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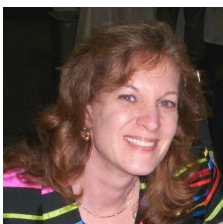
# C. B. E. Chai Lites

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## Rabbi's Message



Dear Friends – Shalom Chaverim,

In a description of the annual pilgrimage festivals (Passover, Shavuot and the Fall harvest, Sukkot), we are told that people were supposed to travel to Jerusalem to celebrate and everyone had to bring *something*, each according to his or her capability. I just love this teaching and it resonates with me: “you shall not appear empty-handed, but each with his own gift, according to the blessing that the Lord your God has bestowed upon you” (Deut. 16:16).

Everyone has something special, some gift – be it a talent, a donation, work, humor, guidance... something that they can offer to help others and build their community. Anne Frank, just a young teenager, wrote “Give of yourself... You can always give something, even if it is only kindness... no one has ever become poor from giving.”

Indeed, even though I say jokingly, “we are the little *shul* that could,” we really couldn't, without the help, support and generosity of so many of you. We have accomplished many things this past year at CBE from all kinds of wonderful programs, services and activities to installing a beautiful, large movie screen, getting a new custom-built Torah-reading table and painting the exterior of the building (it looks great!). We look forward to continuing our social, religious and charitable programs in 2016 and also working on our physical building upgrades (painting the interior, new flooring and more). If you have something to contribute, we welcome your help and support.

May 2016 be a year of good health and blessing.

Shalom and Be Well!

*Rabbi Michele Paskow*

## Tu Bishvat

This year Tu Bishvat, the New Year for Trees will be celebrated on January 25<sup>th</sup>. I hope you will plant some trees in Israel in honor of the holiday: [jnftrees.com](http://jnftrees.com) is the easiest way to do this. Our Religious School students and families will be visiting a Butterfly Reserve right in Simi Valley to learn about Monarch butterflies and the plants that attract and feed them. Then we will return to the Temple and plant some milkweed and trees to welcome the “parparim” – פרפרים butterflies to CBE. Chag Samayach!

The Women of CBE will be celebrating with our annual Tu Bishvat Seder on Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup>. All women are invited to attend- please RSVP. (See page 7)



**VISIT BERLIN, PRAGUE, VIENNA & BUDAPEST THIS SUMMER WITH RABBI MICHELE –**

**Info. meeting: Sunday Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2 pm**

The dates are set, June 26-July 7, 2016. We will visit castles, synagogues, go on a boat ride on the Danube River, see the history of the Berlin Wall, meet members of today's Jewish communities and much more. See more info on Page 11 of this issue or visit our web site:

<http://www.congregationbnaiemet.org/E%20EUROPE%20TRIP-%20CBE%202016.pdf>

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

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

**Bulletin Bytes**

Thank you to Amy, Mike, Gail & Ron Mittelman for making all of the latkes for the Hanukkah party!!! Wow! Thank you also to Sandy Miller and RuthAnn Rossman for helping to organize the Temple Hanukkah party and putting together all of the gift baskets for the auctions. A special Todah Rabbah to Sandy Miller for single-handedly collecting over \$1,400 worth of donations for our silent auction.

*Yasher Koach* to Meridith Patera, Irwin Cohen and the CBE cast for this year's magnificent Hanukkah productions. The actors and musicians (all part of the CBE family) were superb! Thank you to everyone!!!

**Save the Date:**

Sunday **January 31** – 2 PM (at CBE) – E. Europe 2016 Information meeting + sign up with Rabbi Michele and the representative from our travel company "Ayelet". (See page 11)

Friday **March 4** – Shabbat Across America & Family Shabbat, 6:00 PM kiddush and Pot-luck hors d'oeuvres, followed by 7 PM service.

Sunday **March 7** – 5 PM Dr. Itzhak Brook will discuss the Yom Kippur war of 1973. Dr. Brook served as a battalion physician in the war and published a book about his experiences entitled: *In the Sands of Sinai: A Physician's Account of the Yom Kippur War*. We will be making a donation to the Disabled Veterans of Israel "Beit HaLochem" in his honor.

Saturday, **March 19** - Women of CBE presents: Can You Dig It? Sixties dinner dance and party.

