

# C.B.E. CHAI LITES

Volume 31, Issue 3

March-April 2010/Adar-Nisan-Iyyar 5770

## Rabbi's Message

Dear Friends,

I recently read that Passover is the oldest-known holiday in Western civilization. And, perhaps, it is the most significant and profound of all of our Jewish festivals as well. Celebrating freedom and liberation from slavery, teaching us to welcome and share with the poor, are indeed important values. Since the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist strike on America, the ideals of freedom, democracy and human dignity have indeed taken on even greater meaning.



Surveys have shown that more American Jews observe Passover than any other Jewish holiday. Perhaps this is so because it takes place in the home (and involves eating!), but also because it is joyous and given over to wise lessons. It may even be that deep in many people's consciousness there is also annual rejoicing over the religious, political, social and even economic lessons that Passover teaches us. As Jews we are a time-centered, cycle-oriented people. During Passover we celebrate springtime, freedom, and family, joining together to remember the history of our people. We tell a story of the past while we exist in the present; but we tell it with hope and optimism for the future.

The optimism that comes from the new sights and smells of spring are, in a sense, reinforced in a Jewish context by Passover. Many of the Seder rituals exude this upbeat feeling. When we break the middle matzah to save half of it for dessert (the afikoman), we are actually learning to save and plan for the future. We enjoy some benefits now and others later, once we have earned them. Similarly, we sing "This year we are here, next year may we be in Jerusalem. This year we are still slaves, next year may we all be free." Some rabbis comment that we can read Jerusalem, in Hebrew Yeru-sha-la-yim, as "ir-shalem" or "ir-shalom", the city of peace. We pray that there will be peace, not only in Jerusalem, but in every city, wherever we may be.

We also sing about Elijah the Prophet, who according to legend, is the bearer of good tidings. He appears in times of trouble to promise relief and redemption and to plant hope in our hearts. A nice custom you may want to add to your Seder is to have each person pour from his/her wine cup into the Cup of Elijah. This symbolizes that each one of us must work toward peace and harmony in our world. You may also like to do this at your Seder this year, thinking about how you personally, can have a role in creating Shalom now and in the future.

My family joins me in wishing you and your families a happy and joyous Pesach holiday! I hope you'll join us for the Community Seder at the Temple on the second night of Passover, Tuesday evening, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Shalom v'chag samaech (happy holiday),

*Rabbi Michele Paskow*



**Daylight Savings Time  
begins on Sunday,  
March 14 (at 2 AM)**

### PASSOVER IS EARLY THIS YEAR!!

*Come join us for the Community Seder  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> night of Passover, March 30<sup>th</sup>.*

*We will have Shabbat services on Passover  
Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7 pm, led by the  
4<sup>th</sup> grade class.*

## President's Message by Earl Rosado

As of this writing the Purim Carnival has not taken place yet. However, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Eric Cohen for all the hard work he has put into this year's carnival. He has been very busy trying to solicit the volunteers needed to set-up, help run the games and tear down. I would also like to thank Mitchell Salberg, Glen Knecht, Eric Kaufman, and Michael Mutal for all their "behind the scenes" work in helping to put the Purim Carnival together.

In January we had an Eco-Shabbat dinner served at the temple prior to our service. Thank you to RuthAnn Rossman and Geri Brandler for all the time and effort they put into this event. Everyone who came brought a covered dish to share. The food and desserts were delicious as always.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our Community Seder being held for the second year at the temple. Sandy Leon, our VP of programs, is in the process of putting this event together. It will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning to go, please either call the temple office or Sandy Leon and let us know so we can make sure that we are prepared for you.

Michael Hollander has tried, on a couple of occasions, to have our members come and help us with some of our yard maintenance. To date, asking people via general email and Meridith's newsletter hasn't worked. The only people that show up are Mitchell Salberg, Michael Hollander and me. We only need a couple hours of your time every couple weeks for the next month or so to get us through the rainy season. If there are enough of us it would even be less time. Please think about how you can do a mitzvah for the temple and join us next time. Better yet, if you feel you would like to help I am sure we would be able to meet with you on your time schedule.

It's election time again. Our nominating committee will be calling our membership to find out who among you would be interested in running for a board position. I know there are many of you that have a lot to offer and take our temple to the next level. Don't let the movement stop. Come participate, get involved, and show us what you have to offer. All positions are open.

A final date has not been set for the general membership meeting that will be held in late March or early April at the temple. We will be getting an update on the Corto land from the JLC as well as election results for the new CBE board of directors. Please be on the lookout in Meridith's weekly emails for the date and time of this upcoming meeting.

