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Rabbi's Message



Dear Friends – Shanah Tovah!

Membership in the Temple gives respect to the Jewish people. We live in a society of many different political and social organizations, mainline churches and numerous religious groups. Certainly we Jews ought to be able to support a synagogue, a Jewish school and other vital Jewish institutions. I express my admiration and gratitude to each of you for being affiliated and for supporting our Congregation, B'nai Emet. Having our own facility gives us dignity and enhances our status in the community. Every Jewish person is proud of our Congregation.

Unfortunately, a large number of Jewish people remain unaffiliated and are not involved with the Congregation. We all have friends and relatives who do not belong. I would like to suggest that you invite them to come and join us. At some time or other, everybody calls the Temple or the Rabbi for some service and they expect to get it. Some large Temples have a policy that the staff only serve Temple members. I do not agree with that policy, but I understand it. Every Jew should belong to the Temple to show their support for the Jewish community and know that the Temple is there to be of service.

Often on tickets or coupons we see the warning “*void if detached.*” Jews who detach themselves, make themselves in a sense, void, or empty of the rich, meaningful spiritual and social life being a part of the Jewish community offers.

Our tradition teaches us that we are part of a family, the House of Israel. We are taught to help one another and assist each other. In our day, when so many people call the Temple for guidance, for help, for a family event, everyone should belong to a synagogue and be counted as part of the family.

CBE offers educational, religious and social programs for people of every age. If there is a project that you would like to have that presently does not exist, come and help us establish it. The Temple is for you and everyone. The Temple is what you make it! So, come to shul and bring others along. You will be filled with contentment, make special friends, and have a sense of a meaningful life.

Our Vice-President for Membership, Ryan Richmond, is very gracious, and will be happy to welcome you and accommodate you in every way.

As we enter this High Holiday season, I hope the beauty, poetry and profound meaning of our prayers will inspire you. May you be uplifted by these words filled with holy optimism; may they indeed lead us to healing and transformation. And, as we say in our prayers, may we all be inscribed (and inscribe ourselves) in the Book of Life, Blessing, Peace and Contentment, Amen.

Shalom u'vrachah! (Peace & Blessing)
Zei Gezunt.
See you in Shul!

Rabbi Michele Paskow



President's Message by Michael Hollander



It's hard to believe it's been a year since we last observed the High Holidays. In spite of the year flying by, our synagogue has accomplished a lot in this short time. We can all be proud of the steps we took to attain "home ownership" and to battle the economic downturn with 19 new families joining our ranks. There is still much ground to cover (and mow) and goals to achieve in the next few years, but we can get there if we focus and stick together.

Every year at this time, we are asked to reflect on the good we have done in the community, the good deeds we performed to help others and also the times we were less than helpful. When you look for places to increase your mitzvah count, please look at your synagogue first. We need all the help you can muster. Of course, that always includes financial support since we have to pay our hard costs, but that really includes your volunteerism and attending the many events we offer. Our Board Members and affiliate groups work very hard to create and plan occasions for fun and fundraising. It's disheartening to see a lack of response from members in supporting the events either by not attending or by not offering to help in set-up or clean-up. Don't forget that we are all volunteers spending many hours to provide the membership and outside community with creative events or unique worship opportunities. We need to re-shuffle some of our priorities to make a difference for our Jewish community.

I realize that we are all free to choose the directions we take in our lives and therefore, the places we worship or events we support. I'm only asking for you to take an extra moment and consider what our synagogue means to you and to our local community. We need to keep the momentum going. We need to keep our new facility looking sharp. We need to make Congregation B'nai Emet remain strong in our community. We may be small, but we are family. Welcome home and Shanah Tova.

Michael Hollander

Join us for Back to school - back to shul!!!

After our Friday Shabbat service on

Sept. 9th, we'll have a special

Ice-cream Oneg to

sweeten the start of the new year!



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available in the Temple office**

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B'nai Mitzvah



Hello, my name is **Alec Bennett**. I have recently started the 8th grade at Sinaloa Middle School, in Simi Valley. I live with my mom, Vin, my dad, Dean, and my two cats, Coco and Tibbs. I enjoy playing basketball, volleyball, and running track. I also enjoy playing guitar and juggling with my dad.

