

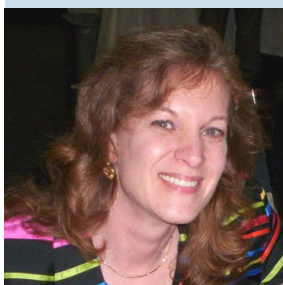
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## Rabbi's Message



Dear Friends:

I remember seeing a sign in Israel that read: *FROM DESTRUCTION (SHOAH) TO RENEWAL* (in Hebrew "meShoah l'Tekumah"), which I found so moving and meaningful because that is what modern Israel represents for the Jewish people. While in August (9<sup>th</sup> of Av) we remember the destruction of the ancient Temples and mourn our loss and dispersion, I would like to tell you about a modern miracle and rebuilding of an 18<sup>th</sup> century synagogue in Jerusalem's Old City.

The *Hurva* Synagogue, which stood as a landmark in the 18th century, was built by Polish Jews in 1701 and became the largest, most magnificent and most important synagogue in the entire Land of Israel and the center of life in the Jewish Quarter. Two decades later Arab creditors destroyed it; in 1864 followers of the great rabbi called the Vilna Gaon rebuilt the *Hurva*. The synagogue became identified with the return of the Jewish people to its homeland. Theodor Herzl visited there in 1898. Shortly after, Sir Herbert Samuel, the first British High Commissioner for Palestine, stood up in the *Hurva* on the Sabbath following Tisha b'Av to proclaim: "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, says the Lord." (Isaiah 40:1).

However, two days after conquering the Jewish Quarter in May 1948, the Jordanians blew up the synagogue in an act of cultural vandalism, just as they desecrated all 58 of the Jewish Quarter's synagogues. Abdullah a-Tal, commander of the 6th Battalion of the Arab Legion, reported to headquarters: "For the first time in 1,000 years not a single Jew remains in the Jewish Quarter. Not a single building remains intact. This makes the Jews' return here impossible." In fact, *Hurva* literally means "ruin," and was well known in modern times for the 50-foot arch that remained standing after the Jordanian occupation. That arch now is part of the completed synagogue.

Valuable items of Judaica, such as a platinum menorah and works of silver, were stolen by the Jordanians and never returned. Jordan barred Jews from visiting the site as well as the Western Wall (*Kotel*) while it controlled the area. It also prohibited Christians from visiting their holy sites. Upon reuniting the city after the Six-Day War in 1967, Israel opened the gates of religious freedom. In 1978, one of the four arches that had originally supported the synagogue's monumental dome was symbolically rebuilt as a stark reminder of the grand building that had once stood there. Before actual construction could begin, the Israel Antiquities Authority conducted a thorough survey of the site, which exposed findings dating back to the First Temple period and three plastered ritual baths (*mikvehs*) from the time of Herod. The most significant discovery was an intact Byzantine arch standing along the remnant of a stone-paved street leading off from the Cardo. The arch is preserved in the basement of the *Hurva*. The archaeologists also found a small weapons "slick" from the riots of 1936, seemingly forgotten by the outgunned defenders of the Jewish Quarter during the 1948 War of Independence.

Now, after many years of debate, discussion, planning, and finally, four years of hard work, the *Hurva* Synagogue has been restored and rededicated. It is very symbolic of the Jewish spirit and will – despite so much destruction and devastation, and people trying to annihilate us, the Jewish people are able renew ourselves and rebuild: *FROM DESTRUCTION TO RENEWAL* ("meShoah l'Tekumah").

Our Jewish tradition teaches us that we are part of a family, the House of Israel. May we be proud of our accomplishments and contributions to rebuild the land of Israel and to help make the world a better place.

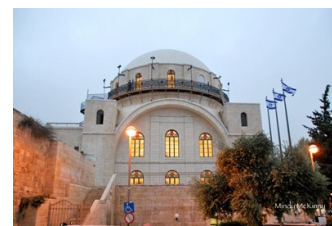
We will have services and activities throughout the summer. If there is a project that you would like to have that presently does not exist, come and help us establish it. Join us and get involved – bring your friends! You will be filled with contentment, make wonderful friends, and have a sense of a meaningful life.