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

## In This Issue

Page	Content
1	Rabbi's Message
2	President's Message, CBE Board
3	Membership, Social Action, Jewish Life Center, Bat Mitzvah, Save the Dates, Men's Club
4	Passover
5	Cantor's Message, Religious School, Passover Recipe
6	Women of CBE, Oneg Sponsors, Passover Word Search
7	Community Seder
8	Recent Donations, CBE Calendar
9	"Simi 4 Mahj"
10	Women of CBE "Game Night"
11	Birthdays, Anniversaries, Skirball
12	Yahrzeits, Condolences
13	Photos
14-15	Advertising
16	Schedule of Services, Candle Lighting Times & Torah Portions

## Board of Directors and Affiliates

Rabbi	Michele Paskow
Cantor	Michael Russ
President	Earl Rosado
Executive Vice President	Michael Hollander
VP/Membership	Ruth Ann Rossman
VP/Fundraising	OPEN
VP/Programs	Sandy Leon
VP/Havurah	Jennifer Rosenstein
VP/Religious School	Deborah Bass
Social Action	Tami Plotkin
Secretary	Debbie Knecht
Treasurer	Erik Breiter
Financial Officer	Eric Bordo
Preschool	Lindy Schneider
Sisterhood	Geri Brandler
Men's Club	Michael Mutal
Temple Administrative Assistant	Marilyn Hollander
Preschool Director	Lindy Schneider
Preschool Office Mgr.	Robyn Voigt
Preschool Newsletter	Robyn Voigt
Rel. School Administrator	Meridith Patera
Chai Lites Editor	Suzanne Epstein
Gift Shop	Bobbie Sion
Choir Director	Irwin Cohen
Photography	Max Patera

## Membership

Belonging to a temple is a wonderful thing. You are supporting a Jewish place of worship, gathering, education, and friendship. Traditionally membership runs September to August every year at all temples. We welcome new and returning members at any time. If you would like to join the temple family please contact RuthAnn Rossman at 805-581-3723

## Social Action

Rabbi Ron Klotz wrote this non-traditional blessing: "Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us the opportunity to mend the world."

This is a very traditional idea in Judaism and a wonderful guide for our actions. Here's how you can participate in this mitzvah.

- 1) Donate money for Haitian earthquake relief to <<Mazon.org >>where it will help with immediate and long term relief projects.
- 2) The Friendship Circle of Conejo Valley is having a Friendship Circle 5K Walk on 3/21 in Agoura from 11 am.-2:30 p.m. Register at <<friendshipwalk.org >>
- 3) Jewish World Watch is sponsoring the 4th annual Walk to End Genocide on April 18 from 8 AM-12 noon at Warner Center Park in Woodland Hills. Registration is \$18 at <walktoendgenocide.org>> our team is the "CBE Preschool"
- 4) Help our own Lillian Knecht in her mitzvah project and Bronze Award for Girl Scouts for the Children's Services Auxiliary by bringing donations of the following to the temple or Preschool site (new items only)--Backpacks--boys' or girls' underwear--socks--clothing and pajamas (sizes 5-18)--toothbrushes & toothpaste--hairbrushes & combs--shampoo & conditioner--blank journals--small stuffed animals.

For more info contact Lillian at

[Beachingout@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Beachingout@sbcglobal.net).

Be a mensch, do mitzvahs today and the next.

*Jami Plotkin*

## Jewish Life Center

The JLC is moving along with closing of the sale of Royal/Corto which is scheduled this May. The proceeds from that sale are what we are using to purchase the Bonita property. Keep in mind that commercial deals are very fluid and can change up to the date that all papers are signed. So far all signs look good and we will keep you posted.

*Michael Mutal*, JLC Chair

## Bat Mitzvah

Shalom! My name is **Rachel Nusbaum**. I live in Northridge with my parents Margaret and Nathan and my two brothers, David who is 16 and Matthew, 11. I also live with my Labrador Biscuit and Cavalier Lucky. The Leopard Geckos would be sad if I didn't mention them, so Spot and Polka Dot need to be mentioned as well. I am currently attending Nobel Middle School as a 7<sup>th</sup> grader. My hobbies are playing soccer and hanging out with my friends. My Bat Mitzvah is important to me because I have been attending Hebrew School for sooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo many years and I am finally ready to have my own Bat Mitzvah. I will continue to honor my Jewish traditions and heritage throughout my life.

## Save the Dates

### SPECIAL SHABBAT SERVICES IN APRIL

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** – we will commemorate Yom HaShoah with a special service and speaker.

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** –we will celebrate Israel Independence Day.

### Special Religious School events

**Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>** – A Holocaust survivor will speak to the 5-7<sup>th</sup> grade students. Parents are also invited to join us.

**Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>** – “Golda Meir” will visit CBE! Historical impressionist Peter Small will appear as Golda to teach our students about the late Prime Minister.

*If you are able to help subsidize this program, please speak with Rabbi Michele.*

## Men's Club

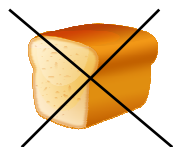
The Men's Club of CBE has been working on the Purim Carnival for our children during the month of February. Some of the highlights of the Purim Carnival are the moonbounce, lunch for everyone, games for the kids, hamantaschen, Chicken Soup Cook off, and a rummage sale put on by the Mrs. Katell's 7<sup>th</sup> grade class.

In March we will be discussing future fund raising events, our Men's Club weekend getaway, and other up-coming events. Our next meeting will be Sunday March 7,2010 and at our monthly meetings we provide bagels and cream cheese for those who attend. Check the CBE weekly emails for updates during the month.

