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Dear Friends,

It seems strange to think that Purim and Passover will occur in the same month (March) this year! "...*how odd of God...*"! Of course, they're not in the same month on the Hebrew calendar. Purim always occurs in Adar (hence the saying: "*When the Month of Adar begins, our joy increases*" – since Purim is such a joyous holiday celebrating our survival), and Passover always starts on the full moon, on the 14th or 15th of the month on Nissan. These are beautiful Spring holidays which both reflect the ideas of hope and redemption. They teach us to do our part to help ourselves in life, but also not to lose our faith that our people and our traditions will survive.

Passover may be 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 many terrorist attacks around the world in recent years, the ideals of freedom, democracy and respect for one another have 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, it involves eating, and also because it is joyous and gives us wise lessons. 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 relating it to our present lives; and we tell it with hope and optimism for the future.

Passover reinforces the optimism that comes from the new sights and smells of spring. 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" with a prayer in our hearts for a better world for all people.

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 Elijah Cup. This symbolizes that each one of us is actively working toward peace and harmony in our world.

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, Saturday evening, March 31st.

Shalom v'chag samaech (happy holiday) – חג שמח

Rabbi Michele Paskow

ATTENTION CBE MEMBERS: Board elections are coming up in soon.

Please download the ballot, application to apply for a board position, and description for each board position, then vote and return your ballot via email, fax, in person to the temple office, or bring it with you to the general membership meeting on March 27.

IF YOU CANNOT DOWNLOAD ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, EMAIL <mailto:info@cbesimi.org>

AND WE WILL SEND IT IN THE BODY OF AN EMAIL.

OR GO TO THE WEBSITE DIRECTLY: CBESIMI.ORG

[Download the ballot here](#) * [Download the Board of Directors application here](#)

[Read the responsibilities of each Board position here](#)

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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

PASSOVER IS EARLY THIS YEAR!!

*Come join us for the
Community Seder
on the second night of Passover
March 31st*

We will have a special Family Shabbat
service on Passover, Friday April 6, 7
pm, led by our Religious School
students.

SPECIAL SHABBAT SERVICES IN MARCH & APRIL:

March 2, 7 PM- Purim – wear a costume,
boo Haman, nosh some Hamantaschen!

March 9 – 8 PM Shabbat Across America,
special dessert Oneg

March 30 – **NO SERVICE** - first night
of Passover – home Seder

April 20 – 8 PM -Israel Independence Day
“Yom Ha’atzmaut” service – 8 pm

April 28 – 10 AM - Matthew Murphy
Bar-Mitzvah - everyone welcome

Travel to Israel with the Rabbi

See information on page 8 of this newsletter.

President's Message

Wishing everyone a
Happy Passover, Chag
Pesach Sameach.

Shalom,
Ryan Richmond



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>

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Fundraising

Fore!!!

Again this year CBE will be having a Golf Tournament at Sunset Hills Country Club in Thousand Oaks (just past the 23 freeway). It will be Monday April 23, 2018, 1PM Tee Off Time.

The cost of the day of fun is \$175.00 (same as last year) and includes the following items; round of golf with a golf cart, Box Lunch, a wonderful sit down dinner afterwards. There will be a longest drive contest, putting contest and closest to the pin contest. The prizes from all three events will be gift cards that we purchase from Sisterhood. Also for the golfers there will be a generous amounts of "mulligans" included in their price.

There will be silent auction items and last year the response from golfers was that it is a moderate course with enough challenges to keep them busy without stress.

If you know anyone who wants to golf at a private course please have them contact myself (Michael Mutal 805-587-9210) or Glen Knecht or Ryan Richmond.

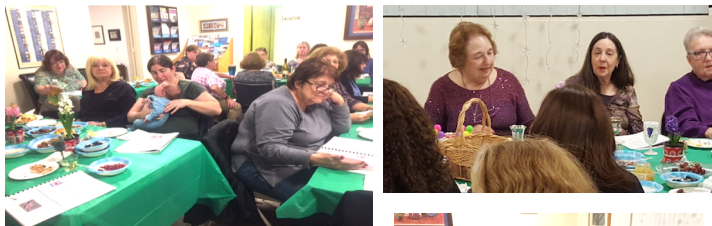
It should be a lot of fun so please join us!

Michael Mutal, VP Fundraising

Annual Sisterhood Tu B'Shevat Seder



Rabbi Michele led the seder, but all participated.



Singing was led by Judy Sternberg and Anne Frankl.



The ladies surprised Suzanne Epstein with a cake to celebrate her birthday.

