

# C.B.E. CHAI LITES

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## Rabbi's Message

Dear Friends,

"Ho ho, hee hee ha ha, great things are happening!" When I was in preschool, I used to sing this song! (I can still sing it for you if you'd like!) Great things are happening at CBE! I hope you will bring your family and friends to participate in the many activities and special services that are coming up, from Family Shabbat, to our one-year-in-our-new building celebration, to the Interfaith Thanksgiving service, to the Hanukkah services, plays and Temple party!



As we enter into this season of Thanksgiving, each one of us has something that we are thankful for. If you woke up this morning with more health than illness... you are blessed. Many times we are tempted to forget the positives and concentrate on the frustrations and negatives in our lives. But consider the story of Job in the Bible. He has come to represent the symbol of suffering. His children were killed in an accident. He is financially ruined. He has been stricken with an incurable illness. His friends have turned their backs on him. And then his wife gets sarcastic and says, "Job, dear, I think we're going to skip Thanksgiving this year!" If anyone would be justified in skipping Thanksgiving, it would be Mr. and Mrs. Job. Yet in the middle of all this suffering, the voice of God says, "Stop and consider the wondrous works of God." In spite of all the negatives, God is telling Job to count his blessings.

It is all in Job's attitude. Having a right attitude is the first step toward being a truly thankful person. Someone wrote, "It is not life's circumstances that determine the quality of our lives, but how we respond to them." That is why this time of season is so important. It is a reminder of the thankfulness we need. Charles Dickens said that we are mixed up in America. He suggested that instead of having one Thanksgiving Day each year, we should have 364. Use that one remaining day for complaining and griping. Use the other 364 days to thank God for the many blessings we have received.

You may find it interesting that the name "Jew" comes from the Hebrew word, *Yehudah*, originally meaning "thankful". To me this means that the very essence of who we are as a people is to always remember to be thankful and grateful every day. In fact, there's a beautiful prayer that we traditionally recite the moment we wake up:

I offer thanks to You, ever-living Sovereign, that You have  
Restored my soul to me in mercy;  
How great is Your faithfulness.

*Modeh ani l'fanecha, melech chai v'kayam,  
She'he'chezarta be nishmatee  
B'chemla rabbah emunatecha.*

Try saying this prayer each morning as you awake; it sets a nice tone for your whole day. We can work on being thankful more than just once a year. You may just find "the attitude of gratitude" will change your life!

B'vrachah - blessings!  
Rabbi Michele Paskow

## President's Message by Earl Rosado

I hope that 5770 has been a better year for you so far.

Thank you to Rabbi Michele Paskow and Cantor Michael Russ for the wonderful services they presented for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. A special thanks goes to Adina Russ, Irwin Cohen and the CBE choir for their ever increasing enhancement to our High Holiday services.

Thank you to Geri Brandler, president of the Sisterhood and Michael Mutal, president of the Men's Club for all the work that their two groups did prior to, during, and after to help the services run as smoothly as they did.

Right after the High Holidays we celebrated Sukkot by building a sukkah on the outside patio at the temple. A week later we enjoyed our very first Simchat Torah service at the Bonita location. With a full moon as our back drop and 70 plus people in attendance the Rabbi & Cantor delivered a fantastic service with fun being had by all. Thank you Michael Hollander for helping me build the sukkah and Michael Mutal for helping me take it down.

The "Relay for Life" was a huge success again this year. Tami Plotkin did a great job organizing and making it easy for us to participate in this special event. As an added feature to this outstanding weekend for the American Cancer Society, we had a wonderful Havdalah service led by the Rabbi.

On November 13<sup>th</sup> we will be having a special service celebrating our first anniversary at the Bonita site. The evening will start with a pot luck dairy dinner at 6:30 followed by services at 8 with the CBE choir and Cantor Russ followed by a special oneg. Please mark your calendars and join us for this very special event.

As I mentioned at the High Holiday services we are encouraging our members to give \$18 (Chai) per month as part of our "Chai Program" to help maintain our facility and provide programs.

I hope to see you on November 13<sup>th</sup> and bring some friends.

Shalom,  
Keep the Faith  
*Earl Rosado*

*CBE's new home*



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

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## Membership

Welcome to our new families!!!!

We will be having a New Family Shabbat on Friday, Nov. 20. I hope the entire temple family will come to join me in welcoming our new families.

If you have any friends, neighbors, work acquaintances, or family members that you think would be interested in temple membership or just joining us for Friday services, please give them my number. (818)709-7313

Thank you,

*RuthAnn Rossman*, Membership V.P.