*Michael Mutal*, Men's Club President

## 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.”

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> month in the Jewish calendar. In biblical times, Nisan was counted as the first month of the Jewish year!
- In the *Haggadah*, “unleavened bread” is the translation of the Hebrew word *matzah*. However, *Matzah* now appears as an English word in many dictionaries.
- During the days of the Talmud it was the custom to bake matzot in different shapes and figures.
- There are four Hebrew names for the Passover holiday. They are:
  - Pesach
  - Zeman Cheyruteynu (Season of our Freedom)
  - Chag ha’Aviv (Festival of Spring)
  - Chag Ha-Matzot (Festival of Matzot).

*CHAG SAMAECH and GOOD YUNTIF!*



## Take a Shabbat/Spring Break by Cantor Michael Russ

These days, when I listen to the News, I hear all that is terrible in the world. If I listen to “progressive radio” or “conservative radio,” I hear all that is wrong in the world and especially in our country. If I only listen to music or silly banter between hosts, I wonder if I’m not paying enough attention to what is going on around me. The same thing is true with television.

That is what I like about Shabbat. Shabbat should be a politics and news free day, once each week. When I go to Friday night services, I pray for the world, my family and friends. I think about how fortunate I am. I have food to eat. I have clothes to wear. I have a roof over my head. On Shabbat I take time from everything else and say, “Thank you G-d for all that I have. “ For me, this is very uplifting. Strangely I manage to set aside time for many things. There are certain T.V. shows I need to schedule to watch. I have to know when to go shopping for groceries and schedule my car for maintenance. We schedule when to eat, when to sleep . . . . . so many things. . . . . But when do I schedule time to simply stop and appreciate what I have?

### Matzo Oatmeal Cookies

During the eight days of Passover, foods that contain ordinary flour, legumes or grains are on the “no” list. But a kid’s got to have cookies! These pretend **oatmeal cookies** uses matzo and are crisp and yummy. They can get popped into a lunch box for an afternoon treat.

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup (250 mL) matzoh farfel (or finely crumbled matzohs)
- 1 cup (250 mL) matzoh meal
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) sugar
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) raisins
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) cinnamon
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) oil

#### Cooking Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (180 degrees C). Grease a cookie sheet or line with parchment paper.
  2. In a large bowl, mix together the matzoh farfel, matzoh meal, sugar, walnuts and raisins.
- In a smaller bowl, beat together the eggs and the oil. Stir into the farfel mixture, tossing until the mixture is very well blended. Drop by teaspoon onto the prepared baking sheet and bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until lightly browned.

**Makes about 2 dozen cookies.**

<http://recipes.kaboose.com/pretend-oatmeal-cookies.html>

Passover is near. It really is a lot of work if you run Seders the way we do. However, isn’t it important for us to celebrate our freedom with family and friends? We Jews see ourselves connected to other Jews in space and time. When I celebrate a holiday like Passover I feel even more strongly my connection with those other Jews. Together, we collectively say, “Thank you G-d for the freedom we have to celebrate this holiday. Thank you for making life good for us.”

That isn’t to say that we don’t have problems. Many of us are struggling financially (especially these days). Many of us have health and family problems. But rarely is everything dark. If nothing else, we have a community that celebrates and commemorates together special occasions in our lives. Each Shabbat is a celebration of the beginning of the world. Passover celebrates our freedom and the beginnings of our ritual lives as Jews. Shabbat Shalom and have a good Pesach.

## Religious School

January and February have been exciting months for our Religious School students and parents:

January – Bagel Nosh sponsored by the Men’s Club – Western Bagels, cream cheese and Starbucks Coffee – we had several parents stop in after they dropped their children off for Religious school classes, and the bagels that didn’t get eaten were thoroughly enjoyed by our students.

A Bagel Nosh is something we would like to do now and then here at the Religious School – we would like to see our parents’ involvement with the Sunday School increase – having food and coffee offers a great opportunity to sit and schmooze and come up with new ideas for our school!

The Tu B’shevat Congregational Seder featured a delicious Potluck dinner and performances by our entire Sunday school AND their teachers – singing three new songs they had learned especially for the occasion – a wonderful turnout with many families participating – a true joy to see.

All of the children enjoyed Purim. Our Purim service was held on Friday, February 26, at 7 pm – where a Pantomime of the Purim Story was told by the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. This is always a fun evening for the whole family. It was followed on Sunday, February 28, by a very successful Purim Carnival. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade threw down the gauntlet to raise more money than Mrs. Kattell’s class did last year with their Rummage Sale!! All proceeds went to the CBE Building Fund.

**Deborah Bass**  
VP Schools

## Women of CBE

On Feb the 9th the sisterhood had a candy making meeting at RuthAnn Rossman's. We had a good turn-out, and everyone had a wonderful time making candy. We also presented the slate of officers. On Feb 24th we went to Bobbie Sion's house to make hamantaschen for the temple and the Purim carnival.

The March 9th meeting is going to be at the temple, and it is going to be a game night. If you have any games you like to play, please bring them. Game night is always fun with lots of participation. We will also vote on the slate of officers.