*Lechaim! Lehitraot. See you in Shul!*

**Rabbi Michele Paskow**



*The famous arch  
indicating the previous  
Hurva Synagogue*



*The completed  
Hurva Synagogue*

## President's Message by Michael Hollander



Summer might mean vacations and relaxation time for your family, but the volunteers at CBE are cranking things up for a new membership year. At the same time, Shabbat under the Stars services will continue over the next two months. Be sure to check them out – I know you will find them inspirational yet invigorating by the cool evening temperatures.

Our membership committee is pulling together this year's forms and renewing some of the same promotions you enjoyed last year. Please look for your membership packet in the mail or check it out on line. By making the information available by two methods, we hope to catch a few of you who missed out on some of the early-bird offers last year. The membership pricing structure is partially generated based on our fiscal budget. If our estimates on membership are accurate, our budget will be about the same as last year and therefore, no fee increases in most of the categories. Should you have any questions, please ask me or our Membership VPs.

Membership at CBE takes on a different meaning for each of us. Over the years, I have heard many stories of why families choose to join – spiritual, family, social, the children's education and Bar/Bat Mitzvah training are just a few. The initial reason brings you in and then you begin to discover other reasons to stay. I call your attention to an article in this newsletter written by Ryan Richmond – a new temple member and brand new Board member. Once Ryan and his family joined, they found other areas of interest within our organization. They are now very involved in the religious school, board membership and even landscape maintenance on the weekend. My explanation of why members join cannot compare to hearing from a member directly. Please check it out and then let me know your reasons for becoming part of our family. In fact, if you put your thoughts to paper, we will consider making you a guest columnist in the next newsletter. Give it a try. Until then, I'll see you at temple.

*Michael Hollander*

President

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

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## B'nai Mitzvah



Shalom, my name is **Lillian Knecht**. I live in Simi Valley with my mom Debbie, my dad Glen, and my 19-year-old brother Louis. I am in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Valley View Middle School. I will be having my Bat Mitzvah on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July. For my mitzvah project I collected items to make backpacks for neglected and/or abused children who are taken from their homes by the County of Ventura and placed in foster homes. In addition, I help feed the needy with the Temple. The need to give to those less fortunate is very important to me. I pledge to give 10 percent of my Bat Mitzvah gift money to various charities. My interests are cooking, singing, traveling, Girl Scouts, and Disneyland. I will continue my Jewish education by attending Judaica High.

Hi, my name is **Joshua Moss**; I am 13 years old and attend Redwood Middle School in Thousand Oaks. I will be entering the 8th grade this coming fall. I live with my parents, Brett and Michael, my three sisters, Gabrielle, Sara and Hanna, and my dog Samba. Some of my hobbies include: playing hockey and soccer, studying U.S government, and playing with my dog. I have enjoyed preparing for and I look forward to my Bar Mitzvah on August 27th as I receive the honor of becoming a Jewish Adult.



I plan on continue my Jewish education by attending Judaica High next year.

## Men's Club

The men from the Men's Club of CBE embarked on a mission to update our trailer that we use at many of our fund raising events. Not surprisingly, what started out as a small project mushroomed beyond what we expected. With the hard work of Alex Shaw, assisted by too many members to mention, we reinforced the structural guts of the trailer and it will last us many years. In other words, the hardest part of updating the trailer is finished. Thank you to Alex and everyone who helped!!

We can now get back to some of the normal functions of the Men's Club, like having our monthly social meals, planning some upcoming trips, and of course helping out wherever we are needed with our temple family.

Please join us at our next monthly meeting, Sunday July 10, 2011 at Michael's Flowers (Sequoia @ Los Angeles Aves) at 9am. Meetings last about one hour and there are always bagels and cream cheese served.

**Michael Mutal**  
Men's Club President

Hi, my name is **Jonathan Sovetky**. I was born and raised right here in Simi Valley, and I will be starting 8th Grade at Sinaloa Middle School later this month. I enjoy doing art, like drawing and painting. I also love animals, especially my Chocolate Lab "Chomper." We like to go boating and camping. I also like archery and shooting and I am looking forward to the chance to go backpacking and hunting.



