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AND
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CBI presents

The Roz Baim

Distinguished Artist Series:

The Jewish Tenors Live in Concert

With Special guest,

Cantor Herschel Fox of Los Angeles

and the Chris Hardin Orchestra

Saturday, March 12 at 8:00 PM

Reserve your seats now at the CBI office!

Details inside this edition

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CBI Gala 2011 honoring the
Original Visionaries of Project Genesis

Andy Bernstein	Mark Cross	Bob Sklar
Michael Schneider	Hal Hurwitz	Ralph Stern
Ron Morrison	Jay Witzling	

Sunday, April 3 at 5:00 PM

Cocktails • Silent Auction • Dinner • Dancing • Live Auction

\$136/ person before March 11 • \$154/person after March 11

RSVP to CBI • Childcare available ~ \$25/child

Pesach 2011 Service Times

- Mon., April 18: 7:30 AM: Fast of the Firstborn, followed by a siyyum and seudah (breakfast)
- Tues., April 19: 9:30 AM: Day 1 ~ Service in sanctuary followed by Kiddush lunch
6:00 PM: Minha followed by... 6:30 PM: Community Seder
- Wed., April 20: 9:30 AM: Day 2 ~ Service in sanctuary followed by Kiddush lunch
- Mon., April 25: 9:30 AM: Day 7 ~ (*Shirat hayam*) followed by Kiddush lunch
- Tues., April 26: 9:30 AM: Day 8 ~ (*Yizkor*) ~ Service in sanctuary followed by Kiddush lunch

See
inside
for
CBI
Passover
Community
Seder

Purim is almost Here!

Join us for Services and Celebrations!

Thursday, March 17:

7:30 AM: Fast of Esther, Shacharit service in the Bet Midrash

Saturday, March 19:

7:30 PM: Ma'ariv, Megillah reading in the Family Life Center

9:30 PM: Purim Gala in the Social Hall with Dale Schatz. Wear your best costume!

Sunday, March 20:

8:30 AM: Shacharit Service, Megillah reading in the bet midrash.

9:00 – 11:30 AM: Mercaz Limmud and CDC Purim Havayah (Purim Experience)

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM: CBI's annual Purim Carnival sponsored by our award-winning USY!

Purim Wild and Crazy ~ for Children!

Saturday, March 19, at 11:45 AM in the Family Life Center: Tot Shabbat Purim Celebration ~ Come dressed in Costume!

Sunday, March 20, 9:00 – 11:30 AM in the Family Life Center: Purim Havayah for all preschool ~ second graders and their families ~ Wear your costume!

Sunday, March 20, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM: CBI Purim Carnival ~ Join us for more fun and games!



Congregation B'nai Israel
Child Development Center
presents
Our Children in...

THE ANIMAL FAIRE

Our Twelfth Annual
Preschool Fundraising

Sunday, March 6, 2011
3:30PM-5:30PM

Silent Auction • Food Fare

General Admission ~ \$25
Children ages 6-10 ~ \$5/child

Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Elie Spitz



Dear Friends,

I write these words on February 7th, after two weeks of protests in Egypt. By the time you read my reflections, much will have surely changed on ground. Nonetheless, as we move toward Passover, we have added reason to think about that soil from which our people emerged and our identification with the quest for freedom.

Our Passover narrative describes deliverance from living under the thumb of an unjust Pharaoh enabling freedom and the responsibility of self-government. What could be a more seductive cause than support for the protestors in Egypt? But there is a catch: our own self-interest.

For 31 years, President Mubarak has provided security on Israel's Southern border. Egypt and Israel's friendship is admittedly arms-length and more disturbingly, it has hardly changed the negative portrayal of Israel in the Egyptian news media and mosques. We Jews are understandably nervous about who will rule Israel's mighty neighbor, which is 48 times larger than Israel and with 10 times its population. Yet, that fear should not cloud our sympathy for those who seek democratic rule.

On Saturday as protestors gathered in Cairo's Tahrir Square in the face of violent pro-Mubarak supporters, Jews around the world traditionally read the words of Isaiah (chapter 60) condemning hypocrisy. Across 2600 years, the prophet spoke on behalf of the Almighty saying, God will mock those who bring offerings

while engaging in injustice. We are called- both as Jews and as Americans- to identify with and aid those who pursue justice.

