Rabbi’s Message

SCATTERED THOUGHTS… COLLECTED!

Dear Friends - Shalom Chaverim!

It was so wonderful to see you and worship together at our beautiful High Holiday services. As I mentioned, I had the opportunity to travel to Israel for the Sukkot, the fall harvest, holiday. Israel is truly an amazing country. She may be small in size, but Israel is vibrant, sophisticated and diverse both in landscape and people. Israel is not a poor or third-world country. She has a good infrastructure, with excellent roads, highways, commuter trains & buses. Why does Israel matter to us? Firstly, as Americans, Israel is a true democracy which honors freedom of speech, religion, etc. Of course, Israel is the land of the Bible, the heart of the Jewish people, the foundation of Jewish life. Even though much of our history took place in the Diaspora, Israel was always in the heart and soul of the Jewish people. Despite all of the odds, modern Israel is a huge success!

Here are some of my thoughts and highlights from my recent Israel visit. Upon landing at Ben-Gurion airport and entering the magnificent, impressive new facility, with very high ceilings and Jerusalem- lime stone walls, my first thoughts were…”and the Arab world wants to take this all away”?

I visited a town near Tel-Aviv called Ramle- it’s an old city, that was built in the 8th century by Arabs. Today it’s a multi-cultural city, with Jewish, Muslim and Christian people all living together. There we visited the Pool of Arches, which was an enclosed reservoir, with beautiful arched ceilings. Since it’s a tourist attraction today, you can row a little boat in the cister! It was also in this town that when we looked up, we saw high above us a huge flock of birds on their winter migration south from Europe to Africa…. That was a magical sight!

In Jerusalem I went on a Segway ride on a promenade overlooking the whole City- what could be more spectacular than that?! It feels like you’re on a movie set, only this is the real thing! I also visited our own Aaron Mutal who is now living and studying in Jerusalem! He showed me around Jerusalem’s Old City, and specifically four ancient Sephardic synagogues. Aaron is studying Hebrew in an ulpan, intensive Hebrew program, touring the Country, and exploring his Sephardic roots.

It was an unexpected extra to be in Israel and feel the emotion as Gilad Shalit returned to his family and his people after five long years as a Hamas captive. Every town had a banner welcoming him home. Most Israelis supported the deal, despite the reality that the vile murderers will try again to kill us, because Gilad represents “everyone’s son” or child in Israel. His safe return home demonstrates some of Israel’s most inspiring qualities: its embrace of life, its sense of community and family; its tenacity; and the great lengths to which Israel is prepared to go to take care of its soldiers.

Speaking to a woman who immigrated to Israel from Belarus 20 years earlier, she told me Israel is special to her because it is “shelanu” – it’s ours, as the Jewish people. That is truly how I feel as well. It’s the only place in the world where Judaism is the default religion and culture. Where in the world except Israel do you see mezuzahs on airport or hotel doors?! I even heard the bells of Jerusalem’s famous YMCA chiming to the tune of Torah Aurah! Throughout the week, I enjoyed seeing the Sukkahs, both at people’s homes and at restaurants. Upon leaving the local beach from a morning walk, I noticed a sign which says “Zeitchem l’Shalom”, written in Hebrew, English and Arabic, “Go in peace”! Of course, I also recognized that these are the same words we sing in our Shalom Aleichem prayer every Shabbat!

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President’s Message by Michael Hollander

Hanukkah is the holiday of rededication. It’s the perfect time to rededicate ourselves to our families, our community and synagogue. The holidays provide us an opportunity to do things for others, donate to causes and, of course, shower our loved ones with presents. Sadly, it becomes somewhat of a routine and done frequently without reason or emotion. This year, let’s take that moment and think about what the holidays are supposed to mean and determine if we are on track with our intentions. Giving is good, sharing is satisfying and helping others is quite rewarding. When we give or help others, it’s not only good for the recipient, but it’s OK for us to get something out of it too. There is nothing wrong with the “happy” or “satisfying” endorphins kicking in to make us feel good too.

Congregation B’nai Emet is one of the places that can bring you those great feelings on a few levels – it’s a place to get involved, help others, and serve your community while absorbing all those great feelings for contributing. We have many opportunities through our Board of Directors, Men’s Club and Women of CBE. We are still short one person on our board – Vice President of Programs. This could be the opportunity you have been waiting for to get involved. I am quite disappointed that no one has volunteered for this spot. I know that we all lead busy lives or can always find an excuse not to get involved. So, I am asking everyone to give a second thought to joining our wonderful Board of Directors. Think of it as a Hanukkah gift to your fellow congregants and community.

