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# C.B.E. Chai Lites



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Dear Friends,

While it seems that we have just celebrated the High Holidays and Sukkot, here we are preparing for Hanukkah! The most striking ceremony of Hanukkah is the lighting of the candles. Light plays an important part of our tradition, from kindling Shabbat and Festival candles, to yahrzeit candles to the Eternal light to our Hanukkah candles.

The Talmud records an interesting debate between two great rabbinic scholars, Hillel and Shammai, about how we should light the menorah. *Shammai* suggested that all eight candles should be lit on the first night and then one less candle each following night. This makes sense as it represents the remaining nights of the holiday. *Hillel*, as is generally the case, argued the opposite: he said that one candle should be lit on the first night and the number increased by one each night. After further discussion and support from each side, the Talmud notes that we follow *Hillel's* idea, lighting the menorah as we do, adding a candle each night. The reason cited is a beautiful one, because WE SHOULD ALWAYS SEEK TO INCREASE HOLINESS RATHER THAN DIMINISH IT. This is an important Jewish value – to always try to improve upon the existing situation and to sanctify life. This is another meaningful and uplifting message of the Hanukkah holiday.



As we enter this holiday season and approach the secular new year, may it be a happy and festive time for you, but also a time of renewed dedication to our traditions and values, a time to kindle the lights and increase the holiness in our daily lives. I invite you to join in the many programs, activities and services which CBE offers. Don't be a stranger, come by and be a part of the Temple family! Invite your friends to join us as well.

**The following is a Hanukkah Prayer which I came across, written by Rabbi Marc Gellman.**

“Our God and God of our fathers and mothers before us. Thank you for this holiday of Hanukkah. Thank you for the miracles you did for our people in the time of the Maccabees. Thank you for the candles that remind us of that miracle and your light. Thank you for these presents that remind us of the joy we feel at giving to those we love.

Thank you for the winter that makes the warmth of spring feel even more sweet and welcome. Thank you for my family, the greatest gift I could ever receive. Thank you for the Jewish people, my people, who give me a place to come from and a place to strike roots. Thank you for you, O God of the universe, and for this holiday season.

Thank you for our Christian friends who will be celebrating their own joyous winter holiday this month. Thank you God for the way we are given a holiday of lights in the middle of winter darkness. Thank you for latkes and dreidels. It is a good thing to have Jewish food and Jewish games. And please God, help me so that I don't get caught up in the buying and getting of this holiday and help me to be caught up in the giving and the loving that is the heart of this warm time in the days of cold. And God, in the year from this Hanukkah to the next, I promise to give more than I get.”



**Amen**

Best wishes for a happy and joyous Hanukkah! See you in *shul*!

Shalom u'vrachah – Peace and Blessings,

Rabbi Michele Paskow

**Welcome to our new  
CBE Members**

**“B'ruchim Ha'ba'im”  
Welcome!!!**

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The minutes of CBE Board Meetings are available to all members in the Temple office

Black and white copies of the newsletter are also available in the Temple office

## Bulletin Bytes

Families with young children are invited to join us on Friday, **November 3 at 7:00 pm** for our special Noah's Ark Shabbat service with Rabbi Michele. We'll tell the story of Noah's Ark (one of the early stories in Genesis) and share about the animals we love. (*see page 4*)



Join us for our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service on Tues. **Nov. 21st at 7:00 pm** at CBE. If you can help with serving or cleanup for the Oneg, please speak with RuthAnn. 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. (*see p 14*)



**VISIT ISRAEL THIS SUMMER WITH RABBI MICHELE.**

The dates are set, **June 10-21, 2018.** (*More information on p 12*)



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## President's Message

Thank you to everyone who came to our High Holiday services this year. With your support, we were able to reach our pledge goal in this years budget.



Now that the High Holidays are over, CBE really starts to get active. We have Hanukkah events coming up, followed by Purim, and several social events planned through the Winter and Spring. It takes a lot of work to put these on, but it seems worth it when we get a good crowd. Please consider attending some of these upcoming events, maybe even bring a friend, as I am sure you will have a good time.

Shalom,  
*Ryan Richmond*

## Men's Club

The purpose of the CBE Men's Club is to support CBE and provide a social aspect to our community. Is your wife a member of the sisterhood? If so, why are you not a member of the Men's Club? In order to make a difference, men need to support the group. The Men's Club is calling all men to attend meetings and events.