## Programs

Celebrate CBE's 1 year Anniversary in our new building! On Friday November 13<sup>th</sup> we will start the evening with a pot-luck dairy dinner at 6:30, followed by a special service at 8 pm with both choir and cantor participating. Then we will have a special Oneg. Bring your family and friends to join the fun at CBE!

Join us for our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service on Wed. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. This year, we at CBE are hosting the service! As we've done in the past, the synagogue and church choirs will sing together. Everyone is encouraged to bring canned goods and money to donate to the local Samaritan Center which helps those in need in our own community.

Sunday December 13, will also be our annual Hanukkah Play. Our director and writer, Meridith Patera will be presenting "Be True to Your Shul: A Surfing Tribute to Hanukkah". Always, always there is fun and laughter to be had.

Tuesday, December 15, The annual Menorah Lighting will be held at the Regal Center. Our choir will perform and the Preschool will also perform. There is always a great turnout and jelly donuts will always put you in the mood for Hanukkah.

Look for more information about these events in this issue.

*Sandy Leon*, VP/ Programs

## Save the Dates

### **B'nai Mitzvah Family Workshop, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 12-1:45**

Parents and students with upcoming B'nai Mitzvah are invited to join Meridith and Rabbi Michele for a "lunch and learn" to prepare for their *simchah*.

Families with young children are invited to join us on Friday **November 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm for our monthly Family Shabbat service with Rabbi Michele. Our CBE preschoolers will sing songs at this service in honor of Preschool Appreciation Shabbat.

## B'nai Mitzvah

Shalom! My name is **Julia Elhai**. I live in Simi Valley with my mother and father, Cynthia and John. I have two younger sisters, Kellie and Michelle.



I am currently attending Sinaloa Middle School and I am in 8th grade. My hobbies are playing the electric bass and drums, singing, and playing basketball. My bat mitzvah is November 21, 2009. This is important to me because I become a Jewish adult. My bat mitzvah project is collecting recyclables at home and from neighbors. I then use the money to buy food for Care and Share.



Hi, my name is **Jake Michael Strassner**. I can't wait until my bar mitzvah on December 12, 2009.

I live in Simi Valley with my mom most of the time and with my dad and my brother Jordan. My brother Jonathan lives in San Diego and attends college there.

I am a 7th grader at Sinaloa middle School. My favorite subject in school other than PE is science. My hobbies are playing soccer, skating, running track and attending sporting events.

I had my first Bar Mitzvah on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Israel. It was a very memorable day for me because I had the opportunity to spend it with my grandmother, my cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends. My bar mitzvah is important because it represents an achievement. I finally completed my Jewish studies to become an adult according to the Jewish traditions.

After my bar mitzvah, I am planning to continue with my Jewish traditions that I have learned from mother, my grandfather and from my family in Israel. A tradition that is most important to me is about helping others in need. For my bar mitzvah project, I will be going to help feed the homeless and collect toiletries for them. I am looking forward to beginning my Jewish adult life.



## Religious School

### Atah Be-chartanu

#### You Have Chosen Us

With these words, the teachers and staff of the CBE schools started off the new school year. **You Have Chosen Us to teach your children.** We take this as a serious responsibility, and want to make your child's Jewish education everything you want it to be.

Our very first day was wonderful – we were able to greet the parents of our children with bagels and cream cheese provided by the **Men's Club** – it allowed for a little schmoozing, and I hope we will be able to do this periodically –to just take a moment out of our busy schedules and stop – and breathe in the atmosphere in which our children are learning, and socialize with other parents in our Jewish School Community.

This opens the door for our next plan – Meridith and I are very excited to have some wonderful parents this year who are frequently on site to help with whatever we may need. Your child has brought home sign up sheets – these sheets are for you to fill in a time when you would like to take part in your child's Jewish learning experience. **We are asking you to volunteer for one Sunday** out of the school year, to help out in your child's classroom. If you find that you really enjoy hanging out with us, we will welcome you anytime! The second sheet that your child is bringing home is asking you to sponsor an Oneg at Sunday School – you can choose the date if there is a special date you would like commemorated. The cost of sponsorship is Chai - \$18.00.

For those who participated in our Rosh Hashana Honey Drive - a giant **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped support our CBE Schools with your purchase of honey. It was a great success, and I am still hearing from people that the honey was very much enjoyed by the recipients! I know that next year, when we start earlier, and are more organized, we will raise even more money to benefit the schools!