In our own nation, President Bush emphasized in his Second Inaugural Address the foundational human longing for freedom and our nation's calling to lend our support. Those words were influenced by Israeli leader and former Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky who in his book, *The Case for Democracy: The Power of Freedom to Overcome Tyranny and Terror*, asserted that increased democratic rule will enhance security and peace in our world. When President Obama spoke in Cairo in 2009 he likewise encouraged Arab leaders to provide their people with more transparent government and the freedom to choose how they live.

We have good reasons to fear the well-organized Muslim Brotherhood as a religious organization founded on a quest for Islamic law to serve as the supreme law of the land. Commentators commonly estimate that 20% of Egyptians, approximately twice the size of Israel's total population, identify with this rigidly traditionalist Islamic group, whose leadership has a consistent record of anti-Israel and anti-semitic rhetoric. Egypt's revolution will hopefully not unfold as Iran's or Gaza's election. National aspirations and political cultures differ. Egypt has a long and noble history. It was the first major Arab nation to make peace with Israel. May it be the first to truly gain unified leadership through fair and open elections.

Jews have a long history of living with hope despite uncertainty. Indeed, Israel's national anthem, the *hatikvah*, means "the hope." Our hope of a better world emerges from abiding by foundational values, which includes the dignity of each person. In watching and listening to those in Egypt voice their yearning for a responsive and responsible government, I hear the words of God and Judaism calling on me to pray for the protestor's safety and a tomorrow of greater freedom.

Post script: *On February 11th Mubarek made his exit, pushed out by the military leaders who responded*

to the passion and persistence of large crowds of protestors. Poetically, February 11th corresponds to the date in 1986 that Natan Sharansky walked out of a Soviet Concentration camp and Nelson Mandela in 1990 left jail after twenty-six years of incarceration. Both of these men exemplify the possibilities of using freedom for the betterment of others. The day after the day of a revolution is a time of uncertainty. It is too early to know if Egypt's government will unfold toward an open society with free elections and a free press or toward another form of military control. If it unfolds toward democracy, there is the hope of sustained, positive relations with Israel. At our seder tables let us consider including a discussion on the growing wave of freedom seeking around our world. Among the questions: how has technology made a difference in enabling both the desire for free expression and the ability to organize? How can the internet be a tool for either good or evil? What are our hopes and fears as we look forward toward change in the Middle East and around the world? I wish each of you a Pesach of joy in celebration of our own freedoms.

PS- In support of Israel, please consider reading a brilliant presentation by a 19-year-old Cambridge Law Student, Gabriel Latner, on the topic "Is Israel a Rogue State?" ☆

<http://thesop.org/story/20101119/cambridge-debate-centered-on-the-motion-that-israel-is-a-rogue-state.html>

"Nurturing Your Soul 201" Taught by Rabbi Spitz

A sequel of meditation, visualization and sacred text that offers guidance for you to experience greater inner harmony

**Wednesday: March 2, 9, 23
and April 6 and 13**

You need not have taken the first cycle to join this series of talks and tools that develop integration of the physical, emotional, intellectual and intuitive dimensions of soul.



CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL PROUDLY PRESENTS
THE ROZ BAIM DISTINGUISHED ARTISTS SERIES

Saturday
March 12, 2011
8:00pm

The Jewish Tenors
Live in Concert!