On behalf of the Temple’s Board of Directors and my family, I would like to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and a Happy Hanukkah. Hope to see you at the Hanukkah party on December 18th.

Michael Hollander
President

Happy Hanukkah

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Bar Mitzvah

Hello, my name is Zach Spike. I am 13 years old and I’m in 8th grade at Sinaloa Middle School in Simi Valley. I live with my mom Sue, my dad Gary, and my two dogs, Lou and Max. I enjoy playing the bass, football with my friends, and doing various things on my computer. I also enjoy hanging and playing Playstation 3 with my friends. I am a member of the "National Junior Honor Society"

Becoming a Bar Mitzvah is important to me because my Dad, Grandparents, and their parents before them had one, and I would be honored to continue the tradition of becoming an adult in the Jewish tradition. I am continuing my Jewish education by attending Judaica High this year. For my Mitzvah project, I raised money for diabetes research. Last year, I raised over $1,000 and this year I raised over $700 during a “Step Out / Walk to Stop Diabetes” fundraiser for the American Diabetes Association. My Bar Mitzvah is on November 19, and I hope everyone can spend this special day with me.

Men’s Club

The Men’s Club has been busy and will remain active throughout 2011. For the High Holidays we helped moved the Torahs, Siddurs, sound system, etc from Bonita to Mt. Sinai. We also greeted congregants and guests when they came to services. After the High Holidays we moved everything back to our Bonita home.

With Sisterhood, we co-hosted “Sukkot Across America,” a rousing success with a great attendance. During October we added a new event to our schedule. With the temple, we participated in Moorpark Country Days. Our BBQ Express had our able-bodied crew serving hamburgers, chili, fries and pastrami Sandwiches. It was a long but successful day thanks to the team work of our members.

In the coming months we will be leading a Friday night service, enjoying a Las Vegas weekend, helping out at our Hanukkah party, and of course our monthly meetings and social breakfasts.

If you are not a member and would like to find out about any of these events or more information about upcoming happenings please contact me at 805-527-9104 or mmmutal@gmail.com

Michael Mutal
Men’s Club President

Executive VP’s Message

Shanah Tovah! Well, the High Holidays have come and gone without a major hitch. Thanks to everyone who helped with set up, parking, greeting and tear down. As usual, I had a lot of great support. I am sure everyone noticed one important person missing from the parking team. Alan Leon’s smiling face at the entrance to parking was sorely missed. Miko and I agreed that we would be more than happy to give our temporary position back to Alan next year. Alan, get well and hope to see you soon.

With the work on the Montessori Preschool completed, the next step is having a cement pad put down behind the Temple for the container that is at the Kadota site. All permits are being done and the process is rolling. The board will also be voting soon on the funding for the new roof on the Temple. Earl Rosado has been very busy trying to make sure the process is moving ahead. Fall is in the air and the landscape committee has been at the Temple every other weekend mowing, pruning and keeping the property looking great. I would like to thank everyone who has been able to lend some support. We can always use more help!

I would like to thank everyone who has donated items to the landscape committee. I have also purchased some new equipment and we have a nice selection of gardening items. With that being said, the landscape committee can use some more donated items to help maintain the grounds. We still need a gas chain saw, gas blower, pole pruner and some more pruning items. All donations are greatly appreciated. With the major gardening done, I would like to start planting some new plants. We can use some roses and wax leaf privets for the temple grounds. I would also like to put down decorative pumice in the rose beds in front of the temple.

As a special note, please let me know of any dates that would conflict with the Church that uses our temple on Wednesday night and Sunday day. I need at least a one-month notice.

Thanks,

Mitchell Salberg
Executive VP

Happy Chanukah
Cantor’s Message

First of all, Merle & I (as well as the rest of our family) thank the many members of the congregation who have conveyed their congratulations and made donations to the Temple in honor of our new twin (red haired) grandsons. Micah & Saul, their mother & father and Tahlia are all healthy and doing well.

The serious Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are past. Quickly afterword, we celebrated Sukkot and Simchat Torah. On Sukkot we give thanks to God that we have food to eat. With the help of God and the weather, the farmers and ranchers work hard to produce food. Because of the work of many others, we can simply go to a local store and purchase the food we need. If we take a moment, it is amazing how well a system can work to feed millions of people fresh food every single day. Even the variety of food is amazing. So we take a week of the year to celebrate and give thanks. We also must appreciate how privileged we are to have so much food available. We know that there are many people in our world who are not as fortunate as we. We are so blessed that much food is donated and even sometimes prepared to help those who do not have the resources to buy and/or cook food even in our own community.

