Dear Friends – Shalom Chaverim!

As I write this article, I am currently in Israel. I hope each one of you will make the effort to visit our beautiful and amazing country of the Jewish people! It is truly a place of miracles, despite all of the odds, and you won’t be disappointed! Yes, there are threats to her very existence, but once you are here, you will see a vibrant, modern, exciting country. Immediately you are caught up in the hustle, bustle and exuberance of everyday life and can really begin to appreciate how much this small country has accomplished. There are sophisticated large office and apartment buildings, ancient landmarks for Jews and Christians, great shops, high tech centers and beautiful nature sites all around. What strikes me the most during my first few days here is what a youthful and warm culture Israel is. There are so many people out, eating in the cafes, enjoying the cool evening breeze at the beaches with family and friends, and of course, visiting the various interesting sites all over the country.

I read that the world is soon to reach a population of 7 billion people! It is my feeling that we have to keep alive our people, our history, our culture and our beautiful land of Israel – not out of obligation or pity, but out of joy, pride and delight!

Once again the High Holy Days are upon us. And once again their eternal message hits home. Change is not only possible, it’s part and parcel with what it means to be human.

Traditionally, our very lives were thought to hang upon a tenuous thread during the ten Days of Awe. Those who were completely good were sealed immediately in the Book of Life, and those who were thoroughly evil were omitted. The rest, the vast majority of us, were left to try and alter our destinies through self-improvement so that we would be sealed in the Book of Life for the New Year.

The imagery of this ancient metaphor still speaks to us today. Contrary to what many religions have taught, and contrary to many a common adage (“you can’t change human nature”), human beings can change. Indeed our religion teaches us that change, based upon choices between good and evil, is an integral part of our relationship with God. The Torah teaches us, “... I have set before thee life and death, the blessing and the curse; therefore, choose life, that thou mayest live...” (Deut. 30:19).

For many, choosing life means choosing to change, choosing to break free from who we have been, and to become what in the depths of our hearts we know we can be.

Fortunately, in this struggle, we are not alone. God is with us. Our sages portray God as saying to us: “If you will open the door of repentance only as wide as a needle’s eye, I will open it wide enough for carriages and wagons to pass through.”

You can’t change human nature? Perhaps. But then, it’s human nature to change human actions, and that’s what these High Holy Days are all about! I look forward to seeing you at the Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services. Don’t be a stranger!

L’Shannah Tovah - to a good and happy year for us all.

Rabbi Michele Paskow
President’s Message by Earl Rosado

Fellow Congregants,

Summer is almost over and the High Holy Days are right around the corner. I’m looking forward to seeing you at Mt. Sinai for services. It is such an important time of year for us and I hope everyone is making their plans to be with us. We decided to go paperless with the membership packets this year so we have put them on our web site, (CongregationBnaiEmet.org). If you haven’t done so already, please fill them out and return them to the temple office as soon as possible so we can get High Holy Day tickets mailed out to you in a timely manner. If you have any questions pertaining to the forms don’t hesitate to contact me or Ruth Ann Rossman, our VP of Membership. Our phone numbers and email addresses are on the membership forms.

I’d like to remind everyone that our board meets on the fourth Thursday of each month and the meetings are open to all dues paying members. If you would like to see what the meetings are all about, if you are considering running for a position in the future, or would just like to know more about what is going on first hand, please join us at 7:15 at the temple; we’d love to have your input.

The Temple board has been working hard to get the year off to a good start, beginning with our membership drive and continuing with the High Holy Days. We will continue to have all grades of our religious school held at the North Campus on Kadota. This worked out well for us last year, in that, it gave our preschool and religious school a chance to work together in the same location so that when, God willing, we get the Bonita property; all the kinks will be worked out with both schools using the same facility.