November 1 we will be having B'nai Mitzvah Workshops at the Kadota campus for the families of students readying for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah – it will be accompanied by a Pot Luck Dairly Lunch and is guaranteed to be fun for all!

I want to end by thanking our amazing CBE Schools Staff –these people put in many hours of planning to make sure that school is not only educational, but fun for our children. We want the children to enjoy their time spent here, and we are seeing the proof of this. For the last several Sundays, there have been guests at Sunday school who have subsequently registered! As a result our Sunday School registration is up over last year! This is a huge boon to both our school and our Jewish community at large, and I believe it is all due to the work of this dedicated group.

Obviously, in talking about the school staff one has to separate out Mrs. Patera – Meridith is the heart and soul of our Religious and Hebrew schools. No one works harder, or does more to make certain that each child has what is needed to learn, to create, and to enjoy his or her Jewish experience. She will tell you, “it's no big deal” – but without a heart, we have no soul.

If your child is not registered in our school, and you would like more information, please feel free to email me at [drbass1115@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:drbass1115@sbcbglobal.net) or call at 818-321-5989 – and again – your child is always welcome to visit, but we would like to know ahead of time.

*Ani veAtah Neshane et HaOlam!*

**Deborah Bass**

VP/ Religious School

Thank you to the Weinstein Family for their generous donation of toys to be used as shekel (good behavior) prizes.

Thank you to our Religious school oneg sponsors for September & October:

Diane Hetzel  
Kaminsky Family  
Nusbaum Family

You and I will Change the World!



Thank you to our Religious school volunteers for September & October:

Sheldon & Candy Kaminsky  
Diane Hetzel  
Sandy Weinstein



## Social Action

*The Social Action Committee is now being chaired by Tami Plotkin; because our Mitzvah Maven, Susie Fintz, has relocated to Indiana and realized that not even she could direct all this from over 2000 miles away. Here's the latest on activities brought to you by CBE's Social Action Committee:*

Our **Food Drive for SOVA** during the High Holidays was very successfully promoted by Smilin' Steven Sherden, and our efforts added to the over 126,000 pounds of food and necessities collected in the Los Angeles/Ventura County region by SOVA. Thank you so very much to everyone who contributed a bag of food to people in our community who need our help more than ever.

The American Cancer Society's **Relay For Life** on Oct. 10-11 was a WONDERFUL and very moving event (this was my first year) and our team, the CBE WALKERS fielded someone through almost all twenty-four hours of the relay. Our team raised over \$1925 for the American Cancer Society's research and programs. We all had a lot of fun being part of a "village for a day" on Royal High's field, did some fascinating people watching, enjoyed nice weather and a great exercise opportunity. At our Havdalah ceremony on Saturday evening Rabbi Michele shared standing room only for about 40 of us under the fabulous easy-ups graciously loaned for the Relay by the Slotnick family. The luminaria ceremony was lovely and those candles glowed all night to remind us of the light that the fight against cancer can bring into people's lives. A few of us stayed all night at the Relay, with varying amounts of sleep attempted to the haunting strains of techno-dance music. By early Sunday morning there were still so many walkers it was impressive. I'd like to especially thank Gigi and Gerry Hasson who helped me set up our site and break it down, and spent all day Saturday with me; RuthAnn Rossman who shared advice, our site's decorations, and was the early morning rouser who helped us break down the site; and Cindy Slotnick and son who came out both early mornings to set up and then fold up the shelters for us. Of course, some of our CBE cancer survivors - Alan Leon, Dan Brandler, Carole Picker, and Alice Fiducia - just kept doing more laps to motivate the rest of our CBE WALKERS team. Umpteen thanks to everyone who participated. BE SURE TO JOIN US NEXT OCTOBER FOR RELAY-IT'S GREAT.

CBE's Mens' Club, under the able direction of Michael Hollander, hosted a delicious dinner on 10/17 for 40 people for our Feed the Needy program at the Methodist Church on Cochran and Erringer. CBE is one of over twenty groups that sponsor a monthly meal for the hungry in our community. This makes a worthwhile activity for your havurah group or organization and only requires about 5-7 helpers from 4 pm to 7 pm. The supplies are provided by the Methodist Church. The Plotkin family and Eliana's Girl Scout Troop 430 will be throwing this shindig on 11/21-the weekend before Thanksgiving. Any help is appreciated-call me, we'll talk! (I may need some extra freezer space for turkeys). Pilgrim and Indian costumes optional.