THE JEWISH SPRING TIME

by Cantor Michael Russ



As we move from "Winter" to Spring a lot of changes occur. O.K., so this year we didn't have much of a Winter. However in the world around us it seems that we really are in a "Winter" of sorts. Politics in our country, as well as others, is in turmoil. Hate groups are on the rise. Anti-Semitism is growing. The mass shootings are growing. Our schools don't seem safe anymore. We live in a world of negativity just about every day. Wow! That's a rosy picture!

However, springtime really does mark a change in our lives. As Jews we are preparing for Purim and then Passover, two holidays that mark the ability to transform our lives and look at hope once again.

On Purim we observe the ability of one person, Esther, to make a positive change in the world. Haman represents the evil of hatred and deception. Because Esther spoke up to her husband, the king, and stood up against the evil Haman, who wanted to do great harm to her people, her world changed from evil to good.

On Passover we are reminded of the great difficulties of our people to leave slavery and become a free people. This was not easy. The winning of this struggle also marks the beginning of our religious life. God gave us the Torah with the commandments because we were ready, as a people, to learn about our responsibilities to each other. This was not easy. Moses was our great leader in this story and guided us to be better.

Both Esther and Moses needed the partnership with others to accomplish their goals. Good leaders need the participation and commitment of others or they really have no one to lead.

We need good leaders and we need good people. We also have struggles within ourselves. Our tradition teaches that we each have within us a *Yetzer Rah*, an evil inclination, and a *Yetzer Tov*, a good inclination. We can feel the struggle. Often times, anger and hatred can cause problems in our lives. A positive view and the sense of justice in our lives, both personal and universal, can help to make a better world.

Celebrate these holidays with joy and thanksgiving that we have the ability to change our lives and the world for the better.




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, (March 4 & April 1) at 9:30 AM, at my home, [2396 Fasley Ave., Simi Valley, CA](#)

The Men's Club social breakfast is the third Sunday, at 9:30 AM at Junkyard Café.

Among several upcoming events is a visit to a car museum. The date and time will be coming soon. 

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

Glen Knecht, President, Men's Club

Membership

We are happy to welcome two new families to our congregation and religious school! Please say hello to the Arkin and Davidhoff families.

A huge thank you to our Communication Committee: Suzanne Epstein, Bruce Stein, Max Patera, and Meridith Patera! They have been very busy moving our online communications into the 21st Century.

Look for new streamlined and eye-catching weekly e-mails. Also, please check out our new website at: www.cbesimi.org. The new formats will allow our communications to come from our CBE office and be more Google and mobile friendly. If you know anyone who would like to receive our mailings, send their email address to the temple office. For anyone in need of advertising or promoting temple events, please call or email the CBE office.

I would especially like to thank Meridith Patera for all her time in composing the weekly e-mails and for sharing her witticisms.

We will have a booth at the Simi Valley Street Fair, May 12th. Please stop on by, bring your Jewish friends and family and say hello. If you'd like to volunteer to help at the booth, please contact me.

Regards,

Frieda Bahr

VP Memebership

Introducing...Cindy Shilkoff

CBE's New Office Manager/Administrator

Cindy was born in Chicago, but at the age of two moved to Los Angeles and grew up in the Beverly-Fairfax area less than a mile from Canter's Deli. She worked in dental offices in Beverly Hills, Encino and Sherman Oaks for 20 years and stopped working when her son, Jordan, was 4 years old and her daughter, Melissa, was 10 months old. Her "babies" are now in their twenties!



During Cindy's nearly 20-year "break", she volunteered wherever her children's activities took her, including five non-profits where she served in a variety of positions, but always ended up being entrusted with the finances of the organization. She is currently the treasurer of Simi Valley Arts Alliance. The Shilkoff Family is also very involved with the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center where her husband, Larry and her daughter like to perform. They even convinced her to join them onstage a couple of years ago when they all performed in *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Cindy and her family were CBE members for about seven years when her children attended religious school and her son became a bar mitzvah. She brought the Gift Card program to the Women of CBE which, according to Bobbie Sion, has earned the Sisterhood a profit of approximately \$18,000.00. Cindy is happy to be back to work at CBE where so many old and new friends have welcomed her with open arms and she is very grateful to Marilyn and Michael Hollander for recommending her for this position.

Sisterhood Program Co-Chair Jill Katell with Guest Entertainer Marilyn Lazik who adapted and performed a tale from Sholem Aleichem's *The Storyteller*



Women of CBE

The Women of CBE is the sisterhood of the temple. Thank you all for sponsoring the onegs and for all the work in setting up, serving, and clean up for these and all other sisterhood events.

The annual Purim Ball held Saturday, February 24, was a huge success with 94 in attendance. The magician duo was fascinating. The silent auction and raffle attracted a lot of interest (and money). The food from Viva La Pasta was yummy. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. Thanks so much to all the volunteers and especially Maxine Seidel for chairing this, and her right-hand helpers Julia Farago and Gail Mittelman.