We remain in escrow with Community Dynamics for their purchase of the Corto property which allows us to be in escrow for our purchase of the Bonita property. The last months have been a very difficult time for us in the ever changing world of the real estate market. If it were not for the dedication and desire of the JLC, CBE and CBE Preschool boards in trying to secure a home for us, the position we are in now would have been lost a long time ago. For that, I’d like to thank all the members of these boards for their hard work and dedication to our temple, preschool and community. I’m looking forward to a productive year.

Please remember these important dates:
Sept. 13 First day of Religious School
Sept. 14 First day of Judaica High School
Sept. 18 Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sept. 19 Rosh Hashanah
Sept. 28 Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre
Sept. 29 Yom Kippur

Shalom and L’Shana Tova,

Earl Rosado, Temple President

The minutes of CBE Board meetings are available to all members in the Temple office.
I delivered my first batch of used ink cartridges to Staples to be recycled in July. Thanks to those of you who dropped off your used cartridges. In exchange for these used cartridges, Staples will send us certificates for free office supplies to be used for our office and schools. Please remember to bring your used cartridges and deposit them in the recycle receptacle in the hallway at the Temple. Please also remember to bring your used household batteries for recycling, too. Help us heal the world one battery at a time!

Have you signed up for Relay For Life yet? It’s never too early to sign up and start soliciting friends and family for donations to this worthy cause. The Relay will be Oct 10-11 at Royal High School. Signing up early will help our organizers avoid last minute administration glitches. Please go to http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=13810 to sign up today. Select Sign Up, then Join A Team. Our team name is CBE Walkers.

Mitzvah Day will be held at our school on Kadota on November 1. Lots of activities are in the planning stages including a blood drive and several collection programs, so be sure to note this event on your calendar now.

One of the organizations that will be featured at our Mitzvah Day will be the Transition House. When a foster child reaches the age of 18, the state no longer provides care and they are normally expected to start supporting themselves. Transition House provides housing and counseling for young adults who have aged out of the foster care system but due to emotional or mental issues are not able to support themselves. On September 23 a representative of the Transition House will speak at our Shabbat Service to tell us about this organization. We plan to do some collection activities for items they need during Mitzvah Day and throughout the year.

Our Feed the Needy program was handled in July by Lindy Schneider and our Preschool and in August by Deborah Bass and her friends and family. Thanks to all those who helped. If you would like to help with this program, please contact the Temple office. It takes so little of your time to help out one month and it means so much for the people who need our help. Remember, too, that if you would like to help cover the cost of the increasing demand for meals, please send a donation to the Temple for the Feed the Needy program.

As many of you know I am in the process of moving to Indiana. I am turning over my Social Action duties to the very capable Tami Plotkin. I know that Tami and her dedicated committee will carry on the wonderful spirit of volunteerism and support of our community that CBE has always demonstrated. Please give her all the support you’ve given me for the past two years. I’ve really enjoyed seeing firsthand how our small congregation has made such a large impact on the community. Thank you for all the support you’ve given our events and our community.

Your Mitzvah Maven,
Susie Fintz

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**Social Action**

**Tikkun Olam* Opportunity**

The Samaritan Center was established to serve the homeless in eastern Ventura County. Through individual and group contributions, they have been able to provide basic support services, drug and alcohol counseling, employment preparedness, and many other services to develop opportunities for individuals to create a sense of belonging, dignity, self respect and hope for the future. The need is profound – the reward for achievement great – a better community for everyone!

One of the very valuable services they provide is a place for homeless adults to come in the morning to shower and do laundry. They can always use donations of anything needed for those tasks. Examples are tooth brushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, cream rinse, towels and wash cloths. They also can use clothing, shoes, blankets, food and first aid supplies. If you would like to support this organization, gather up or purchase some of these items and drop them off at their facility on Royal near Madera.

Call them at 579-9166 for directions and times for drop off. And of course, they can always use cash donations as well.

* Repairing the World

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**Men’s Club**

**PARENTS!**

Join us for bagels and coffee and shmoozing!