My family has been members of CBE since I was born. My grandma Marion is very active, and my brother (Jeremiah) and sister (Sage) have both had their bar/bat Mitzvahs here. I am looking forward to being part of the "adult" Jewish community. I hope to see you all at my Bar Mitzvah on August 13th.



## Executive VP's Message

It has taken a little longer than anticipated but the remodel of the Montessori Preschool is finished. Thanks to Earl Rosado for heading and managing the remodel. The next step is a new roof on the Temple. With all the rain, the landscape committee has been at the Temple every weekend mowing, pruning and keeping the property looking great.

I would like to thank everyone who has been able to lend some support. I would like to especially thank the CBE Graduating Class for donating a shovel, rake and backpack sprayer as their graduation class gift. Thanks to the Poehls for donating a gas weed trimmer. These items will come in very handy. With that being said the landscape committee can use some more donated items to help maintain the grounds. Here is a list of items we desperately need: A gas lawnmower, pole pruner, gas chain saw, gas blower, hula hoe, hand pruner and hedge trimmer. With the major pruning done, I would like to start planting some new plants. We can use some roses and wax leaf privets for the temple grounds.

As a special note, please let me know of any dates that would conflict with the Church that uses our temple on Wednesday night and Sunday day. I need at least a one month notice.

Thanks,

**Mitchell Salberg**  
Executive VP

## Religious School

Although I am certain that each of our Religious School students and parents are breathing deep sighs of relief as school ends and summer begins, I would like to relive the last couple of weeks of school – which were very important for us, and which held great meaning.

May 20<sup>th</sup> was the Confirmation of Max Slotnick – a beautiful service conducted by our own Judaica High students. On June 3, we held our Religious School Graduation & Staff Appreciation – a special evening for us, made more poignant this year as we said good-bye to Cathy Weinstein—one of our dedicated teachers. We will miss Cathy, but know she will enjoy the extra sleep on Sunday mornings!

We had lots of fun on the last day of school! There were parties, and for those of you who know her, Pumpkin, our resident CBE Religious School mascot, accompanied me around the school, checking in with each teacher and classroom that day. Oh yes! There was ice cream for Oneg that day! Pumpkin managed to find all the little bits of ice cream that were dropped on the ground!



*Deborah and Pumpkin*

A special thank you to the many parent volunteers who helped out around the school this past year. We had more parents helping us this past school year than in the last two years combined! Thank you so much for everything you have brought to our school. You free up our teachers, our office staff, and Mrs. Patera to do what they do best – TEACH! We can't thank you enough!

Thank you also to everyone in the congregation who supported us in our various restaurant fund raisers. We held several, and we really appreciate everyone who came out for them.

Of course, this leads me to my very special request of each of you. I hope that we can count on you to support our *Religious School Honey Drive* this year. This is our single major fundraiser for the school-year, and it provides us with our greatest source of funding for the year. Our Temple Board approves only enough money to pay our teachers and our staff – nothing for books, supplies, or any of the extras that are so important.

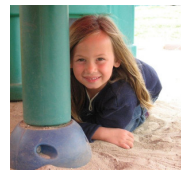
You made our Rosh Hashana Honey Drive very successful for the past two years, and we hope that you will support us once again.

Have a wonderful summer –

***Deborah Bass***

VP Religious School

## LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



## Social Action

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS AND ADULTS

Child Development Resources of Ventura County is hosting a free family day on **Sunday, October 16, 2011** from 11am – 4pm at Camarillo Ranch. They typically get about 3000 people. This is from the over 5000 families they serve. The event is made possible by donations from a wide variety of non-profits from all over the county and offers food and entertainment to disadvantaged families. We have been asked to provide volunteers to run the booths (either serving food or assisting with a hands-on activity). They will also need assistance with parking; guest and sponsor check in, set up and clean up. CDR staff volunteer, but it's not enough people so they turn to non-profit service organizations, like ours, to help out.