Our January meeting featured storyteller Marilyn Lazik presenting a tale adapted from Sholem Aleichem. There was a large turnout for a pleasant evening. This was a gift from Women of CBE to the community.

On February 13 our annual Tu Bishvat seder was lead by Rabbi Michele. Again, we experienced a large turnout for the seder which was enjoyed by all. The women did a great job with the setup and menu. Judy Sternberg and Anne Frankl enhanced the seder with lovely music.

On March 13 the program will be an evening dedicated to "tsedakah." We will watch a short movie on the YES Fund and all that it does world wide, and why we, as a member of WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism), support it. There will be a discussion of things we can do to help heal the world. We will have a project of putting care packages together for the homeless.

On April 10 we will welcome our new 2018-2019 Women of CBE board with a dinner. The location is still to be determined. Watch for more info.

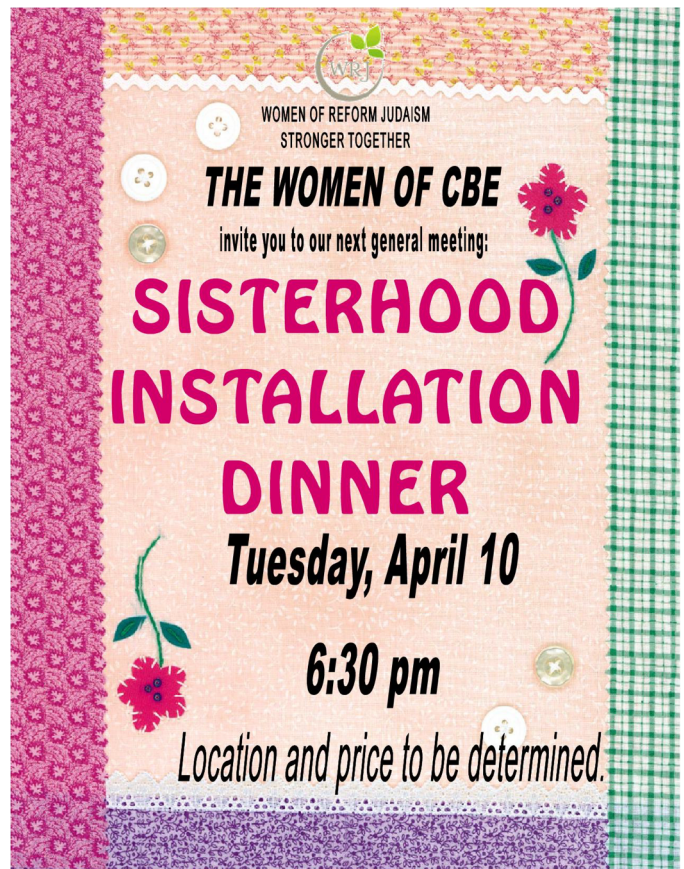
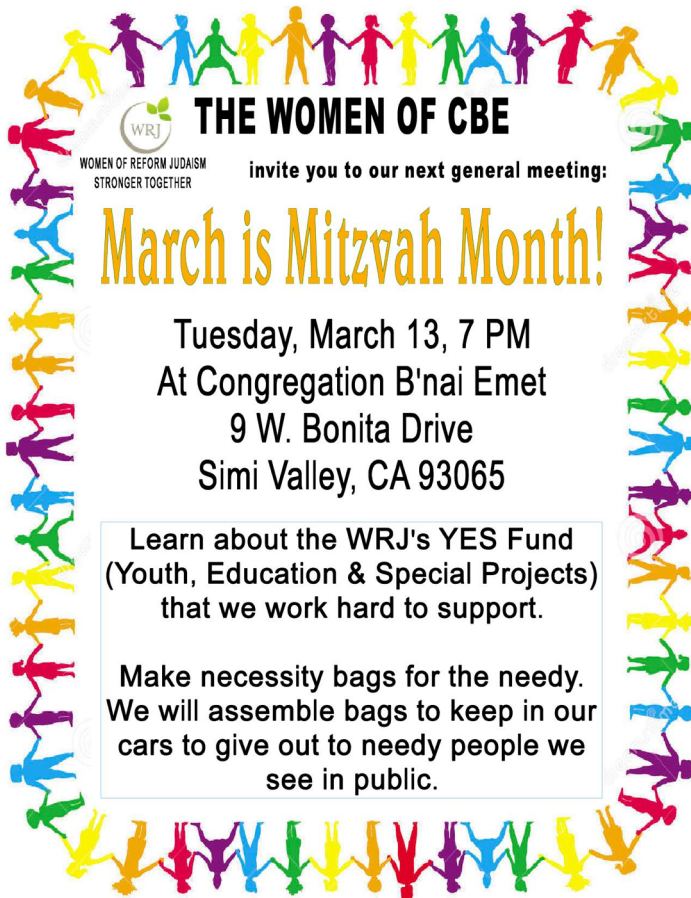
Geri Brandler and I will be attending the WRJ Fried Leadership conference in Nashville, Mar 1-5. This is an international conference. We hope to gain new leadership skills along with ideas for membership, programing, fundraising, and everything else that helps us to be a community.