Sunday, Sept. 13
8:30-9:30 AM
(First day of Religious School)

Sponsored by the CBE Men's Club
Fund Raising

Plans are moving forward with fund raisers for the Temple.

WIN A TRIP TO HAWAII
Coming this fall, a limited drawing with only 200 tickets to be sold for $100.00 each. Such great odds – who will be able to resist? The winner will be announced at our Hanukkah Dinner Party & Show on Sunday, December 13. You do not need to be present to win. Details are being finalized but I can tell you that it will be a trip for two persons including airfare for 6 nights at a very beautiful location – but come to think of it, are there any bad locations in Hawaii?!

KIDS LUNCH WITH THE STARS
What child hasn’t dreamed of having lunch with Mickey, Dora or even a princess? Well, they will have that chance when CBE and the CBE Preschool host a fabulous Character Lunch on Sunday, October 25 at the Senior Center in Simi Valley. This exciting fund raising activity will feature favorite characters from film and television, include a delicious lunch, goodie bags and much, much more! See below for more information about this wonderful event.

Carla Shaw, V.P. Ways & Means

Women of CBE—Thank You

Geri Brandler and I want to recognize the following ladies who contributed so brilliantly towards the huge success of the Mah Jong Tournament held on Sunday, August 16. Whether it was providing breakfast and/or luncheon menu items (the ladies again raved about how good the food was), setting-up, cleaning-up or filling in where needed, we applaud their dedication. Our “hats are off” to Sandy Leon, Ronnye Sacks Susie Fintz, Penny Neugroschl, Cathy Holst, Tami Plotkin, Alice Fiducia, Bobbie Sion, Meridith Patera, Carla Shaw, Ruth Ann Rossman, Deborah Bass, Phyllis Crugnale, Jennifer Rosenstein, and Cheryl Hirsch. Hopefully, we haven’t forgotten to mention anyone. If so, please forgive the oversight. Your volunteer spirit is very much appreciated.

Shelly Botan
Fundraising Chairperson

GET TO KNOW US SHABBAT – SEPT. 11TH
Join us before and after the 8 PM service to meet our CBE Board of Directors, Rabbi, Cantor, and Religious and Preschool Directors and find out how to get more involved in CBE. This is a time to bring your friends to Temple with you also! Help CBE grow so we can offer even more programs and activities!

Please RSVP by September 18 to: Penny Neugroschl (805)526-1570 or pennyneu@sbcglobal.net or Ronnye Sacks (805)527-2036 or rehsacks@att.net

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Where do you go when you need help, want to feel close to people, seek answers, or have a life cycle event such as a birth, mitzvah, confirmation, wedding, or death? It is your place of worship. Congregation B’nai Emet is here in Simi Valley for you and because of you. It takes every one of us to keep us in existence. We are CBE.

We are having a “get to know us” Shabbat on Friday September 11 at 7:30 PM. (See box below this article). Please come and meet the board and temple members, see our sanctuary, and find out what we are all about. Then join us for Shabbat service at 8 PM.

Wow! It’s time to join the temple again. Where did the year go? Check us out on line at our temple web site: www.congregationbnaemet.org for membership information, details, and an application.

We had a wonderful membership barbeque on Sunday, August 9. It was a delightful evening with old and new friends coming to enjoy a simple dinner on the patio. We had a good turnout, and fun was had by all. I would like to thank everyone for their help. Thank you to Marty, Michael Mutal (Men’s club president); Glenn (resident BBQ’r); Bruce, our newest men’s club member; Mitchell, Debbie Knecht (secretary), Susie Fintz (Social Action), Michael Hollander (V.P.), Marilyn (secretary) who left a family bridal shower to help, Nirit (director of the pre-school), Sandy (Programs), Meridith (religious school principal), and the Women of CBE for their food donations. If I left anyone out, it was an oversight and I am so sorry. Everyone is valuable!!!!

Ruth Ann Rossman, V.P. Membership

Susie Fintz was presented with a cake declaring how much we’d miss her when she moves to Indiana.

