Dear Friends,

Outside of a dog, a book is a man’s best friend.
Inside of a dog, it’s too dark to read.

Groucho Marx

March 2nd is Read Across America, a day dedicated to encouraging our children to read more.
What a great idea, a day dedicated to celebrate reading!

If you’ve been to CBE lately, you’ve probably noticed our terrific library. We have a growing collection of terrific books, everything from the now classic Our Crowd and The Rest of Us, by Steven Birmingham, to many fabulous new books, like The Golems of Gotham. I notice that when people come to shul, they are impressed with our library, and many of our regular “Shabbat family” eagerly borrow and read the books. We also have an excellent children’s library at our Religious School.

The CBE Sisterhood has generously funded the purchase of dozens of new books. Our own Meridith has spearheaded this project, selecting, ordering and cataloging the books. See below for some of our new purchases. If you’d like to contribute to the Sisterhood for additional library purchases, please speak with me or with Meridith.

Reading and learning is such a central part of our Jewish heritage—after all, we are the People of the Book—yes, we have that book too! I hope you will come by to borrow one of our library books and enjoy your reading.

Shalom v’chag samaech (happy holiday),

Rabbi Michele Paskow

NEW BOOKS IN THE TEMPLE LIBRARY

FICTION:
A Simple Story - S.Y. Agnon
Sima's Undergarments for Women - Ilana Stanger-Ross
A Day of Small Beginnings - Lisa Pearl Rosenbaum
Prophet's Wife - Milton Steinberg
Wherever You Go - Joan Leegant
The Little Bride - Anna Solomon
I Am Forbidden - Anouk Markovits
The Dovekeepers - Alice Hoffman
Jerusalem Maiden - Talia Carner
The Book Thief - Markus Zusak
What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank: Stories - Nathan Englander
The Golems of Gotham - Thane Rosenbaum
The Pillar of Salt - Albert Memmi

NON-FICTION:
The Complete Idiot's Guide to Learning Yiddish - Rabbi Benjamin Blech
Towers of Gold: How One Jewish Immigrant Named Israel Hellman Created California - Frances Dinkelspiel
When Bad Things Happen to Good People – H. Kushner
The Grandees: The Story of America’s Sephardic Elite – S. Birmingham
The Rest of Us – S. Birmingham
Back To The Sources: Reading the Classic Jewish Texts - Barry W. Holtz
Can I Have a Cell Phone for Hanukkah?: The Essential Scoop on Raising Modern Jewish Kids - Sharon Estroff
From Testament to Torah: An Introduction to Judaism in Its Formative Age - Jacob Neusner
How to Talk Jewish - Jackie Mason and Ira Berkow
The Lost: A Search for Six of Six Million - Daniel Mendelsohn
The Memoirs of Gluckel of Hameln - Gluckel
Number Our Days: A Triumph of Continuity and Culture Among Jewish Old People in an Urban Ghetto - Barbaun G. Myerhoff
The Provincials: A Personal History of Jews in the South - Eli N. Evans
Theater of Acculturation: The Roman Ghetto in the Sixteenth Century - Kenneth R. Stow

See Book Reviews on Page 5
President’s Message by Michael Hollander

If you haven’t been to services lately, you might consider checking us out soon. We have a new look and more comfortable feel in the Sanctuary. Well, as of March 10th we do. The new addition to our synagogue is a set of 28 padded pews. In February, we became aware of a church in Montclair that wanted to sell their pews and we became the lucky recipients. If all goes well, the pews will arrive at the synagogue on March 10th and will go into immediate use. Our own pews were sold and went to a good home in Santa Barbara County. They will be used as part of a wedding venue on a farm near Lompoc.

CBE’s new padded pews.

This pew upgrade is just one of the many small upgrades planned for Congregation B’nai Emet in the near future. We formed a small committee which is prioritizing some physical needs for the temple and organizing a fund raising drive to generate the needed revenue. At the same time, the coordinator of this committee, Emilie Kennedy, is helping us discover and write some grant proposals to bring us closer to our financial goals. Emilie comes to us via her long friendship with our Financial Secretary, Carol Tolchin. She has lots of experience with fund raising and grant writing through her past job with a large non-profit foundation. She is very excited to be working with us and is providing her expertise on a volunteer basis. I hope many of you will have a chance to meet Emilie Kennedy on the journey to our fundraising goals. In case you are wondering, the specific monetary goal is still being determined. Please stay tuned or better yet, get involved.