Cantor Yaakov Motzen
Bal Harbour/
Toronto



Cantor Benzion Miller
New York City



Cantor Daniel Gildar
Philadelphia



Cantor Benjamin
Warschawski
Chicago

with special guest, Cantor Herschel Fox (Los Angeles)
and The Chris Hardin Orchestra
at Congregation B'nai Israel, 2111 Bryan Avenue, Tustin

TICKETS:

\$36 Unreserved Seats • \$54 Reserved Seats

\$72 VIP Seats and Private Dessert Reception with the Artists

\$100 VIP Seats, Private Dessert Reception with the Artists & Program Recognition

RESERVE NOW: Call 714-730-9693

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A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO GRIEVE IN COMMUNITY, THEN AND NOW

Chapter three of Babyonian Talmud Tractate *Moed Katan* (literally “less significant holidays”) addresses the challenges posed for a mourner when their *shiva* and/or *sheloshim* coincide with one of the *shalosh regalim* (*Pesah*, *Shavuot* and *Sukkot*) and specifically the intermediate days of *Pesah* and *Sukkot* known as *hol hamoed*. As with most Talmudic discussions, it begins with a topic that is relevant to the heading of the tractate and then wanders around the vast terrain of all questions that could emerge with respect to mourning practices in general. In the center of page 22b, the conversation focuses on *Kriya* – tearing one’s garment upon learning that a family member has died. How quickly after *shiva* can the tear be mended? Where does one tear – at the collar or in the middle of the garment? When one is wearing layered clothing – do they just tear the outer garment or all layers? Where does one tear – publicly or in private?

We learn towards the bottom of that page from *Rabbi Hiyyah bar Abba* in the name of *Rabbi Yohanan*: “On all the relatives [other than one’s parents] tearing your underlayers of clothing is sufficient, but for one’s parents one must tear the outer garment [thereby insuring a public display of one’s great grief]”. *Rav Hisda* adds, “And so too with the *Nasi* (the chief Rabbi of a big city or collection of cities) [the entire

community tears their outer garment – as if for a parent]. A few lines later, we learn: “The Rabbis taught – a *Hakham* who dies, his bet midrash is closed [during the week of *shiva*]. An *Av bet din* who dies, all the *batei midrash* throughout his city are closed and everyone gathers in the synagogue and no one sits in their regular places (a sign that one is in mourning). A *Nasi* who dies, all the *batei midrash* throughout his entire jurisdiction are closed and the members of the K’nesset (the community leaders/governmental officials) gather in the synagogue and read from the Torah for seven days and leave [to pray on their own in their own homes, because they too are in mourning].

We assume that the *Hakham*, the *Av Bet Din* and the *Nasi* represent the hierarchy of rabbinic authority and influence. One could liken a rabbi of a single synagogue to the *Hakham*. The *Av Bet Din* might be a communal figure that has inspired many rabbis and lay people in a larger area (like Los Angeles), the authoritative leader of a rabbinic council, or a leading scholar at a seminary whose teachings inspire a generation of devoted students who then go out to lead many communities. The *Nasi*, however, is larger than life – a person whose inspirational teachings extend beyond the borders of an organization or movement. American Jews today live such varied life-styles, it is hard to imagine a religious figure whose Torah could have wide reaching impact. Prior to and throughout the Middle Ages there might have been one *Nasi* in a generation if that. Today, especially in the West, a true rarity.

When my beloved friend and colleague, Deborah Togut, died just a year ago, her entire community came out to mourn their great loss. More than a thousand people attended her funeral. Two police cars were required to escort everyone to the cemetery and, while the synagogue could not totally close for business, a pall was cast over the entire congregation. Deborah was for them a *Hakham*. Two months ago, with the passing of Debbie Friedman, we witnessed how the non-Orthodox Jewish world

responded to the loss of a *Nasi*. It was remarkable. In the late 1960s Debbie cracked open a door of religious expression that millions of Jewish men and woman have flooded through over the last 40 years. What began as a trickle of young people in the Reform summer-camping movement turned into a tidal wave in less than 25 years and the course of Jewish musical and liturgical expression is forever changed. Debbie’s obituary was in newspapers around the world. Aside from the more than 1000 people at her funeral that was attended by over 60 Reform and Conservative rabbis and cantors (the B’nai haknesset, if you will), more than 7000 people were in attendance via the internet. Every synagogue I know paid tribute to her legacy on the Shabbat during her *Shiva* and many did special programs to mark her *sheloshim*. Even those who did not know Debbie’s music, appreciated her prophetic vision. I received condolence messages from my interfaith colleagues.

