russ & Meridith for the kindness, love, & stability that they have provided for our family & others in our congregation

The Forster family in honor of Sam's birthday
The Richmond family in honor of Natalie's birthday
The Leon family in honor of Alan & Sandra's 36th anniversary

The Bordo family in memory of Earl Rosado & in honor of Cherie's birthday

The Sion family in honor of Bobbie & Miko's birthdays
Carla, David, Elizabeth, Kate, Olivia & Ken Shaw & Max, Sam & Bennett Patera in honor of their amazing sister, aunt & mother Meridith Patera

November 8, 2013

Ron & Sylvia LeVine in honor of the birthdays of her son Morrie, her brother Ron, & daughter-in-law Bonnie
The Sion family in honor of the birth of baby girl Welling, daughter of Mike & Jackie, on November 8 at 4:46 pm.

November 15, 2013

Miriam Hintz in memory of her brother Aaron Chusid
Mike, Janine & Alyssa Enright in honor of Brandon's graduation from boot camp
Mike & Julie Mutal in memory of his brother Robert Mutal
The Hilburn family in honor of Loren's birthday

November 22, 2013

Laura Tepfer in honor of her cousin's wedding

November 29, 2013

The Ribstein family in honor of Ryan's birthday
The Cross family in honor of the naming of Jamison Michael Moore
The Mutal family in honor of Julie's birthday

December 6, 2013

The families of the K-2 and 3-4 Classes
Jill & Gabe Katell in honor of Shawna's Birthday

December 13, 2013

Sharlene Pass

December 20, 2013

Sharlene Pass in memory of her bubbe Anna Leader, her mother Gertrude Miller, & her father Jack Miller
The Hollander family in honor of Erin's 23rd birthday, and also Danny's engagement to his fiancée, Lynn
Valerie Singh in memory of her father Leonard Schwartz
The Enright family in honor of Brandon's homecoming & successful completion of his basic training
Julia Farago in memory of her mother Elizabeth Rex

Social Action—Feeding the Needy

Here is the gang from CBE helping to serve dinner to about 50 people on November 23. We served roast chicken, macaroni & cheese, green bean casserole (with fresh green beans - not canned!), and a green salad. Everyone left with a full belly and a satisfied smile.

We Feed the Needy on the fourth Saturday of every month at United Methodist Church.

From,
Carla Shaw
VP, Social Action



Left to right: – Leslie Friedman,
Gabriel Perez, Samantha Friedman,
Carla Shaw & Matt Epstein

Programs Report

Nov. 1 and 2 -The 35th anniversary celebration was a wonderful success. Rabbi Michele, Cantor Russ, and Meridith Patera were honored and thanked for their many years of dedication to the temple. The Earl Rosado memorial garden was dedicated. The garden offers a warm welcome to all who come to the temple.

Dec. 8- The Hanukkah party was an evening of celebration and fun. The religious school children performed in a great play written and directed by Meridith Patera. The adults also performed in a second play written and directed by Meridith. The band added so much to the play and was fabulous, as it is every year. What talented people we have in our temple family! Thank you to Linda and Alan Mann for decorating and the Men's Club for schlepping the tables and chairs to the CBE Preschool West, where we all enjoyed a yummy latke dinner. Thank you to Steve Rossman for making countless latkes.

Dec. 25- The 1st (annual?) movie and Chinese dinner took place at the temple. The movie was very good as promised, and the Chinese dinner kept with Jewish "tradition" on Christmas day: a movie, Chinese food, and family.

Dec. 27-The final Shabbat service of the year was held in the Preschool West building. We sat around tables and

conversed, prayed, ate, and enjoyed each other's company.

Jan. 31 -We will be celebrating Super Bowl weekend with a "Souper Bowl" pot luck dinner. (See page 5 for more information)

Come join us for the activities and festivities at the temple and enjoy each other's company.

Thank you,
Ruth Ann Rossman
VP Programs



Rabbi Michele and some young CBE members enjoyed the trip to the Autry Museum to learn about Jewish history in Los Angeles.