The CBE Men's Club meetings are held the first Sunday of every month. The upcoming meetings are Sunday, November 5, and Sunday, December 3, at 9:30 a.m. The place is my home at [2396 Fasley Ave., Simi Valley, CA.](#)

The Men's Club social breakfast gathering is the third Sunday of every month 9:30 a.m. at Junkyard Café.

The club has many activities currently being planned. Events in the planning stage include but are not limited to a holiday event, golf, bowling, Laughlin trip, etc. Please come to meetings to find out what we are about and how you can be a part of a CBE men's community. Be a part of the solution.

For more information, you may call me at [\(805\) 368-2671](tel:8053682671) or e-mail me at [jrspoolservice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jrspoolservice@sbcglobal.net)

*Glen Knecht*, President, Men's Club

## Cantor's Message

A THANK YOU FOR  
THANKSGIVING  
by Cantor Michael Russ



Thank you for family  
Thank you for friends.  
Thank you for life.  
Thank you for food.  
Thank you for clothing.  
Thank you for beauty in the universe.  
Thank you for waking up each day with positive possibilities.  
Thank you for children.  
Thank you for sunshine.  
Thank you for caring.  
Thank you for Holidays that celebrate overcoming struggles in life.  
Thank you for the ability to be thankful.  
Thank you for holidays to remind us to be thankful.



## Membership

We are happy to welcome seven new members and their families to our congregation. We honored our new members with gift baskets at our fun Back to Shul and New Member Shabbat. Thank you to the Berezowsky, Murphy, Rozdial, Kovar, Niesen, and Gould families for joining our temple.

Thank you to all our new and returning members for your continued support and commitment to CBE.

Let's keep our little Shul growing! I invite all members to reach out to our Jewish friends, family, and neighbors and invite them to our temple. Follow and like us on Facebook and Instagram, or give an in-person invite. Let's show Our Simi Valley Jewish community how fabulous we are.

*Frieda Bahr*, VP Membership

## Yom Kippur Service



On November 3 at 7 pm

# NOAH'S ARK FAMILY SHABBAT

Join us at 7 pm for  
Kabbalat Shabbat and  
stories from the Ark,  
plus a special kiddush!

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## CBE HANUKKAH PARTY

**A HaRD 8 NIGHTS  
A New Musical**

With the CBE Adult Players  
Written & directed by  
Meridith Patera  
Musical Director: Irwin Cohen  
Musical accompaniment by the  
CBE Orchestra

**HANUKKAH NIGHT  
FOOTBALL**

by Meridith Patera  
Performed by the  
CBE Religious School  
Students

**Saturday - December 16 - 6:00 PM**  
Congregation B'nai Emet

Featuring a magnificent latke, dessert & beverage buffet,  
kids' crafts, raffles & more!

**\$10 per adult  
\$5 per child aged 5 - 13  
Children 4 & under free!**  
Maximum \$36/immediate family  
At CBE, 9 West Bonita,  
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To reserve your seat go to:  
<http://congregationbnaiemet.org/events.php>

## Programs

On **November 21st**, Congregation B'nai Emet will host the Thanksgiving Interfaith Service at CBE. This is an event worth attending. Please invite your non-Jewish friends to this as well.

We will celebrate the beginning of Hanukkah with our annual Hanukkiah Lighting Ceremony to be held at the Wood Ranch Shopping Center's Tower Clock. (Thanks to the generosity of Albert Cohen and Shannon Smith, the owner and manager of the Wood Ranch Shopping Center). This event will be held on the first day of Hanukkah, Wednesday, **December 13** at 6:30 PM. Rabbi Michele has invited an Israeli accordionist to play while we dance the hora and other Israeli dances. We will join with the Congregation B'nai Emet choir to sing the music of Hanukkah. (see flyer on page 10)

On Saturday evening, **December 16** come enjoy our annual Hanukkah party. Eat delicious potato latkes, salads, and deserts. Afterwards, enjoy two fun Hanukkah plays written and directed by Meridith Patera and accompanied by the music of Irwin Cohen. (see flyer on left)



We appeal to our temple members, both young and mature. These events cannot successfully be put on by one person. We need you to step up and help out. We need people to help set up the giant Hanukkiah and bring it back to our storage facility. We need help in setting up the sound system and some chairs. We would like to have a volunteer pick up and/or donate the sufganiot (jelly doughnuts) that we give away during the lighting ceremony.

For the Hanukkah party, we need help in moving the round and long tables into the school building, as well as setting up the chairs. And we need help covering the tables and putting up Hanukkah decorations. We need your creative skills. The potato latkes! Who among you will step forward to peel and fry this delicious delicacy? Both women and men can help. We need at least 350 - 400 potato latkes - not to be made by one family but by many hands. This is truly a community project.