Nominations for the new board are upon us now and I hope some of you will finally decide to step up and share a little time and energy with us to further the mission of your synagogue. All positions are open, except that of president which requires prior board membership. Please help us in our efforts. It is truly a rewarding experience and we do have some fun in the process. I look forward to hearing from you.

Michael Hollander, President

The minutes of CBE Board meetings are available to all members in the Temple office. Black and white hard copies of the newsletter are also available in the Temple office.
Hello Everyone,

The Men’s Club has taken a new direction and you will be seeing changes over the next several months as they start happening.

First change is the meeting location. The men’s club will be gathering at the Religious School North Campus (Preschool) some Sunday mornings at 9 am. Look at the weekly newsletter for the dates. Some gatherings will be just bagels and coffee and some will involve actual business. Rabbi Michele has offered the men the use of the room she uses Sundays for classes before her class. The good news about the Rabbi’s offer is that it forces any business discussion meetings to be shorter! Thank you, Rabbi.

Also the new shift in the Men’s Club will be for more social activities. Please contact me or any other active member of the Men’s Club if you have an idea for a social activity. It can involve just men, men and spouses, men and children, or entire families.

Any questions or comments - please contact me at mmmutal@gmail.com

Michael Mutal

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Bar Mitzvah

Shalom! My name is Jack Stafford. I cannot wait until my Bar Mitzvah on April 20, 2013. I live in Simi Valley with my mom, dad, sister Jessica (15 yrs) and younger brother Joseph (7 yrs). I go to Valley View Middle School and I am in the 7th grade. My hobbies are football, riding my bike, playing video games and hanging out with my friends.

My Bar Mitzvah is important to be because it shows that after the last seven years of studying Hebrew and learning about the Jewish religion and traditions, I am considered a man in the Jewish faith. I will take what I have learned to help my disabled brother learn about the Jewish religion and help him with his Bar Mitzvah in 6 more years. As my mitzvah project I have been volunteering my time helping my brother and other disabled kids learn to play baseball and have fun while they are doing it. I have done this for many years now and there are really no words that can describe the feelings you get when these amazing kids are able to accomplish the impossible.

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SAVE THE DATES

March 15 - Guest Speaker: Dr. Samuel Thomas, a professor at California Lutheran University, will speak on:

“The Dead Sea Scrolls in Modern Context: History, Controversy and Interpretation”

Dr. Thomas is the author of *The Mysteries of Qumran: Mystery, Secrecy and Esotericism in the Dead Sea Scrolls*. He is an associate professor of religion at CLU in Thousand Oaks.

April 14 - we will celebrate Israel Independence Day with our Israel Faire.

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HALLELUYAH CLASS

Learn how to read “Halleluyah” in Hebrew. CBE is offering a course to read Psalm 150 in Hebrew on two Thursday evenings

Rabbi Shimon Paskow will be teaching.

March 14 & 21 from 7:00-7:45 PM.
Enjoy listening to several famous musical compositions of Halleluyah.
Suggested fee $18.
RSVP to Marilyn in the Synagogue office: 805-581-3723; or bnaiemet@rain.org
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

So many volunteers! We have a wonderful congregation. People just show up to do what they can. So many lent easy-ups, even though we couldn’t use them due to the high winds. Despite those winds it was a great day.

Young and old enjoyed the puppet show, huge bounce room with slide, face painter, balloons, games, and that big BIG horse that both children and adults rode. Thanks to all who lent bicycle helmets to keep our riders safe.

The bake sale had such a great variety of sweets and the kids in the youth group will now be able to get t-shirts!

The four very different chicken soups were “mm-mm good.” Thanks to the Men’s Club for the yummy hot lunch. And a huge todah rabbah and yasher koach to Rabbi Michele who helped me organize the entire event.

RuthAnn Rossman
VP Programs

Thank you to our wonderful generous sponsors for Purimpalooza.
If you can patronize these businesses be sure to mention you appreciate their support of CBE.

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Religious School News

Congratulations to Jill Katell and her Third/Fourth Grade class on their wonderful performance at the February 1 Shabbat service. The songs and their participation were fabulous!

Kudos as well to Sam Patera and his Fifth/Sixth Grade Class at the February 22 Purim service. The Purim pantomime was terrific.

Now it’s time to get ready for Pesach. Our world famous Passover workshops and model seder will be held on March 24 at the school on Kadota. As always, we appreciate any help the parents can give us in supplying and running the seder. We will soon send home a list of items needed.