Becoming a Bar Mitzvah is important to me because my Dad and my Grandpa had one, and I would like to carry on the tradition of becoming a Jewish adult. I will also continue my Jewish education by attending Judaica High. For my mitzvah project, my friend Jon and I collected canned food for the foundation, For The Troops. There, they would make the canned food into care packages and ship them to soldiers everywhere. My Bar Mitzvah is on September 3, and I hope all of you can share this special day with me.

Men's Club

The Men's Club of CBE has been, and continues to be, very active. During August, we had a joint brunch with the sisterhood and saw a funny film, *Circumcise Me*, about a Jewish Israeli comedian. We are doing "Feed the Needy" during August as well as helping sisterhood out with their Mah Jongg tournament by moving pews and rearranging the sanctuary for this event.

On Wednesday, August 31, 2011, the Men's Club will be having a fund raiser at El Torito, in Simi. The Men's Club will get 25% of food sales. A FLYER MUST BE PRESENTED for the donation to apply. The fund raiser is good for dine in or take out, lunch and dinner. The flyer can be downloaded from the CBE website.

<http://www.congregationbnaimet.org/mensclub.php>

In September we will be having a meeting Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 7:30pm at the home of Michael and Julie Mutal. Some of the items for discussion that night will be the Men's Club responsibilities for the High Holiday services, upcoming potential fund raising events, and starting the planning of our annual La\$ Vega\$ trip.

If you are not a member of the Men's Club we would love to have you join. For any questions call Michael Mutal at 805-527-9104 or contact me via email at mmmutal2002@yahoo.com

Michel Mutal
Men's Club President

Executive VP's Message

With the Montessori Preschool facility being done, the next step is having a concrete pad put down behind the Temple for the container that is currently at the Kadota site. All permits are being done and the process is rolling. The board will also be voting soon on the funding for the new roof on the Temple. Earl Rosado has been very busy trying to make sure the process is moving ahead. Since the summer heat has finally arrived, the landscape committee has been at the Temple every other weekend mowing, pruning and keeping the property looking great. Thank you to everyone who has been able to lend some support. I would like to thank everyone who has donated items to the landscape committee. Barbara and Bob Poehls donated a new weed trimmer and Ryan Richmond has donated a lawn mower. I have also purchased some new equipment and we have a nice selection of gardening items. With that being said the landscape committee can use some more donated items to help maintain the grounds. We still need a gas chain saw, gas blower, pole pruner and some more pruning items. All donations are greatly appreciated.

With the major gardening done, I would like to start some new planting. We can use some roses and wax leaf privets for the temple grounds. I would also like to put down decorative pumice in the rose beds in front of the temple.

I would like to give a special thanks to Steve Rossman for installing the handicap bars in the bathrooms and a handrail for the bimah. They were desperately needed items.

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, EVP

PREPARING FOR THE "HIGH HOLY DAYS" WORKSHOP

with Rabbi Michele Paskow
Sun. Sept. 18th, 11-12 at our Religious School site.

Discuss the prayers, themes, theology and special symbols of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

This is the season to prepare for the Jewish new year!

Please register with Marilyn in the Temple office:
(805) 581-3723, email: bnaimet@RAIN.ORG

Message From Cantor Michael Russ

High Holy Days 2011



Every year we have the same holidays and holy days. So what is different this year from last year, the year before that, etc.? The rituals are the same. The prayers are the same. We normally have the same foods as the year before.

WE are what changes. Our lives have had changes. Many of us have lost loved ones this past year. Many of us have gained new lives in our families. For many of us the last few years have been a greater financial struggle than we were used to in the past.

This year I have returned to my annual camping trip in the mountains. I have missed going the last few years because of family circumstances that can only be described as good things: a road trip to Portland Oregon to see our daughter and son-in-law as well as to visit our new grandchild there. This High Holy Days, or soon after, we are looking to new twin grandchildren as well. But finally I said to myself, "I need that special time camping in the mountains, living in a tent, fishing, hiking and visiting with our "camping" friends Laura & Carlos.

However, shortly after our "camping" friends arrived, Laura became ill. Carlos rushed her to the Mammoth hospital, which medevaced her to a hospital in Reno, Nevada. Carlos and their daughter drove to Reno, a 3 ½ hour drive from Mammoth. By the time they arrived, the procedure to repair 3 arteries was complete and 4 days later they returned to the campsite. I had remained in Mammoth to keep watch of their trailer and equipment.