TU BISHVAT FESTIVAL & TREE PLANTING & E-WASTE RECYCLING FUNDRAISER FOR CBE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

***Sunday, January 12
at Congregation B'nai Emet
9 W. Bonita Drive
Simi Valley, CA 93062***

Please speak with Rabbi Michele if you would like to have a tree planted in honor or memory of someone for \$65 (includes plaque).

E-Waste recycling program from 9-1. Proceeds will benefit the Religious School.

Religious School classes will meet at the temple & participate in planting & craft activities for Jewish Arbor Day.

We will need volunteers to help with the E-Waste team. Please contact Rabbi Michele to help out: 805.581.3723.

Time to
re-cycle!
Electronics



**e-erase your
e-waste!**

Don't miss this free event!

Check your office, home and garage for disused electronics you wish to safely dispose of.

"E-Waste" refers to a wide range of electronic products which can be recycled, including:

- Computers and Laptops
- TVs, Monitors LCDs & VCRs
- Computer Components
- Stereo Components
- Printers, Copiers, & Scanners
- Telephone Equipment
- Cables, wires & power supplies
- Modems, Routers, & Fax machines
- No Refrigerators, Microwaves, Washing Machines, Dryers or Dishwashers

Have electronics too heavy to bring? Big TV? Computer?

Call us. • 805 499-0050

We can arrange for an office or home pick-up.

•Collection fees may apply based on weight, size & location.

CBE Members enjoying the URJ/WRJ Convention in San Diego



Geri Brandler, Janine Enright, RuthAnn Rossman and Meredith Patera enjoyed the convention



Rabbi Michele and friends in San Diego

1000 Shabbat Celebration



1st Annual CBE Christmas Day Movie and Chinese Food



CBE Religious School



Cast of "Once upon a Hanukkah" at the Los Angeles Jewish Home



Recent Donations

Building Fund

Steven and Holly York – in memory of Gerald York
 Ron and Gail Mittelman – (Memorial Garden) in memory of
 Earl Rosado
 Wilbur Brown – in memory of Sandi Brown
 Michael and Merle Russ – (Planting Fund) in memory of
 Stuart Keimon and Rhoda Russ

Memorial Donation Fund

Judith Miller – in memory of Theo and Esther Frankel
 David Glazer – in memory of Michael Glazer
 Anthony and Laura Luskin – in memory of Frida Pichkhadze
 Lawrence and Marsha Kaufman – in memory of Minerva Lefton
 Sheldon and Joan Liebmann – in memory of Benish Landau
 Teresa Picker – in memory of Curtis Picker
 Karen and Keith Zook – in memory of Frances and Louis Weiss

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Jeffrey and Tamara Plotkin – in memory of Tami's dad,
 William Priest; in honor of Tami's birthday; in
 honor of Tami's 30 year Conversion Anniversary
 Ronnye Sacks – in memory of William Priest
 Rosalyn Schiff – in honor of Rabbi Michele

Religious School Donations

Valerie Singh – in memory of Leonard Schwartz

Tree of Life Leaf Donations

Minnie Anzo and Gerriane Shapiro – in memory of Rose Warren
 Barry Selbst – in memory of Samuel Selbst
 Lynne Selbst – in memory of Ann Schneider