**MITZVAH DAY** is nearly here. On November 1 dozens of Jewish congregations throughout Southern California will be participating in "tikkun olam" -healing the world with focused activities in their communities. Our activities will primarily be at 3050 Kadota St.- at our religious school - because tikkun olam also involves teaching our children how important it is that THEY CAN HELP. Our activities include:

1) A blood drive cosponsored with our neighbors, Calvary Baptist Church. The United Blood Services bloodmobile will be there from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. To book your appointment just go online at [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) or call 800-715-3699. Donating blood doesn't take long and you'll impact many people with just one pint! Your reward will be a great inner satisfaction and COOKIES & JUICE!!

2) Collecting food and toiletries for SOVA. Please bring food items that ARE NOT IN GLASS such as canned meat, peanut butter, beans, noodles, rice, canned fruit and vegetables, and dried fruit.

3) The religious school students and anyone else can fill out a postcard thanking our troops for their selfless service-these will be included with the food and necessities packages sent by For The Troops.

4) Many Mansions will be sponsoring its "Bowls of Hope" event from 11a.m.-2 p.m. just up the street at The Vineyards, 2525 Stow St. Your ticket buys you a lovely CUSTOM ceramic bowl that you can fill with gourmet soups and breads donated by generous local bakeries and restaurants in a "soup line" served by some of our CBE members, local dignitaries, sponsors, and community leaders. Tickets are only \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door or online at [www.manymansions.org](http://www.manymansions.org) or call Kelli Lighthizer at 805-496-4948. Your donation helps fund programs for the homeless and affordable housing.

Well, we've got a busy few months ahead of us and I hope you can join our efforts. A reading in our Yom Kippur service said that if we want to help bring the Messianic time we should act as though the Messiah was already here-with love and compassion and acts of tikkun olam.

We need you to help now. If you have any questions, ideas for projects, or comments call me at 805-581-4023(H) or 818-887-0651(W).

I hope to see you soon,

*Tami Plotkin*



*Luminaria at  
Relay for Life  
fundraiser*

## Women of CBE

Are you looking for a fulfilling, enjoyable temple connection? Come join us in our Sisterhood activities. Look how much we've got going on:

- The oneg ladies really outdid themselves this year at the High Holidays. Special thanks to Carla for organizing and ordering everything. Thanks also to all the women who have been helping set up, serve and clean up the Shabbat onegs every week.
- The Sisterhood Membership Dinner was held on September 22 at the home of Bobbie Sion and had a very good attendance, including several new and returning members. Thank you Bobbie, Ronnye & Penny for a wonderful evening.
- On October 6 the Sisterhood meeting was at the Rabbi's home under the Sukkah. We had about 20 sisterhood members attending and it was a lovely evening. The Rabbi had a wonderful evening planned and I want to thank everyone for bringing desserts.
- Our annual donor event was held on October 18 with a delicious dinner at the Grinder Deli in Moorpark. This event thanks those women who have gone out of their way to help support the Women of CBE with their time, effort and funds. We had a great time and got some nice favors.
- Our November meeting will be on Tuesday, the 10th. Check our website for more information.
- Our wonderful Hanukkah Boutique will be held on November 22 at the temple. We have several vendors and it is going to be better than ever.
- The Sisterhood Hanukkah party will be on December 15 at the home of Julie Bienenfeld. It will cost around \$12 for a great dinner. Bring a wrapped \$10 item for the gift exchange. This event is always a lot of fun!
- During this period, the Sisterhood made our \$500 monthly donations to the temple for operating expenses. We also paid for the Religious School "Sundaes in the Sukkah." We will be donating dreidles and gelt to the religious school and Preschool for Hanukkah.

As you can see, we are busy with fun and fund raising. Contact me so that you can become of a group of dynamic women who are working to help the temple and community.

*Geri Brandler*, President  
Women of CBE

### Top 10 Reasons for Joining the CBE Choir

1. You enjoy singing and want to form attachments with others who enjoy singing.
2. You want to learn more about music.
3. You want to learn more about prayer.
4. You want to learn more about Hebrew. (Reading Hebrew not required. Everything is transliterated into English.)
5. Want to participate more in the service and get good seats.
6. You need an outlet for expressing yourself.
7. You need an occasional night away from the daily grind.
8. You don't have a budget for therapy. (Remember, music "soothes the savage soul.")
9. You're ready to try your singing outside the shower and the car.
10. You've thought about it a million times.