So many thoughts have gone through my mind in a very short time. First of all, this was the first time I actually observed someone having a heart attack. To watch my friend Carlos quickly, efficiently and seemingly calmly take care of business to get her from a camping site to a hospital was awesome. To see an efficient hospital staff take care of the patient and situation was impressive. That they were able to transport her so quickly to a facility better equipped to help was fascinating. But witnessing her return four days later to continue her camping trip was amazing!

Our friend is younger than Merle and me. She could have easily died under the circumstances. These situations force us to face our own mortality all the more seriously. The meaning of friendship and what our lives mean to each other becomes even more significant in emergencies such as this.

As I sat alone on the mountain, seeing the beauty of the forest, the lake, the wildlife and the overpowering of the night sky with the brilliance of the stars and the Milky Way, (which is always there but hidden from our view in the city) my sense of proportion of my existence in the universe was spinning in my head. My smallness and insignificance in relationship to the universe was juxtaposed to my sense of importance I have in the lives of others, my family, friends, congregation, clients, etc. My head was spinning.

The beauty of my surroundings reflected the beauty of my relationships with those with whom I share my life. Our lifetimes are brief compared with the lifetime of the universe. Yet, our lives hold special significance because of our relationships to each other. The weekend I returned I helped officiate at a Friday night Shabbat service, a Bar Mitzvah at the Temple and a funeral of a different old friend.

This High Holy Days I have a renewed appreciation of life. This year, as I pray on the Holy Days, I will even more deeply thank God for the life He gave me and with which He has blessed me. I will more keenly appreciate those who came before me as well as my contemporaries. I will pray for those who are less fortunate than I. And I will ask God to look after those who come after me.

Appreciate what we have rather than murmur about what we don't have. Hold on to those who are precious to us. Thank God for the goodness in life. Always pursue SHALOM . . . not just peace but a positive fullness of life.



Social Action

“EARLY BIRD” Sova Food Drive

Every year we participate in the area wide High Holiday Sova Food Drive – which we will again be doing in October for Yom Kippur. This year the drive coordinator mentioned that the need is greater than ever so I thought why not have an “early bird” food drive?!

To help it along I have asked **The Gathering Place**, who meet at our temple, to participate with us. I look forward to their participation and I hope this will be the start of many community minded programs that we do together.

The greatest need for donations is canned soup, tuna and peanut butter – but all food donations are welcome. Collection barrels will be placed in the lobby so please bring your donations whenever you are planning to stop by the temple – for services or a meeting. I hope we can fill several barrels by mid-September!



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. **CBE will be participating as a “community action volunteer in this event”**. 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 will be assigned to an event depending on how many volunteers sign up – the goal is to have our members all work together in one area. **Please contact me before September 15** and let me know if you can volunteer.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Please consider joining the 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 in the above activities may contact me by phone or email: **805-298-2239** or carlajshaw@yahoo.com

Carla Shaw

VP Social Action

Membership

Baseball is heading towards the playoffs, football season is ramping up, and children are going back school. Summer is over. For the Jewish community, the end of summer marks a new beginning with Rosh Hashanah welcoming us to the Hebrew year 5772.

The High Holy Days seem to sneak up on me, despite being an annual occurrence. Each year starts with self-reflection and identifying aspects in my life for which I am grateful, and others that will require work. I am grateful to belong to such a welcoming family at CBE, but realize I have not had the privilege of meeting all of our members. I am grateful for our beautiful temple grounds, but understand that there is still work needed to reach our goals.

I hope I get the opportunity meet all of our members during the year, and with a little extra effort on my part, I hope it will be more than just a greeting at the High Holy Days services.

I look forward to a good and sweet year.
L' Shanah Tovah Umetukah,

Ryan Richmond

VP Membership

Membership Enrollment

The 2011/2012 membership packages have been mailed and are available on our website. Even though the two Meet and Mingle events have passed, the CBE Board Members are always available to answer questions about our temple and assist with the membership enrollment forms. Please call the temple office or email bnaiemet@rain.org with Membership in the subject line if you have any membership questions.

Thank you,
Ryan Richmond

Fundraising

On Saturday, August 20, CBE members and friends enjoyed bowling at Brunswick Bowl in Simi Valley. Thank you to the participants, who had a blast. Congratulations to Mike Kellogg, a friend of Earl Rosado, who won the Family Fun Pack bowling certificate for highest score. Great Job!