The day will be divided into shifts and no one who wishes to help is ever turned away. To show their appreciation, they will list CBE on a giant poster board that will be seen by everyone in attendance as well as list us in the program every family receives. I have not been given all of the details yet, but I have been asked to make our congregation aware of the event and to save the date. More details will be provided when I have them.

### SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

I am forming a Social Action Committee. Some of the events being considered are a blood drive, emergency preparedness day and a bake sale to raise money for hunger. Anyone interested may contact me by phone or email: Carla Shaw: 805-298-2239 or [carlajshaw@yahoo.com](mailto:carlajshaw@yahoo.com)

**Carla Shaw**

VP Social Action

### May 6th - Fifth Grade Service

Students presented a song with pictures of Israel and received their own siddurim.



## Membership

My family joined CBE last summer, and I wanted to share some of our favorite aspects of the Temple.

Our first visit to the CBE Temple was for the Shabbat Family Services. After being greeted by Michael Hollander, Shelly Botan, and Rabbi Michele, the Rabbi and Cantor led a family oriented service that had my two daughters excited to celebrate Shabbat. With the Rabbi inviting the children up to the bimah throughout the service, she manages to keep the little ones engaged most of the time. While the service is geared towards families with younger children, I assure you the adults in attendance are entertained by the plays and songs frequently featured on these Shabbat evenings.

Another family favorite are the three “Shabbat Under the Stars” services held in the Summer, though you would not know it was summer shortly after the sun goes down. There is something special about celebrating Shabbat outside on the terrace, with a panoramic view of Simi Valley as the backdrop. We have two more services “under the stars” and I encourage everyone to attend—just remember a coat or jacket!

The biggest impact Temple membership has had on our lives, however, are the people we meet and the friendships we make. We were lucky enough to join a newly formed Havurah during the year, where we get together for various events: from birthday parties to a parents’ night out.

We consider all of the members of CBE an extended family. We have fun together celebrating Holidays at the Temple and just like a real family, we occasionally sacrifice time on the weekends keep our grounds maintained.

I look forward to another year at CBE, and encourage all current, former, and future members to remain involved in Temple life.

Regards,

**Ryan Richmond**

Co-VP, Membership

### SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS

Fridays - July 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup>

7 pm hors d'oeuvres

8 pm service on our patio





# SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS

## Shabbat Service



Friday,  
July 22  
August 19  
hor d'oeuvres 7:00  
(please bring a plate  
of meatless goodies)  
service on the patio 8:00





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The Judaica High School Class



back row:

Sandy Weinstein, Steven Sherden,  
Evan Gering, Eliana Plotkin

Front:

Confirmand Max Slotnick

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## Women of CBE

It may be summertime but the Women of CBE are enjoying a full schedule of activities. On June 24, we celebrated Sisterhood Shabbat by honoring both the outgoing and incoming boards, as well as expanding our donation to the Temple.

Coming events include a Chico's fund raising event on **June 29**; All Sisterhood Day **July 10**; and on **July 30** our Fiddler on the Roof Fundraising Event at the Temple. On **August 14**, we will sponsor a joint Men's Club-Sisterhood Brunch at Michael and Julie Mutal's home. Then on **August 21** we will hold our "Getting to Know Us" Brunch to introduce new Temple members to our group. This will be followed on **August 28** by our spectacular Mah Jongg Tournament. We welcome all the women of CBE to these events and hope to see you there.

Further information is available on the web site or by calling me at (805) 526-1570.

Shalom,

*Penny Neugroschl*, President

## Sisterhood Simchas

### JUNE 2011

**Laura Tepfer:** Thank you to my sisterhood friends for their support during my sad time. Thank you, Carla, for being such a great friend. Mazel tov and happiness to my daughter on her wedding.

**Tamara Plotkin:** We're so happy that Eliana just completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade and graduated from Hillside Middle School. What a year! I'm really thrilled my garden is producing fruits and veggies.

**Ronnye Sacks:** Mazel tov to Cathy on her daughter, Karen's engagement. Thank you, Shelly, Denise and Meridith for a great Sisterhood meeting. Wishing continued recovery and good health to Penny.