To join, contact Irwin Cohen at [bnaiemet@rain.org](mailto:bnaiemet@rain.org)

## Men's Club

The men's club of CBE has seen a recent increase in membership with the men feeling a true sense of purpose helping our temple while having some fun.

Some of our recent events have been working Simi Valley Days (I found out we were only one of two food booths to actually make money there.), Movie nights with dinner, and of course helping out with whatever was needed before, during and after the High Holiday Services. In October we ran the Feed the Needy, and in November we are scheduled to be the highlighted readers at one of the Friday night services.

We are pleased to say that we donated monies to benefit our new Education/Preschool building and the Hawaii trip raffle. We were happy to donate money for bagels and coffee for the first day of Religious School.

We have a business meeting once a month and a social event (could be a movie/ dinner night, a Sunday breakfast, or potentially something else) also each month. Dues are \$30 for temple members and fathers of preschool children and \$35 for all other men. Please feel free to contact me ([mmmutal2002@yahoo.com](mailto:mmmutal2002@yahoo.com) or 805-527-9104) about getting involved and participating.

*Michael Mutal*  
Men's Club President

## Recent Donations

### **Building Fund**

Ken and Suzanne Epstein – in memory of Jean and Benno  
Epstein

### **Religious School Fund**

Sheldon and Candy Kaminsky  
Peter and Jennifer Rosenstein  
Penny Neugroschl – in memory of J.G Neugroschl;  
wishing Carole Picker a speedy recovery  
David Glazer – in memory of Philip Landau  
Sheldon and Joan Liebmman – in memory of Miriam Landau

### **Memorial Donations**

Alan and Sandra Leon – in memory of Evelyn Levin and  
Herman Leon  
Michelle Scharf – in memory of Sandford Scharf and  
Herman Ducker  
Lillian Scharf – in memory of Sandford Scharf  
Marvin and Sandra Sussman – in memory of Anne and  
Solomon Sussman  
Wolf and Nubia Ascher – in memory of Walter and Erna  
Ascher  
Anthony and Laura Luskin – in memory of Isaak Pichkhadze  
Sheila Kubik – in memory of Stanley Kubik and  
Shirley Finchler  
Teresa Picker – in memory of Curtis Picker

### **Tree of Life Leaf Donations**

Craig and Michelle Foster and Family  
Deborah Bass – in memory of Barbara Bass  
Steven and Lois Friedman – in memory of Earl and Edythe  
Friedman; in memory of Joseph and Barbara  
Sweet

Karen Ribstein – in memory of Joel Ribstein

### **New Prayer Book Donations**

Craig and Michelle Foster and Family  
David Gering – in memory of George S. Gering  
Deborah Bass – in honor of Barbara Bass  
Jeffrey, Tamara and Eliana Plotkin – in memory of Mildred  
Plotkin  
Alan and Sandra Leon – in memory of Lillian Leon;  
in memory of Jacob Leon;  
in memory of Paula Leon

### **General Fund Donations**

Women of CBE  
Lawrence and Marsha Kaufman  
James Machlin  
Jeff and Ilene Oseas – OPEN Donation

## High Holiday Donations and Pledges

Wolf and Nubia Ascher  
Jerry and Jan Auerbach – in memory of Morton Auerbach  
Jerry and Marla Bergmann (Preschool/Education Bldg) in memory of  
departed family members  
Dan and Geri Brandler  
Steven and Raye Charton – in memory of Helen Rogen  
Eric and Stacy Cohen and Family  
Marc Eastman (Preschool/Education Bldg) in honor of Michael Russ  
Louise and Mel Edelson (Choir Fund)  
Ken and Suzanne Epstein – in memory of Werner and Mary  
Hollander; Benno and Jean Epstein  
Alice Fiducia  
Don Friedman  
Barton Goldsmith, PH.D.  
Robert and Pamela Hunau - in memory Arthur Hunau and  
Sidney Marcus  
Ilene and John Judge – in memory of brother, Richard Glassman  
Arnold and Marilyn Kaufman – in memory of Joseph and Sarah  
Kaufman, Philip Goodman and Tim Wolff  
Lynne Kelly  
Renee Kieselbach – in honor of Mildred Ertel Jessel's 89<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Peppi Lamm – in memory of family members who perished in the  
Holocaust  
Alan and Sandra Leon (Preschool/ Education Bldg) in honor of  
Ashlie Rose Leon  
Sheldon and Joan Liebmman – in honor of grandson Brandon Tellio's  
accomplishment at Cordon Bleu School of Culinary Arts  
Guenther and Gayle Menke – in memory of Karl and Marie Menke  
Michael and Julie Mutal  
Ofer and Rhonda Nadler