Cleaning up is also done by volunteers. If we all pitch in it will be quick and easy. Don't let a committed few do all of the work.

One more event....on **December 25** we will have our Annual Chinese Food and a Movie. A fun and entertaining time. See flyer on page 10 of this newsletter for more information.

Please get in touch to generously volunteer your time and effort.

*Sandy Miller & Alan Mann,*  
Co-VPs Programs 714-742-2605



## Women of CBE

The Women of CBE is the sisterhood of the temple. Women of CBE did a wonderful job with the onegs at the High Holy Days. Thank you all for sponsoring the onegs and for all the work in setting up, serving, and clean up at Mount Sinai.

Please make every effort to attend the annual Hanukkah Boutique at the temple, which is hosted by us on Nov. 12 from 9-3. This is a great opportunity to purchase items for gifts or for yourself, and visit with each other. Breakfast and lunch are available. The vendors have great items, and they each donate something for our annual Purim event for the silent auction and raffle. The religious school does a bake sale.

The November meeting will be Tuesday November 14. We will be decorating menorahs for our personal use.

The December meeting will be Tuesday December 12. We will be celebrating Hanukkah at my home with a latke dinner, candle lighting, and gift exchange.



Everyone: please purchase gift cards whether for your personal use or gifts. We have a wide range available. Support Women of CBE sponsored events. Sponsor an oneg in honor of someone, an event, or just because.

Join Women of CBE. Temple membership is not a requirement although it is appreciated.

Hope to see you.

*RuthAnn Rossman*

President



**THE WOMEN OF CBE**  
invite you to our next  
general meeting:

**PAINT NIGHT**  
*Make your own wooden  
menorah to use this year!*  
**Tuesday, November 14**  
**7 PM at the temple**  
All materials will be supplied.

**\$5 donation requested**  
**RSVP REQUIRED**



Women of CBE  
invite you to our next general meeting

**HANUKKAH PARTY**

Tuesday  
December 12  
6:30 PM  
At the home of  
**RUTHANN ROSSMAN  
CHATSWORTH**

\$15 for complete brisket  
dinner.  
Please bring a wrapped  
\$10 gift for gift exchange

RSVP to Tracie at mailto:[tbreiter@yahoo.com](mailto:tbreiter@yahoo.com) or call RuthAnn at [818-312-7266](tel:818-312-7266).

## High Holiday Donations & Pledges

Steven B. Altabef  
Ken and Frieda Bahr  
Erik and Melinda Berezowsky  
Lisa and Norm Berezowsky (Rabbi's Fund) – in honor of  
grandchildren Chloe, Abigail and Leo McLane  
Herschel Berger -in memory of Belle Rubel  
Susan E. Cohen  
Melvin and Louise Edelson  
Eliot and Judy Epstein – in memory of Kurt and Ronnie  
Fleischmann; Max and Judith Epstein  
Suzanne and Ken Epstein  
Alice Fiducia (Bldg Improvement) in memory of John Fiducia  
Ron and Chen Forster  
Craig and Michelle Foster (General Fund/Rabbi's Fund) – in  
honor of CBE Preschool Staff  
Carl and Bernice Greenstein (Bldg Improvement) – in honor of  
daughters Karen Arkam and Michelle Kane  
Michael and Marilyn Hollander – in memory of Armin and Rosy  
Hollander  
Catherine A. Holst (Bldg Improvement/Flooring)  
Gloria and Robert Hytowitz – in honor of Rabbi Shimon Paskow  
Arnold and Marilyn Kaufman  
Lynne and Keith Kelly  
Renee Kieselbach – in memory of Celia and Jack Mehlman  
Tomas and Rita Kovar  
Delilah Lauber – in memory of Michele Schaming, Fritz and  
Ruggera Lauber  
Gary Lauber – in memory of Michele Schaming  
Michael and Debora Lauber  
Sheldon and Joann Liebmann  
Gloria Luger – in honor of Carol Rosado  
Alan and Linda Mann (Bldg Improvement) in memory of Alex  
and Regina Mann  
Stan and Sandy Melnick – in honor of Joe and Sarah Melnick  
Joan Nadler – in honor of Daryl and Les Sutton's 41<sup>st</sup>  
Anniversary  
Bob and Barbara Poehls  
Ruth Pollack (Rabbi's Fund) to thank Rabbi Michele for  
beautiful Rosh Hashanah Service  
Julie and Scott Ranelletti (Building Improvement)  
Karen Ribstein – in memory of Joey Ribstein  
Carol Rosado – in memory of Earl Rosado  
Paul and Sandy Rosenfeld – in memory of Harold Rosenfeld  
Ann Ross (Rabbi's Fund) in memory of Amy Moore Hagler  
Ruth Ann and Steve Rossman - in honor of CBE choir, Adina  
Henry, Rabbi Michele, Suzanne Mahler,  
Cantor Russ and all Volunteers  
Caroline J. Russ – in honor of Cantor Russ and Adina Henry  
Michael and Merle Russ  
Lynn and Mitchell Salberg – in memory of Shirley, Burt and  
Steven Borrok  
Joan Sandoval – in memory of Marshall Pollack and Bryan  
Sandoval  
Ellen Schned (Rabbi's Fund) in memory of Esther Schned  
Blanche Schoffman (Rabbi's Fund) in memory of Milton  
Schoffman