The money raised will go toward the synagogue and the CBE Religious School.

If you would like to make a donation at any time, please go to: <http://www.congregationbnaiemet.org/donations> and choose the fund and amount you wish to contribute.

Check in with us for future fun and fund raisers to help our congregation.

Linda Martins-Mann

VP Fundraising

New Books in the Temple Library

Reviewed by Meridith Patera

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.

OTHER NEW BOOKS:

FICTION

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.

NON-FICTION

Back To The Sources: Reading the Classic Jewish Texts by Barry W. Holtz

Can I Have a Cell Phone for Hanukkah?: The Essential Scoop on Raising Modern Jewish Kids by Sharon Estroff

From Testament to Torah: An Introduction to Judaism in Its Formative Age by Jacob Neusner

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

How to Talk Jewish by 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 by Edward Kritzer

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

The Memoirs of Gluckel of Hameln by Gluckel

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

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

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

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



Emily Victoria Tracton, daughter of Elizabeth and Philip, receives her Hebrew name of Rivkah Gavriella at the August 5 service.

Women of CBE

Sisterhood has had a great summer. August ended with three consecutive weeks of fun and friendship; a joint Sisterhood--Men's Club brunch with a wonderful film, our annual "get to know us" brunch, and our terrific Mah Jongg tournament. Sisterhood membership packets have been mailed and we look forward to seeing everyone at our Annual Membership dinner on Sept 13. This event is free to all paid up sisterhood members.

If you aren't a sisterhood member. please join us for a great year of fun, fundraising and friendship. We hope to increase our membership and, in fact, already have several new members. Please join us on Sept 13 and be part of a dynamic group of women working for CBE.

Shalom

Penny Neugroschl

President, Women of CBE

Save the Dates

SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES:

High Holy Day services will be conducted at the Mt. Sinai Chapel, 6150 Mt. Sinai Drive, Simi Valley.

ROSH HASHANAH

Evening service, Wednesday, September 28, 8 pm

Morning service, Thursday, September 29, 10 am

YOM KIPPUR

Erev Yom Kippur/ Kol Nidrei, Friday, October 7, 8 pm

Saturday, October 8

Morning service - 10 am

Children's service - 1:30 pm

Adult Study Session - 3:30 pm

Yizkor/ Concluding - 4:30 pm

Services (Neilah)

SUKKOT – beautiful service outside

Friday, October 14, 8 pm

SUNDAES IN THE SUKKAH – October 16

at our Sunday School site. Bring your children, grandchildren and friends to celebrate at our Religious School site, 11-12 noon

SUKKOT ACROSS AMERICA – Tues. Oct. 18th

6-9 pm at the Temple. Sponsored by Sisterhood and Men's Club. Sukkot dinner, workshops + Israeli dancing. Please invite your friends to join us!

SIMCHAT TORAH

Friday, October 21, 8 pm

Sisterhood Simchas

July Simchas

Cheryl Hirsch – In memory of my mother Ann Rumack, A healthy & speedy recovery to Carole Picker on her upcoming knee surgery. Thank you to Geri & Meridith for a fun sisterhood meeting and to Carla for the wonderful & delicious quiche.

Tami Plotkin – Thank God for the great surgeon who will replace my lens tomorrow!

Shelly Botan – Thank you CBE Sisterhood for such a fun meeting playing Apples to Apples & yummy Appletinis.

Laura Tepfer – Welcome back Sylvia from Jamaica. Thank you to Geri for the meeting. Thanks to Carla for the great quiche. Hope Meridith & Carla get well soon!

Barb Poehls – Thank you Geri for your hospitality. Thank you Carla for the delicious quiches. Thank you Meridith for making appletinis.

Sylvia LeVine – For my granddaughter Melissa who is on her USY trip to Israel. For my grandson Josh who is working at Camp Ramah in Ojai and doing a great job.

Alice Fiducia – Good thoughts for John. We celebrated our 4th wedding anniversary.

Janine Enright – Congratulations to my children for their birthdays this month – Alyssa – 7/4 10 years old; Jennifer – 7/15 26 years old; Brandon – 7/27 18 years old.

Penny Neugroschl – In honor of my daughter Cindy's 50th birthday. Thanks to Geri for hosting our meeting. Congratulations to my grandson Jeff on the purchase of his first car!