Join Women of CBE.

Hope to see you.

RuthAnn Rossman

President



RSVP to Tracie at mailto:tbreiter@yahoo.com or call RuthAnn at 818-312-7266.

For more information, go to: <http://congregationbnaiemet.org/events.php>

WHIMSICAL WINES and WOMEN CAN COOK, TOO



Spring into the season with our favorite whimsical wines. Join us for a tasty sampling of wines from around the world, including sparkling wines.

Along with the wine tasting, we are having a "WOMEN CAN COOK, TOO" competition in which women will bake hors d'oeuvres and/or desserts for 10-18 people. The winner will receive a prize, along with bragging rights.

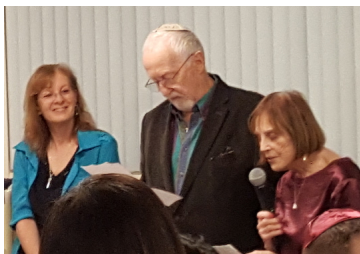
March 10, 2018 6:00 pm \$25 per person

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RSVP: 805 581-3723 or mailto:bnaimet@rain.org [21 and Older Only]

Or go to our website, cbesimi.org to pay on line or get an entry form.

Shabbat Tisch is an occasional event at CBE. Participants share a potluck sabbath meal and discuss the weekly Torah portion. Between eating, learning and singing, a good time is had by all. (These photos are from the Dec. 29 Tisch)



Recent Donations

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Steven & Debra Schachter – in appreciation of sister's Hebrew name

Vincent & Carole Nowell – Thank you

Guenther & Gayle Menke – in memory of Darrius Eugene Menke

Stephen Paisley – Memorial Service of Debby Paisley

Wesley & Roberta Lester

Religious School Donations

Bella Hananel – in memory of Charles Stein

Anthony & Laureen Hart

Memorial Donations

Judith Miller – in memory of Israel Tepper

Bruce Stein – Tree of Life in memory of Lainie Stein

Stephen Paisley – Memorial Service of Debby Paisley

Lawrence & Marsha Kaufman -in memory of Rose Kaufman

Sheldon & Joan Liebmann – in memory of George Liebmann

Choir Donation

Ken & Suzanne Epstein – in memory of Betty Turner

Building Improvement Donations

Michael & Merle Russ – in memory of S. Keimon and R. Russ

Paul & Zoe Venhuizen – in honor of Rabbi Michele Paskow

Valerie Singh – in memory of Leonard Schwartz

Sheldon & Joan Liebmann – in memory of Sylvia Brody

Andrew Pock – in honor of the Jewish people

Mel & Louise Edelson – in memory of David Silversher,

Claire Silversher, & Albert Edelson

Carole Fineberg – in memory of Jean Greenberg

Elayne Wypyszynski - in memory of Alan Leon & Lillian Hentell

Prayer Book Fund

RuthAnn & Steve Rossman - in memory of Alan Leon

General Fund Donations

S.B. & G.J. Altabee

Lawrence & Marsha Kaufman – in memory of Min Lefton

Suzanne & Andrew Mahler

Sandra Sussman - in memory of Edith Greenberg

Fund Raising

Joan Nadler – Donation for Talent Show

Amazon Smile Program

Additional High Holy Day Appeal Donations

Sylvia LeVine – Thank you

Les & Darryl Sutton

Programs

National Jewish Outreach Program - Sukkot Across America



MAZAL TOV

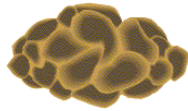
to Matthew Epstein on his
engagement to Sara Astudillo!



We wish them much happiness in their life together!

Oneg Sponsors

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



Dec. 29, 2017

Rachel Utiger in memory of Robert Gorelick

Jan. 5, 2018

Sylvia LeVine in memory of Ron LeVine

Valerie Singh in memory of her father Leonard Schwartz

Jan. 12, 2018

Sharlene Pass in memory of her bubbie Anna Leader, her mother Gertrude Miller, her dad, Jack Miller & her brother, Howard Miller

Lynne Kelly in memory of her dear father Max Rabin
Steve & Ruthann Rossman in honor of David's 26th birthday
Karen Ribstein in memory of Dorothy Zager
The Hollander & Jordan families in memory of Elizabeth Turner & Isabelle Rose Falco