After Pesach, it’s time to celebrate Israel’s 64th birthday. Our Israel Faire will be held at the temple on April 14 during regular school hours. This year’s theme will be “Israel Today.” Check your child’s folder for more details.

Many thanks to the student volunteers at religious school, we wouldn’t be able to manage without Lillian Knecht, Josh Moss, Brandon Enright, Ryan Rosenstein and Kellie Elhai helping our amazing staff.

Thank you to all who participated in the Fire Island Fundraiser. We will have another restaurant fundraiser in April. Watch the weekly emails for date and location.

It’s not too late to support our Haggadah fundraiser. Orders placed by March 10 will arrive personalized in time for Passover. You can view & order your Haggadahs directly online at www.PersonalizedHaggadahs.com or visit the temple lobby to see a hard copy!

Sincere regards,

Jen Rosenstein
VP Religious School

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Book Reviews by Meridith Patera

The following books are available in the Temple library.

A Tale of Zabokretch by Ben Finn

At first, this slim volume seems to be a charming tale of Jewish shtetl life in Ukraine in 1919, written in a chatty style reminiscent of Sholem Aleichem. Before long, however, it becomes a vivid and harrowing detailed description of a pogrom that destroyed the Jewish community of Zabokretch. Based on real events, Ben Finn expertly brings to the page the grief and loss of the participants, and the love and nobility that persisted even in the face of relentless evil. I came to know the characters as if they were my own family members, which they could well have been.

The Finkler Question by Howard Jacobson

Who is a Jew? What is a Jew? Can you become a Jew? What is our relationship with Israel? Why does antisemitism still exist? These are the questions faced in Howard Jacobson’s Booker Prize-winning novel. An Englishman of so little sense of self that he works as a celebrity impersonator – any celebrity – comes to believe that he was meant to be a Jew and determines to learn what that entails. Often hilarious, sometimes infuriating, The Finkler Question explores the meaning of being a Jew today through characters with varying shades of Jewishness. Slim on plot and thick on philosophy and brilliant wordcraft, this may not be for everyone, but it will force those who do read it to ponder the “Jewish Question” in new ways.

Seven Blessings by Ruchama King

If you’ve ever wondered what happens to Jews who move to Israel, here’s one path they might take. Expatriate Orthodox Jews of various ages work, pray, and mostly seek love in modern day Jerusalem. Ruchama King’s delightful novel weaves together stories of matchmakers who worry they may have lost their touch, rapidly-aging single men and women who just can’t quite find their destined ones, and wives who are wondering how to get the magic back. You can almost smell the city as you ride the buses, walk in the woods, and go shopping with the rich array of characters.

By Fire, by Water by Mitchell James Kaplan

Set in 15th century Spain during the reign of Isabella and Ferdinand, this beautifully written tale is about the ordinary men and women swept up in the chaos and upheaval of the Inquisition and the 1492 Expulsion of the Jews.

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MOST BOOKS WERE PURCHASED WITH A GENEROUS DONATION FROM THE WOMEN OF CBE.
TODAH RABBAH!

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Jill Katell’s 3rd/4th grade class leading the Shabbat service on February 1
### December 28, 2012
- Sharlene Pass in memory of her bubbie Anna Leader
- Carole Picker in honor of Lloyd’s birthday

### January 4, 2013
- Lynne Kelly in memory of her father Max Rabin
- The Rossman Family in honor of David’s 21st birthday
- Mike & Janine Enright in honor of their 13th anniversary
- The Ribstein Family in memory of Dorothy Zager

### January 11, 2013
- The Forster Family in honor of Joy’s 12th birthday
- The Tepfer & Richter Families in honor of the birthday of Laura Tepfer
- Marty Richter in memory of Shelley Richter & Shirley Richter

### January 18, 2013
- Ron & Sylvia LeVine in memory of Ron’s mother Mildred Levine
- Sharkene Pass in memory of Jack Miller & Gertrude Miller
- Rabbi Michele in honor of Aaron’s 21st birthday
- Tami & Jeff Plotkin in memory of Jeff’s mother Mildred Plotkin
- Jill & Gabe Katell in honor of Josh’s birthday

### January 25, 2013
- Laurie Crites in honor of her birthday
- Michael & Marilyn Hollander in honor of their 26th anniversary