Thanksgiving is the American version of Sukkot. It has been a pleasure to share our giving thanks to God with our non-Jewish neighbors. The inter-faith services we have participated in are an inspiration for community spirit and understanding.

On Simchat Torah we demonstrate our joy and happiness that God gave us the Torah to guide us in our lives to be good people and teach us many lessons in life. We should also be grateful for the teachers in our Hebrew/Religious School who help our children learn about our culture and religion. We value our Rabbi who teaches us about our traditions and laws. Using our Torah, her knowledge and compassion, she also helps us during life cycle events such as birth, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, wedding, illness and even death.

Chanukah is almost here. The story of Chanukah teaches us, how, even in the darkest of times, we can band together and fight for our right to be Jewish and celebrate holidays openly. Fighting for our freedom is both a Jewish and American tradition.

With all the difficulties in the world such as war, financial uncertainty, natural disasters, etc, we need to take the time to appreciate the good in the world. God gave us holidays to push us to take time to celebrate the positive and goodness in life. Life, itself, is a wonderful gift from God. Each Shabbat we pause to celebrate and appreciate the establishment of the world, the heavens above and the creation of life.

L’CHAYIM!

Cantor Michael Russ

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2. You want to learn more about music.
3. You want to learn more about prayer.
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Mazel Tov to Cantor Michael and Merle Russ On the birth of their Red-Haired Grandsons

Micah Leonard / Saul Owen
6lb 5oz 6lb 7oz

Born on Yom Kippur, October 8, 2011
As we welcome in the new year, 5772, and come to the “unofficial” end of our membership registration period, I would like to thank all of our returning members for their continued support of Congregation B’nai Emet. It is our members that make CBE unique: welcoming, fun, yet spiritual.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome each of our new members to the CBE family.

◆ Mark and Bridget Baskin, and their children Emma and Benjamin
◆ Jeff and Nancy Levine, and their son Jordan
◆ Ron and Sylvia LeVine
◆ Sharlene Pass
◆ Zachary and Dahlia Schneiderman, and their son Aiden
◆ Stephen and Julie Storry, and their children Jena and Jake
◆ Aaron Porton and his son Azure
◆ Daniel and Kimberlin Vise, and daughter Melissa Goodman

Go see for yourself what Israel is like – you will be positively surprised and impressed at this tiny country that has taken in people that were oppressed in so many lands. See what they have developed and made of themselves there and be proud to be a part of it! I am working on putting together a CBE tour at the end of July, so if you are interested in joining me, let me know!

Shalom u’vrachah,

Rabbi Michele Paskow

The land of Israel is part of the very essence of our nationhood; it is bound organically to its very life and inner being. Human reason, even at its most sublime, cannot begin to understand the unique holiness of the land of Israel – Eretz Yisrael. Deep in the heart of every Jew, in its purest and holiest recesses, love for this land blazes like the fire on the altar of the Temple, burning unceasingly, with a steady flame. Within the Jewish people as a whole, this is the living source of its desire for freedom, of its longing for a life worthy of the name, of its hope for redemption, of the striving toward a full, uncontradictory and unbounded Jewish life. This is the meaning of the Jewish people’s undying love for Eretz Yisrael – the Land of Holiness, the Land of God.

Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook

The Jewish people are alive!

Rabbi’s Message (continued from page 1)

Israel is an upbeat, vibrant, happy and happening place to be. Last month, Israeli chemist, Dan Schechtman won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry- the 10th Israeli to win a Nobel Prize in her 63 year history!

I think it shows you who and what Israel is that despite Turkey’s “unfriending” of Israel, Israel has already sent temporary houses and aid to help the earthquake victims. Rather than graciously acknowledging this desperately needed aid, Turkey made sure to make the disclaimer that Israel’s humanitarian assistance will not ingratiate her in any way to Turkey. Ironically, Israel is also sending a boat with humanitarian aid! Remember what Turkey launched to Israel last year?! 

I would also like to welcome back- after a short absence- Tami Finkbeiner and Adrienne Roberts.

I hope to see everyone at services and events throughout the year, and encourage you to tell your friends about CBE. I enjoy seeing, and hearing, a packed house each Erev Shabbat!

L’Shalom,
Ryan Richmond, VP, Membership

Social Action

A VERY SPECIAL EVENING OF THANKSGIVING!