Jan. 19, 2018

Shelah Harris in memory of Sam Sonders

Maxine Seidel in honor of granddaughter Abby's 2nd birthday

Jill & Gabe Katell in honor of their son Josh's 24th birthday

Marty Richter in memory of Shelly Richter

The Plotkin family in memory of Mildred Plotkin

Jan. 26, 2018

Marty Richter in memory of Shirley Richter

The Edelson family in memory of David Silversher

The York family in memory of Dora York

The Ribstein family in memory of Julius Zager

The Poehls family in honor of the birth today of grandson Milo & his proud parents Aaron & Jenn

Laurie Crites in honor of the birthdays of her brother Allyn Rifkin & cousin Linda Rifkin

Lois Friedman in memory of her aunt Helen Katzman

The Mutal Family in honor of the birth of grandson Lucca

Lesli Perez in honor of the 20th anniversary of the CBE Choir

Feb. 2, 2018

Meridith Patera in honor of our amazing CBE Religious School students

Feb. 9, 2018

Alan & Linda Mann in memory of Alex Mann

Cantor Michael & Merle Russ in memory of Jay Keimon

The Schned family in memory of Esther Schned

Eliot, Judy & Matthew Epstein in memory of Nathan Brownstein

Feb. 16, 2018

The Schned family in memory of Esther Schned

Carole Fineberg in memory of Jean Greenberg

Meridith Patera in memory of Ruth Wilkerson

The Richter & Tepfer families in memory of Steven Richter

The Edelson Family in memory of Clara Silversher & Albert Edelson

The Schrantz family in memory of David Schrantz

Feb. 23, 2018

Lynne Kelly in memory of Dorothy Rabin

The Salberg Family in memory of Leonard Salberg

The Katell Family in memory of Leonard Salberg



Sisterhood Simchas

JANUARY, 2018

Ronnys Sacks: Thank you Jill and Tracie for arranging our delightful storytelling evening.

Congratulations to my granddaughter Kierra on graduation from college.

Happy birthday to Alice and Laura.

RuthAnn Rossman: Thank you to Jill for the wonderful program of Marilyn Lazik, who performed a story based on a Sholem Aleichim story.

Thank you to our temple gardener for all the "extras" he does.

Thank you to Custom Pie for our private party in honor of donor makers.

Congratulations to everyone who earned donor or more than one!

Valerie Singh: Thank you, sisterhood and temple members, for helping me out with rides to temple events. It's been a hardship for me after my car accident and my husband leaving for India on family business for 6 weeks.

Congrats to Suzanne and Andrew Mahler on the birth of their son – mazel tov! It's Maddie's new brother!

I would like to thank our sisterhood board for being so generous with their monthly programs, the interesting speakers, the arts and crafts – it's just like being back in Girl Scouts. The camaraderie of the group is wonderful. We can make wonderful friends by joining sisterhood. *Zag mir gezunt!*

FEBRUARY, 2018:

Miriam Hintz: Thank you Rabbi, Jill, and Tracie for lovely fun Seder.

RuthAnn Rossman: Rabbi- What an inspiring Seder!

Tracie and Jill- Nice Tubishvat Seder.

Thank you to Anne Frankl and Judy Sternberg for their wonderful musical talents.

And thank you to all the Sisterhood helpers who make this event possible.

VISIT ISRAEL THIS SUMMER WITH RABBI MICHELE.

Depart LA on Sunday, June 10 for an amazing in-depth tour of Israel. We will visit many interesting places, from historical and religious sites, to the Mediterranean Sea, the Dead Sea, and the Sea of Galilee, to souks (outdoor markets), cafes and modern malls. The return date is June 21. The full itinerary is listed at:

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

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

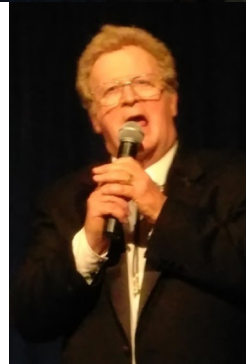
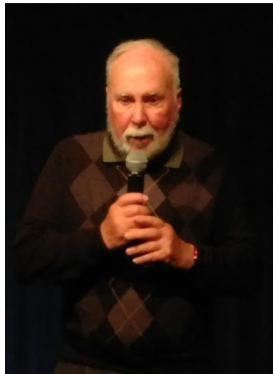


INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT PASSOVER

- Until very recently, matzah was round. Now almost all matzot in America are square!
- In Israel, Jews observe only one Seder, while most Jews in the diaspora observe two.
- The word *Haggadah* comes from a Hebrew word meaning “to tell” because it tells the story of the Jews being freed from slavery in Egypt. The *Haggadah* used on Passover is one of the few books in Jewish religious life that contains pictures. Even *Haggadot* printed centuries ago contain illustrations.
- The first *Haggadah* produced by a printing press rather than by hand was issued in Fano, Italy in 1505.
- In 1940 a Passover service was broadcast on television for the first time.
- In the past 450 years more than 500 different editions of the *Haggadah* have been printed throughout the world!
- The original purpose of making little holes in matzot was to prevent them from rising while baking.
- Nisan, the month in which Passover is observed, is the 7th month in the Jewish calendar. In biblical times, Nisan was counted as the first month of the Jewish year!
- In the *Haggadah*, “unleavened bread” is the translation of the Hebrew word *matzah*. However, *Matzah* now appears as an English word in many dictionaries.
- During the days of the Talmud it was the custom to bake matzot in different shapes and figures.
- There are four Hebrew names for the Passover holiday. They are:
Pesach; Zeman Cheyruyenu (Season of our Freedom); Chag ha’Aviv (Festival of Spring); Chag Ha-Matzot (Festival of Matzot).

CHAG SAMAECH and GOOD YUNTIF!

Performers in CBE's Talent Show



Let's Celebrate - Mazel Tov!

Birthdays

Mar 03 Jerry Bergmann
 Mar 03 Michael Mutal
 Mar 11 Suzanne Mahler
 Mar 12 Blaire Auerbach
 Mar 12 Adam Cohen
 Mar 12 Austin Lowenschuss
 Mar 12 Jadin Lowenschuss
 Mar 15 Felicia Auerbach
 Mar 16 Irwin L. Cohen
 Mar 18 Amy Tellio
 Mar 19 Marla Bergmann
 Mar 19 Rachel Nusbaum
 Mar 19 Wayne Schultz
 Mar 21 Rochelle Botan
 Mar 22 Sheldon Liebmann
 Mar 24 Merle Russ
 Mar 28 Stanley Melnick
 Mar 29 Jacqueline Sion
 Mar 29 Les Sutton
 Apr 03 Maximus Doepking
 Apr 05 Judith Miller



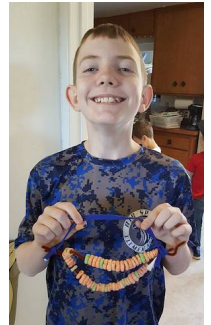
Apr 06 Ian Heuel
 Apr 07 Abigail Berezowsky
 Apr 10 Joshua Moss
 Apr 11 Todd Schneider
 Apr 13 Holly York
 Apr 14 Ken Epstein
 Apr 15 Rabbi Michele Paskow
 Apr 16 Michelle Holst
 Apr 18 Carol Tolchin
 Apr 19 Tracie Breiter
 Apr 20 Maylee Doepking
 Apr 21 Max Tolchin
 Apr 23 Erik Berezowsky
 Apr 25 David Bergmann
 Apr 25 Marla Donaldson
 Apr 25 Sean Kelly
 Apr 27 Matthew Murphy
 Apr 28 Glen Knecht
 Apr 30 Renee Kieselbach

Anniversaries

Mar 21 Erik and Tracie Breiter 36th
 Apr 10 Ken and Frieda Bahr 13th
 Apr 10 Daniel and Geri Brandler 47th
 Apr 15 Laura and Louis Tepfer 46th



Students at CBE religious school celebrated Tu B'shevat on January 28th by painting rocks for the CBE Rock Garden and planting trees. They also made bird feeders and held a Tu B'shevat Seder while learning about the importance to the Jewish people of healing the world and Israel.



Condolences To:

Marilyn & Michael Hollander on the passing of Marilyn's mother, *Betty Turner*, grandmother of Danny, Andrew, and Erin.

Mitchell (and Lynn) Salberg and Jill (and Gabe) Katell on the passing of their father, *Leonard Salberg*. He was the husband of Anamae and grandfather of Josh and Shawna Katell and Sarah and Seth Salberg.

Sandy Leon, children Heather and Eric, and grandchildren on the passing of *Alan Leon*, a longtime active member of CBE

Fredyce Holland on the loss of her mother *Lillian Hentell*, grandmother of Eli and Reese.

Yehi zichronom l'vrachah – may their lives be a blessing and an inspiration





Raise funds for Congregation B'nai Emet when you purchase property at Mount Sinai Simi Valley

CBE is participating in a unique fundraising program with Mount Sinai Memorial Parks and Mortuaries to raise substantial funds for the synagogue.

For a limited time, when our congregants collectively purchase ten spaces in advance of need at nearby Mount Sinai Simi Valley, Mount Sinai will donate \$1,000 per regular space (wall or ground), \$1,500 per lawn crypt (wall or ground) or \$2,000 per companion estate directly to B'nai Emet as each property is paid in full.