At our April 13th meeting the new board will be sworn in. April 25th is our Mah Jongg Tournament. (See flyer in this issue). We are going to need HELP setting up and cleaning up. Penny Neugroschl will be in charge of the wonderful homemade salads that everyone looks forward to. We need someone to collect card tables.

Thank you

*Geri Brandler*

President.

## Passover Word Search

AFIKOMEN  
BITTER HERBS  
CARPAS  
CHAMETZ  
CHAROSET  
CUP  
EGG  
EGYPT  
ELIJAH  
HAGGADAH  
HAROR  
MATZAH  
MOSES  
PASSOVER  
PHARAOH  
SEDER  
SHANKBONE  
SLAVES  
VEGETABLE  
WINE

J	X	E	Y	E	S	E	D	E	R	I	G
B	R	E	V	O	S	S	A	P	R	A	C
H	X	L	C	L	C	M	A	T	Z	A	H
O	S	B	R	E	H	R	E	T	T	I	B
A	E	A	O	N	A	E	L	I	J	A	H
R	V	T	R	O	R	C	R	P	I	X	A
A	A	E	A	B	O	H	W	L	Q	S	G
H	L	G	M	K	S	A	B	Q	Q	S	G
P	S	E	O	N	E	M	O	K	I	F	A
F	N	V	S	A	T	E	G	Y	P	T	D
W	I	N	E	H	X	T	G	W	U	D	A
I	X	M	S	S	O	Z	E	C	C	N	H



## Oneg Sponsors

### December 18, 2009

Rabbi Michele in honor of the CBE Choir and all of their recent performances & in memory of her two special aunts: Babette and Dorothy  
The Hollander Family in honor of Erin's birthday

### January 8, 2010

Lynne Kelly in memory of Max Rabin  
The Rossman Family in honor of David's 18th birthday  
The Plotkin Family in memory of Mildred Plotkin  
Lloyd & Carole Picker in honor of Lloyd's birthday

### January 15, 2010

The Hollander Family in honor of Marilyn's birthday & Michael & Marilyn's 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary  
The Katell Family in honor of Joshua's birthday  
The Sternberg Family in honor of Daniel's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Rabbi Michele in honor of Aaron's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Marty Richter in memory of Shelly Richter

### January 22, 2010

The family of Evan Gering in honor of his bar mitzvah  
Suzanne and Ken Epstein, in honor of  
Marilyn Hollander's birthday, and  
Michael and Marilyn's anniversary

### January 29, 2010

The Rosenstein Family in memory of Paula Lazar, the beloved mother of Peter, grandmother of Ryan and Rachael, and Mother-in-law of Jennifer.  
The Horowitz Family in honor of Morgan's birthday  
Carla Shaw in honor of the choir's first performance of her new song

### February 5, 2010

The Botan Family in honor of Sy's birthday  
The Spike Family in honor of Sue's birthday  
The Wohlner Family in honor of Tyler's birthday

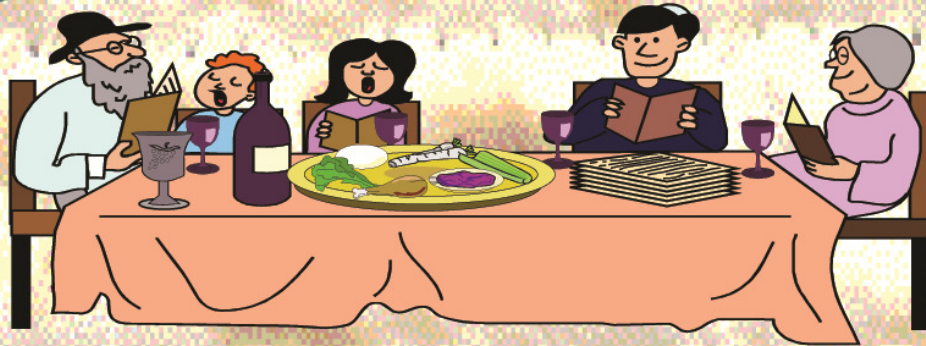
### February 19, 2010

The Bahr Family in honor of Eva's baby naming  
The Niesen Family in honor of the naming of Mackenzie Grace Hooper

### February 26, 2010

The families of the Sixth Grade Class  
The Knecht Family in honor of Lillian's birthday  
Deborah Bass in memory of her aunt Barbara Bass

# COMMUNITY SEDER



Led by Rabbi Michele Paskow  
Tuesday, March 30 (second night)  
6:30 PM  
At the Temple - 9 W. Bonita  
Simi Valley

Complete dinner catered by Majestic Caterers.  
Participation by everyone in attendance!  
Special activities for children.