## Recent Donations

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Valerie Singh – in memory of Ann Schwartz  
Wolf and Nubia Ascher – in memory of Walter and Erna Ascher  
Blanche Schoffman – in memory of Milton Schoffman  
Glen and Debbie Knecht – in memory of Marian Karoff

### Building Improvement Donations

Ken and Suzanne Epstein – in memory of Jean Epstein  
Neal and Susan Epstein – in memory of Sandford Scharf  
Sheldon and Joan Liebmann – in memory of Miriam Landau  
Mount Sinai Memorial Parks and Mortuaries – Grant for  
flooring

### Memorial Donations

Jan Orłowsky – in memory of Andrew Marder  
Michelle Scharf – in memory of Harold Ducker, Sandford  
Scharf, Audrey Gramowitz  
Sheldon and Joan Liebmann – in memory of Philip Landau  
Marvin and Sandra Sussman – in memory of Solomon Sussman  
Glen and Debbie Knecht – in memory of Judith Gail and Louis  
Karoff  
Jacqueline Flashberg – in memory of Leo and Florence Lubin  
Stanley and Lynne Rosen – in memory of Lynn Schiff  
Karen and Keith Zook – in memory of Frances Weiss

### Tribute Donations

Kenneth and Frieda Bahr – in honor of Mom's and Sister's  
weddings and Ian's Hebrew naming

### Religious School Donations

Jeff and Arlene Nolke – in memory of Irwin Katz  
Doris Gould – in loving memory of Jodi Jawitz and in memory  
of Mark Jawitz

### General Fund Donations

Sheldon and Joan Liebmann  
Bob and Barbara Poehls  
Suzanne and Ken Epstein

## High Holy Days Donations & Pledges – Cont.

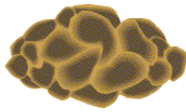
Wayne and Shari Schultz – in honor of 39 years at CBE  
Rachel Utiger – in memory of Dale Utiger  
Paul and Zoe Venhuizen  
Linda Wexler  
Andrea R, Wolff  
Women of CBE  
Steven and Holly York (Bldg Improvement)

## Havurah

If you are interested in joining a Havurah, please  
call Jill Katell at 818-429-9423 or reach her by  
email at <mailto:grkatell@pacbell.net>

## Oneg Sponsors

Thank you to Les & Daryl Sutton for the weekly challahs. Delish!



### Aug. 25, 2017

The Smith Family in honor of Megan's Birthday  
The Plotnick Family in honor of Jeff & Tami's 38th Anniversary

### Sept. 1, 2017

Marty Richter in memory of Rik Richter

### Sept. 8, 2017

Marty Richter in memory of Barbara Rosen  
Alan & Linda Mann in honor of their 10th anniversary  
Karen Ribstein in memory of George Ribstein  
The Tepfer Family in memory of Gerhard M. Heimann  
The Bahr Family in honor of Ian's Hebrew naming  
The Niesen Family in memory of Edith Niesen  
The Doepking Family  
The Sutton Family in memory of  
Judy & Eliot Epstein in memory of Rose Fleishmann

### Sept. 15, 2017

Andrew & Suzanne Mahler in honor of Madison Crawford's  
Bat Mitzvah

The Venhuizen Family in honor of Madison Crawford's  
Bat Mitzvah

Ryan, Matthew & Aviva Murphy in honor of Madison's  
Bat Mitzvah

The Patera Family in memory of Dave McMoyler  
Ruthann & Steve Rossman in honor of their 46th anniversary  
The Sherden Family in memory of J.G. Neugroschl

### Sept. 22, 2017

Adrienne Solomon in honor of the naming of her granddaughter,  
Julia Kayley Jenkins