As we continue our time through the holiday months, please mark your calendars for a very special evening when we host the Interfaith Celebration of Thanksgiving at Congregation B’nai Emet this year. On Wednesday, November 23, we invite our members, friends and family as well as area churches, including St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church and Simi Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church, for an evening of songs, prayers and reflections. This service is offered in thanksgiving to God for our shared heritage of faith.

This event is always a lovely way to start Thanksgiving, with choirs and musicians of CBE and all of the churches coming together to provide beautiful musical offerings. If you are planning to attend, you are invited to bring monetary or food donations, to be collected during the service and donated to Care and Share – a local community food bank.

Following the service you are invited to join us for refreshments, meeting and greeting.

Carla Shaw, VP Social Action
High Holiday Donations and Pledges

Minnie Anzo – in memory of mother and father, Joseph and Anna Freeman
Jerry and Jan Auerbach – in memory of Morton Auerbach
Deborah Bass – in memory of Barbara Bass
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Jerry and Marla Bergman (Preschool) in memory of Bertram and Shirley Bergmann
Dave Berlin – in memory of Herb Berlin
Marilyn Bernstein – in memory of Melvin Bernstein
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Steven and Raye Charton in memory of Helen Rogen
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Ken and Suzanne Epstein (General and Preschool/Education Bldg) in memory of Epstein and Holland ancestors, immigrants from various parts of Europe
Alice Fiducia – in honor of John Fiducia
Alvin Finchler (Preschool/Education Bldg) in memory of wife, Shirley Finchler
Tami Finkbeiner (General and Preschool/Education Bldg)
Ronald and Chen Forster (Religious School) in memory of Eric Otto Forster
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Carl Greenstein
Miriam Hintz
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Arnold Kaufman – in memory of Gloria Goodman
Eric Kaufman
Lynne Kelly
Sheila Kubik (Preschool/Education Bldg) in memory of husband, Stanley Kubik
Peppi Lamm – in memory of my family’s Yahrzeit for Yom Kippur
Gary Lauber – in memory of Fritz Lauber
Michael Lauber (Preschool) in memory of Fritz Lauber
Alan and Linda Mann (Preschool/Education Bldg) in memory of Alex, Regina and Miriam Mann
Sandy and Stan Melnick – in memory Gerry Katz
Michael and Julie Mutal
Penny Neugroschl – in memory of JG Neugroschl
Nate and Margaret Nusbaum Family
Sharlene Pass
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Julie Ranelletti (Preschool) in honor of Justin Daniel Ranelletti
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Ian Russ (Preschool) in honor of Cantor Michael Russ
Ronnye Sacks
Leonard and Anamae Salberg - in honor of Mitch Salberg and Jill Katell
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Michelle Scharf (Preschool/Education Bldg) in memory of Sandy and Trevor Scharf
Lori and Bob Sherden (Preschool/Education Bldg) in memory of J Neugroschl
Miko and Bobbie Sion – in memory of Paula and Isaac Sion
Robert and Judy Sternberg – in memory of Harry and Martha Sternberg and Joseph Rapaport
Michele Stevens
The Tolchin Family (Preschool/Education Bldg) in memory of Alan Tolchin and Meyer Siegel
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Women of CBE

Sisterhood will be celebrating Jewish Book Month at our November 8 meeting. Come and learn all about Jewish Books and Jewish Book Month. With the arrival of Hanukkah not far off, we will again be sponsoring our Hanukkah Boutique on November 20 at the Temple. We have many vendors, lots of exciting items to purchase, and we look forward to helping you fill your Hanukkah wish list while helping Sisterhood and our Temple. We will also have yummy food for you to help you keep up your strength while shopping. We are still hearing from women who want to join us and we have several new members. We welcome them and hope to see them and others at our meetings. Come and join us for fun and fundraising for CBE.

Penny Neugroschl, President, Women of CBE

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- **August 26, 2011**
  - The Moss Family in honor of Joshua’s Bar Mitzvah
  - The Mutal Family in memory of Katherine Diana Mutal & Morris Varon

- **September 2, 2011**
  - The Bennett Family in honor of Alec’s Bar Mitzvah
  - Meridith Patera & Carla Shaw in honor of Bennett’s 30th birthday & in memory of Harry Shaw

- **September 9, 2011**
  - The Enright Family in honor of Janine’s father, Howard Vine

- **September 16, 2011**
  - The Sherden Family in memory of J Neugroschl & Rudy Edelstein
  - Penny Neugroschl in memory of JG Neugroschl & Rudy Edelstein
  - Stan & Sandy Melnick in honor of their granddaughter Sarah’s Bat Mitzvah
  - Michelle Scharf in memory of her husband, Sandy Scharf, & the recent passing of Carolyn Epstein.