For questions, contact Sandra Leon at  
[bnaiemet@rain.org](mailto:bnaiemet@rain.org)  
or (805) 581-3723



## Recent Donations

### **Building Fund**

Bella Hananel – in memory of Joseph Hananel

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Ruth Pollack

Michael and Merle Russ – in memory of Stuart Keimon,  
Rhoda Russ and Jay A. Keimon

Jeanne Abrams – in memory of Edith Wegman

### **Religious School Fund**

Sheldon and Joan Liebmann – in memory of George  
Liebmann and Ralph Geller

David Gering – in honor of Meridith Patera

### **Memorial Donations**

Bella Hananel – in memory of Charles Stein

Marvin and Sandra Sussman – in memory of  
Edith Greenberg

Robert and Tami Finkbeiner – in memory of  
Frieda Finkbeiner

Gerald and Gloria Hasson – in memory of  
Harold “Heshy” Grossman

Alan and Sandra Leon – in memory of Arthur Leon

### **Preschool/Religious Education Building Fund**

Gerald and Marla Bergmann – in memory of Beverly Pedowitz

### **Preschool Fund**

Guenter and Gayle Menke – in memory of  
Darrius Eugene Simpson-Menke

### **General Fund Donations**

Tami Finkbeiner

Marion Leon-Doten

## 5770 CBE Calendar

### **March**

- 1 – Judaica HS
- 2 – Sisterhood Board
- 5 – Family Service Grade 4 participation
- 7 – Sunday School
- 8 – Judaica HS
- 9 – Sisterhood Meeting
- 12 – Shabbat Services
- 13 – Rachel Nusbaum Bat Mitzvah
- 14 – Sunday School
- 15 – Judaica HS
- 19 – Shabbat Services
- 20 – Sisterhood Fund Raising Event
- 21 – Sunday School
- 22 – Judaica HS
- 25 – Board Meeting
- 26 – Shabbat Services
- 28 – Sunday School Pesach workshops/  
model seders
- 29 – 1<sup>st</sup> Seder
- 30 – Community Seder

### **April**

- 2 – Family Service Grade 5 participation
- 6 – Sisterhood Board
- 9 – Shabbat Services
- 11 – Sunday School
- 11 – Yom HaSho'ah
- 12 – Judaica HS
- 13 – Sisterhood Installation Dinner
- 16 – Shabbat Services
- 18 – Sunday School—Israel Faire
- 19 – Judaica HS
- 19 – Yom HaAtzma'ut
- 22 – Board Meeting
- 23 – Shabbat Services
- 25 – Sunday School
- 26 – Judaica HS



# SIMI 4 MAHJ



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



Sunday, April 25, 2010

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 2010 card with your name on it!

For more information, contact Judi Nachenberg (818) 764-6240 or Geri Brandler (805) 529-5295

please return the form below with your check for \$36 payable to:  
the Women of CBE

mail to: Judi Nachenberg  
7037 Park Manor Ave.  
N. Hollywood, CA 91605

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

SIMI 4 MAHJ

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

I will bring my set\_\_\_YES\_\_\_ NO

Click here [MAH JONGG.tearoff.pdf](http://MAH_JONGG.tearoff.pdf) for more info



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM  
STRONGER TOGETHER

WOMEN OF CBE



# GAME NIGHT

TUESDAY - MARCH 9

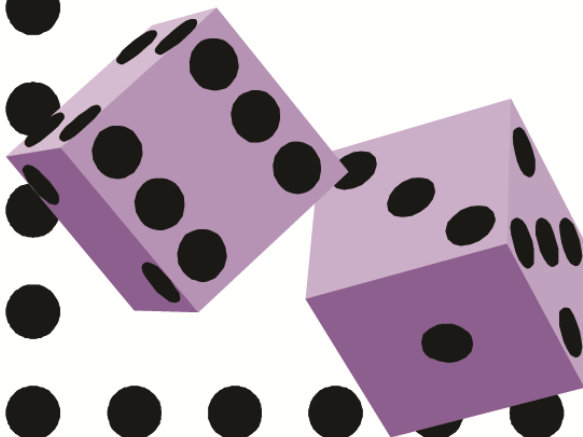
7:00 PM

AT THE TEMPLE

9 W. BONITA

SIMI VALLEY

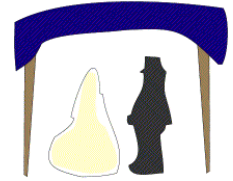
Elections for the Sisterhood Board will also be held.



RSVP: Geri Brandler -

(805)529-5295 or

[geribran@pacbell.net](mailto:geribran@pacbell.net)



## Birthdays

Mar 01 Max Aragon  
 Mar 01 Rachael Rosenstein  
 Mar 03 Jerry Bergmann  
 Mar 03 Michelle Elhai  
 Mar 03 Michael Mutal  
 Mar 03 Jacob Schleien  
 Mar 05 Eric Tepfer  
 Mar 06 Nancy Micon  
 Mar 06 Devin Miyamoto  
 Mar 06 Earl Rosado  
 Mar 09 Meryl Horowitz  
 Mar 11 Whitney Pasch  
 Mar 11 Cindy Slotnick  
 Mar 12 Blaire Auerbach  
 Mar 12 Adam Cohen  
 Mar 15 Felicia Auerbach  
 Mar 16 Irwin L. Cohen  
 Mar 17 Skylar Hetzel  
 Mar 18 Julie Klein  
 Mar 18 Amy Tellio  
 Mar 19 Marla Bergmann  
 Mar 19 Rachel Nusbaum  
 Mar 20 Wilbur Brown  
 Mar 21 Rochelle Botan  
 Mar 23 Jeremy Friedman  
 Mar 24 Merle Russ  
 Mar 28 Stanley Melnick  
 Mar 29 Jacqueline Sion  
 Mar 30 Jennifer Rosenstein  
 Mar 31 David Kieselbach  
 Apr 01 Matthew Ringer  
 Apr 02 Max Slotnick  
 Apr 04 Aaron Weinstein  
 Apr 05 Cameron Barry  
 Apr 05 Judith Miller  
 Apr 08 Michele Cohen  
 Apr 10 Rachel Schneidereit  
 Apr 11 Todd Schneider  
 Apr 13 Raye Charton  
 Apr 13 Devon Cohen  
 Apr 13 Holly York  
 Apr 14 Nubia Ascher  
 Apr 14 Ken Epstein