The Jenkins Family in honor of Julia's naming  
Valerie Singh in memory of her mother Ann Schwartz  
Lynne Selbst in memory of her mother Ann Schneider  
The Venhuizen Family in memory of Mayer Yaskiel, Zoe's  
grandfather

### Oct. 6, 2017

Lois Friedman in memory of Joseph Sweet  
Eliot, Judy & Matthew Epstein in memory of Elsa  
Fleishmann

### Oct. 13, 2017

Cathy Holst in honor of her birthday  
Sandy Melnick in honor of her birthday

### Oct. 20, 2017

Ken & Suzanne Epstein in memory of Benno Epstein  
The York Family in memory of Jerome York  
Carol Rosado in memory of Luis Rosado

### Oct. 27, 2017

Karen Ribstein in memory of Joel Ribstein  
Alan & Linda Mann in memory of Regina Mann  
The Poehls Family in honor of Bethany's Birthday  
The Plotkin Family in memory of William Priest  
Ronnye Sacks in memory of Lewis Howard



## Sisterhood Simchas

### September 2017

**Meridith Patera:** Happy Anniversary to Steve and RuthAnn Rossman. Thanks to Cheryl Hirsch and Kathy Smith for a wonderful membership evening.

**Cheryl Hirsch:** In honor of the birth of my granddaughter, Mia Isabelle and her loving big brother, Nathan.

**Louise Edelson:** Thank you very much for the wonderful dinner meeting and everyone's hard work. Thank you, Cheryl and Kathy, for the wonderful dinner and Happy Anniversary to RuthAnn and Steve.

**Tami Plotkin:** Thanks be to God that my Cousin Finn is finished with radiation treatments. Thankful that the hurricanes are over for now. Thanks to Kathy & Co. for this nice membership event.

**Ronnye Sacks:** Thank you to Kathy and Cheryl for a lovely membership dinner as well as to Lois and RuthAnn. Special thanks to the family members who helped too.

**Linda Berkowitz:** Glad to be back. Thanks Kathy and Cheryl.

**Maxine Seidel:** Grateful that my family and friends are safe in Florida.

**Geri Brandler:** Happy Birthday to my Grandsons Trevor and Brody. Thank you Cheryl and Kathy for a great job and dinner.

**Cathy Holst:** Thank you Rabbi Michele for the High Holiday review course and thank you to the High Holiday sisterhood oneg helpers and others who make this Holiday so special. Thanks to Cheryl and Kathy for the great membership evening.

**RuthAnn Rossman:** Thank you, Lois, for opening up your rec room to the sisterhood. It was a perfect setting. Thank you Cheryl and Kathy for planning, hosting, setting up, clean-up and so on for our paid up membership dinner. Thank you to all the Women of CBE who are always there to pitch in and help where help is needed, such as Temple Open House, Wine Tasting, Onegs, etc.

### October 2017

**RuthAnn Rossman:** Thank you Rabbi Michele for hosting our Sukkot dinner. Thank you to all our sisters for everything everyone always does - just shows up and pitches in where needed. Thank you Judy for your wonderful song leading.

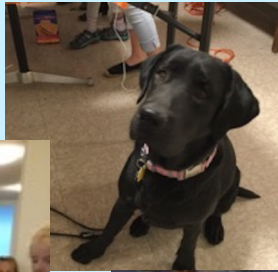
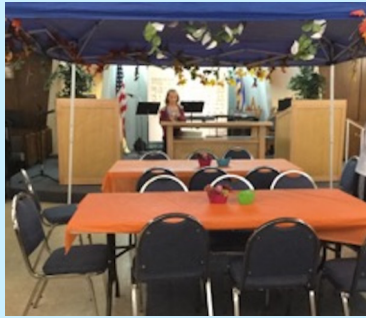
**Jill Katell:** Thank you to the Rabbi for hosting the Sukkot event.

**Sandy Melnick:** In honor of Cheryl Hirsch's new granddaughter Mia.

**Sylvia LeVine:** Thank you Rabbi Michele for a beautiful Sukkot evening. In honor of Cathy Holst's Birthday. In honor of my grandson Josh's graduation from CSUN. In honor of my granddaughter Melissa's graduation from CSUN. To thank my wonderful support system at this time of my life.