To schedule a confidential meeting to learn more about pre-planning and the 10/Ten Program with Mount Sinai Simi Valley, please contact Josh T. Ryan, or Eric Frank, B'nai Emet's Advance Planning Representatives:

Josh T. Ryan
805.306.6411
jtryan@mountsinaiparks.org

Eric Frank
805.306.6410

THOUGHT ABOUT YOUR LEGACY?

As you update your Will or Trust, please include CBE as a beneficiary. Our President, Ryan Richmond, or Treasurer, Les Sutton, are available to work with you to help set this up.

Preserve your legacy - help sustain our future.

From Generation to Generation...

Making your family part of ours

CEMETERY PROGRAM

Experience has taught the Jewish people how vital it is to anticipate the future and to be prepared... to act before the need occurs. This is especially important when considering making pre-need arrangements for cemetery property.

B'nai Emet's program with Mount Sinai Mortuary for pre-need arrangements now has a unique program available to our Temple members and has already seen results.

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Contact either **RuthAnn Rossman** via the Temple office, or **Josh Ryan** at Mount Sinai, Advance Planning Representative, 805.306.6411
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Identify yourself as a CBE member and receive all the details. There is no obligation.



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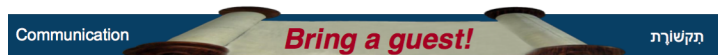


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WHEN: First and Third Tuesdays of
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TIME: 7:15PM

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Religious School Calendar

MARCH

- 4 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #21
- 5 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #21
- 11 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #22
- 12 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #22
- 18 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #23
- 19 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #23
- 25 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #24
- 26 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #24

APRIL

- 8 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #25
- 9 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #25
- 15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #26
- 16 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #26
- 22 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #27
- 23 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #27
- 29 - SUNDAY SCHOOL-SESSION #28
- 30 - JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL-SESSION #28

Yahrzeits

Mar 01	Rose Kaufman	Adar 14
Mar 01	Leo Plotkin	Adar 14
Mar 01	Serena Weiss	Adar 14
Mar 02	Marian Brandler	Adar 15
Mar 02	Max David Greenberg	Adar 15
Mar 02	Julie Heimann	Adar 15
Mar 03	Anne Klein	Adar 16
Mar 03	Nathan William Kritzer	Adar 16
Mar 03	Shirley Nusbaum	Adar 16
Mar 03	Mildred Ruth Picker	Adar 16
Mar 04	Murray Schneider	Adar 17
Mar 05	Marcia Grossman	Adar 18
Mar 06	Alvin Pass	Adar 19
Mar 06	Thomas Sumner	
Mar 08	Deborah Bass	Adar 21
Mar 08	Edward Abe Lindenbaum	Adar 21
Mar 08	Meyer Siegel	Adar 21
Mar 08	Luitje Venhuizen	Adar 21
Mar 09	Dorothy R. Hasson	Adar 22
Mar 09	Sue Neugroschl	
Mar 10	Jacob Landau	Adar 23
Mar 10	Helena Marks	Adar 23
Mar 10	Sylvia Rosenzweig	Adar 23
Mar 11	Pearl Bloch	Adar 24
Mar 11	Albert Edelson	Adar 24
Mar 11	Rose Pass	Adar 24
Mar 11	Emanuel "Manny" Singer	Adar 24
Mar 13	Helen Kelson	Adar 26
Mar 14	Helen Rogen	Adar 27
Mar 14	Joseph Weissbrod	Adar 27
Mar 15	Sandra Fitzgerald	Adar 28
Mar 15	Lewis Greene	Adar 28
Mar 15	Gerald Schned	Adar 28
Mar 16	Alex Sutton	Adar 29
Mar 17	Leah Edelson	Nissan 1
Mar 18	Donald Nadler	Nissan 2
Mar 19	Dario Acevedo	Nissan 3
Mar 19	Aron Pichkhadze	Nissan 3
Mar 20	Morris Glassman	Nissan 4
Mar 20	Mary Hollander	
Mar 20	Martin Judge	Nissan 4
Mar 21	Pinnie Firestein	Nissan 5
Mar 22	Sidney Ilowitz	Nissan 6
Mar 22	Arthur Lefton	Nissan 6
Mar 22	Marie Menke	Nissan 6
Mar 22	Ruth Singer	Nissan 6
Mar 22	Julia Sutton	Nissan 6
Mar 22	Joan Tratner	
Mar 23	Shannon Cricco	Nissan 7
Mar 25	Oscar Keimon	Nissan 9
Mar 25	Victor Schatz	Nissan 9
Mar 25	Daniel Small	Nissan 9
Mar 26	Harry Gordon	Nissan 10
Mar 26	Joseph Kaufman	Nissan 10
Mar 26	Iris Lefton	Nissan 10