Jill Katell – Thank you Geri for hosting the meeting. Thank you Meridith for making the appletinis & Carla for making the quiche.

Carole Picker – Thank you Geri for the wonderful evening – it was great. My granddaughter Jenny is invited to Australia to play softball with the American team against Australia.

August Simchas

Ronnye Sacks – Mazel tov to Cathy Holst on the marriage of her daughter. Thanks to Meridith for the great spread and warm friendly day. Thank you to Honey for your informative talk at our lovely Sunday brunch. You are like one of our family.

Lynn Salberg – Happy birthday to my wonderful husband Mitchell. Happy Birthday to Jill & Gabe Katell.

Janine Enright – Happy & grateful to have a new job!

Sisterhood Shabbat—June 24



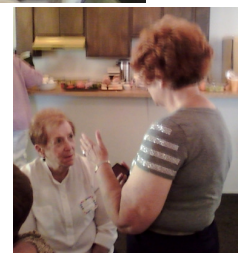
Meet and Mingle—July 24



Joint meeting of the Men's Club & Women of CBE at the home of Michael & Julie Bienenfeld Mutal on August 14.



Sisterhood Getting to Know Us Brunch in Moorpark - Aug. 21



A Poem for Yom Kippur "Kol Nidrei" – "All the Vows"

All the vows on our lips,
the burdens in our hearts,
the pent-up regrets about
which we brooded and spoke
through prayers without end
on last Atonement Day
did not change our way of life,
did not bring deliverance
in the year that has gone.
From mountain peaks of fervor
We fell to common ways
At the close of the fast.

Will You hear our regret?
Will You open our prison,
Release us from shackles of habit?

Will you accept our prayers,
forgive our wrongs,
though we sin again and again?

In moments of weakness
we do not remember
promises of Atonement Day.
recall that we easily forget,
take only our heart's intent.
forgive us, pardon us.

Ze'ev Falk

SUNDAES IN THE SUKKAH



Kids! Parents! All welcome! Bring your friends!

Join us for sundaes & fun in the sukkah
Sunday, October 16 – 11 AM – 12 PM
CBE Preschool campus, 3050 Kadota, Simi Valley

CBE invites families to celebrate the Sukkot festival & to learn about our Religious School programs. Everyone will have an opportunity to sit in the Sukkah, shake the lulav & etrog (symbols of the holiday), & make their own ice-cream sundae in the sukkah!

Sponsored by The Women Of CBE

Religious School

As you read this, our children will be getting ready to start back into their Sunday Religious School classes. They will be looking forward to our "Back to Shul" Ice Cream Oneg on Friday, September 9. I hope that each of you will bring your families to join us that night – we will have fun, enjoy our service, and best of all – we will have an Ice Cream Bar – manned by some of our dedicated Religious School volunteer parents! We also want to welcome Emily Doepping, the new 5th grade teacher replacing our retiring and "greatly to be missed" Cathy Weinstein.

Sunday, September 11 will be our first day of Religious School, and once again we will have bagels and cream cheese at 8:30 am, so please, come and join us as you get your children ready for their first day at Sunday School – have a bagel and a shmear, and stay and schmooze for a bit – we want you to feel every bit at home at our school as your children do.

We are going to try to revive the "Bagel Express" that was so popular several years ago. While bagels will be complimentary for the first day of school, we will have bagels and cream cheese, coffee, and orange juice available for sale before school each week from 8:30 am till 9:00 am. This will be a fundraiser to benefit the Religious School, and I hope that many of you will support us. Please make sure your children are done eating in time for school to start at 9 am sharp!

On October 16 we will once again have our annual "Sundaes in the Sukkah" – this event has become so popular that we are now calling it an annual event. Please plan on joining us with your family – shake the lulav and the etrog and enjoy an ice cream sundae with us.

My thanks to the families who supported our **Rosh Hashana Honey Sale**. We truly appreciate your support and your fundraising help for our school. The sale is still going on through Yom Kippur, so it's not too late to purchase a lovely jar for only \$13 including postage! Just go to our website www.congregationbnaiemet.org and click on the honey jar.

I wish each of you and your families a happy and a healthy New Year – and I look forward to working with you and your children in the upcoming year!