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# Sukkot Across America



## Picking Etrog and other Fruit in the CBE Orchard





## *Sisterhood in the Rabbi's Sukkah & Holding the Torah*



*Each woman held the Torah (some for the first time) and shared what the experience meant to them.*

**HANUKKAH COMMUNITY CANDLE  
 LIGHTING & CELEBRATION**  
 Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 6:30 PM  
 Wood Ranch Shopping Center  
 501 Country Club Dr., Simi Valley  
**Coffee  
 Cider  
 Donut Holes  
 CBE Choir  
 Party Bags for Kids**



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What is the  
 most  
 traditional  
 thing Jews  
 do on  
 Dec. 25?



JOIN US AT CBE ON DECEMBER 25 FOR  
**CHINESE FOOD**  
 FILM AT 4:30, DINNER AT 6

**FILM & DINNER:**  
 Advanced purchase: \$18 - \$20 at the door  
**FILM ONLY:**  
 advanced purchase: \$8 - \$10 at the door  
 Bonus - 18 and under: free  
**DINNER ONLY:**  
 Adults \$10, children under 12 - \$6  
**CHILDCARE ON-SITE**  
 optional during film - \$5 per family



**& A MOVIE**



The story of the Operation Bernhard, the largest counterfeiting operation in history, carried out by Germany during WWII.


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# Celebrating Simchat Torah



## VISIT ISRAEL THIS SUMMER WITH RABBI MICHELE.

The dates are set, June 10-21, 2018. We will travel to Tel-Aviv, Yafo, Jerusalem, Haifa, Zefat and many more places. We'll celebrate Shabbat together and see all of the important historic sites. If you would like to celebrate a Bar or Bat-Mitzvah or other event there, please speak with the Rabbi. For more information speak with the Rabbi. Here is the link for the itinerary and all of the details:

<http://www.gate1travel.com/customgroups/IL1311333>

You can give your deposit to the Rabbi or sign up online.



## Shabbat Service, Oct. 27, 2017

Guest Speaker, Kobi Marom, retired Colonel from the Israeli Army  
and the CBE Choir





**HANUKKAH  
BOUTIQUE**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12**  
**9 AM - 3 PM**

**AT CONGREGATION B'NAI EMET**  
**9 WEST BONITA DRIVE**  
**(W. OF MADERA, S. OF LA AVE.)**  
**SIMI VALLEY, CA**

**FEATURING JUDAICA AND OTHER**  
**ITEMS - GIFTS, JEWELRY, TOYS,**  
**CLOTHING, FOOD, HOUSEWARES,**  
**ART & MORE!**



**BAKE SALE - BREAKFAST - LUNCH**

For vendor & other info, go to  
<http://congregationbnaimet.org/vendor%20call%202017.pdf>  
 or contact Meridith at [mspatera@earthlink.net](mailto:mspatera@earthlink.net)

**CBE BOOKS & BAGELS**  
 Sunday December 23, 9:30 am  
 at The Corner Bakery  
 Simi Town Center  
 Simi Valley

**Prince of Fire**  
 by Daniel Silva

This is a great spy  
 novel thriller with  
 Israeli spymaster  
 Gabriel Allon.

*High Holiday Oneg and  
 Break-Fast Sponsors*

- The Berger Family
- The Botan Family
- The Brandler Family
- Erik & Tracie Breiter
- Irwin Cohen
- The Edelson Family
- Judy, Eliot & Matthew Epstein and  
Sara Astudillo
- Ken & Suzanne Epstein
- Julia Farago
- Alice Fiducia
- The Forster Family
- The Foster Family
- Michael & Marilyn Hollander
- Cathy Holst
- The Katell Family
- The Kelly Family
- The Knecht Family
- Sylvia Levine
- Andrew & Suzanne Mahler
- The Mann Family
- Stan & Sandy Melnick
- The Nusbaum Family
- Rabbi Michele Paskow
- Rabbi Shimon & Carol Paskow
- The Patera Family
- The Poehls Family
- The Ribstein Family
- Emily & Kaitlyn Richmond
- Carol Rosado
- The Rossman Family
- Cantor Michael & Merle Russ
- Ronnye Sacks
- Mitchell & Lynn Salberg
- The Schned Family
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- The Seidel/Sumner Family
- The Sherden Family
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- Kathy Smith
- The Tello Family
- The Tepfer & Richter Families
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# Let's Celebrate - Mazel Tove!