Preschool Donations

Jerry and Marla Bergmann – in memory of Bertram
 Bergmann

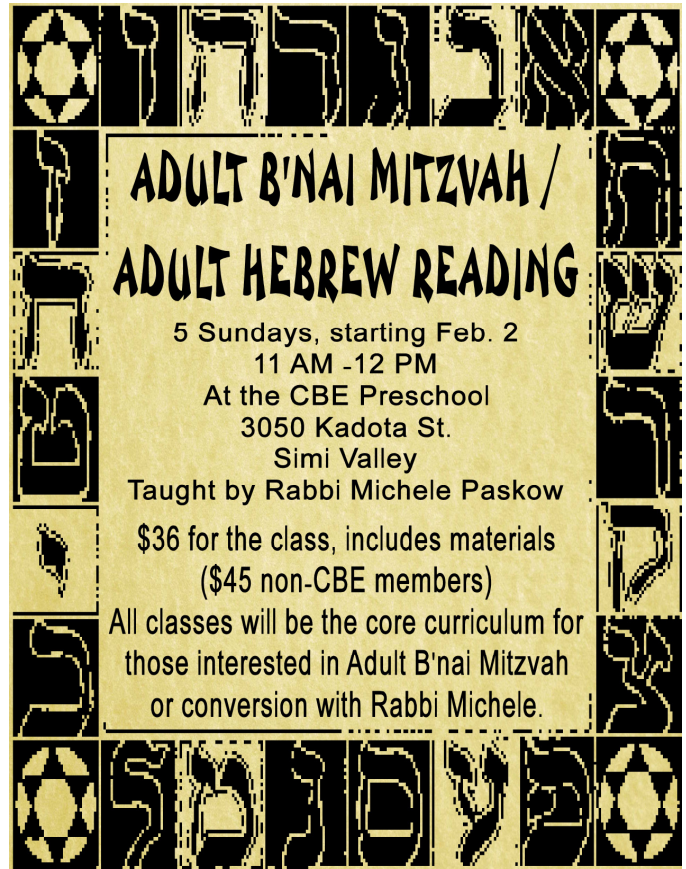
General Donations

Ryan and Natalie Richmond

Trees for Israel Donations

(to Honor CBE's 35th Anniversary)

Wayne and Shari Schultz
 Eric and Michelle Levine
 Gabriel Perez
 Carol Tolchin
 Andrew and Catherine Weinstein
 Herschel and Laura Berger
 Todd and Lindy Schneider
 Michael Mutal and Julie Bienenfeld
 John and Cindy Elhai
 Thomas and Miriam Hintz
 Barry and Lynne Selbst
 Carol Rosado
 Martin Richter
 Michele Paskow
 Steve and Ruth Ann Rossman
 Ronnye Sacks



ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH /
ADULT HEBREW READING

5 Sundays, starting Feb. 2
 11 AM -12 PM
 At the CBE Preschool
 3050 Kadota St.
 Simi Valley
 Taught by Rabbi Michele Paskow

\$36 for the class, includes materials
 (\$45 non-CBE members)

All classes will be the core curriculum for
 those interested in Adult B'nai Mitzvah
 or conversion with Rabbi Michele.

To reserve your place in class, contact Rabbi Michele
 at (805) 581-3723 or rav.michal@verizon.net

Men's Club

The Men's Club is growing. 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 preclude having fun while we help. Social activities bring camaraderie to our group.

The Men's Club holds a meeting on the first Sunday of the month at 9:15 am at the Religious School. We also meet for breakfast at 9 AM, on 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.

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

Michael Enright

Men's Club President



Birthdays

Jan 01	Lee Smith	Feb 01	Emma Baskin
Jan 02	Stephanie Bergmann	Feb 01	Brett Moss
Jan 02	Lloyd Picker	Feb 01	Emily Richmond
Jan 03	Fisher Hilburn	Feb 03	Robyn Seidel
Jan 03	Jason Nadler	Feb 04	Jan Auerbach
Jan 04	David James Rossman	Feb 06	Mark Baskin
Jan 05	Nicole Bordo	Feb 08	Seymour Botan
Jan 11	Joyce Forster	Feb 08	Matthew Levine
Jan 11	Laura Tepfer	Feb 11	Jordan Levine
Jan 13	Kenneth Bahr	Feb 13	Suzanne Epstein
Jan 16	Marilyn Hollander	Feb 14	Craig Foster
Jan 16	Joshua Katell	Feb 14	Ron Resnick
Jan 16	Daniel Avram Sternberg	Feb 14	Lynn Salberg
Jan 18	Aaron Cohen	Feb 15	Debbie Stern
Jan 20	Steven Richter	Feb 19	Eva Bahr
Jan 21	Eric Leon	Feb 20	Lindy Schneider
Jan 25	Evan Gering	Feb 22	Ronald Forster
Jan 27	Alice Fiducia	Feb 23	Lauren Ranelletti
Jan 27	Anne Levy	Feb 24	Sara Moss
Jan 28	Stephen Epstein	Feb 26	Laura Luskin
Jan 31	Ethan Mayo	Feb 26	Barry Selbst
Jan 31	Adrienne Roberts	Feb 27	Lillian Knecht

Anniversaries

Jan 01	Janine and Michael Enright
Jan 04	Keith and Lynne Kelly
Jan 04	Al and Nirit Levy
Jan 23	Anthony and Laura Luskin
Jan 25	Michael and Marilyn Hollander
Feb 05	Ron and Sylvia LeVine
Feb 13	Harry and Patricia Schned

CREATIVE HELP NEEDED! We are enhancing our "Sanctuary" at the North Campus (Religious School site). Please let Rabbi Michele know if you can help with some of the simple projects!