Sometime when we study what can appear to be the minutia of rabbinic dialectic, it feels outdated and irrelevant. While there are no words to express the profound sadness that I feel over the loss of my beloved Deborah (*Hehazzan Shoshana Devorah bat Avraham haKohenvMiriam*) at the age of 46 and over Debbie’s (*Dina Leah bat Freidl v’Gavrielle*) sudden passing which shocked the Jewish world, I am humbled by the eternal wisdom of our tradition. While our great sages, *zichroman livrakhah* could never have imagined that their prescriptions for mourning would apply to female religious leaders, I like to imagine that would be comforted to know that their Torah lives on in the 21st century. ☆

“Lines are a Language”:

A Workshop with Jo Milgrom

Wednesday, March 16

7:00 – 9:00 PM

A world famous artist, Dr. Milgrom teaches us to use lines to interpret a passage from Torah.

No art experience required.

\$10/person

RSVP to the CBI Office



The President's Corner

Joel Kuperberg



**"Congratulations—
or is it condolences?"**

"Mazel tov!"

"Are you meschugenah?"

**"So, how long is your sentence—
I mean, term?"**

I can't count how many times friends and well-wishers have offered comments like these since learning that I accepted the CBI presidency for 2011. Whether they deliver the messages with a grin and a slap on the back, or furtively whisper after taking me aside at shul, the consistent theme is that I must be, for lack of a more precise diagnosis, out of my mind.

For the record, they're wrong—it is a privilege, not a burden. In the more than 25 years since Lydia and I joined CBI, the synagogue has become not only our spiritual home, but the center of our community as well. We have celebrated our simchas — baby namings, brit milah and b'nai mitzvahs -- at CBI or surrounded by shul members; and the B'nai Israel family has provided us support and consolation during the inevitable times of sorrow. Our family has received so much from CBI, and I feel honored to be able to serve as president and give something in return.

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During the past few weeks, I have met with the Rabbi, the Cantor, CBI staff, past and present Board members and officers, and both long-term and new congregants. Without exception, everyone to whom I've spoken has generously taken time out to offer advice and share perspectives on CBI, its challenges and opportunities, and what the shul means to them. These meetings have confirmed what we all know but probably too often take for granted—that CBI is a vibrant, proudly participatory and egalitarian congregation, supported by a skilled and committed staff, and led by inspired, dedicated and creative clergy.

None of this has occurred by chance. Congregation B'nai Israel has had extraordinary lay leadership throughout its history. Over the past two years, Hal Hurwitz has provided calm, wise leadership, guiding the shul through the turbulent economic times impacting our nation and many of our members. CBI's Renaissance man, Hal not only presided over the Board of Directors, but throughout his tenure as president (as he has done literally

for decades) he continued to lead religious services, chant Torah and Haftarah, and mentor b'nai mitzvah students. And, if that were not enough, he is one of the kindest, gentlest and most caring persons that one could hope to meet. Taking over from Hal, I truly have big shoes to fill.

We all have the opportunity to thank and celebrate Hal and seven other pillars of CBI at our annual Gala fundraiser on Sunday, April 3, 2011. Hal-- along with Andy Bernstein, Mark Cross, Ron Morrison, Mike Schneider, Bob Skar, Ralph Stern and Jay Witzling—had the vision and commitment to see that what was then a small, fledgling shul could grow into a major religious institution in Orange County. Forming "Project Genesis" 25 years ago this year, these eight men led a successful multi-year effort to acquire the land and build the facilities that are now our home. Attending the annual Gala is your chance publicly to recognize and appreciate what the leaders of Project Genesis accomplished for all of us. I look forward to seeing you on April 3rd! ☆

CBI Passover Community Seder

Tuesday, April 19th at 6:30 PM ~ Minha at 6:00 PM

A Hamish, participatory Pesach Seder with a fully kosher traditional menu led by Rabbi Spitz and Cantor Tilchin

REMEMBER: No food to be brought in from the outside for all of Pesach, including for babies, in observance of kashrut.

\$45/adult; \$30/child 6 – 12 yrs; \$15/child 3 – 5 yrs.; children 2 and under free.

Please RSVP to the synagogue office at (714) 730 – 9693.