Friday **March 25**, - PURIM service, 7 PM. Wear a costume (win a prize!), watch the Purim story pantomimed by the Religious School students- guest starring Haman, Esther, and King Ahasueros!

Sunday **March 27** – Special Purim events..... more will be revealed!

**Havurah**

If you are a member of CBE and you are interested in joining or learning more about Havurah, please contact:

**Penny Neugroschl**

VP Havurah

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## President's Message



Shalom!

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! Congregation B'nai Emet has had a lot of exciting changes in 2015. What exciting things are planned for CBE in 2016?

The Temple Board has many wonderful ideas planned for this coming year. You will have to come by and see.

As the consummate optimist, I feel that 2016 will be a great year. For those who have New Years Resolutions, one great resolution would be to volunteer some time supporting your synagogue. Congregation B'nai Emet is always looking for a few more good hands. There are many ways you can show your support. Please contact the temple office or ask a board member if you would like some ideas on how you can support CBE. You will be doing a great Mitzvah!

My wish for 2016 is that everyone have a happy, healthy and successful 2016.

See you at temple!

Shalom,

*Mitchell Salberg*

## Bat Mitzvah

My name is **Emily Richmond**. Many of you have watched me grow up over the last six years at CBE and welcomed me into the temple family. In addition to attending religious school at CBE, I keep busy with a variety of activities: soccer, singing, serving on the ASB at Redwood Middle School, spending time with my family—including my two beagles. As an animal lover, I dedicated my summer to collecting pet supplies for an underfunded animal shelter in California City. I thank my temple family for their support with the project. As part of this mitzvah, I began to understand the true meaning of "tzedakah." I understand that I must take on this lifelong responsibility to give aid, assistance, and money to worthy causes. My parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles have demonstrated the importance of assisting worthy causes with both time and money. When I am called to the Torah on February 13<sup>th</sup>, I will be the first member of my family to read from the Torah in over 100 years. I am excited to be in a position to restart a family tradition, which unites me with my ancestors and to the local Jewish community.



## CBE BOOKS & BAGELS

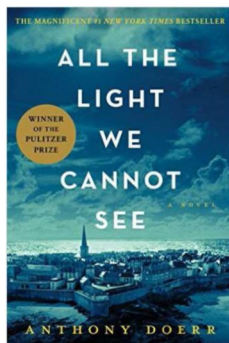
Next meeting:

Sunday Jan. 10th, 10 am

Book club meets bi-monthly.

**All the Light We Cannot See**  
by Anthony Doerr

The New York Times  
bestseller about a blind  
French girl and a German  
boy whose paths collide in  
occupied France as both try  
to survive the devastation of  
World War II.



For location, RSVP to CBE: [\(805\) 581-3723](tel:8055813723) or [bnaimet@rain.org](mailto:bnaimet@rain.org).

THE WOMEN OF CBE PRESENT:

# CAN YOU DIG IT?

Join us for a Groovy 60's Happening!

**Saturday,  
March 19  
6:30 P.M.**

Boogie on down for  
Dinner, Dancing,  
& a Far Out Event  
filled with

**It'll feel good. Do it!**

At Congregation B'nai Emet  
9 West Bonita Drive  
Simi Valley, CA 93065

More info: [congregationbnaimet.org/sisterhood](http://congregationbnaimet.org/sisterhood)



## Programs

Did you have a good time at the CBE Hanukkah party and Menorah Lighting Ceremony? A lot of people were responsible for making these events successful.

First and foremost, Rabbi Michele Paskow was inspirational with her ideas and moral support, and Cantor Michael Russ, with his humor and musical knowledge. President Mitchell Salberg; Exec. VP Ryan Richmond; Membership Co-VPs, Michael Hollander, who is always pitching in when you need last minute help, and Max Patera, with his physical strength and computer wisdom to assure the background music was available. Thank you.

How could we have pulled this off without the energy, experience, and indomitable drive of RuthAnn Rossman, and the magic of the Children's Choir led by Meridith Patera, not to mention her writing and direction skills in creating the hilarious "Chai Noon?"

Irwin Cohen, musical director and conductor of The CBE Orchestra, created the emotional direction of Hanukkah in the Way-Out West. All of the actors gave their best, leading to many ovations.