**Cheryl Hirsch:** Happy belated May birthdays to Ronnye Sacks, Carol Picker, Ruth Ann Rossman, Meridith Patera, Geri Brandler, and Penny Neugroschl. Happy 60<sup>th</sup> birthday to my dear husband, David, and mazel tov on throwing out the first pitch at the June 5<sup>th</sup> Dodger game with our son Brian being the catcher. Happy 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to us and happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Carol and Lloyd Picker. Mazel tov on our son Brian's acceptance to USC Grad School. Mazel tov to Cathy Holst on her daughter Karen's engagement.

**Cathy Holst:** Mazel tov to my daughter, Karen, and her fiancé Cherif on their engagement. Thank you to Meridith Patera and Shelly Botan for their wonderful Sisterhood meeting on Jewish symbols and making the mizrach.

**Women of CBE** Congregation B'nai Emet  
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# SISTERHOOD & MEN'S CLUB GET-TOGETHER

Sunday, August 14 - 10 AM  
At the home of  
Michael & Julie Bienenfeld Mutal  
in Wood Ranch, Simi Valley



**Breakfast & an  
intriguing  
presentation**

## SEPHARDIC CULTURE

Author David Raphael will discuss some fascinating features of  
the culture of the Jews of Spanish ancestry.

Join us as we share ideas on ways to help CBE and our  
community while enjoying a delicious meal and a fascinating talk.



*Women of CBE* invite you to our next general meeting  
**GETTING-TO-KNOW-US BRUNCH**



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***SIMI 4 MAHJ***

**I will be EAST** \_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_ **NO**

**I will bring my set** \_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_ **NO**

## Oneg Sponsors

### April 29, 2011

Alan & Linda Mann in memory of Martin Mitchel  
Minnie Anzo in honor of the graduations of her  
grandchildren, Morgan Ackerman from  
Arizona State University and Robyn  
Ackerman from Columbia University

### May 6, 2011

The Schneidereit Family in honor of Joey's bar mitzvah  
The Families of the Fifth Grade Class  
The Tolchin Boyd Family in honor of Dara's birthday  
The Kelly Family in honor of Keith & Robin's birthdays

### May 13, 2011

The Picker Family in honor of Carole's birthday and of  
her five years cancer-free!  
Alan & Linda Mann in memory of Alan's sister  
Miriam Mann  
Meridith Patera & Carla Shaw in memory of Kate Shaw

### May 20, 2011

The Families of the Judaica High Class in honor of the  
class & Max Slotnick's confirmation  
Meridith Patera in honor of the confirmation of Max  
Slotnick & the Judaica High Class, and  
the birthdays of Ronnye Sacks, Ruth Ann  
Rossman, Geri Brandler & Penny  
Neugroschl

The Moss Family in honor of the birthdays of Gabrielle &  
Michael, & Brett & Michael's  
17<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Michelle Scharf in memory of Trevor Scharf  
The Sherden Family in honor of Lori & Bob's 17<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary, Jeff's birthday, Steve's  
graduation, & Penny Neugroschl's  
return home from the hospital &  
Penny's birthday

The Rossman Family in honor of the birthdays of Ruth  
Ann, Steve, Zachary, Pearl Bloch, who will be  
95 tomorrow, & Meridith & Geri

Ronnye Sacks in honor of her birthday  
Shelly Botan in honor of Anamae & Leonard Salberg's  
60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary & mazel tov to  
Max Slotnick on the occasion of his  
confirmation

Carla Shaw in honor of Meridith's birthday  
Holly & Steve York in honor of Alicia & Jennifer's  
birthday & Jennifer graduating from  
AJU magna cum laude

### May 27, 2011

Peppi Lamm in honor of her grandson Robert Johnson  
becoming a doctor  
The Families of Julie Tepfer and Steven Richter in honor  
of their wedding

### June 3, 2011

The families of the graduates  
Gary Spike in honor of Meridith Patera for her dedication  
to her students  
Gary Spike in honor of the staff, the board and all who  
make the temple work  
Meridith Patera in honor of the graduates and staff of  
CBE religious school  
Irwin Cohen in honor of granddaughter Natalia's graduation,  
with honors, from the Institute of Jewish  
Education where she majored in fine arts  
and minored in Judaica culture.  
Rachel Rieff in honor of Andrew Gering's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday  
David Gering in honor of Andrew's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday  
The Levine Family in honor of Michelle's birthday

### June 10, 2011

Cathy Holst in honor of Karen's birthday & engagement!

