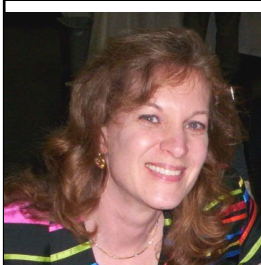


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Rabbi's Message



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:

Complete Idiot's Guide to Learning Yiddish - Rabbi Benjamin Blech

Towers of Gold: How One Jewish Immigrant Named Isaias 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 Complete Idiot's Guide to the Talmud - Rabbi Aaron Parry

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

The God Upgrade: Finding Your 21st-Century Spirituality in Judaism's 5,000-Year-Old Tradition - Rabbi Jamie Korngold

How to Talk Jewish - Jackie Mason and Ira Berkow

Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean: How a Generation of Swashbuckling Jews Carved Out an Empire in the New World in Their Quest for

Treasure, Religious Freedom--and Revenge - Edward Kritzler

The Lost: A Search for Six of Six Million - Daniel Mendelsohn

The Memoirs of Gluckel of Hameln - Gluckel

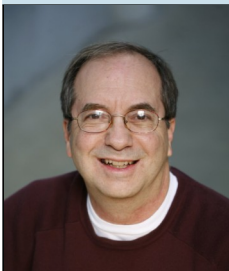
Number Our Days: A Triumph of Continuity and Culture Among Jewish Old People in an Urban Ghetto - Barbara G. Myerhoff

The Provincials: A Personal History of Jews in the South - Eli N. Evans

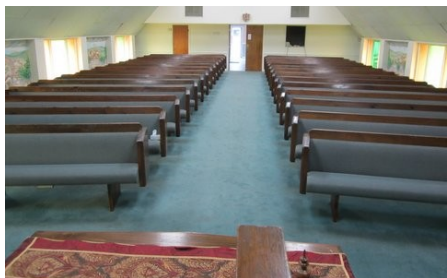
Theater of Acculturation: The Roman Ghetto in the Sixteenth Century - Kenneth R. Stow

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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

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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.

Men's Club

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

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.



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

Programs - "Purimpalooza"

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

Purim Carnival Pics

Riders of all Ages



*Jackson Epstein atop
the very BIG horse*



*Executive VP Mitch
Salberg on same horse.*

**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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COMMUNITY SEDER 2013



Led by Rabbi Michele Paskow
Tuesday March 26 (second night)
6:00 PM
At the Temple - 9 W. Bonita
Simi Valley

Complete kosher dinner catered by Majestic Caterers

For details, go to www.congregationbnaie.net.org
or contact RuthAnn Rossman at 805-581-3723
or bnaie.net@rain.org

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.

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



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 seders 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.

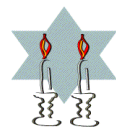
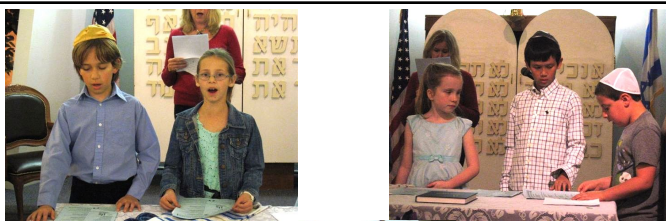
Thank you to all who participated in the Fire Island Fundraiser. We will have another restaurant fundraiser in April. Watch the weekly emails for date and location.

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



Jill Katell's 3rd/4th grade class leading the Shabbat service on February 1

Oneg Sponsors

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
Sharlene 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

Alice Fiducia in honor of her birthday
The York Family in memory of Dora York
The Ribstein Family in memory of Julius Zager
Gerald and Marla Bergmann in memory of Beverly
Pedowitz.

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



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.

Women of CBE

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.