Guests were thrilled when Carole Fineberg paid a surprise visit from her new home in Reno. Also pictured: Geri Brandler, Ronnye Sacks, Susie Fintz and Alice Fiducia.

From left: Lynn Salberg, Jill Katell, Meridith Patera, Carole Picker
Our next Sisterhood meeting will be our Paid-up Membership Dinner on Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30 PM at the beautiful home of Bobbie Sion, Simi Valley. This year we’ll have a southwestern theme. This dinner is free to all paid up members. You may join that evening. If you wish to attend without joining, or to bring guests, there is a $10 charge. This can be applied to your membership fee if you decide to join later. We’re looking forward to spending a festive evening with all of our Sisterhood family! Look for more information below.

If you haven’t rejoined yet, this is the time: our new membership year starts September 1. If you haven’t received membership materials in the mail, contact me. Remember, you can now join or rejoin on line at http://www.congregationbnaiemet.org/sisterhood.php

From our web site, you can also sponsor an oneg or purchase tribute cards.

Be sure to save the dates for these upcoming events you won’t want to miss:

• Sukkot with the Rabbi – Tuesday, October 6
• Donor event - Sunday, October 18
• Silent Movie Night Fundraiser - Saturday, October 24 – See the flyer in this Chai Lites!
• Hanukkah Boutique - Sunday, November 22

I’m looking forward to seeing you through another great year of Sisterhood fun and fund raising!

Geri Brandler, President
Women of Congregation B’nai Emet

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Sisterhood has committed to giving $500.00 each month to CBE to meet expenses. We’re going to kick our fund raising into high gear to meet this challenge.

The Women of CBE has had a very busy summer! In July, thirteen of our members attended All Sisterhoods Day for the Southern California District of Women of Reform Judaism. We spent the day at Temple Ahavat Shalom in Northridge, attending workshops on everything from membership development to Tallis making. We also ate and schmoozed with women from other temples and shared ideas. We really got inspired and have a lot of wonderful things planned for you!

Also in July, we had a delightful Ladies’ Night Out dinner and movie. Then in August we shared a delicious Get-to-Know-Us brunch at Meridith’s clubhouse. Special thanks to Max Patera for all his help. It was fun to meet with old friends and get to know new ones. We said a sad goodbye to First Vice President Susie Fintz, who is moving away, but were happy to get a surprise visit from former President Carole Fineberg, who moved to Reno last year.

We were pleased to have great attendance for the first Mah Jongg Tournament in our new home. Nearly 60 women from all over the L.A. area joined us for a day of food and fun. Thank you to all these wonderful Women of CBE who helped make the Mah Jongg Tournament such a rousing success: Penny Neugroschl, Susie Fintz, Alice Fiducia, Ronnye Sacks, Bobbie Sion, Carla Shaw, Meridith Patera, Cathy Holst, Shelly Botan, Tami Plotkin, Cheryl Hirsch, Jennifer Rosenstein, Phyllis Crugnale, and Deborah Bass. Special thanks to the Men’s Club, especially Earl Rosado, Michael Hollander and Mitchell Salberg for the shepping! It’s greatly appreciated.

Carla Shaw is now the oneg chair, with Jennifer Rosenstein assisting her. If you can help out at a weekly Shabbat oneg, please contact Jennifer at jenrosenstein@sbcglobal.net. Also please contact Jennifer if you can help with High Holiday Onegs on the following dates:

• September 18 (Rosh Hashana) (Friday 8:00 PM)
• September 19 (Rosh Hashana) (Saturday 10:00 AM)
• September 28 (Yom Kippur – prepare and/or clean up break fast – Fri. aft.)