Deborah Bass VP Religious School



Matthew Levine receives his Boy Scout Alef Emblem from Rabbi Michele during the August 21 service

Oneg Sponsors

July 1, 2011

Lori Stanton in honor of Adam Patrella's birthday
Gary & Susan Spike in honor of their 21st anniversary

July 8, 2011

The Enright Family in honor of Alyssa's birthday
Karen Ribstein in honor of her birthday
The Poehls Family in honor of Bob's birthday

July 15, 2011

The Knecht Family in honor of Lillian's Bat Mitzvah
Janine & Mike Enright in honor of the birthday of their daughter, Jennifer Karasik
The Poehls Family in honor of Bob & Barbara's 28th anniversary
Earl & Carol Rosado in honor of their 30th anniversary
Rabbi Michele Paskow in honor of JJ's 17th birthday

July 29, 2011

Sheldon & Joann Liebmann in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary.
Meridith Patera in honor of Sam's 26th birthday
Shelly Botan in honor of Carole Picker's speedy recovery from her knee replacement surgery
The Mutal Family in honor of Mark's birthday

August 5, 2011

Philip & Elizabeth Tracton in honor of Emily Victoria's naming
Meridith Patera in honor of Carla Shaw's birthday

Emily & Kaitlyn in honor of ran Richmond's birthday
The Fromer Family in honor of Jason's 10th birthday
The Mutal Family in memory of Julie's father,
Medill Bienenfeld

August 13, 2011

The Family of Jonathan Sovetky in honor of his Bar Mitzvah
Marion Leon Doten in honor of Jonathan's Bar Mitzvah
Meridith Patera in honor of Max's 24th birthday
Stan & Sandy Melnick in honor of their 49th anniversary
Judy & Eliot Epstein in honor of Matthew's 21st birthday & his making the Dean's List again at school last semester.
Herschel & Laura Berger in honor of their 22nd anniversary
The Hollander Family in honor of Andrew & Danny's birthdays

August 19, 2011

Dan & Lori Stanton in honor of their anniversary
The Rossman Family in honor of Gabriel's birthday
The Katell Family in honor of Jill's birthday
The Tepfer Family in honor of the 2nd year anniversary of Eric's passing. Always in our hearts.
The Bennett Family in honor of Dean & Victoria's 17th wedding anniversary
Steve & Holly York in honor of their 26th wedding anniversary
Rabbi Michele in honor of Josh Blumenfeld's birthday

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invite you to join us for our
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6:30 PM
at the home of Ruth Ann Rossman
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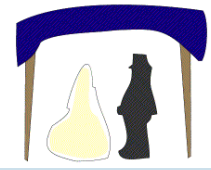
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Birthdays

Sep 01 Judy Epstein
Sep 01 Nirit Levy
Sep 01 Mitchell Salberg
Sep 02 John Elhai
Sep 02 Jessica Schneider
Sep 03 Ariella Sion
Sep 06 Eliot Epstein
Sep 08 Francine Tabak
Sep 08 Sandra Weinstein
Sep 11 Emily Austin Kaminsky
Sep 11 Jonathan Sovetky
Sep 12 Debbie Knecht
Sep 13 Robert Machlin-Sly
Sep 14 Samantha Friedman
Sep 15 Gabe Katell
Sep 15 Justin Ranelletti
Sep 16 Louis Knecht
Sep 17 Daryn Berger
Sep 17 Steven Charton
Sep 21 Steven Sherden
Sep 22 Hanna Moss
Sep 22 Noah Schleien
Sep 23 Elizabeth Anna Sternberg
Sep 25 Joel Bellenson
Sep 27 Chen Mu-Forster

Sep 30 Erica Nadler
Oct 01 Peter Rosenstein
Oct 01 Leanna Smith
Oct 02 Eileen Luskin
Oct 07 Lori Sherden
Oct 11 Nir Levy
Oct 12 Candy Kaminsky
Oct 13 Dustin Breiter
Oct 13 Leah Rosado
Oct 14 Heather Foster
Oct 14 Alan Leon
Oct 15 Sandra Melnick
Oct 16 Jessica Stafford
Oct 17 Catherine Holst
Oct 18 Bethany Poehls
Oct 19 Jessica Sion
Oct 20 Adam Zimmerman
Oct 21 Samuel Micon
Oct 25 Greg Green
Oct 25 Bobbie Sion
Oct 26 Sheldon Kaminsky
Oct 28 Cherie Bordo
Oct 28 Kathy Smith
Oct 31 Cindy Elhai
Oct 31 Julie Stafford