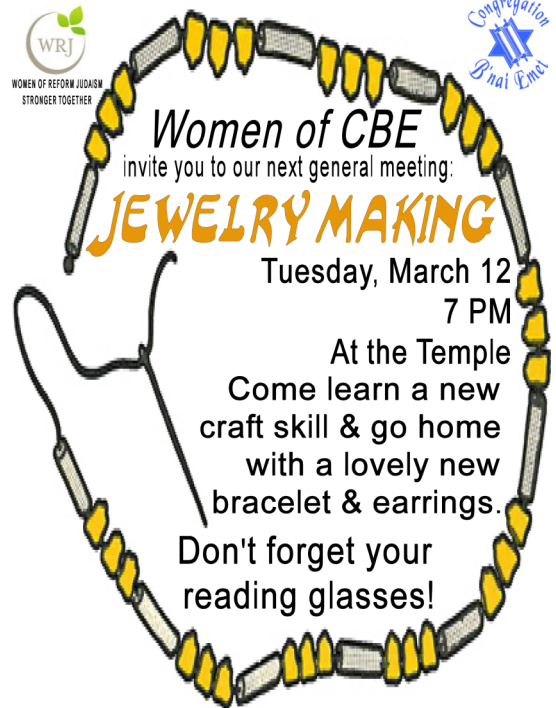
Our Mah Jongg Tournament will be held on April 28 and we expect a record turnout. If you would like to attend, call Cheryl Hirsch or Kathy Smith. (see flyer on this page)

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



Women of CBE
invite you to our next general meeting:

JEWELRY MAKING

Tuesday, March 12
7 PM

At the Temple
Come learn a new
craft skill & go home
with a lovely new
bracelet & earrings.

Don't forget your
reading glasses!

RSVP so that we can reserve a kit for you for this project to
Ronnye Sacks, rehsacks@att.net or 805.527.2036
or Cathy Holst, bnaiemet@rain.org
or Sylvia LeVine, 805.582.0147



Women of CBE



invite you to our next general meeting featuring

SISTERHOOD

INSTALLATION DINNER

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013
6:30 PM**

**In the Banquet Room of
Yolanda's Mexican Cafe,
590 E Los Angeles Ave
Simi Valley, CA 93065**

**\$17 PER GUEST
INCLUDES TAX & TIP**

RSVP by Apr. 2 to: Ronnye Sacks, rehsacks@att.net or
805.527.2036; or Cathy Holst, catherine3484@yahoo.com
or Sylvia LeVine, 805.582.0147

SIMI 4 MANI

Mah Jongg Tournament Sponsored by
the Women of Congregation B'nai Emet



Sunday, April 28, 2013

at

Congregation B'nai Emet

9 W. Bonita Drive

Simi Valley, CA 93065

(118 fwy, exit Madera, South to Bonita,
right to temple on right)



Schedule of Festivities:

- 8:30-9:00 - sign in / fresh, delicious bagels, muffins, coffee, juice
- 9:00-12:00 - session 1 (three rounds)
- 12:00-1:00 - Wonderful Spring Salad Lunch Buffet
- 1:00-4:00 - session 2 (three rounds) followed by prizes and awards

***don't forget your 2013 card with your name on it!**

For order form, go to
<http://congregationbnaiemet.org/events.php>

For more information, contact
Judi Nachenberg (818) 764-6240 or
Cheryl Hirsch (805) 581-3723 or Deda5312@aol.com

PASSOVER BUZZ WORDS

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.

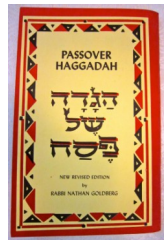


MITZRAYIM – *Mitzrayim* is the Hebrew name for both modern and ancient Egypt. At the seder we tell the story of *Yitziyat Mitzrayim*, our going forth from Egypt. Because of it, we know that no people should be oppressed. The Torah reminds us countless times that we must treat people who are vulnerable 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 Cheyruyenu (Season of our Freedom); Chag ha’Aviv (Festival of Spring);
and Chag Ha-Matzot (Festival of Matzot).

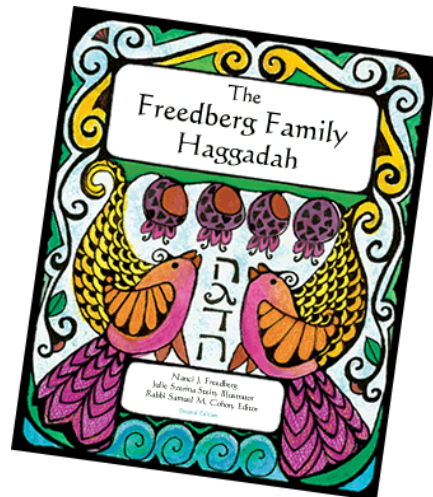
CHAG SAMAECH and GOOD YUNTIF!