Kudos to Amy, Michael, Gail and Ron Mittelman. Can you imagine peeling, grating and frying 70 pounds of potatoes, creating 406 potato latkes? Steve Rossman, Alice Fiducia, Jill Katell and Kathy Smith manned the registration desk and sold raffle tickets. Thanks for a job well-done.

Amy also shopped with me. No one went hungry after filling up on salad, latkes, apple sauce and sour cream. And then, we topped it off with two great cakes. The serving and other chores were valiantly done by Frieda Bahr, Emily Doepping, Tracie Breiter, and Tami Plotkin. Erica Weiner and her husband Eric stepped up when needed, as did Linda Mann, who raised \$102 for the social action committee to help feed the needy.

Maxine Seidel filled in where needed, as did Steve Rossman, who had to schlep a really big Hanukiah from the Temple to the Wood Ranch shopping center and lift it up to the Wood Ranch Clock Tower. It certainly towered over my personal Hanukiah which Rabbi lit while we chanted the Barucha kindling the four candles.

A special thank-you to our temple secretary, Marilyn Hollander, who put up with my many calls for 501.c3 letters, more business cards, and letters sent to various businesses appealing for their raffle donations. And thanks to my "Pickleball" mates who helped me by driving me to some of the locations to pickup various raffle donations - Bob "Otto" Lenart and Nelson Poon.

I would be remiss if I did not thank The Women of CBE, The Men's Club, and of course the CBE Religious School Staff and Volunteers who helped provide the gift bags at the Hanukkah Menorah Lighting Ceremony. Emily Doepping provided the Sufganiyote at the end of the ceremony. Thanks to the many restaurants and businesses who contributed to the success of our silent and regular raffle. If you won a prize, please thank the donors for supporting Congregation B'nai Emet's Hanukkah party and its "opportunity drawing."

Although the Rabbi presented a nice Kol HaKavod Award to me during the Hanukkah party, the deserving people are all those who took an active role in making this plan come together.

I apologize if I missed anybody, but the bottom line is that we did raise money for CBE, and we had a great time doing it.

**Sandy Miller**  
VP Programs



*Scenes from CBE  
Hanukkah play, "Chai Noon"*



*CBE Choir at  
Wood Ranch  
Hanukkah  
Lighting*



## Men's Club

The CBE Men's Club meets for breakfast at 9:15 AM on the second Sunday at The Junkyard Café, 2585 Cochran Street, Simi Valley (Cochran Street just west of Sycamore). Call Alan Mann, (805) 341-3836 or write to [alanmann60@att.net](mailto:alanmann60@att.net) for more info or to RSVP.

Please contact Michael Enright at 805-388 6617 for more info about the Men's Club.



## *Cantor's Message* by Cantor Michael Russ

Recently at our interfaith Thanksgiving service I told a story with a little lesson. I now realize there is so much more in the story than I explained at the time. The Story:

When I was very young and lived in Brooklyn N.Y., people would dry their laundry on a clothes line which hung from one building to the next. A young couple moved in to our building and as she and her husband were sitting for breakfast, she looked out the window and saw a neighbor's laundry hanging out to dry. She said to her husband, "I can't believe that people hang dirty laundry outside! Her husband sat and continued reading his paper.

The next day, once again the woman saw laundry hanging outside to dry and said to her husband, "I still can't believe people hang their dirty laundry outside! The husband continued reading his paper just as before.

Finally on the third day, she looked through the window and she said, "Finally they hung up **CLEAN** laundry! Her husband, with his head in the newspaper, said, "I cleaned the window".

On Thanksgiving I said the lesson was that we should always see the world with clean windows. We should see the world without the distortion of dirt. Now I understand that we should also realize that there are others looking at us through those same windows. What is the "schmutz"... the dirt... that distorts the view? It is hatred, prejudice, bigotry, fear, and ignorance that distort our view in the world. Remember, others see us through those same "dirty" windows and therefore make all kinds of distorted assumptions of who and/or what we are.