<i>Birthdays</i>	
Nov 01	Samuel Forster
Nov 02	Eric Levine
Nov 02	Daniel Schranze
Nov 02	Nancy Thomas
Nov 04	Jason Bernstein
Nov 05	Tamara Plotkin
Nov 05	Natalie Richmond
Nov 07	Rita Kovar
Nov 16	Eric Bordo
Nov 17	Melinda Berezowsky
Nov 22	Rebecca Marder
Nov 25	Miko Sion
Nov 28	Jesse Charnick
Nov 30	Jerry Auerbach
Nov 30	Daniel Rozdial
Dec 01	Ryan Ribstein
Dec 02	Julie Bienenfeld
Dec 03	Sylvia LeVine
Dec 06	Sharlene Pass
Dec 07	Shawna Katell
Dec 09	Kaitlyn Richmond
Dec 10	Andrew Mahler
Dec 10	Cantor Michael Russ
Dec 11	Stuart Selbst
Dec 15	Daryl Sutton
Dec 19	Erin Hollander
Dec 28	Joan Bernstein
Dec 28	Madison "JoJo" Mittelman
Dec 29	Sharon Epstein
Dec 30	Matthew Nusbaum

<i>Anniversaries</i>		
Nov. 2	Ron and Gail Mittelman	48th
Nov. 3	Craig and Michelle Foster	33rd
Nov. 6	Alan and Sandy Leon	40th
Nov. 10	Lawrence and Marsha Kaufman	43rd
Nov. 20	Gabe and Jill Katell	29th
Nov. 26	Jacob and Madalina Inbar	2nd
Nov. 29	Daniel and Debra Schranze	31st
Dec. 9	Valerie and Rajinder Singh	26th
Dec. 18	Miko and Bobbie Sion	39th
Dec. 24	Arnold and Marilyn Kaufman	57th

## *Sisterhood Simchas (continued from page 7)*

**Cheryl Hirsch:** Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday to my grandson, Nathan. Happy birthday to Cathy Holst, Sandy Melnick, and Kathy Smith. Thank you to Rabbi Michele for hosting the Sisterhood Sukkot meeting and wonderful program. In memory of my father-in-law, Alvin Hirsch.

**Alice Fiducia:** Want to thank my sisters for thinking of me and doing things for me.

**Maxine Seidel:** Thanks to Rabbi Paskow.

**Zoe Venhuizen:** In appreciation of my son's recovery from emergency surgery on Yom Kippur evening. To recognize Rabbi Michele Paskow for all of her efforts and creativity in planning Sukkot events. In celebration of the New Year!

**Ronnye Sacks:** Thank you for a wonderful evening with our Sisterhood and such a meaningful sharing. I'm so grateful for the recovering of my daughter and granddaughter. Happy Anniversary to my niece and nephew.

**Cathy Holst:** Thank you for the wonderful Sukkot sisterhood meeting at the Rabbi's home. Thank you Rabbi for the High Holiday sermons. They were very meaningful to me; Fear-Change, Laughter, Lies, and Holiness.

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## Religious School Calendar

### NOVEMBER

- 5- SUNDAY SCHOOL – SESSION #9
- 6 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #9
- 12- SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #10
- 13 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #10
- 19 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #11
- 27 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #11

### DECEMBER

- 3 – SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #12
- 4 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #12
- 10 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #13
- 11- JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #13
- 17 – SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #14
- 18 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #14