Apr 14 Lori Stanton  
 Apr 15 Rabbi Michele Paskow  
 Apr 16 Michelle Holst  
 Apr 16 Jerry Ostrowiecki  
 Apr 18 Carol Tolchin  
 Apr 19 Tracie Breiter  
 Apr 20 Brittany Scharf  
 Apr 21 Max Tolchin  
 Apr 23 Joseph Schneidereit  
 Apr 23 Eleana Shore  
 Apr 23 Jonathan Strassner  
 Apr 24 Richard Klein  
 Apr 25 David Bergmann  
 Apr 25 Marla Donaldson  
 Apr 25 Sean Kelly  
 Apr 26 Michelle Scharf  
 Apr 28 Glen Knecht  
 Apr 30 Renee Kieselbach

## Anniversaries

Mar 16 Glenn and Lisa Barry  
 Mar 19 Michael and Michele Cohen  
 Mar 21 Erik and Tracie Breiter  
 Apr 10 Daniel and Geri Brandler  
 Apr 15 Laura and Louis Tepfer



## Skirball Cultural Center Fundraiser



**SPECIAL DEAL - DISCOUNT TICKETS FOR  
THE SKIRBALL THAT BENEFIT CBE!**

**2 ADULT TICKETS FOR ONLY \$15!!!  
OPEN DATED - GOOD ANY TIME**

Located at 2701 North Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA (just north of the Getty Center), the Skirball is one of the world's most dynamic Jewish cultural institutions, and among the most prominent cultural venues in the United States.

Normal general admission is \$10.

Go to [skirball.org](http://skirball.org) for information on this exciting Los Angeles landmark.

Tickets available at the Temple Gift Shop.

For more info, contact (805) 581-3723.