Please don't misunderstand. There is evil in the world. The world is not all pretty and warm and good. But when we clean the windows ... when we remove the "schmutz" ...

then we can see more clearly and make better decisions of how to deal with the world around us. When our hearts are full of a lot of "schmutz" we don't think clearly and often make poor decisions. No matter which way people look through the window we all need a clear view.



To clean up the hatred and anger, we need intelligence, tolerance, and the ability to understand those different from us. We need strength and knowledge so we can fight evil in a smart way and continue to promote freedom. We need others to see this in us clearly as well, so that perhaps others will learn to understand and accept us as good human beings. Our freedom, knowledge and understanding are our strengths.

My mother would be so proud to know that I believe in having clean windows.

### **THE ONE WHO PLANTS A TREE: A poem for Tu Bishvat (15<sup>th</sup> of the Hebrew month of Shevat)** *by Richard J. Dorer*

The man who plants a tree  
Must first prepare the fruitful earth  
By moving duff or sod,  
And cherish in his heart a silent prayer  
For he is working hand in hand with God.

It is a sacred task, to plant a tree,  
That always should be done on bended knee.

The artisans may strive for years to raise  
A structure reaching to the vaulted sky.  
That well deserves the everlasting praise  
And words of wonderment from passerby,  
But he, the humble man who plants a tree,  
Is fashioning his nation's destiny.



## *Ceremony at Mt. Sinai to Bury Retired Prayer Books*



## ***Recent Donations***

### **Building Fund Donations**

Bella Hananel – in memory of Shoshanah Copelof  
Abraham and Cathi (Copans) Essinger – in honor of  
their wedding  
Michael and Merle Russ – in memory of Rhoda Russ  
and Stuart Keimon  
Irwin Cohen – in memory of Vicki Cohen

### **Choir Donations**

Helene and Frank Phillips – in memory of  
Steven Richter  
Barry and Lynne Selbst – in memory of Sam Selbst

### **Memorial Donations**

Karen and Keith Zook – in memory of Frances Weiss  
Glen and Debbie Knecht – in memory of Marian  
Karoff  
Sheldon and Joan Liebmann – in memory of Miriam  
and Benish Landau  
Anthony and Laura Luskin – in memory of Anar  
Makhmudov, Faina Vineberg  
and Abraham Luskin  
Judith Miller – in memory of Theo and Enni Frankel  
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Trachtenberg  
Marvin and Sandra Sussman – in memory of Solomon  
and Anne Sussman  
David Glazer – in memory of Michael Glazer

### **Religious School Donations**

Valerie Singh  
ORT - Honey Fundraiser

### **Preschool and Education Building Fund**

Jerry and Sue Coffey – in memory of Daniel C. Gilson

### **General Donations**

Nathan Apelbaum  
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Jacob and Madelina Inbar  
Macaroni Grill (Fundraiser)

### **Additional High Holy Days Appeal Donations**

Marc and Mary Eastman  
Robert and Judith Sternberg  
Peppi Lamm  
Jerry and Jan Auerbach (Rabbi's Discretionary Fund)

## **The CBE Building Improvement Committee would like to thank the following donors:**

David and Michelle Azzoto  
Julie Bienenfeld & Michael Mutal  
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Mitchell & Lynn Salberg  
Barry & Lynne Selbst  
Les & Daryl Sutton  
Laura & Louis Tepfer  
Religious School Students  
Sisterhood

**Look how beautiful the building looks! The outside has been repaired and painted! The Preschool was painted as well, and now the buildings match. Now it's time to focus our efforts on updating and improving the inside. The first two goals are to paint the interior and install new flooring. We have received a very generous gift toward the interior painting, but still need to raise \$15,000 to complete these two projects.**

**If you would like to contribute, please speak with Temple President Mitchell Salberg, Rabbi Michele, or Marilyn in the Temple office. Help us make CBE look great!**





## Women of CBE

In the past couple of months, the Women of CBE had several very well-attended, successful and profitable events:

- The Donor Luncheon on Nov. 1 honored our diligent volunteers and raised a lot for the building improvement fund. Thanks to **Laura Tepfer** for all her help.
- The Nov. 10 meeting/Tupperware party at **RuthAnn Rossman's** was a smash hit.
- The Nov. 15 Hanukkah Boutique/Tree Sale was great. Thanks to **Sandy Miller** and **Max Patera** for all their help.
- Sisterhood bought gelt, dreidels, toys, and large fillable dreidels for the Dec. 4 Hanukkah service, the Dec. 6 CBE Hanukkah Party, the Dec. 9 Community Candle lighting, and gifts to Religious School and Preschool students.