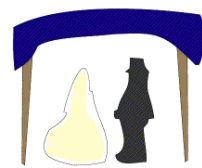
### June 17, 2011

Ruth Ann, Steve & David Rossman in memory of  
Marlene Bloch  
The Berger Family in honor of Sydney's birthday

### June 24, 2011

Ruth Ann, Steve & David Rossman in honor of  
Nicole & Gabriel's anniversary  
Lloyd & Carole Picker in honor of their 50th anniversary  
& granddaughter Kelly's birthday  
The Hollander Family in honor of Michael's birthday  
The Poehls Family in honor of Barbara's birthday  
Deborah Bass & Alex Shaw in honor of their tenth  
wedding anniversary  
Rabbi Michele Paskow in honor of The Women Of CBE  
& of Lloyd & Carole Picker's 50th  
wedding anniversary – mazel tov!  
Cantor Michael & Merle Russ in honor of their  
42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary





## Birthdays

Jul 1 Harry Shore  
 Jul 3 Jody Epstein  
 Jul 4 Alyssa Enright  
 Jul 8 Judith E. Sternberg  
 Jul 9 Jeffrey Plotkin  
 Jul 9 Bob Poehls  
 Jul 9 Karen Ribstein  
 Jul 10 Eden Bellenson  
 Jul 10 Curtis Schneidereit  
 Jul 14 Catherine Weinstein  
 Jul 17 Jonathan Cohen  
 Jul 18 Jeffrey Wohlner  
 Jul 20 Doris Bass Foster  
 Jul 21 Brian Horowitz  
 Jul 21 Steven York  
 Jul 23 Jeremy Stafford  
 Jul 25 Shai Levy  
 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 1 Mark Mutal  
 Aug 5 Regina Brandler  
 Aug 7 Andrew Hollander  
 Aug 7 Ryan Richmond  
 Aug 7 Brandon Tellio  
 Aug 7 Melisa Tellio  
 Aug 9 Matthew Epstein  
 Aug 9 Jason Fromer  
 Aug 9 Lynne Kelly  
 Aug 9 Eliana Plotkin  
 Aug 9 Valerie Singh  
 Aug 10 Stacy Cohen  
 Aug 10 Carla Shaw  
 Aug 11 Mark Brandler  
 Aug 11 Jessica Breiter  
 Aug 11 Steven Friedman  
 Aug 11 Danny Jordan  
 Aug 12 Zachary Spike  
 Aug 13 Max Patera  
 Aug 13 Andrew Weinstein  
 Aug 15 Shoshana Micon  
 Aug 15 Wendei Spale  
 Aug 17 Jeremiah Sovetky

Aug 18 Al Levy  
 Aug 19 Gabriel H. Rossman  
 Aug 19 Mindy Schneidereit  
 Aug 21 Melissa Bergmann  
 Aug 21 Jill Katell  
 Aug 22 Louis Tepfer  
 Aug 26 Frieda Bahr  
 Aug 26 Karli Berger  
 Aug 26 Brittany Ribstein  
 Aug 27 Megan Smith  
 Aug 29 Laura Berger  
 Aug 29 Allen Luskin  
 Aug 30 Grace Eskenazi  
 Aug 30 Bennett Patera