The Nusbaum Family  
Bob and Barbara Poehls  
The Protter Family – in memory of Joseph Protter  
The Ribstein Family – in memory of Joel Ribstein  
Martin Richter – in memory of Shelly Richter  
Alan Ringer – in memory of parents: Pearl, Victor and Katie Ringer  
The Ringer Family (Religious School) in honor of Aryanna's  
Bat Mitzvah  
Paul and Sandy Rosenfeld (Preschool/Education Bldg)  
Ruth Ann and Steve Rossman (Preschool/Education Bldg) in honor  
of Adina Russ, the Poehls Family and all the  
wonderful people who participated in the Services  
Ian Russ – in honor of Cantor Michael and Adina Russ  
Lynn and Mitchell Salberg – in memory of Burton A. Borrok  
Joan Sandoval – in memory of Marshall Pollack and Bryan Sandoval  
Michelle Scharf (Preschool/Education Bldg) in memory of Sandy and  
Trevor Scharf  
Robert and Judy Sternberg – in memory of Harry and Martha  
Sternberg and Josef Rapaport, MD  
Michele Stevens – in memory of Iris Tuber  
The Tolchin Family – in memory of Alan Tolchin and Meyer Siegel  
Michael A. Toyouri  
Marvin and Jeanne Waksman  
Andy and Cathy Weinstein  
Jeffrey and Barbara Wohlner (CBE/CBE Preschool) in memory of  
Vivian and Robert Gurstein and Pearl and Norman Wohlner  
Steven and Holly York



# INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

At Congregation B'nai Emet - for the first time!

Wednesday, November 25 at 7:30 PM.

The CBE Choir, Rabbi Michele Paskow and Cantor Michael Russ will participate along with several other area religious institutions.

Please bring canned food for donation to the needy.

This is a moving, inspiring experience that gets better every year.



## Letter to CBE

Dear Congregation B'nai Emet,

Thank you for so graciously receiving Lyanthie and me into your congregation family this past Friday. The Shabbat Service and Sukkot celebration was our first visit to a Jewish Temple.

I attended the service as part of an assignment for Rabbi Paskow's Introduction to Judaism class at CSUN. More than the assignment was satisfied: Cantor Russ's voice embellished the intimate setting under the full moon, the children a beautiful sight for they are the next generation in Judaism and all the greetings were genuine and friendly.

Thank you to Rabbi Paskow and her openness. Very much we felt welcomed. Her beautiful light and natural leadership was a privilege to observe. Personally, I renewed an appreciation for the unity in Life. Your location is lovely and peaceful and my mother and I wish you the best in your growth there.

Sincerely,

Sharon Linn

## 5770 CBE Calendar

### November

- 1 – Mitzvah Day
- 1 – Sunday School
- 2 – Judaica HS
- 3 – Sisterhood Board
- 3 – Election Day
- 6 – Family Service Preschool Appreciation
- 8 – Sunday School
- 9 – Judaica HS
- 10 – Sisterhood Meeting
- 11 – Veteran's Day
- 13 – Shabbat Services
- 15 – Sunday School
- 16 – Judaica HS
- 19 – Board Meeting
- 20 – Shabbat Services
- 21 – Julia Elhai Bat Mitzvah
- 22 – Hanukah Boutique
- 22 – Sunday School Hanukah Workshop (at Temple)
- 23 – Judaica HS

- 25 – Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
- 26 – Thanksgiving
- 27 – Shabbat Services
- 30 – Judaica HS

### December

- 1 – Sisterhood Board
- 4 – Family Service Grades 2/3 participation
- 6 – Sunday School
- 7 – Judaica HS
- 11 – First Night of Hanukah, Shabbat Services
- 12 – Jake Strassner Bar Mitzvah
- 13 – Hanukah Play and Party
- 13 – Sunday School
- 14 – Judaica HS
- 15 – Community Menorah Lighting
- 15 – Sisterhood Hanukah Party (**Need to reschedule**)
- 17 – Board Meeting
- 18 – 8<sup>th</sup> Night of Hanukah, Shabbat Services
- 25 – Shabbat Services



## Jewish Life Center

As of this writing, the Jewish Life Center of Simi Valley is proceeding along with 2 escrows; one is the sale of the land at Royal/Corto and the other is the purchase of the land at 9 W. Bonita. As I assume all of you know, the sale of Royal/Corto is required in order for the purchase of Bonita to be complete.