- We purchased 2 full-page ads in the Temple Hanukkah Party program.
- Our December meeting was our Hanukkah Dinner & Gift Exchange at the home of **Jill Katell**. We raised money for the Women of Reform Judaism's YES (Youth, Education, Special Programs) Fund, plus we had a blast eating and gifting.

Our amazing Program VP, **Miriam Hintz**, is now getting us ready for our Tu B'shvat Women's Seder, which is always a big hit, on January 19, with **Rabbi Michele** presiding. In February we'll hear from an expert on how to prepare for emergencies. Join us for socializing and learning. And noshing, of course.

Our "Purim Ball" will be March 19. It will have a '60s theme. Get your headbands and love beads out of storage and come join us for dinner, dancing, and surprises!

We are brainstorming ideas for future fun and fund raisers. Remember, everyone can support sisterhood by buying gift cards and tribute cards, and shopping in our House of Judaica Gift Shop.

We are all stronger together. Wishing you a happy and prosperous 2016!

In sisterhood,  
**Meridith Patera**  
[mppatera@earthlink.net](mailto:mppatera@earthlink.net)  
President, Women of CBE



Donor Luncheon



The Women of CBE invite you to our  
**TU BISHVAT SEDER**  
Led by Rabbi Michele Paskow

**Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7 PM**  
(note date change)  
At the temple: 9 W. Bonita, Simi Valley

Bring your own wine goblet  
Musical accompaniment



RSVP appreciated by January 14th.

Questions and to RSVP: Miriam Hintz [Miriam.hintz@gmail.com](mailto:Miriam.hintz@gmail.com)  
or call the temple office at (805) 581-3723

Water	Food	Prescription Medications	First Aid Kit	Baby Supplies	Pet Supplies	Bleach & Eye-dropper
Mylar Blanket	<b>THE WOMEN OF CBE</b> WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM STRONGER TOGETHER invite you to our next general meeting: <b>WHAT'S IN YOUR EMERGENCY KIT?</b> Join us as our guest speaker lets us know what we need to keep on hand for the unexpected. <b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - 7 PM</b>					Towellette
Towels						Work Gloves
Flashlight						Multi-purpose Tool
Wrench, Pliers, Crowbar						Fire Extinguisher
Compass						2-way Radios
Emergency Guide/Plan	Family Documents	Maps	Camera	Games & Books	Extra Keys	Cash, Travelers Checks, Coins

Questions and to RSVP: Miriam Hintz [Miriam.hintz@gmail.com](mailto:Miriam.hintz@gmail.com)  
or call the temple office at (805) 581-3723.



## Oneg Sponsors

October 30, 2015

The Family of Sydney Newnham in honor of her Hebrew naming  
The Foster Family in memory of Michelle's grandmother Rose Bercow  
The Ribstein Family in memory of Joel Ribstein  
RuthAnn Rossman in honor of Spooky Shabbat  
Sharlene Pass in memory of Ann Miller  
Sy & Shelly Botan in honor of Sydney's Hebrew naming  
The Perez Family in honor of Sydney's Hebrew naming & in memory of Carl Kitt  
Mike & Julie Mutal in honor of their 16th anniversary  
The Breiter Family in honor of Jessica completing her Dental Hygiene Program

November 6, 2015

Minnie Anzo in memory of her sister Rose Warren  
The Family of Rose Warren in her memory  
Alice Fiducia in honor of John's birthday  
Miriam Hintz in memory of Steve Giles

November 13, 2015

Sylvia LeVine in honor of her son Morrie's birthday, her brother Ron's birthday, & her great-niece Emily's birthday  
Tony & Laureen Hart in honor of their 45th anniversary  
Miriam Hintz in memory of her brother Aaron Chusid  
RuthAnn Rossman in honor of our guest speaker Simcha Butchart

November 20, 2015

Alice Fiducia in memory of Michael Grauman  
Gabe & Jill Katell in honor of their 27th anniversary