Anniversaries

Sep 10 Jeff and Tara Schleien
Sep 12 Steve and Ruth Ann Rossman
Sep 18 Richard and Julie Klein
Sep 25 Greg and Francine Tabak
Oct 06 Marion and Stefan Leon-Doten
Oct 07 Eric and Michelle Levine
Oct 08 Jeffrey and Barbara Wohlner
Oct 11 Todd and Lindy Schneider
Oct 12 Jerry and Marla Bergmann
Oct 12 Emily and Kristopher Doepping
Oct 20 Mitchell and Lynn Salberg
Oct 22 Mark and Bridget Baskin
Oct 24 Michael Mutal & Julie Bienenfeld
Oct 26 Seymour and Rochelle Botan

Welcome New Members

Ronald and Sylvia Levine

Sharlene Pass

Mark and Bridget Baskin
(Emma and Benjamin)

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Building Fund Donations

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Tribute Donations

Sheldon and Joan Liebmann - in honor of Lloyd and Carole
Picker's 50th Anniversary

Merrill and Sandra Bonar - in honor of Lloyd and Carole
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Sylvia Brock - in honor of Lloyd and Carole Picker's
50th Anniversary

Sally Lefton - in honor of Lloyd and Carole Picker's
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Eric Kaufman - in honor of Lloyd and Carole Picker's
50th Anniversary

Earl and Carole Rosado - in honor of Lloyd and Carole Picker's
50th Anniversary

Religious School Donations

Michael and Julie Mutal - in honor of Lloyd and Carole Picker's
50th Anniversary

Jeff and Arlene Nolke – in memory of Irwin Katz

Libby Scop – in memory of Daniel Scop

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Glen and Debbie Knecht – in honor of Lillian's Bat Mitzvah

Michael and Merle Russ – in memory of Herman Russ and
Bessie Keimon

Philip and Elizabeth Tracton – In honor of Emily's Naming

Lloyd and Carole Picker – in celebration of their
50th Anniversary

General Donations

Women of CBE

Yahrzeits

Sep 01	Frank August	Elul 2
Sep 01	Victor Ringer	Elul 2
Sep 01	Brett Tabak	Elul 2
Sep 03	Barbara Ann Kitt	Elul 4
Sep 04	David Breiter	Elul 5
Sep 04	Sylvan Greenwald	Elul 5
Sep 04	Jeff Levin	Elul 5
Sep 04	Harry Shaw	Elul 5
Sep 05	Ben Bass	
Sep 05	Jean Epstein	
Sep 05	Irene Goldhammer	Elul 6
Sep 05	Philip Goodman	Elul 6
Sep 06	Pearl Gelman	Elul 7
Sep 06	Leonard Hollander	Elul 7
Sep 06	Marlene Reese	Elul 7
Sep 07	Seymour Gold	Elul 8
Sep 08	Ann Glassman Cohen	Elul 9
Sep 09	Harold Ducker	
Sep 09	Benjamin Wiseman	Elul 10
Sep 10	Oscar Bromberger	
Sep 10	Iris Tuber	Elul 11
Sep 12	Dorothy Finnk	Elul 13
Sep 12	J.G. Neugroschl	
Sep 13	Rudolph Edelstein	
Sep 13	Sandford Scharf	Elul 14
Sep 15	Sarah Kaufman	Elul 16
Sep 15	Solomon Sussman	Elul 16
Sep 16	Ada Scheinert	Elul 17
Sep 17	Harry Bercow	Elul 18
Sep 17	Tim Wolff	Elul 18
Sep 18	Rose Fleischmann	Elul 19
Sep 18	Sandford Scharf	
Sep 19	George Ribstein	Elul 20
Sep 19	Barbara Rosen	Elul 20
Sep 20	Dixie Cohen	Elul 21
Sep 20	Audrey Gramowitz	
Sep 20	Lynn Marlow	Elul 21
Sep 21	Gerhard Heimann	Elul 22
Sep 21	Donald J. Schwartz	Elul 22
Sep 22	Armin Hollander	Elul 23
Sep 22	Joseph Melnick	Elul 23
Sep 26	Philip Landau	Elul 27
Sep 26	Herman Leon	Elul 27
Sep 26	Anne Sussman	Elul 27
Sep 27	Evelyn Levin	Elul 28
Sep 27	Harry Troop	Elul 28
Sep 27	Selma Wollman	Elul 28
Sep 28	Hyman Chait	Elul 29
Sep 28	Elsa Fleischmann	Elul 29
Sep 28	David McMoyler	Elul 29
Sep 28	Meyer Rabinek	Elul 29
Sep 29	Cathy Mittelman	Tishrei 1