### February 1, 2013
- The families of the Third/Fourth Grade Class
- Alan Mann in memory of Alex Edward Mann
- The Richmond Family in honor of Emily’s 10th birthday
- The Moss Family in honor of Brett’s birthday
- The Levine Family in honor of Matthew’s 11th birthday

### February 8, 2013
- Meridith Patera in memory of Ruth Wilkerson
- Shelly Botan in honor of Sy’s birthday

### February 15, 2013
- The family of Jordan Levine in honor of his bar mitzvah
- Lynne Kelly in memory of Dorothy Rabin
- Ron & Sylvia LeVine in honor of their 7th anniversary
- Lloyd & Carole Picker in honor of the birthday of their granddaughter

### February 22, 2013
- The families of Sam Patera’s Fifth/Sixth Grade Class
- The Moss Family in honor of Sara Moss’s birthday
- The Enright Family in Janine Enright’s grandmother Ruth Truskin

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There was a wonderful turnout for the Women of CBE’s annual Tu BiShevat Seder. Everyone participated in the lovely prayers and readings, then ate a variety of fruits and nuts, nature’s gifts from trees. Some Israeli dancing and general “schmoozing” rounded out the evening.
Shalom. This is my last newsletter report as President of Women of CBE. The new slate of officers will take over on April 9th. Thanks to all of those women who served on the Board for the last two years. They have done a fabulous job. Congratulations to our new Board who, I know, will continue to work for all of us as our Sisterhood grows. And special congratulations to our new President, Janine Enright, who will be a great president, with many new and exciting ideas.

The Purim Game night was a great success. Members of our Sisterhood attended the WRJ area YES tea along with other groups from Ventura and the Valley.

Our Mah Jongg Tournament will be held on April 28 and we expect a record turnout. If you would like to attend, call Cheryl Hirsch or Kathy Smith. (see flyer on this page)

Installation of our new officers for 2013-14 will be held on April 9th at a special dinner and installation. If you are interested in attending, please call Ronnye, Sylvia or Cathy.

Thank you again to the Women of CBE for allowing me to be your President. It's been a wonderful two years for me and has enriched my life. I know that we will continue to grow and be successful with Janine's leadership and our new Board.

Penny Neugroschl
President, Women of CBE
CHAMETZ – Chametz refers to any food with leavening. The Torah instructs us to eat matzah and abstain from chametz during Pesach as a reminder of the haste with which we fled Egypt. During the week of Passover, we are a people in transition. The slavery of Egypt has been left behind, but the Promised Land lies far ahead in the future, and during this week, we must travel light.

MITZRAYIM – Mitzrayim is the Hebrew name for both modern and ancient Egypt. At the seder we tell the story of Yitziyat Mitzrayim, our going forth from Egypt. Because of it, we know that no people should be oppressed. The Torah reminds us countless times that we must treat people who are vulnerable with justice, compassion, and generosity “because you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”

The Hebrew word Mitzrayim can also be translated as “narrow straits.” This reading allowed the kabbalists to attach the story of their personal, spiritual journeys to the national, master narrative. Passover becomes the time that we examine the places in our lives where we feel “stuck” and seek to pare down our souls to their essence so that we can make our passage to freedom.

HAGGADAH – The Haggadah, which is our guide through the seder, contains questions, songs, instructions for ritual, but most of all, the narration of Yitziyat Mitzrayim, the Exodus. Haggadah means “telling.” It is through the telling and the ritual re-enactment of our story that we re-experience our liberation. The Haggadah tells our story, and, in case we have missed this central point, it reminds us that “in every generation, one ought to regard oneself as if we personally had gone out of Egypt...it was not our ancestors alone that God redeemed, but the Holy One has redeemed us with them as well.” We are instructed to recount the story in a personal way to our children, “Because of this that God did for me when I went out from Egypt.”

CBE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

MARCH
3 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #20
4 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #20
10 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #21
11 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #21
17 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #22
18 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #22
24 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #23 -
Passover workshops/model seders

APRIL
1 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #23
7 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #24
8 – JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #24
14 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #25 -
Israel Faire –AT TEMPLE
15 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #25
21 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #26
22 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #26
28 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #27
29 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #27

MAY
3 – Fourth & Fifth Grade Students Shabbat service: Siddur & tallit presentations, 7 PM
5 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #28
6 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #28
13 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #29
17 - Confirmation/Judaica High class Shabbat service – 8 PM
19 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #29
20 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #30
31 - Teacher Appreciation, 7th Grade Promotion Shabbat Service-7 PM