December 4, 2015

The Singh Family in honor of their 24th anniversary

December 11, 2015

The Rossman Family in honor of CBE's new members  
The Bergmann Family in memory of Bertram Bergmann  
Carol Rosado

December 18, 2015

Mel & Louise Edelson in honor of their being thrilled to be new members of CBE & Louise's being new member of sisterhood

December 25, 2015

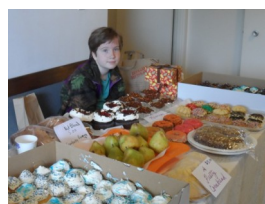
The Family of Samuel Forster in honor of his bar mitzvah  
Rabbi Michele in memory of her Aunt Dorothy, and in honor of Sam's bar mitzvah  
Charlene Pass in memory of Anna Leader, Gertrude Miller & Jack Miller  
Ronnye Sacks in memory of Florence Howard & Steven Sacks

**Wishing everyone a very  
Happy New Year 2016!  
From Linda Mann  
Social Action VP**

## Sisterhood Activities



*Tupperware party with Aunt Cassie Rolle*



*Hanukkah Bake Sale, Boutique and Tree Sale*



*Hanukkah Party, Gift Exchange and  
Tami Plotkin's Menorah-shaped Challah*



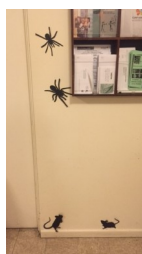
*Noah's Ark Shabbat*



*New Members Shabbat*



## What do you do when Halloween and Shabbat occur on the same day? Spooky Shabbat!



## Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



Participants—top row, l to r:  
 Cantor Michael Russ, CBE  
 Rev. Sarah Kitch, St. Francis of  
 Assisi Episcopal Church  
 Simi Valley Mayor Bob Huber  
 Yahya Merchant, Islamic Society of  
 Simi Valley  
 Rabbi Michele Paskow, CBE  
 Pastor Phil White and Pastor Jan  
 White, Seventh-day Adventist  
 Church of Simi Valley  
 Rev. Sandra Ochs, SV United  
 Church of Christ  
 Betty Eskey, Samaritan Center  
 Rev. Rachel Tabutol, Simi Valley  
 United Methodist Church  
 Matt Epstein, CBE  
 Combined choir including CBE's  
 Max Patera, Marty Richter,  
 Marilyn Hollander, Sandy Melnick,  
 Louise Edelson, and Irwin Cohen  
 Not pictured: Rev. Andy Mattick,  
 SV United Methodist Church;  
 Simi Valley Covenant Church

## Hanukkah Crafts and Shabbat Pictures





## Let's Celebrate!



### *Birthdays*

Jan 01	Andrew Schranze	Jan 25	Marsha Kaufman	Feb 14	Lynn Salberg
Jan 01	Lee Smith	Jan 27	Alice Fiducia	Feb 15	Isaiah Mittelman
Jan 02	Stephanie Bergmann	Jan 27	Anne Levy	Feb 19	Eva Bahr
Jan 02	Lloyd Picker	Jan 28	Stephen Epstein	Feb 20	Lindy Schneider
Jan 04	David James Rossman	Feb 01	Brett Moss	Feb 21	Amy Mittelman
Jan 05	Nicole Bordo	Feb 01	Emily Richmond	Feb 22	Ronald Forster
Jan 11	Laura Tepfer	Feb 02	Ron Mittelman	Feb 23	Lauren Ranelletti
Jan 12	Joyce Forster	Feb 03	Robyn Seidel	Feb 24	Sara Moss
Jan 13	Kenneth Bahr	Feb 04	Jan Auerbach	Feb 26	Laura Luskin
Jan 14	Elijah Mittelman	Feb 04	Bonita Joy Cleantis	Feb 26	Barry Selbst
Jan 16	Marilyn Hollander	Feb 08	Seymour Botan	Feb 27	Lillian Knecht
Jan 16	Joshua Katell	Feb 08	Matthew Levine	Feb 28	Shayna Apelbaum
Jan 16	Daniel Avram Sternberg	Feb 09	Jay Schoen		
Jan 18	Aaron Cohen	Feb 10	Stephanie Hules		
Jan 20	Steven Richter	Feb 11	Lois Friedman		
Jan 21	Eric Leon	Feb 11	Jordan Levine		
Jan 24	Nathan Apelbaum	Feb 12	Tom Cleantis		
Jan 25	David Samuel Friedman	Feb 13	Suzanne Epstein		
Jan 25	Evan Gering	Feb 14	Craig Foster		
		Feb 14	Ron Resnick		