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Saturday Night, March 19, 2011

Travel Back in Time to Ancient Persia Celebrate Purim with Esther and Mordechai as the CBI Social Hall is transformed into the city of Shushan and the Royal Palace.

7:30 pm Ma'ariv and a lively Megillah reading in the Family Life Center
Come in costume and bring your grogger. Gift certificates will be awarded for the best costumes. 50/50 Lottery tickets will be sold in support of USY.

9:30 PM: Costume Ball for the whole family. Dance to the music of Dale Schatz and his All-Star Band. CBI Social Hall.

Entertainment and refreshments provided by the Milgrom family in honor of their family B'not Mitzvah.

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Religious School

Alan Rusonik,
Director, Lifelong Learning
Dan Koblin and Francine Wenhardt,
VPs



CELEBRATING JEWISH TIME

Abraham Joshua Heschel, Rabbi, Philosopher and Social Activist in the mid-20th century, explored the concept of time. He points out that the Bible is more concerned with time than with space, emphasizing generations and events more than objects or lands. He said the Bible speaks the language of history rather than geography. This was a departure from other religious systems prevalent in the ancient Near East which had gods associated with places or trees or rivers, etc. In fact, Heschel asserts: "Judaism can be characterized as a religion 'aiming at the sanctification of time.'" For example, the first time the word "Kodesh" or "holy" is used in the Bible, it refers to an event in time, that is, Shabbat: "God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy."

At Mercaz Limmud, we regard celebrating Jewish time as an important part of our mission, for celebrating time is one of the unique and special features of being Jewish. In fact, I strongly urge our teachers not to teach the Jewish holidays by means of a textbook or a worksheet. The Jewish holidays were meant to be celebrated and experienced, not to be read as an anthropological study or colored in as if one were painting by numbers. That is why our holiday celebrations at Mercaz Limmud are referred to as "Havayot," or "Holiday Experiences." As our students prepare for

the upcoming holidays of Purim and Pesach, we are planning exceptional *Havayot* that are meaningful, memorable and engaging for our students. Our rabbis taught, "*Hazman Katzar VeHa'Avodah Merubeh*," "the time is short and the task is great." At Mercaz Limmud, our approach is two-fold: (1) focus our class room training on Hebrew and prayer skills so that our students will be well prepared with synagogue and Jewish life skills for Bar/Bat Mitzvah and beyond and (2) provide our students with meaningful and enriching learning experiences in order to make Judaism come alive in an exciting and important way. In doing so, we will be true to our tradition of sanctifying time and making it meaningful and holy.

Just a note to let you know what's been going on in Mercaz Hadracha (Hebrew High):

We've had several engaging speakers: Rabbi Spitz on "How to give advice without getting shot: the Jethro story,"; Dr. Jacob Weisberg, a nationally recognized communications consultant conducted interactive sessions on active listening; Rabbinic intern Adam Greenwald spoke about Tu b'Shevat as an environmental holiday, and Johanna Rose addressed seniors on AIPAC and advocacy for Israel. We also welcomed Mina Rush for Jewish World Watch to speak on the genocides in Darfu and Congo. This has been an enriching and inspiring time for our teenagers!

Our 8th and 9th grade students composed a beautiful mosaic with renowned mosaic artist Irina Charney that was presented to our synagogue on February 23. This wonderful, expressive project was funded by the Zembrosky Art Fund.

Please note the following upcoming events:

Sunday, March 13: Seventh Annual Interfaith Youth Forum: 12:00 Noon – 5:00 PM: Shinnyo-en USA Buddhist Temple, 18111 Bastanchury Rd., Yorba Linda, 92886. All high school students from all walks of faith are invited to attend. For more information or to register, go to <http://www.interfaithyouthcouncil.org/> or contact the Mercaz Limmud office.

Friday, March 11: Shabbat Club at Beit T'Shuvah in Los Angeles for Mercaz Hadracha.

Sunday, April 3: Jewish World Watch Walk to end genocide. See the box in this edition for more details or go to <http://www.jewishworldwatch.org/>

Wednesday, April 13: "Freedom Song" A special performance at 6:30 PM. Please see box below for more details.