## Anniversaries

Jul 1 Gary and Susan Spike  
 Jul 12 Eric and Stacy Cohen  
 Jul 17 Bob and Barbara Poehls  
 Jul 18 Earl and Carol Rosado  
 Jul 21 Ronald and Mindy Schneidereit  
 Aug 1 Jerry and Jan Auerbach  
 Aug 2 Sheldon and Candy Kaminsky  
 Aug 3 Peter and Jennifer Rosenstein  
 Aug 8 John and Cindy Elhai  
 Aug 9 Andrew and Catherine Weinstein  
 Aug 12 Herschel and Laura Berger  
 Aug 12 Stan and Sandy Melnick  
 Aug 15 Howard and Sandy Fisher  
 Aug 15 Lori and Dan Stanton  
 Aug 17 Alan and Linda Mann  
 Aug 20 Dean and Victoria Bennett  
 Aug 24 Steven and Holly York  
 Aug 26 Jeffrey and Tamara Plotkin

## Recent Donations

### Memorial Donations

Lloyd and Carole Picker – in memory of Curtis Picker  
 Dan and Geri Brandler – in memory of Shannon Cricco  
 Ken and Suzanne Epstein – in memory Werner Hollander  
 Joan Bourland – in memory of Cathy Mae and Ray B. Bourland, Ida and Isadore Philip Moses, and Mary and Harry Greenberg  
 Steven and Holly York – in memory of Arthur Korn, Alexa Wiener and Sara Siffrin  
 David Glazer – in memory of Dorothy Glazer  
 Sheila Kubik – in memory of Stanley Kubik  
 Andrew and Catherine Weinstein – in memory of Stanford Weinstein

### Tribute Donations

Peppi Lamm – in honor of grandson, Dr. Robert Johnston, graduating Medical School.

### Religious School Donations

Sheldon and Joan Liebmann – in memory of Joyce Alexman and Bertha Liebmann

### Preschool and Education Building Fund

Jerry and Marla Bergmann – in memory of Lewis Stone

### Tree of Life Leaves

Ann Bellenson – in memory of Leonard Bellenson and Morris Davis  
 Lloyd and Carole Picker's Havurah – in honor of Lloyd and Carole's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding

Anniversary

### Feeding the Homeless Fund

Victor and Janet Sherman

### General Donations

CBE Men's Club



## Yahrzeits

Jul 3	Milton Grossman	Tammuz 1	Aug 1	Frieda Davis	Av 1
Jul 4	Leon Brody	Tammuz 2	Aug 1	Florence Neugroschl	
Jul 6	Michael Goldstein	Tammuz 4	Aug 2	Ruth C. Frolove	Av 2
Jul 6	Gustav Heimann	Tammuz 4	Aug 6	Sherry Goldstein	Av 6
Jul 6	Claire Klugman	Tammuz 4	Aug 6	Caridad Perez	
Jul 6	Abe Richter	Tammuz 4	Aug 7	Ruth Dacks	Av 7
Jul 7	Alan Tolchin	Tammuz 5	Aug 7	Harold Mann	Av 7
Jul 8	Joe Orloff	Tammuz 6	Aug 8	Medill Bienenfeld	Av 8
Jul 9	Leatrice Goldstein	Tammuz 7	Aug 8	Carl Oliver	Av 8
Jul 10	Irwin Katz	Tammuz 8	Aug 8	Abraham Pichkhadze	Av 8
Jul 10	Jack Shultz	Tammuz 8	Aug 11	Irwin Foster	
Jul 12	Vera Glazer	Tammuz 10	Aug 12	Herman Scharf	
Jul 13	Jacob Gold	Tammuz 11	Aug 13	Norman Wohlner	Av 13
Jul 13	Lee Lieber	Tammuz 11	Aug 15	Art Schultz	
Jul 14	Lawrence Chusid	Tammuz 12	Aug 19	Irving Pfefer	Av 19
Jul 14	Ruetta Orloff	Tammuz 12	Aug 19	Daniel Scop	Av 19
Jul 15	Florence Cricco	Tammuz 13	Aug 20	Donald Marx	Av 20
Jul 18	Mary DeSatnick Greenberg		Aug 21	Abraham Jacob Frank	Av 21
		Tammuz 16	Aug 22	Herman Scharf	Av 22
Jul 19	Harry Gould	Tammuz 17	Aug 24	Laura Bloch	Av 24
Jul 21	Karl Menke	Tammuz 19	Aug 24	Murry Fromer	Av 24
Jul 24	James Steffens	Tammuz 22	Aug 24	Dianne Marks	Av 24
Jul 25	Lillian Smith	Tammuz 23	Aug 25	Sheldon Cohen	Av 25
Jul 26	Irene Goldbloom	Tammuz 24	Aug 26	Estelle Breiter	Av 26
Jul 26	John Levin	Tammuz 24	Aug 26	Lou Gotenstein	Av 26
Jul 27	Debbie Alderton	Tammuz 25	Aug 27	Anne Hirschorn	Av 27
Jul 27	Bessie Keimon	Tammuz 25	Aug 28	Winfred Jackman	
Jul 27	Leah Rose Naidorf	Tammuz 25	Aug 28	Katherine Diana Mutal	Av 28
Jul 28	Fritz Finkbeiner	Tammuz 26	Aug 31	Frances Shilkoff	Elul 1
Jul 28	Cecilia Schwartz	Tammuz 26			
Jul 29	Harry Goldberg	Tammuz 27			
Jul 31	Debby Odens	Tammuz 29			