### *Anniversaries*

Jan 01	Michael and Janine Enright	16th
Jan 04	Keith and Lynne Kelly	41st
Jan 04	Al and Nirit Levy	39th
Jan 23	Anthony and Laura Luskin	33rd
Jan 25	Michael and Marilyn Hollander	29th

### *Mazel Tov*

to John and Cindy Elhai. Their daughter, Julia, was selected to participate in the Hasbara Fellowship program based on her leadership skills and commitment to advocating for Israel. She will spend 16 days in Israel focusing on Israel's accomplishments and challenges.



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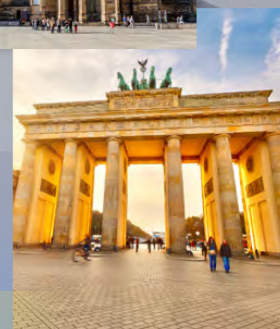
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Jan 02	Leonard Schwartz	Tevet 21
Jan 02	Israel Tepper	Tevet 21
Jan 03	Morton Auerbach	
Jan 04	Irving Brody	
Jan 05	Ronald Levine	Tevet 24
Jan 05	Harry Luger	Tevet 24
Jan 05	Mildred Plotkin	Tevet 24
Jan 05	Fannie Woodrow	Tevet 24
Jan 06	Max Rabin	Tevet 25
Jan 06	Paul Sytten	Tevet 25
Jan 07	Joe Frolove	Tevet 26
Jan 08	Patricia Geiger	Tevet 27
Jan 09	Richard Levy	Tevet 28
Jan 10	Edith Greenberg	Tevet 29
Jan 10	George Liebmann	Tevet 29
Jan 11	Richard Schatz	Shevat 1
Jan 11	Dorothy Zager	
Jan 12	Charles Stein	Shevat 2
Jan 13	Mildred LeVine	Shevat 3
Jan 13	Morris Winner	Shevat 3
Jan 14	Robert Gurstein	Shevat 4
Jan 14	Willard Levin	Shevat 4
Jan 14	Alex Leyton	Shevat 4
Jan 15	Rochelle (Shelly) Richter	Shevat 5
Jan 16	Darrius Eugene Simpson-Menke	Shevat 6
Jan 18	Paula Lazar	Shevat 8
Jan 18	Bernie Stern	Shevat 8
Jan 19	Harry Hoffman	Shevat 9
Jan 20	Sylvia Brody	Shevat 10
Jan 21	Sidney Scheinert	Shevat 11
Jan 23	Jack Miller	Shevat 13
Jan 23	Sophie Toni Shain	Shevat 13
Jan 24	Sybil Kaplan	Shevat 14
Jan 25	Beverly Pedowitz	Shevat 15
Jan 26	Barbara Siegel	Shevat 16
Jan 26	Ken Stern	Shevat 16
Jan 26	Dorothy Barasch Weiss	Shevat 16
Jan 26	Dora York	Shevat 16
Jan 27	Mariel Graflund	Shevat 17
Jan 27	Shirley Richter	Shevat 17
Jan 27	Julius Zager	
Jan 27	Stella Zaltzman	Shevat 17
Jan 30	Shirley Hoffman	Shevat 20
Jan 30	David Singer	Shevat 20
Jan 31	Bob Boyd	
Feb 01	Gloria Goodman	Shevat 22
Feb 01	Arthur Leon	Shevat 22
Feb 01	Marian Levin	Shevat 22
Feb 02	Nathan Brownstein	Shevat 23
Feb 03	Frieda Finkbeiner	Shevat 24
Feb 04	Steven Richter	Shevat 25