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**





Birthdays

Mar 01	Rachael Rosenstein	Mar 31	Michael Wellen
Mar 03	Jerry Bergmann	Apr 02	Max Slotnick
Mar 03	Michael Mutal	Apr 03	Maximus Doepping
Mar 03	Jacob Schleien	Apr 04	Jena Storry
Mar 06	Earl Rosado	Apr 04	Aaron Weinstein
Mar 11	Whitney Pasch	Apr 05	Judith Miller
Mar 11	Cindy Slotnick	Apr 10	Joshua Moss
Mar 12	Blaire Auerbach	Apr 11	Todd Schneider
Mar 12	Adam Cohen	Apr 13	Raye Charton
Mar 15	Felicia Auerbach	Apr 13	Holly York
Mar 16	Irwin L. Cohen	Apr 14	Ken Epstein
Mar 19	Marla Bergmann	Apr 15	Rabbi Michele Paskow
Mar 19	Rachel Nusbaum	Apr 16	Michelle Holst
Mar 20	Wilbur Brown	Apr 18	Carol Tolchin
Mar 20	Ronald LeVine	Apr 19	Tracie Breiter
Mar 21	Rochelle Botan	Apr 20	Maylee Doepping
Mar 24	Merle Russ	Apr 20	Brittany Scharf
Mar 25	Eric Fromer	Apr 21	Max Tolchin
Mar 28	Stanley Melnick	Apr 25	David Bergmann
Mar 28	Brandy Taylor	Apr 25	Marla Donaldson
Mar 29	Jacqueline Sion	Apr 25	Sean Kelly
Mar 29	Jackie Wellen	Apr 26	Michelle Scharf
Mar 30	Jennifer Rosenstein	Apr 28	Glen Knecht
Mar 31	David Kieselbach	Apr 30	Renee Kieselbach

Anniversaries

Mar 08	Julie and Stephen Storry
Mar 21	Erik and Tracie Breiter
Mar 23	Adrienne Roberts
Apr 08	Ron and Leslie Resnick
Apr 10	Daniel and Geri Brandler
Apr 15	Laura and Louis Tepfer



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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	Dorathy 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	
Mar 09	Helen Rogen	Adar 27	Apr 06	Pearl Wohlner	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 Schneid	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 Pichkhadze	Nissan 3	Apr 12	Burton Borrok	Iyar 2
Mar 15	Morris Glassman	Nissan 4	Apr 12	Trudy Jackman	
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	
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		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
Mar 21	Joseph Kaufman	Nissan 10	Apr 16	Michael Kelson	Iyar 6
Mar 21	Benjamin Landes	Nissan 10	Apr 16	Miriam Mann	Iyar 6
Mar 21	Iris Lefton	Nissan 10	Apr 17	Al Chudler	Iyar 7
Mar 21	Bernadine Paige	Nissan 10	Apr 17	Rita Priest	Iyar 7
Mar 22	Sidney Friedman	Nissan 11	Apr 18	Maude Leibert	Iyar 8
Mar 22	Gloria Rifkin	Nissan 11	Apr 18	Stanford Weinstein	Iyar 8
Mar 22	Joan Tratner		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		Apr 27	Dora Sharapan	Iyar 17
Mar 30	Marvin Kraft	Nissan 19	Apr 29	Mordecai R. Eskenazi	Iyar 19
Mar 30	Nessine Ribstein				



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.

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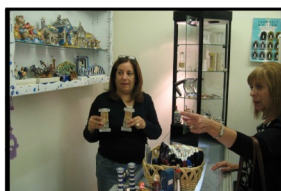
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Candle lighting</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Torah Portion</u>
Mar. 1/20 Adar	5:33 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Ki Tisa—Ex. 30:11-34:35
Mar. 8/27 Adar	5:39 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Vayakhel-Pikudai—Ex. 35:1-40:38
Mar. 15/5 Nissan	6:44 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Vayikra—Lev. 1:1-5:26
Mar. 22/12 Nissan	6:50 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Tzav—Lev. 6:1-8:36
Mar. 23		Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Schleien	
Mar. 25		1st Seder-Passover	
Mar. 29/19 Nissan	6:55 PM		Pesach
Apr 5/26 Nissam	7:01 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Shemini—Lev. 9:1-11:47
Apr. 7/28 Nissan		Yom HaShoah– Holocaust Remembrance Day	
Apr. 12/3 Iyar	7:06 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Tazria-Metzora—Lev. 12:1-15:33
Apr/ 14/5 Iyar		Yom HaAtzma'ut– Israel Independence Day	
Apr. 19/10 Iyar	7:11 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Acharei Mot-Kedoshem—Lev. 16:1-20:27
April 20		Bar Mitzvah of Jack Stafford	
Apr. 26/17 Iyar	7:17 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Emor—Lev. 21:1-24:23

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