JUNE
2 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #30
(All Sixth Graders must attend B’nai Mitzvah Class)
INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT PASSOVER

◆ Until very recently, matzah was round. Now almost all matzot in America are square!
◆ In Israel, Jews observe only one Seder, while most Jews in the diaspora observe two.
◆ The word Haggadah comes from a Hebrew word meaning “to tell” because it tells the story of the Jews being freed from slavery in Egypt. The Haggadah used on Passover is one of the few books in Jewish religious life that contains pictures. Even Haggadot printed centuries ago contain illustrations.
◆ The first Haggadah produced by a printing press rather than by hand was issued in Fano, Italy in 1505.
◆ In 1940 a Passover service was broadcast on television for the first time.
◆ In the past 450 years more than 500 different editions of the Haggadah have been printed throughout the world!
◆ The original purpose of making little holes in matzot was to prevent them from rising while baking.
◆ Nisan, the month in which Passover is observed, is the 7th month in the Jewish calendar. In biblical times, Nisan was counted as the first month of the Jewish year!
◆ In the Haggadah, “unleavened bread” is the translation of the Hebrew word matzah. However, Matzah now appears as an English word in many dictionaries.
◆ During the days of the Talmud it was the custom to bake matzot in different shapes and figures.
◆ There are four Hebrew names for the Passover holiday. They are: Pesach; Zeman Cheyruteynu (Season of our Freedom); Chag ha’Aviv (Festival of Spring); and Chag Ha-Matzot (Festival of Matzot).

CHAG SAMAECH and GOOD YUNTIF!

The Promise Haggadah
Family or first names are printed on the front cover of each haggadah.
For details, see http://personalizedhaggadah.com

CBE Religious School Fundraiser
Contact Jen Rosenstein for more info.
SHABBAT AT CBE!

Join us at the temple for these special March Shabbat services
9 West Bonita Drive
Simi Valley, CA

March 1 - 7:00 PM
SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA
& PUPPET SHOW
Shabbat Family Service led by CBE
School Administrator Meridith Patera.
Children will have the chance to participate
in the service and also in the Puppet Show.

March 15 - 8 AM
Shabbat evening service with Rabbi
Michele Paskow & The CBE Choir
GUEST SPEAKER:
CLU Professor Samuel Thomas.
"Dead Sea Scrolls in Modern Context:
History, Controversy & Interpretation"

March 29 - 8:00 PM
Shabbat Evening Service led by
Rabbi Michele Paskow
SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED PESACH
the intermediary Shabbat of Passover
special delicious Oneg with Passover treats
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#### Building Fund
- Alan and Sandra Leon – in memory of Ben De Nunez
- Valerie Singh – in memory of Leonard Schwartz
- Bella Hananel – in memory of Charles Stein and Joseph Hananel
- Alan and Linda Mann – in memory of Alex Edward Mann

#### Memorial Donation Fund
- Sheldon and Joan Liebmann – in memory of George Liebmann
- Susan Fintz – in memory of Leon Luger (Carol Rosado’s father)
- Guenter and Gayle Menke – in memory of Darrius Eugene Menke
- Anthony and Laura Luskin – in memory of Frida Pichkhadze
- Alan and Sandra Leon – in memory of Arthur Leon
- Nate and Margaret Nusbaum – in memory of Luis Rosado and Leon Luger (Earl and Carol Rosado’s fathers)
- Marvin and Sandra Sussman – in memory of Edith Greenberg

#### Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
- Michael and Merle Russ – in memory of Jay and Stuart Keimon and Rhoda Russ