To sponsor the High Holiday Onegs, flowers and break fast, contact Meridith at mspatera@earthlink.net. Any amount you care to donate is fine. Donor credit will be given for donations of $18 or more. You can also donate online on the Sisterhood page, http://www.congregationbnaiemet.org/sisterhood.php

At a joint meeting on July 23, 2009, CBE and CBE Preschool Board members sign the agreement of a commitment between CBE and CBE Preschool to work side by side in order to build a Preschool/Education Building.
Recent Donations

**Building Fund**
Robert and Tami Finkbeiner – in memory of Fritz Finkbeiner

**Religious School Fund**
Meridith Patera – in honor of Max’s College graduation and in honor of the Religious School Staff

Jeff and Arlen Nolke – in memory of Irwin Katz

Ellen Libby – in memory of Alan Tolchin

Penny Neugroschl - in memory of J.G. Neugroschl, and to wish a quick recovery to Carole Picker.

**Memorial Donations**
Pearl Bloch – in memory of Marlene Bloch

Robert and Tami Finkbeiner – in memory of Joe and Ruetta Orloff

Guenther and Gayle Menke – in memory of Karl Menke

Wilbur Brown – in memory of Ann Kronson

Alan and Sandra Leon – in memory of John Levin

Anthony and Laura Luskin – in memory of Abraham Pichkhadze

Carl and Bernice Greenstein – in memory of Benjamin Wiseman

**Tribute Donations**
Robert and Lori Sherden – in honor of Robert and Catherine’s birthdays

**Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund**
Michael and Merle Russ – in memory of Bessie Keimon

**JLC Donations**
Peppi Lamm

**New Prayer Book Donations**
Whitney Pasch – in honor of Helen Rogen

CBE Choir – in honor of Irwin Cohen

Michael Mutal and Julie Bienenfeld – 5 books; in honor of Katherine Mutal, and Medill Bienenfeld, in memory of Iris Rudich and from the Mutal Family

**General Fund Donations**
CBE Men’s Club

Robbin Tait

John and Ilene Judge

Lloyd and Carole Picker

Bob and Barbara Poehls

Harold and Theresa Trotter

Robert and Judith Sternberg

Marianne Susman – in memory of Irene Goldhammer

**Preschool/Education Building Fund**
Libby Scop – in memory of Daniel Scop

**Volunteers Needed**

Congregation B’nai Emet is looking for a few good members. It's that time of year when volunteers are really needed to give a few hours to support the Congregation.

The first event coming up is the Men's Club participation at Simi Valley Days. For the past few years, the CBE BBQ Express trailer has had a great spot at the carnival serving up some of the best Tri-tip sandwiches in Simi Valley. Complete with "Gunslinger Glenn's" sauce, sautéed peppers, onions and Polish sausage, our food booth is a highlight at the carnival. To pull this off, it takes volunteers from Men's Club and the temple's general membership. We operate the trailer five days for an approximate total of 42 hours split into 12 shifts. This year, the carnival runs from September 9th to 13th at Rancho Simi Park. We work hard, but it's lots of fun and chance for some great schmoozing and fellowship. Men's Club needs your help.

Our next big effort is High Holidays. As in the past, our services will be held at Mt. Sinai Memorial Park off Yosemite. We need assistance in moving some items from our temple and then back again following Yom Kippur. In between, volunteers are needed for parking, ushering, re-sets and assisting the Sisterhood with their efforts before services and with Oneg preparation.

Congregation B'nnai Emet can be a real second family and a wonderful place to give back to your community. Please share some of your time with us to make this year the best ever for CBE. Contact me by phone or e-mail with questions or to reserve some volunteer time. You may also leave a message through the temple office.

L’Shana Tova.

Michael Hollander
(818) 903-1911
hollfam@pacbell.net

**Jewish Life Center**
On August 12, 2009, the Jewish Life Center of Simi Valley, voted to dissolve and turn its assets and liabilities over to Congregation B’nai Emet for future control. This has been a much discussed topic at JLC Board meetings over the past year. The members agreed that this was the best decision for the Jewish community in our area.