## Yahrzeits

Mar 01	Max David Greenberg	Adar 15	Mar 26	Sidney Friedman	Nissan 11
Mar 01	Julie Heimann	Adar 15	Mar 28	Bertha Brody,	
Mar 02	Anne Klein	Adar 16	Mar 29	Rosy Hollander	Nissan 14
Mar 02	Nathan William Kritzer	Adar 16	Mar 30	Shirley Oliver	Nissan 15
Mar 02	Sabina Metzger	Adar 16	Apr 02	Lawrence Franklin	Nissan 18
Mar 02	Mildred Ruth Picker	Adar 16	Apr 03	Gail Lenore Shapiro	Nissan 19
Mar 03	William Finkbeiner	Adar 17	Apr 04	Sherman Doctrow	Nissan 20
Mar 04	Marcia Grossman	Adar 18	Apr 04	Samuel Zimmerman	Nissan 20
Mar 05	Sheldon Miller	Adar 19	Apr 05	Sandra Abala	Nissan 21
Mar 06	Charlie Hyman	Adar 20	Apr 05	Moses Strassburger,	
Mar 07	Edward Abe Lindenbaum	Adar 21	Apr 09	Leo Cohen	Nissan 25
Mar 07	Meyer Siegel	Adar 21	Apr 09	Curtis Picker	Nissan 25
Mar 08	Dorothy R. Hasson	Adar 22	Apr 09	Louis Savoy	Nissan 25
Mar 08	Nessine Ribstein	Adar 22	Apr 10	Rickey Serlin	Nissan 26
Mar 08	Ann Stern	Adar 22	Apr 10	Howard Wandell	Nissan 26
Mar 09	Jacob Landau	Adar 23	Apr 10	Pearl Wohlner	Nissan 26
Mar 10	Emanuel "Manny" Singer	Adar 24	Apr 11	Joyce Alexman	Nissan 27
Mar 12	Evelyn Day	Adar 26	Apr 11	Larry Frankl	Nissan 27
Mar 12	Sarah Herstein	Adar 26	Apr 12	Roslyn Cohl	Nissan 28
Mar 12	Helen Kelson	Adar 26	Apr 12	Trudy Jackman,	
Mar 13	Beverly Cheiken	Adar 27	Apr 13	Gery (Gary) Kaye	Nissan 29
Mar 13	Sidney Naidorf	Adar 27	Apr 13	Irving Lamm,	
Mar 13	Helen Rogen	Adar 27	Apr 14	Arthur Korn	Nissan 30
Mar 14	Lewis Greene	Adar 28	Apr 15	Leslie Goldhammer	Iyar 1
Mar 14	Fay Rivers	Adar 28	Apr 16	Samuel Nerenberg	Iyar 2
Mar 14	Gerald Schned	Adar 28	Apr 17	Ida Axelrod	Iyar 3
Mar 14	Edel Wechter	Adar 28	Apr 17	Helen Borden	Iyar 3
Mar 15	Jillian Dru Abrams	Adar 29	Apr 17	Howard Silverman	Iyar 3
Mar 17	Sarah Flamm	Nissan 2	Apr 17	Anne Vogel	Iyar 3
Mar 17	Jack Rivers	Nissan 2	Apr 18	Cathy Mae Bourland	Iyar 4
Mar 18	Dario Acevedo	Nissan 3	Apr 18	Helen Eichner	Iyar 4
Mar 18	Aron Pichkhadze	Nissan 3	Apr 19	Philip Goldstein	Iyar 5
Mar 19	Morris Glassman	Nissan 4	Apr 19	Stanley Kubik	Iyar 5
Mar 19	Martin Judge	Nissan 4	Apr 19	Lewis Stone	Iyar 5
Mar 20	Pinnie Firestein	Nissan 5	Apr 20	Anna Diamond	Iyar 6
Mar 20	Mary Hollander,		Apr 20	Addie S. Friedman	Iyar 6
Mar 21	Yetta Egan	Nissan 6	Apr 20	Oliver Gottlieb	Iyar 6
Mar 21	Marie Menke	Nissan 6	Apr 20	Werner Hollander	Iyar 6
Mar 21	Ruth Singer	Nissan 6	Apr 20	Michael Kelson	Iyar 6
Mar 22	Shannon Cricco	Nissan 7	Apr 21	Rita Priest	Iyar 7
Mar 22	Eunice Munkres	Nissan 7	Apr 22	Maude Leibert	Iyar 8
Mar 22	Joan Tratner,		Apr 22	Stanford Weinstein	Iyar 8
Mar 24	Oscar Keimon	Nissan 9	Apr 23	Kate Shaw	Iyar 9
Mar 24	Victor Schatz	Nissan 9	Apr 26	William Rogen	Iyar 12
Mar 24	Daniel Small	Nissan 9	Apr 26	Rosa Zimmerman	Iyar 12
Mar 25	Harry Gelman	Nissan 10	Apr 27	Rose Gabler	Iyar 13
Mar 25	Harry Gordon	Nissan 10	Apr 27	Eileen Zimmet	Iyar 13
Mar 25	Joseph Kaufman	Nissan 10	Apr 28	Steven Vogel	Iyar 14
Mar 25	Benjamin Landes	Nissan 10			
Mar 25	Iris Lefton	Nissan 10			
Mar 25	Bernadine Paige	Nissan 10			



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

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

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

### How to observe a Yahrzeit at C.B.E

Light a 24-hour memorial candle in your home at sundown on the evening that begins the yahrzeit (anniversary of death.) It is also customary to attend Shabbat services at Temple and recite the Kaddish. At Congregation B'nai Emet, names of your loved ones are read on the Friday evening **before** the Yahrzeit. If you observe the **Gregorian (English)** date, the name will be read **following** the yahrzeit date. It is suggested that you make a contribution to the Temple so that the memory of your loved one can be honored with an act of love and kindness.

### Condolences to...

Condolences to the Rosenstein Family on the passing of Peter's mother Paula Lazar.  
*May the memory of your loved one always serve as a blessing*





# Purim Service - February 26, 2010

## A Good Time for Everyone





# NEED A CARD? MAKE IT A DONATION!

Send a thoughtful greeting for sympathy, birthdays, congratulations, or just to reach out to someone!



Cards from the Women for Reform Judaism's YES Fund go to support projects for Youth, Education and Special Projects here and in Israel, such as rabbinic training and Israeli preschools for needy children.

Each card is hand written and mailed for you; all you have to do is contact us with the information and send a check made out to CBE Sisterhood.

Prices start at \$3.00 for a plain card and \$6.00 for a colored picture card.

Other items are available. To purchase a card, contact Lynne Kelly at [lkelmom@aol.com](mailto:lkelmom@aol.com).

**GET YOUR CAMP ON**

learn more at [onehappycamper.org](http://onehappycamper.org)

Jewish summer camp offers sports, music, nature and dozens of fun activities in a beautiful outdoor environment. More importantly, campers become part of a thriving community, develop self-confidence and make lifelong friends.

If your child has never been to a Jewish summer camp, they may qualify for a Campership first-year grant when you enroll them at a participating camp in California. Register for your grant at [onehappycamper.org](http://onehappycamper.org). Restrictions may apply, so visit the website for full details.

Know someone who wants to be a happy camper? Tell them to visit [onehappycamper.org](http://onehappycamper.org)!

For more information, call (323) 761-8320.

[www.onehappycamper.org](http://www.onehappycamper.org)

This Campership Program is funded by The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, the Jim Joseph Foundation, the Foundation for Jewish Camp and the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles.