### STUDENT-LED SERVICES:

Dec. 1: 7 pm - Hanukkah songs

## Yahrzeits

Nov 01	Diana Feldman	Heshvan 12
Nov 01	Ida Luger	Heshvan 12
Nov 01	Jack Nadler	Heshvan 12
Nov 02	Luis Albert Rosado	Heshvan 13
Nov 02	Stuart Stern	Heshvan 13
Nov 03	Emanuel Cohen	Heshvan 14
Nov 03	Lydia Martins	
Nov 03	William Priest	Heshvan 14
Nov 05	Ron Gutierrez	Heshvan 16
Nov 06	Ethel Albert	Heshvan 17
Nov 06	Carl Norman Kitt, Sr.	Heshvan 17
Nov 10	Sylvia Charnick	Heshvan 21
Nov 10	Ann Miller	Heshvan 21
Nov 10	Max Satin	Heshvan 21
Nov 11	Gerald B. Hasson	Heshvan 22
Nov 11	Simon Levy	Heshvan 22
Nov 12	Aaron Saul Chusid	
Nov 13	Leona Edelstein	
Nov 13	Shirley Zimmerman	Heshvan 24
Nov 14	Edward I. Berns	Heshvan 25
Nov 14	Abraham Luskin	Heshvan 25
Nov 16	Ben De Nunez	Heshvan 27
Nov 17	Norman Rifkin	Heshvan 28
Nov 18	Esther Frankel	Heshvan 29
Nov 18	Stephen Giles	Heshvan 29
Nov 18	Rebecca K. Schwartz	Heshvan 29
Nov 19	Ber Goldenberg	Kislev 1
Nov 19	Rose Warren	Kislev 1
Nov 21	Merril Friend	Kislev 3
Nov 21	Seymour Schneider	Kislev 3
Nov 23	Isaac Hart	Kislev 5
Nov 23	Harry Hirschorn	Kislev 5
Nov 23	Helen Rosner	Kislev 5
Nov 24	Theo Frankel	Kislev 6
Nov 24	Isaak Koenka	Kislev 6
Nov 25	Milton "Babe" Goldbloom	Kislev 7
Nov 28	Nora Judge	Kislev 10
Nov 29	Sylvia Schneider	Kislev 11
Dec 02	Regina Greenstein	Kislev 14
Dec 02	Benish Landau	Kislev 14
Dec 04	Anne Kaminsky	Kislev 16
Dec 04	Robert Mutal	Kislev 16
Dec 05	Dorothy Leon	Kislev 17
Dec 06	Sandi Brown	Kislev 18
Dec 06	Louis Weiss	Kislev 18
Dec 07	Frida Pichkhadze	Kislev 19
Dec 08	Erna Handler	
Dec 08	Betty Marx	Kislev 20
Dec 08	Marshall Pollack	Kislev 20
Dec 09	Jean Forman	Kislev 21
Dec 09	Seymour Hoffberg	Kislev 21
Dec 10	Jack Lefton	Kislev 22
Dec 10	Beatrice Marx	Kislev 22
Dec 12	Bertram Bergmann	
Dec 12	Samuel Selbst	Kislev 24
Dec 13	Vivian Gurstein	Kislev 25
Dec 14	Michael Glazer	Kislev 26
Dec 14	Martin Klein	Kislev 26
Dec 15	Melissa Bernstein-Schoen	Kislev 27
Dec 16	Sanford Shilkoff	Kislev 28
Dec 18	Morris Orloff	Kislev 30
Dec 19	Vicki Cohen	Tevet 1
Dec 19	Mitzie Friedman	Tevet 1
Dec 20	Lois Wellen	Tevet 2
Dec 21	Abraham Katell	Tevet 3
Dec 21	Barbara Claire Sweet	Tevet 3
Dec 21	Dora Yaskiel	Tevet 3
Dec 23	David Ehrlich	Tevet 5
Dec 24	Libbie Chait	Tevet 6
Dec 24	Louis Cohen	Tevet 6
Dec 24	James Silver	Tevet 6
Dec 25	Earl Ely Friedman	Tevet 7
Dec 25	Faye Isbey	Tevet 7
Dec 27	Bryan Sandoval	Tevet 9
Dec 28	Stuart Keimon	Tevet 10
Dec 29	Marvin Ackerman	Tevet 11
Dec 29	Eda Satin	Tevet 11
Dec 29	Selma Yaeger	Tevet 11
Dec 30	Max Epstein	Tevet 12
Dec 30	Salomon Goldstein	Tevet 12
Dec 30	Irvin "Bud" Greenberg	Tevet 12
Dec 30	Rodman Turner	
Dec 31	Florence Howard	Tevet 13
Dec 31	Rhoda Russ	Tevet 13
Dec 31	Steven Sacks	Tevet 13

Please check the current Yahrzeit information on the data sheet you received in 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 the temple office with any questions regarding Yahrzeit data.

Thank you.

### How to Observe a Yahrzeit at CBE

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:

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### Sukkot Service at CBE



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Candle Lighting</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Torah Portion</b>
Nov. 3/ 15 Cheshvan	5:41 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Va'yeirah - Gen 18:1 – 22:24
Nov. 10/ 22 Cheshvan	4:35 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Chayei Sarah - Gen 23:1 – 25:18
Nov. 17/ 29 Cheshvan	4:31 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Toldot - Gen 25:19 – 28:9
Nov. 24/ 7 Kislev	4:28 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Va'yeitzi - Gen 28:10 – 32:3
Dec. 1/ 14 Kislev	4:27 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Va'yishlach - Gen 32:4 – 36:43
Dec. 8/ 21 Kislev	4:27 PM	Shabbat Service	Va'yeishev - Gen 37:1 – 40:23
Dec. 12/ 25 Kislev		<b>Hanukkah - 1st candle</b> 	
Dec. 15/ 28 Kislev	4:29 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Miketz - Gen 41:1 – 44:17
Dec. 22/ 5 Tevet	4:32 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Va'yigash - Gen 44:18 – 47:27
Dec. 29/ 12 Tevet	4:36 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Va'yechi - Gen 47:28 – 50:26

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