The mission of the JLC was to create a home for the Jewish community of Simi Valley/Moorpark and surrounding towns. It was determined that CBE and its board of directors could continue those goals to establish a permanent home for our congregation, Preschool, and religious school. Those entities could also present the same positive values about Jewish Life to the community as the JLC had intended. This action was not taken lightly or without regard for our supporters and our mission statement. Our board feels strongly that its endeavors will continue with a new emphasis and enthusiasm.

The attorney for the JLC has been informed of the vote and issued instructions for our board and CBE to follow according to the guidelines of the State Attorney General’s office. The process should take 90 to 120 days to complete and get the OK from the Attorney General.

On behalf of the JLC Board of Directors, I would like to thank all of you who have supported our efforts financially, spiritually or both. We look forward to the day when, as Jews of this community, we have a permanent home for ourselves, our children and many future generations.

With the sale of Royal/Corto still in progress and therefore, the purchase of the Bonita property not complete, the JLC board felt this was the time for the dissolution. A letter reviewing this process will also be sent out soon to all of our Jewish Life Center donors. Thank you.

*Michael Mutal, JLC Chairperson*
THE WOMEN OF CONGREGATION B’NAI EMET INVITE YOU TO
THE “ROSEN ROXY”

For all you movie buffs and historical film aficionados: come and experience the Hollywood of Yesteryear!
Learn about the early pioneers of the American film industry!

Join us for an evening of fun and frivolity featuring silent films, sing-alongs and original scored
music from the acclaimed Mighty Wurlitzer Theater Pipe Organ.
(Originally installed in the Pig N’ Whistle Restaurant next to the Egyptian Theater on Hollywood Boulevard.)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, DOORS OPEN 6:30PM
WHERE: ROSEN ROXY
21134 CELTIC ST., CHATSWORTH
(BETWEEN CANOGA & DE SOTO – 1 BLOCK NORTH OF RINALDI)
LIMITED SeATING – RSVP’S A MUST!
$15.00 P/P ($20.00 AT THE DOOR) DONATION
HIGHLIGHTS: MOVIES, SNACK BAR, DRINKS.
SEND PAID RESERV, INCLUDE NAME/PHONE# (BY OCT. 19TH) TO:
CONGREGATION B’NAI EMET
ATTN: SHELLY BOTAN
P.O. Box 878
SIMI VALLEY, CA 93062-0878

For printable reservation form, or to pay online with PayPal,
visit or click here: http://www.congregationbnaiemet.org/events.php

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September
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4 – Family Service
7 – Labor Day
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13 – Religious School Starts
14 – Judaica HS Starts
18 – Erev Rosh Hashanah
19 – Rosh Hashanah
22 – Sisterhood Membership Dinner
24 – Board Meeting
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10 – Shemini Atzeret
10 – Relay For Life
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October
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Hey Kids . . Don’t miss the event of the season - lunch with your favorite stars!

CHARACTER LUNCH
Sunday, October 25
12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

At the Simi Valley Senior Center
3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley, CA 93063

Admission includes lunch, goodie bags, meet the stars & more.
$15.00: Adults
$10.00: Children

Sponsored by Michael’s Flowers

SUNDAES IN THE SUKKAH!
Join us on Sunday October 4th from 11-12 to celebrate Sukkot with the Pre-School and Religious School. We will have a special Sukkot celebration and the children (and adults) will have ice-cream sundaes in the Sukkah! Check the web-page for last minute details (i.e. whether we will be in the Temple Sukkah or the Preschool Sukkah!)