**VISIT ISRAEL WITH
RABBI MICHELE THIS SUMMER!**
Information meeting on Sunday Jan. 26th
at noon at the Temple.
Now is the time to submit your deposit.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Todah rabbah to all the talented students who performed so masterfully in "Star of David Wars" at the Hanukkah party! Thanks also to Geri Brandler & Sam Patera for making sure it went so smoothly.

On January 12, we will meet at the temple for the Tu Bishvat Festival & E-Trash Recycling Event. This will be a fundraiser for the Religious School. B'nai Mitzvah & Judaica High students will help with this important mitzvah. Please see the flyer elsewhere in this issue for more info. We will also be having our annual tree certificate sales through the Jewish National Fund.

Report cards will be mailed to Sunday School parents during January so that you can "kvell" over your kids' progress.

It's hard to run a school without a copier, but that's what we're doing at the moment at our North Campus site, since our "new" copier has given up the ghost. Any donations or suggestions would be most appreciated.

Meridith Patera
School Administrator
805.300.0217 - mspatera@earthlink.net

SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER:

JANUARY

- 5 – Sunday School-Session #15
- 6 - Judaica High School-Session #15
- 12 - Sunday School-Session #16
- 13 - Judaica High School-Session #16
- 15 – Tu Bishvat
- 19 & 20 – No School – M.L. King Day
- 26 - Sunday School-Session #17
- 27 - Judaica High School-Session #17

FEBRUARY

- 2 - Sunday School-Session #18
- 3 - Judaica High School-Session #18
- 9 - Sunday School-Session #19
- 10 - Judaica High School-Session #19
- 16 & 17– No School – Presidents' Day
- 23 - Sunday School-Session #20
- 24 - Judaica High School-Session #20