Mar 26	Bernadine Paige	Nissan 10
Mar 27	Sidney Friedman	Nissan 11
Mar 27	Gloria Rifkin	Nissan 11
Mar 27	Marvin Steinberg	Nissan 11
Mar 28	Bertha Brody	
Mar 29	Shirley Bergmann	
Mar 30	Sandra Patricia Bailess	Nissan 14
Mar 30	Rosy Hollander	Nissan 14
Mar 30	Nessine Ribstein	
Mar 31	Fred Lowenschuss	Nissan 15
Mar 31	Shirley Oliver	Nissan 15
Apr 01	Bernie Edelson	Nissan 16
Apr 01	Terry Hardin	Nissan 16
Apr 01	Janice Marder	Nissan 16
Apr 01	Lisa Weissbrod	Nissan 16
Apr 04	Annette Foster	
Apr 04	Gail Lenore Shapiro	Nissan 19
Apr 05	Moses Strassburger	
Apr 05	Samuel Zimmerman	Nissan 20
Apr 08	Morris Davis	Nissan 23
Apr 09	Connie Friend	Nissan 24
Apr 09	Martin Mitchel	Nissan 24
Apr 10	Rae Donin	Nissan 25
Apr 10	Cliff Lazar	Nissan 25
Apr 10	Curtis Picker	Nissan 25
Apr 11	Pearl Wohlner	Nissan 26
Apr 12	Joyce Alexman	Nissan 27
Apr 12	Trudy Jackman	
Apr 12	Lillian Katell	Nissan 27
Apr 12	Herman Yager	Nissan 27
Apr 13	Irving Lamm	
Apr 15	Arthur Irving Korn	Nissan 30
Apr 15	David Miller	Nissan 30
Apr 16	Leslie Goldhammer	Iyar 1
Apr 17	Burton Borrok	Iyar 2
Apr 17	Simon Mitchel	Iyar 2
Apr 18	Ida Axelrod	Iyar 3
Apr 18	Helen Borden	Iyar 3
Apr 19	Helen Eichner	Iyar 4
Apr 20	Philip Goldstein	Iyar 5
Apr 20	Stanley Kubik	Iyar 5
Apr 20	Phyllis Pass	Iyar 5
Apr 21	Addie S. Friedman	Iyar 6
Apr 21	Oliver Gottlieb	Iyar 6
Apr 21	Michael Kelson	Iyar 6
Apr 21	Miriam Mann	Iyar 6
Apr 22	Al Chudler	Iyar 7
Apr 22	Rita Priest	Iyar 7
Apr 23	Maude Leibert	Iyar 8
Apr 23	Stanford Weinstein	Iyar 8
Apr 24	Kate Shaw	Iyar 9
Apr 27	Sarah Davis	Iyar 12
Apr 27	Beverly Friedman	Iyar 12
Apr 27	William Rogen	Iyar 12
Apr 27	Sara Saffrin	Iyar 12
Apr 27	Rosa Zimmerman	Iyar 12
Apr 30	Robert Friedman	Iyar 15

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.



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.”



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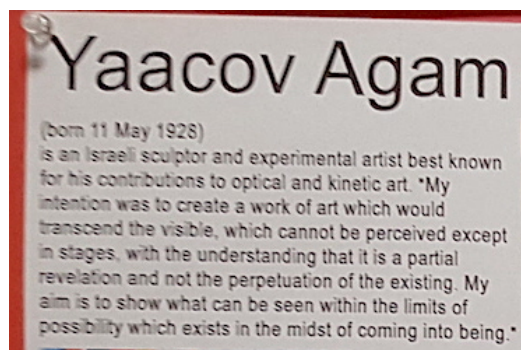
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Date	Candle Lighting	Service	Torah Portion
Mar 2/ 16 Adar	5:34 PM	Family Service 7 PM - PURIM	Ki Tasa - Ex 30:11 – 34:35
Mar 9/ 23 Adar	5:40 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Vayaahkeil-Pekudai - Ex 35:1 – 40:38
Mar 16/ 1 Nissan	6:46 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Vayikra - Lev 1:1 – 5:26
Mar 23/ 8 Nissan	6:51 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Tzav - Lev 6:1 – 8:36
Mar 30/ 15 Nissan	6:57 PM	No Service - First Seder	PASSOVER
Apr 6/ 22 Nissan	7:02 PM	Family Service 7 PM	PASSOVER
Apr 13/ 29 Nissan	7:07 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Shemini - Lev 9:1 – 11:47
Apr 20/ 6 Iyar	7:13PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Tazria-Metzora - Lev 12:1 –15:33
Apr 27/ 13 Iyar	7:18 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Acharei-Kedoshim - Lev 16:1 - 20:27
April 28 - 10 AM		Matthew Murphy Bat Mitzvah	

Note: Daylight Saving Time Begins on March 11

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