- **September 23, 2011**
  - The Moss Family in honor of Hanna’s 11th birthday
  - The Bellenson Family in honor of Joel’s birthday

- **September 30, 2011**
  - The Smith Family in honor of Leanna’s birthday
  - Minnie Anzo in honor of Leanna Smith’s birthday

- **October 14, 2011**
  - Alan & Sandy Leon in honor of Alan’s birthday
  - The Melnick Family in honor of Sandy’s 70th birthday & in memory of Sandy’s mother Gerry Katz
  - The Stafford Family in honor of Julie & Jessica’s birthdays

- **October 21, 2011**
  - The LeVine Family in memory of Sylvia’s Parents Lisa Weissbrod & Joseph Weissbrod & Ron’s parents Mildred Levine & Max LeVine
  - Cantor Michael & Merle Russ in honor of the birth of their grandchildren Micah Leonard & Saul Owen
  - The Rosado Family in honor of Leah’s birthday
Mrs. Patera explained the holiday of Sukkot. The children watched raptly as she demonstrated the *lulav* and *etrog*. Then they enjoyed ice cream sundaes with all the trimmings.

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With the CBE Adult Players

written and directed by Meridith Patera  music directed by Irwin Cohen

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| Nov 02 | Eric Levine  |
| Nov 03 | Ryan Fromer  |
| Nov 05 | Tamara Plotkin |
| Nov 05 | Natalie Richmond |
| Nov 12 | Samuel Forster |
| Nov 12 | Ryan Rosenstein |
| Nov 14 | Julia Elhai |
| Nov 15 | Deborah Bass |
| Nov 16 | Eric Bordo |
| Nov 25 | Miko Sion |
| Nov 30 | Jerry Auerbach |
| Nov 30 | Rhonda Nadler |
| Dec 01 | Marlayne Bellenson |
| Dec 01 | Ryan Ribstein |
| Dec 02 | Julie Bienenfeld |
| Dec 03 | Sylvia LeVine |
| Dec 05 | Rachel Tabak |
| Dec 06 | Sharlene Pass |
| Dec 07 | Shawna Katell |
| Dec 08 | Alec Bennett |
| Dec 08 | Jake Storry |
| Dec 09 | Kaitlyn Richmond |
| Dec 10 | Cantor Michael Russ |
| Dec 13 | Rachel Leah Reiff |
| Dec 13 | Mitchell Resnick |
| Dec 18 | Andrew Nadler |
| Dec 19 | Erin Hollander |
| Dec 22 | Aiden Schneiderman |
| Dec 25 | Mark Roberts |
| Dec 29 | Sharon Epstein |
| Dec 30 | Matthew Nusbaum |
| Dec 30 | Gail Weinstein |

## Anniversaries

| Nov 03 | Craig and Michelle Foster |
| Nov 06 | Alan and Sandra Leon |
| Nov 20 | Gabe and Jill Katell |
| Nov 21 | Steven and Raye Charton |
| Dec 09 | Valerie and Rajinder Singh |
| Dec 10 | Brian and Meryl Horowitz |
| Dec 18 | Miko and Bobbie Sion |
| Dec 23 | Tami and Robert Finkbeiner |
| Dec 23 | Gary and Nancy Micon |
| Dec 24 | Arnold and Marilyn Kaufman |

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

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

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### Condolences to:

**The Micon Family** on the passing of Nancy’s mother, Annette Beezy

**The Melnick Family** on the passing of Sandra’s mother, Gerry Katz.
Sukkot Across America

A very large number of people enjoyed learning about Sukkot with Rabbi Shimon Paskow, Israeli dancing on the patio, making miniature sukkot with Carla Shaw, and of course, noshing on holiday treats.

Preparing the Sukkah  Lulav and Etrog  CBE President Michael Hollander  Standing room only crowd

Meridith Patera  Sisterhood President Penny Neugroschl  Men’s Club President Michael Mutal

Rabbi Paskow explains the Sukkot rituals to a rapt audience in the sanctuary.

Carla Shaw demonstrates how to make a model Sukkah

This was an activity enjoyed by children and adults alike. All the sukkot were on display (see bottom photo)

A professional instructor lead the Israeli dancing on the patio.

A little “nosh” to finish off a wonderful evening.
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