Digital Wide Format,  
Printing, Copying

**Tim R. Anderson**  
Manager

"Your Printing  
and Copying Specialist"

**Copy  
enter, Too!**

P 805.557.4552

F 805.557.4556

[tim@copycentertoo.com](mailto:tim@copycentertoo.com)

[copycentertoo.com](http://copycentertoo.com)

822 Hampshire Road, Suite F  
Westlake Village, Ca 91361

**Get on the Internet Bus !**



RAIN Network-Public Internet Broadcasting  
Regional Alliance for Information Networking  
[www.rain.org](http://www.rain.org)  
1-888-770-7821



OPEN 7 DAYS

**Michael's Flowers**

1951 Sequoia Ave.  
(Corner of L.A. & Sequoia)  
Simi Valley, CA 93063

(805) 527-9104  
(800) 554-9083  
(805) 522-1705 Fax

**Good Dog! Dog Training**

**In Home Training**

- \*Basic to Advanced Obedience
- \*Overcoming Behavioral Issues at Home or in Public
- \*Health & Nutrition Guidance
- \*Potty Training

**818-389-5842**

**Good Dog! Dog Training by Jody Epstein**

90-Minute Consultation – \$80

1-Hour Training Session – \$60

Package (4 One-Hour Sessions) – \$185

**818-389-5842**

<http://gooddog-dogtraining.com>

**\$10 off Package for CBE Members**



# SIMI'S HOUSE OF JUDAICA

Located  
at CBE



For all  
your  
Judaica  
Needs!

Call (805) 581-3723  
for more information,  
hours of operation &  
holiday boutiques.

Holiday Items  
Shabbat Needs  
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Registry  
Huge Selection of Jewelry  
Kipot & Tallises  
Gifts for All Occasions  
Mah Jongg Goodies  
Greeting cards  
Personalized Kippot &  
invitations by special order

Cell: 805.501.8071  
Office: 805.584.3683  
Fax: 805.620.3740

**JO ANN POOLE**  
Poole Your Efforts!  
REALTOR®

E-Mail: JoAnn@JoAnnPoole.com  
Web: www.JoAnnPoole.com

"Voted Best Auto Repair  
& Body Shop in Simi Valley"

**Auto Body Unlimited Inc.** Since 1986

**BEFORE** **AFTER**

- Written Warranty
- Insurance Deductible
- Financing Available
- Mufflers, Exhaust & Intake
- Color Match Guarantee in Writing
- Paintless Dent Repair

**M-F 7:30-6PM • Most Sat 8-12**

**583-4848**

Auto Body Unlimited Inc  
4610 E. Los Angeles Ave.  
Simi Valley  
www.thecrashdoctor.com

NEED A RENTAL? **Enterprise** 805-582-6444

## New Directions Event Planning, Inc.

B'nai Mitzvahs • Weddings • Anniversaries • Birthdays  
Theme Parties • Corporate Events • Picnics  
Grand Openings • Holiday Celebrations

- Theme Decor
- Photography
- Videography
- Floral Design
- Entertainment
- Props / Rentals
- Dance Giveaways



- Catering
- Balloons
- Locations
- Invitations
- Bands/DJ's
- Party Favors
- Transportation

Twenty Years of  
Successful Events

Voted #1 in  
Ventura County

We will produce the entire event or coordinate any part of it!

**(805) 581-2602**

www.NewDirectionsEvents.com

### Imagine Your Ad Here

#### Business Card size

\$100.00 per year

\$45.00 for 1 issue

#### 1/4 page ad

\$165.00 per year

\$65.00 for 1 issue

#### 1/2 page ad

\$265.00 per year

\$95.00 for 1 issue

#### Full page flyer

\$420.00 per year

\$130.00 for 1 issue

Call Temple office  
For more information

## Schedule of Services, Candle lightings, & Torah Portions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Candle lighting</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Torah Portion</u>
Mar. 5/20 Adar	5:36 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Ki Tisa—Ex. 30:11-34:35
Mar. 12/27 Adar	5:42 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Vayakhei-Pekudei—Ex. 35:1-40:38
March 13		Bat Mitzvah of <b>Rachel Nusbaum</b> 10 AM	
Mar. 19/5 Nisan	6:47 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Vayikra—Lev. 1:1-5:26
Mar. 26/12 Nisan	6:53 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Tzav—Lev. 6:1-8:36
Mar 29/15 Nisan	6:55 PM	<b>1st Night of Passover—1st Seder</b>	
Apr. 2/19 Nisan	6:58 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Pesach V—Ex. 33:12-34:26
Apr. 9/26 Nisan	7:03 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Shmini—Lev. 9:1-11:47
Apr. 16/3 Iyyar	7:09 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Tazria-Metzora—Lev. 12:1-15:33
Apr. 23/10 Iyyar	7:14 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Achrei Mot-Kedoshim—Lev. 16:1-20:27

Check out our web site at <http://congregationbnaimet.org>

### Congregation B'nai Emet

**P.O. Box 878  
Simi Valley, CA 93062-0878**

### DATED MATERIAL



—Please do not delay delivery—

Chai Lites Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Volume 31 Issue 3