**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:

Donald and Joshua Forman on the passing of Michelle Forman

Laura Tepfer on the passing of her brother, David Heimann

Alan Mann on the passing of his sister, Miriam Mann

Dan Brandler on the passing of his aunt



## June 3 - Graduation & Staff Appreciation Service



*Teacher Jill Katell & Rabbi Michele lead the graduates into the sanctuary.*



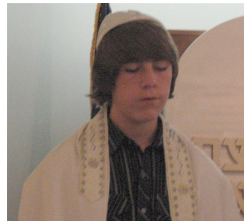
*Graduates lead the service*



*All the kids sing during the service.*



*Upper left: Lillian Knecht & Joey Schneidereit*



*Ryan Strohbach*



*Lower left: Jonathan Sovetky, Alec Bennett, Zach Spike*



*Retiring teacher Cathy Weinstein, who is leaving our school after eleven years, admires her farewell gift. We'll miss her greatly.*



*Official class photo*

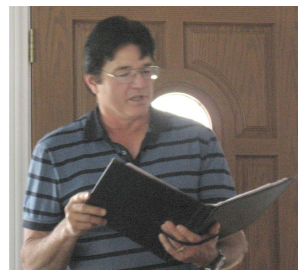


*Last day of Judaica High*

*The students wished Meridith Patera a happy birthday with a yummy cake from Tami Plotkin.*



## End of Year Choir Party at Irwin Cohen's House - June 12th



*Choir members - upper row: Shelly Botan, Laurie Crites, Lesli Friedman, Carla Shaw, Irwin Cohen & Meridith Patera  
Bottom row: Lois Friedman, Rich Lawrence, Marty Richter & Frank Tessel*

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Candle lighting</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Torah Portion</u>
July 1/30 Sivan	7:53 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Chukat—Num. 19:1-22:1
July 8/7 Tammuz	7:52 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Balak—Num. 22:2-25:9
July 15/14 Tammuz	7:50 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Pinchas—Num. 25:10-30:1
July 16		Bat Mitzvah of <b>Lillian Knecht</b> 4 PM	
July 22/21 Tammuz	7:46 PM	*Shabbat Under the Stars 8 PM	Matot—Num. 30:2-32:42
July 29/28 Tammuz	7:41 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Masei—Num. 33:1-36:13
Aug. 5/6 Av	7:35 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Devarim—Deut. 1:1-3:22
Aug. 12/13 Av	7:28 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Vaetchanan—Deut. 3:23-7:11
Aug. 13		Bar Mitzvah of <b>Jonathan Sovetky</b> 10 AM	
Aug. 19/20 Av	7:21 PM	*Shabbat Under the Stars 8 PM	Eikev—Deut. 7:12-11:25
Aug. 26/27 Av	7:12 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Re'eh—Deut. 11:26-16:17
Aug. 27		Bar Mitzvah of <b>Joshua Moss</b> 10 AM	

\* More information about *Shabbat Under the Stars* elsewhere in this issue.

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