Oct 01	Jennie Sylvia Lindenbaum	Tishrei 3
Oct 01	Douglas A. Millings	Tishrei 3
Oct 02	Rivka Aisenman	Tishrei 4
Oct 02	Eileen Stern	Tishrei 4
Oct 05	Paul Charton	Tishrei 7
Oct 05	Louis Karoff	Tishrei 7
Oct 06	Morris Feldman	Tishrei 8
Oct 06	Sophie Hammerman	Tishrei 8
Oct 06	Minnie Wegman	Tishrei 8
Oct 06	Harry Wollman	Tishrei 8
Oct 08	Jacob Brenwasser	Tishrei 10
Oct 08	Margaret Brenwasser	Tishrei 10
Oct 08	Judith Gail Karoff	Tishrei 10
Oct 08	Isaak Pichkhadze	Tishrei 10
Oct 08	Ester Rabinek	Tishrei 10
Oct 09	Ann Schwartz	Tishrei 11
Oct 10	Esther Cohen	Tishrei 12
Oct 10	Frances Frankl	Tishrei 12
Oct 11	Harry Israel Greenberg	Tishrei 13
Oct 13	Violet Widdes	Tishrei 15
Oct 14	Irvin Charton	Tishrei 16
Oct 15	Joseph Berkowitz	Tishrei 17
Oct 16	Benno Epstein	
Oct 16	Carol Winner	Tishrei 18
Oct 18	Shirley Hoffberg	Tishrei 20
Oct 20	Joseph Sweet	Tishrei 22
Oct 21	Walter Ascher	Tishrei 23
Oct 21	Martin Dubin	Tishrei 23
Oct 22	Richard Glassman	Tishrei 24
Oct 22	Hilda Mazin	
Oct 23	Elaine Forrest	Tishrei 25
Oct 23	Gussie Gold	Tishrei 25
Oct 26	Dorothy Tucker	Tishrei 28
Oct 27	Reuben Lewis Mazin	
Oct 28	Erna Ascher	Tishrei 30
Oct 28	Helene Bromberger	
Oct 28	Hermann Bromberger	
Oct 28	Samuel Bromberger	
Oct 28	Edythe Anita Friedman	Tishrei 30
Oct 28	Miriam Landau	Tishrei 30
Oct 29	Marian Karoff	Heshvan 1
Oct 29	Ida Krasnow	Heshvan 1
Oct 29	Ida Moses	Heshvan 1
Oct 29	Frances Weiss	Heshvan 1
Oct 30	Isadore Philip Moses	Heshvan 2

Condolences to:

Laura Tepfer and family on the passing of Laura's brother, David Heimann.

Donald & Joshua Forman on the passing of wife and mother Michelle Forman.



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.

Fiddler on the Roof Sing-Along & Barbecue, July 30, 2011



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Shabbat Evening Service
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Candle lighting</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Torah Portion</u>
Sept. 2/4 Elul	7:03 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Shoftim—Deut. 16:18-21:9
Sept. 3		Bar Mitzvah of Alec Bennett	
Sept. 9/11 Elul	6:53 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Ki TeiTzei—Deut. 21:10-25:19
Sept. 16/18 Elul	6:43 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Ki Tavo—Deut. 26:1-29
Sept. 23/25 Elul	6:33 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Nitzavim-Vayeilech—Deut. 29:9-31:30
Sept. 28	6:26 PM	Erev Rosh Hashana	
Sept 29/1 Tishrei		Rosh Hashana	
Sept. 30/3 Tishrei	6:24 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Ha'Azinu—Deut. 32:1-32:52
Oct. 7/10 Tishrei	6:14 PM	Erev Yom Kippur-Kol Nidre	
Oct. 8		Yom Kippur	
Oct. 14/17 Tishrei	6:05 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM - Sukkot	
Oct. 21/24 Tishrei	5:56 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Simchat Torah Bereshit—Gen. 1:1-6:8
Oct, 28/1 Cheshvan	5:49 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Noach—Gen. 6:9-11:32

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