At this writing the JLC board is in the process of transferring the Royal/Corto property to CBE. We are following the advice of our attorney and proceeding in the legal manner. This is because the JLC is a 501 (c) 3 non profit organization, and the process, as well as the end result, must be approved the Attorney General of California.

Any questions please contact me  
([mmmutal2002@yahoo.com](mailto:mmmutal2002@yahoo.com)).

Thank you,

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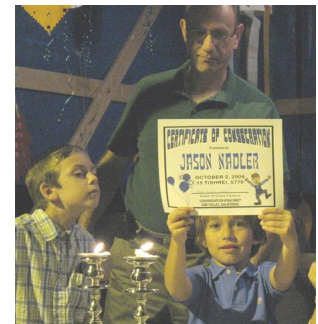
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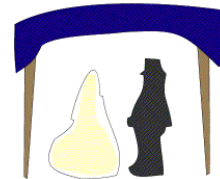


## Sundaes in the Sukkah



Religious school children listened to the Rabbi explain the traditions of Sukkot, sang songs, then enjoyed yummy ice cream sundaes





## Birthdays

Nov. 2	Eric Levine	Nov. 30	Glenna Horowitz
Nov. 3	Jeffrey Ringer	Nov. 30	Rhonda Nadler
Nov. 5	Tamara Plotkin	Dec. 1	Ryan Ribstein
Nov. 10	Mark L. Gould	Dec. 2	Julie Bienenfeld
Nov. 12	Ryan Rosenstein	Dec. 2	Jake Strassner
Nov. 12	Nicholas Wohlner	Dec. 3	Dana Miyamoto
Nov. 14	Julia Elhai	Dec. 7	David Gering
Nov. 15	Deborah Bass	Dec. 7	Shawna Katell
Nov. 15	William Mikita	Dec. 9	Lisa Marlow
Nov. 16	Eric Bordo	Dec. 10	Cantor Michael Russ
Nov. 18	Christopher Gagnon	Dec. 18	Andrew Nadler
Nov. 19	Barbara Wohlner	Dec. 18	Erin Shore
Nov. 21	Carlos Gagnon	Dec. 19	Erin Hollander
Nov. 22	Zachary Schwartz- Bannon	Dec. 21	Harold Protter
Nov. 23	Alana Ostrowiecki	Dec. 24	Steve Fintz
Nov. 25	Miko Sion	Dec. 27	Katey Dager
Nov. 28	Ryan Seth Lefton	Dec. 29	Sharon Epstein
Nov. 29	Wolf Ascher	Dec. 30	Matthew Nusbaum
Nov. 30	Jerry Auerbach	Dec. 30	Gail Weinstein
		Dec. 31	Emily Cohen

## Anniversaries

Nov. 3	Craig and Michelle Foster
Nov. 6	Alan and Sandra Leon
Nov. 20	Gabe and Jill Katell
Nov. 21	Steven and Raye Charton
Nov. 28	Harold and Theresa Protter
Dec. 10	Brian and Meryl Horowitz
Dec. 18	Miko and Bobbie Sion
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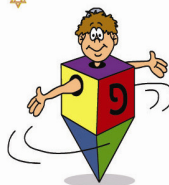
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Tahlia Elizabeth,  
born to  
Shoshana and Scott on  
Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>!