Yahrzeits

Jan 01	Edith Greenberg	Tevet 29	Jan 29	Eileene Winters	Shevat 28
Jan 01	George Liebmann	Tevet 29	Jan 30	Harlan Gould	Shevat 29
Jan 02	Richard Schatz	Shevat 1	Jan 30	Bennett Krakauer	Shevat 29
Jan 03	Morton Auerbach		Jan 31	Hyman Bloch	Shevat 30
Jan 03	Charles Stein	Shevat 2	Feb 02	Shirley Tepfer	Adar-I 2
Jan 04	Irving Brody		Feb 02	Ruth Wilkerson	Adar-I 2
Jan 04	Mildred LeVine	Shevat 3	Feb 03	Donald Alvarez	Adar-I 3
Jan 04	Morris Winner	Shevat 3	Feb 03	Mollie Winner	Adar-I 3
Jan 05	Robert Gurstein	Shevat 4	Feb 05	Nathan Hentell	Adar-I 5
Jan 05	Willard Levin	Shevat 4	Feb 05	Benjamin Zimmerman	Adar-I 5
Jan 06	Rochelle (Shelly) Richter	Shevat 5	Feb 06	Geneva Alvarez	Adar-I 6
Jan 07	Darrius Eugene Simpson-Menke		Feb 06	Robyn Libitsky	Adar-I 6
		Shevat 6	Feb 06	Max Perlson	Adar-I 6
Jan 09	Paula Lazar	Shevat 8	Feb 07	Jack Trachtenberg	Adar-I 7
Jan 09	Bernie Stern	Shevat 8	Feb 08	Abraham Shain	Adar-I 8
Jan 11	Dorothy Zager		Feb 08	Isadore Sharapan	Adar-I 8
Jan 12	Sidney Scheinert	Shevat 11	Feb 09	Dorothy A. Rabin	Adar-I 9
Jan 14	Jack Miller	Shevat 13	Feb 10	Ruth Truskin	Adar-I 10
Jan 14	Sophie Toni Shain	Shevat 13	Feb 12	Fritzie Gilson	Adar-I 12
Jan 15	Sybil Kaplan	Shevat 14	Feb 12	Jack Shuster	Adar-I 12
Jan 16	Beverly Pedowitz	Shevat 15	Feb 14	Rose Kaufman	Adar-I 14
Jan 17	Ken Stern	Shevat 16	Feb 14	Serena Weiss	Adar-I 14
Jan 17	Dorothy Barasch Weiss	Shevat 16	Feb 15	Julie Heimann	Adar-I 15
Jan 17	Dora York	Shevat 16	Feb 16	Anne Klein	Adar-I 16
Jan 18	Mariel Graflund	Shevat 17	Feb 16	Nathan William Kritzer	Adar-I 16
Jan 18	Shirley Richter	Shevat 17	Feb 16	Shirley Nusbaum	Adar-I 16
Jan 18	Stella Zaltzman	Shevat 17	Feb 16	Mildred Ruth Picker	Adar-I 16
Jan 21	David Singer	Shevat 20	Feb 17	William Finkbeiner	Adar-I 17
Jan 23	Ralph Fintz	Shevat 22	Feb 17	Murray Schneider	Adar-I 17
Jan 23	Gloria Goodman	Shevat 22	Feb 19	Estelle Flaxman	
Jan 23	Arthur Leon	Shevat 22	Feb 19	Alvin Pass	Adar-I 19
Jan 23	Marian Levin	Shevat 22	Feb 21	Edward Abe Lindenbaum	Adar-I 21
Jan 24	Nathan Brownstein	Shevat 23	Feb 22	Dorothy R. Hasson	Adar-I 22
Jan 25	Frieda Finkbeiner	Shevat 24	Feb 22	Fanny Strassburger	
Jan 26	Bernard Schwartz	Shevat 25	Feb 23	Barbara Ann Herskowitz Bass	
Jan 27	David Bloch	Shevat 26	Feb 23	Jacob Landau	Adar-I 23
Jan 27	Joseph Hananel	Shevat 26	Feb 24	Rose Pass	Adar-I 24
Jan 27	Nettie Riff	Shevat 26	Feb 27	Sigmond Neugroschl	
Jan 27	Julius Zager		Feb 27	Helen Rogen	Adar-I 27
Jan 28	Alex Edward Mann	Shevat 27	Feb 27	Joseph Weissbrod	Adar-I 27
Jan 29	Harold "Heshy" Grossman	Shevat 28	Feb 28	Lewis Greene	Adar-I 28
Jan 29	Jay A. Keimon	Shevat 28	Feb 28	Gerald Schned	Adar-I 28
Jan 29	Beatrice Levy	Shevat 28			



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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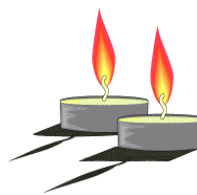
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Tami, Jeff and Eliana Plotkin on the passing of Tami's father, William (Bill) Priest.

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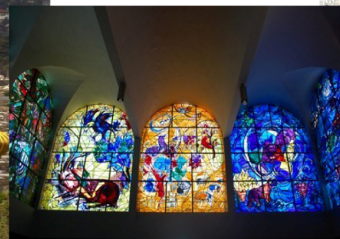
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Candle lighting</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Torah Portion</u>
Jan 3/ 3 Shevat	4:41 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Bo—Exodus 10:1 - 13:16
Jan 10/ 10 Shevat	4:47 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Beshalach—Exodus 13:17 - 17:16
Jan 17/ 17 Shevat	4:54 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Yitro—Exodus 18:1 - 20:23
Jan 24/ 24 Shevat	5:01 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Mishpatim—Exodus 21:1 - 24:18
Jan 31/ 1 Adar I	5:08 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Terumah—Exodus 25:1 - 27:19
Feb 7/ 8 Adar I	5:15 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Tetzaveh—Exodus 27:20 - 30:10
Feb 14/ 15 Adar I	5:21 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Ki Tisa—Exodus 30:11 - 34:35
Feb 21/ 22 Adar I	5:28 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Vayakhel—Exodus 35:1 - 38:20
Feb 28/ 29 Adar I	5:34 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Pekudei—Exodus 38:21 - 40:38

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