#### Religious School Donations
- Fire Island Grill
- Michael and Marilyn Hollander – in honor of Marilyn’s birthday

#### Preschool and Education Building Fund
- Jerry and Sue Coffey – in memory of Fritzie Gilson

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Yahrzeits

| Mar 01 | Alvin Pass   | Adar 19 | Mar 30 | Gail Lenore Shapiro | Nissan 19 |
| Mar 03 | Edward Abe Lindenbaum | Adar 21 | Mar 31 | Sherman Doctrow | Nissan 20 |
| Mar 03 | Meyer Siegel | Adar 21 | Mar 31 | Samuel Zimmerman | Nissan 20 |
| Mar 04 | Dorothy R. Hasson | Adar 22 | Apr 01 | Sandra Abala | Nissan 21 |
| Mar 04 | Ann Stern | Adar 22 | Apr 03 | Morris Davis | Nissan 23 |
| Mar 05 | Shirley Bergmann | Adar 23 | Apr 04 | Connie Friend | Nissan 24 |
| Mar 05 | Jacob Landau | Adar 23 | Apr 04 | Martin Mitchel | Nissan 24 |
| Mar 06 | Rose Pass | Adar 24 | Apr 05 | Cliff Lazar | Nissan 25 |
| Mar 06 | Emanuel "Manny" Singer | Adar 24 | Apr 05 | Curtis Picker | Nissan 25 |
| Mar 08 | Helen Kelson | Adar 26 | Apr 05 | Moses Strassburger | Nissan 26 |
| Mar 09 | Helen Rogen | Adar 27 | Apr 06 | Pearl Wohliner | Nissan 26 |
| Mar 09 | Joseph Weissbrod | Adar 27 | Apr 07 | Joyce Alexman | Nissan 27 |
| Mar 10 | Lewis Greene | Adar 28 | Apr 07 | Larry Frankl | Nissan 27 |
| Mar 10 | Gerald Schned | Adar 28 | Apr 08 | Lawrence Franklin | Nissan 28 |
| Mar 11 | Jillian Dru Abrams | Adar 29 | Apr 10 | Arthur Korn | Nissan 30 |
| Mar 14 | Dario Acevedo | Nissan 3 | Apr 11 | Leslie Goldhammer | Iyar 1 |
| Mar 14 | Aron Pickhahdze | Nissan 3 | Apr 12 | Burton Borrok | Iyar 2 |
| Mar 15 | Morris Glassman | Nissan 4 | Apr 12 | Trudy Jackman | Iyar 2 |
| Mar 15 | Martin Judge | Nissan 4 | Apr 12 | Simon Mitchel | Iyar 2 |
| Mar 16 | Pinnie Firestein | Nissan 5 | Apr 13 | Ida Axelrod | Iyar 3 |
| Mar 17 | Arthur Lefton | Nissan 6 | Apr 13 | Helen Borden | Iyar 3 |
| Mar 17 | Marie Menke | Nissan 6 | Apr 13 | Irving Lamm | Iyar 4 |
| Mar 17 | Ruth Singer | Nissan 6 | Apr 14 | Cathy Mae Bourland | Iyar 4 |
| Mar 18 | Shannon Cricco | Nissan 7 | Apr 14 | Helen Eichner | Iyar 4 |
| Mar 20 | Samuel "Ken" Greenberg | Nissan 9 | Apr 15 | Philip Goldstein | Iyar 5 |
| Mar 20 | Mary Hollander | Nissan 9 | Apr 15 | Stanley Kubik | Iyar 5 |
| Mar 20 | Oscar Keimon | Nissan 9 | Apr 15 | Phyllis Pass | Iyar 5 |
| Mar 20 | Victor Schatz | Nissan 9 | Apr 15 | Lewis Stone | Iyar 5 |
| Mar 20 | Daniel Small | Nissan 9 | Apr 16 | Addie S. Friedman | Iyar 6 |
| Mar 21 | Harry Gordon | Nissan 10 | Apr 16 | Oliver Gottlieb | Iyar 6 |
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| Mar 22 | Gloria Rikfin | Nissan 11 | Apr 18 | Sanford Weinstein | Iyar 8 |
| Mar 22 | Joan Tatrner | Nissan 11 | Apr 19 | Kate Shaw | Iyar 9 |
| Mar 25 | Rosy Hollander | Nissan 14 | Apr 22 | Sarah Davis | Iyar 12 |
| Mar 26 | Shirley Oliver | Nissan 15 | Apr 22 | William Rogen | Iyar 12 |
| Mar 27 | Lisa Weissbrod | Nissan 16 | Apr 22 | Rosa Zimmerman | Iyar 12 |
| Mar 28 | Bertha Brody | Nissan 19 | Apr 27 | Dora Sharapan | Iyar 17 |
| Mar 30 | Marvin Kraft | Nissan 19 | Apr 29 | Mordecai R. Eskenazi | Iyar 19 |

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.

PASSOVER IS EARLY THIS YEAR!!

Come join us for the Community Seder, the 2nd night of Passover, March 26th.

We will have Shabbat services on Passover, Friday March 29th, 8 PM with delicious Passover treats.

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OPPORTUNITIES for Involvement:

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# Schedule of Services, Candle lightings, & Torah Portions

*Candle Lighting Times are for Simi Valley Area*

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