Feb 04	Bernard Schwartz	Shevat 25
Feb 05	David Bloch	Shevat 26
Feb 05	Joseph Hananel	Shevat 26
Feb 05	Nettie Riff	Shevat 26
Feb 06	Alex Edward Mann	Shevat 27
Feb 07	Harold "Heshy" Grossman	Shevat 28
Feb 07	Jay A. Keimon	Shevat 28
Feb 07	Beatrice Levy	Shevat 28
Feb 07	Eileene Winters	Shevat 28
Feb 08	Harlan Gould	Shevat 29
Feb 08	Bennett Krakauer	Shevat 29
Feb 09	Hyman Bloch	Shevat 30
Feb 11	David Schranze	Adar-I 2
Feb 11	Shirley Tepfer	Adar-I 2
Feb 11	Ruth Wilkerson	Adar-I 2
Feb 12	Donald Alvarez	Adar-I 3
Feb 12	Mollie Winner	Adar-I 3
Feb 14	Nathan Hentell	Adar-I 5
Feb 14	Benjamin Zimmerman	Adar-I 5
Feb 15	Geneva Alvarez	Adar-I 6
Feb 15	Robyn Libitsky	Adar-I 6
Feb 15	Max Perlson	Adar-I 6
Feb 16	Jack Trachtenberg	Adar-I 7
Feb 17	Abraham Shain	Adar-I 8
Feb 17	Isadore Sharapan	Adar-I 8
Feb 18	Dorothy A. Rabin	Adar-I 9
Feb 19	Estelle Flaxman	
Feb 19	Ruth Truskin	Adar-I 10
Feb 21	Fritzie Gilson	Adar-I 12
Feb 21	Jack Shuster	Adar-I 12
Feb 22	Fanny Strassburger	
Feb 23	Rose Kaufman	Adar-I 14
Feb 23	Serena Weiss	Adar-I 14
Feb 24	Marian Brandler	Adar-I 15
Feb 24	Julie Heimann	Adar-I 15
Feb 25	Anne Klein	Adar-I 16
Feb 25	Nathan William Kritzer	Adar-I 16
Feb 25	Shirley Nusbaum	Adar-I 16
Feb 25	Mildred Ruth Picker	Adar-I 16
Feb 26	William Finkbeiner	Adar-I 17
Feb 26	Murray Schneider	Adar-I 17
Feb 27	Sigmond Neugroschl	
Feb 28	Alvin Pass	Adar-I 19
Feb 29	Irving Pedowitz	Adar-I 20

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

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

Call 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.

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Jan 1/ 21 Tevet	4:38 PM	Family Shabbat Service 7 PM	Shemot—Exodus 1:1 - 6:1
Jan 8/ 28 Tevet	4:44 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Va'eira—Exodus 6:2 - 9:35
Jan 15/ 6 Shevat	4:50 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Bo—Exodus 10:1 - 13:16
Jan 22/ 13 Shevat	4:57 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Beshalach—Exodus 13:17 - 17:16
Jan 24/ 15 Shevat		<b>Tu Bishvat</b>	
Jan 29/ 20 Shevat	5:04 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Yitro—Exodus 18:1 - 20:23
Feb 5/ 27 Shevat	5:11 PM	Family Shabbat Service 7 PM	Mishpatim—Exodus 21:1 - 24:18
Feb 12/ 4 Adar I	5:18 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Terumah—Exodus 25:1 - 27:19
Feb 13		Bat Mitzvah of <b>Emily Richmond</b>	
Feb 19/ 11 Adar I	5:24 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Tetzaveh—Exodus 27:20 - 30:10
Feb. 26/ 18 Adar I	5:30 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Ki Tisa—Exodus 30:11 - 34:35

### School Calendar

#### JANUARY

4 – Judaica High School Session #13  
 10 – Sunday School-Session #15  
 11- Judaica High School-Session #14  
 24 - Sunday School-Session #16  
 25 - Judaica High School-Session #15  
 31 - Sunday School-Session #17

#### FEBRUARY

1 - Judaica High School-Session #16  
 7 - Sunday School-Session #18  
 8 - Judaica High School-Session #17  
 21 - Sunday School-Session #19  
 22 - Judaica High School-Session #18  
 28 - Sunday School-Session #20  
 29 - Judaica High School-Session #19

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