For additional information please call the CBE Preschool Office: (805) 522-2214 or contact Carla Shaw: carlajsaw@yahoo.com.
To pay online with PayPal or get a printable ticket request form, click here: http://www.congregationbnaiemet.org/characterlunchpayment.htm

Oneg Sponsors

July 3, 2009
Glen & Debbie Knecht in honor of their 20th anniversary

July 10, 2009
The Poehls Family in honor of Bob’s birthday
The Rossman Family in honor of Gabriel, Nicole and Frances moving to L.A.
Karen Ribstein in honor of her birthday

July 17, 2009
Fredyce Holland in honor of her son Eli’s birthday
The Aragon Family in honor of the birthdays of Beth, Sam & Kate
Rabbi Michele in honor of JJ’s 15th birthday
Earl & Carol Rosado in honor of their 28th anniversary
The York Family in honor of Steve’s birthday & Jennifer’s engagement to Nathan Wong
Bob & Barbara Poehls in honor of their 26th anniversary

July 31, 2009
Meridith Patera in honor of Sam’s 24th birthday
The Plotkin Family in honor of Mildred Plotkin

August 7, 2009
Meridith Patera in honor of the birthdays of Carla Shaw & Max Patera

The Rosenstein Family in honor of Peter & Jennifer’s 13th anniversary
The Hollander Family in honor of the birthdays of Andrew Hollander & Danny Jordan
The Berger Family in honor of Herschel & Laura’s 20th anniversary
The Brandler Family in honor of Mark & Regina’s birthdays

August 14, 2009
The Melnick Family in honor of Stan & Sandy’s 47th anniversary
The Rossman Family in honor of Gabe’s birthday
Julie Bienenfeld & Michael Mutal in memory of Medill Bienenfeld & Katherine Diana Mutal

August 21, 2009
The Weinstein Family in honor of Sandy’s bat mitzvah
Doris Hollander Gould in memory of Leonard Hollander
Lesli Friedman in memory of Barbara Ann Kitt
Meridith Patera & Carla Shaw in memory of Harry Shaw
The Berger Family in honor of Karli’s birthday
The Katell Family in honor of Jill’s birthday
The Ribstein Family in honor of Brittany’s 21st birthday
Marty Richter in memory of Eric Tepfer
Win a trip to . . .

Hawaii

You can win a trip for 2 to Beautiful Hawaii when you make a donation of $100.00 to CBE in this limited donor opportunity.

Only 200 tickets will be sold - so you have excellent odds to win with your tax deductible donation!

The winner will be announced at our Hanukkah Dinner Party & Show on Sunday, December 13. You do not need to be present to win.

Winner will receive a gift certificate good for Hawaiian Airlines in the amount of $2000.00. Please make checks payable to CBE and mail to CBE, Box 878, Simi Valley, CA 93062. Your ticket will be mailed to you.

For information please contact Carla Shaw, VP of Fundraising at carlajshaw@yahoo.com or call the CBE office: (805) 581-3723.
Mail check to CBE, Box 878, Simi Valley, CA 93062.
Your ticket will be mailed to you.
To order securely through PayPal, click on http://www.congregationbnaimeet.org/donations.php

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| Sep 08 | Sandra Weinstein |
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| Oct 19 | Jessica Sion     |
| Oct 19 | Anita Strassner  |
| Oct 20 | Theresa Protter  |
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| Oct 21 | Bobbie Sion      |
| Oct 25 | Cherie Bordo     |
| Oct 28 | Kathy Smith      |
| Oct 28 | Gerald Hasson    |
| Oct 29 | Jordan Strassner |
| Oct 31 | Cindy Elhai      |
| Oct 31 | Shari Schultz    |
| Oct 31 | Julie Stafford   |

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| Sep 10 | Jeff and Tara Schleien |
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| Oct 02 | Jerry and Maura Ostrowiecki |
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| Oct 07 | Eric and Michelle Levine |
| Oct 08 | Jeffrey and Barbara Wohlner |
| Oct 11 | Todd and Lindy Schneider |
| Oct 12 | Jerry and Marla Bergmann |
| Oct 18 | Wayne and Shari Schultz |
| Oct 19 | Larry and Cindy Shilkoff |
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During the year, you will receive reminders for upcoming Yahrzeit dates. We want to have complete and accurate information.

Call Michael Hollander with any questions regarding Yahrzeit data. Thank you.
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(now that's 51%)

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(now that's 67%)

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Author Unknown

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