## Yahrzeits

11/1	Joel Ribstein	Heshvan 14	12/8	Seymour Hoffberg	Kislev 21
11/2	William Goldberg	Heshvan 15	12/8	Martin Klein	Kislev 21
11/2	Richard Moreno	Heshvan 15	12/9	Jack Lefton	Kislev 22
11/4	Ethel Albert	Heshvan 17	12/9	Beatrice Marx	Kislev 22
11/4	Carl Norman Kitt, Sr.	Heshvan 17	12/9	Mollie G. Troop	Kislev 22
11/5	Joseph Corb	Heshvan 18	12/11	Rose Schwartz	Kislev 24
11/9	Gerald B. Hasson	Heshvan 22	12/12	Oskar Metzger	Kislev 25
11/9	Simon Levy	Heshvan 22	12/13	Martin Klein	Kislev 26
11/11	Shirley Zimmerman	Heshvan 24	12/15	Sanford Shilkoff	Kislev 28
11/12	Edward I. Berns	Heshvan 25	12/17	Fay Antecol	Kislev 30
11/12	Leonard Goldman	Heshvan 25	12/17	Morris Orloff	Kislev 30
11/12	Abraham Luskin	Heshvan 25	12/18	Vicki Cohen	Tevet 1
11/13	Leona Edelstein		12/18	Mitzie Friedman	Tevet 1
11/14	Marvin Cohl	Heshvan 27	12/18	Theodore Karasik	Tevet 1
11/14	Ben De Nunez	Heshvan 27	12/19	Harry Widde	Tevet 2
11/16	Esther Frankel	Heshvan 29	12/20	Abraham Katell	Tevet 3
11/16	Rebecca K. Schwartz	Heshvan 29	12/20	Barbara Claire Sweet	Tevet 3
11/18	Ber Goldenberg	Kislev 1	12/22	David Ehrlich	Tevet 5
11/20	Aaron Saul Chusid	Kislev 3	12/22	Joseph Goldstein	Tevet 5
11/22	Nissim Eskenazi	Kislev 5	12/22	Sophie Rashoff	Tevet 5
11/22	Harry Hirschorn	Kislev 5	12/23	Libbie Chait	Tevet 6
11/22	Caroll Miller Hughes	Kislev 5	12/23	Louis Cohen	Tevet 6
11/23	Theo Frankel	Kislev 6	12/23	Pelayo Moreno	Tevet 6
11/23	Isaak Koenka	Kislev 6	12/23	Louis Serlin	Tevet 6
11/24	Milton "Babe" Goldbloom	Kislev 7	12/23	James Silver	Tevet 6
11/25	Moshe Aisenman	Kislev 8	12/24	Earl Ely Friedman	Tevet 7
11/25	Gerald York	Kislev 8	12/24	Faye Isbey	Tevet 7
11/26	Ben Herskowitz		12/25	Jason Davis Raufman	Tevet 8
11/27	Frances Goldstein	Kislev 10	12/26	David Brookner	Tevet 9
11/27	Nora Judge	Kislev 10	12/27	Edward Hoffing	Tevet 10
12/1	Regina Greenstein	Kislev 14	12/27	Stuart Keimon	Tevet 10
12/1	Benish Landau	Kislev 14	12/28	Marvin Ackerman	Tevet 11
12/3	Anne Kaminsky	Kislev 16	12/29	Max Epstein	Tevet 12
12/5	David Bemel	Kislev 18	12/29	Irvin "Bud" Greenberg	Tevet 12
12/5	Sandi Brown	Kislev 18	12/29	Eleanore Price	Tevet 12
12/5	Louis Weiss	Kislev 18	12/30	Phillip Gabler	Tevet 13
12/6	James Alexander	Kislev 19	12/30	Florence Howard	Tevet 13
12/6	Frida Pichkhadze	Kislev 19	12/30	Steven Sacks	Tevet 13
12/7	Leon Cohen	Kislev 20	12/30	Rodman Turner	
12/8	Nat Day	Kislev 21	12/31	Rhoda Russ	Tevet 14
12/8	Jean Forman	Kislev 21	12/31	Nathan Vogel	Tevet 14



**Please check the current Yahrzeit information on the data sheet you received in your membership packet. Verify its accuracy and call the office with any changes or new Yahrzeit information.**

**During the year, you will receive reminders for upcoming Yahrzeit dates. We want to have complete and accurate information.**

**Call Michael Hollander with any questions regarding Yahrzeit data. Thank you.**

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### Condolences to...

Condolences to David Gering and family on the passing of David's grandmother, Evelyn Goodstein.





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<u>Date</u>	<u>Candle lighting</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Torah Portion</u>
Nov. 6/20 Cheshvan	4:40 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Vayera—Gen. 18:1-22:24
Nov. 13/27 Cheshvan	4:34 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Chayei Sara—Gen. 23:1-25:18
Nov. 20/4 Kislev	4:30 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Toldot—Gen. 25:19-28:9
Nov. 21		<b>Julia Elhai</b> Bat Mitzvah 10 AM	
Nov. 27/11 Kislev	4:28 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Vayetzei—Gen. 28:10032:3
Dec. 4/18 Kislev	4:27 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Yayishlach—Gen. 32:4-36:43
Dec. 11/25 Kislev	4:27 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Vayeshev—Gen. 37:1-40:22
Dec. 12		<b>Jake Strassner</b> Bar Mitzvah 10 AM	
December 11		<b>1st Hanukkah candle</b>	
Dec. 18/2 Tevet	4:29 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Miketz—Gen. 41:1-44:17
Dec. 25/9 Tevet	4:33 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Vayigash—Gen. 44:18-47:27

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