Mercaz Hadracha is focused on making the teenagers of today into the leaders of tomorrow. Please have your teenager join us and be inspired to be a voice in the Jewish community and the world beyond! ☆

When you hear of a lifecycle event in our CBI community (whether simcha, illness or a death), or if you have something which you wish the Cantor to be aware of, please notify the CBI office.

**Call (714) 730-9693 or
e-mail cbi18@cbi18.org.**



Leftover Kipot?

Bring them to the Sisterhood gift shop

*where they will be re-created into Works of art
to either be resold or worn for a lifetime!*

All proceeds will benefit the gift shop that directly supports CBI's educational program.

*Drop by the gift shop and talk to Sam
about designs and ideas.
Let your creativity soar!*



USY Seudah Sh'lishit and Learning



Don't miss Seudah Sh'lishit with Rabbinic Intern Adam Greenwald. We will meet on Saturday evenings, March 26 and April 16 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. These are monthly Seudah Sh'lishit (*Third Meal*) and Learning Program. We will meet once a month on Shabbat afternoon to learn together while sharing a light meal and USY-style Havdallah.

All teens are welcome—come share your insights with us!

**THERE IS NO COST
TO ATTEND ☆**

Experiential Prayer & Text Study

Come Learn with

Adam Greenwald

10:30 AM in the Bet Midrash

March 26

You Are How You Eat

How and what we eat teaches us who and what we are. Join us for an exploration of the ethics and spirituality of conscious consumption

April 16

Exodus and Revolution

The Story of the Exodus has inspired diverse groups of people throughout history in their struggles for freedom.

In preparation for Pesach, we'll explore the ways that the story of our liberation has helped bring about the liberation of others.

**JOIN THE SUNDAY
MINYAN ANY SUNDAY
AT 9:10 AM IN
THE BET MIDRASH**

IMPORTANT DATES FOR **MERCAZ LIMMUD AND MERCAZ HADRACHA**

MARCH

Tuesday, March 1 –

Thursday, March 3: Class

Sunday, March 6 –

Thursday, March 10: Class

Friday, March 11: Shabbat Club for Mercaz Hadracha; Beit T'shuvah in Los Angeles

Sunday, March 13: 7th Grade Field Trip

Tuesday, March 15: Class

Wednesday, March 16: 6:00 – 8:15 PM: Open House for Prospective Students
"A Taste of Mercaz Hadracha..."

6:00 – 8:15 PM: Program for Ongoing *Madracha* Parents
"Partners in Prevention: Supporting my Child"

Thurs. March 17: Class

Fri. March 18: 3rd Grade Family Shabbat, Dinner and Program

Sun. March 20: Purim Havaya: 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Purim Carnival: 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

March 22 – March 31: Class

APRIL

Sunday, April 3: Class; 7th Grade program; Jewish World Watch March for Darfur

April 5 – April 7: Class

Friday, April 8: 2nd Grade Family Shabbat, Dinner and Program

Sunday, April 10: Class; Passover Havayah: 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Tuesday, April 12: Class

Wednesday, April 13: Class; "Freedom Song": 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 14: Class

Sunday, April 17 – Thursday, April 28: Spring Break

Support Your Fellow Congregants in Need by Donating to the CBI Membership Support Fund

Hard Economic times have made it difficult for many congregants to pay for membership. Our Membership Support Fund helps with that.

Donations can be made by contacting the CBI Office.

3rd Annual Walk to End Genocide

Facilitated by Jewish World Watch

Raise a voice of awareness
against Genocide and the
Violation of Human Rights!

**Sunday April 3
8:00 AM - Noon**

Fountain Valley Sports Park
– Great Lawn
16400 Brookhurst Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708
\$18/person



Interested in Volunteering for the walk? Contact the CBI Office.

Register Online at www.walktoendgenocide.org or Call (818) 501- 1836

Please Note: The CBI team is CBI friends and Teens 4 H.E.A.L. **Join Us!**



Child Development

Lisa Heller - Director, Certified
Parent Coach
Michael Adler and
Scott Cross, VPs



Registration for the Preschool!

All CBI members have the opportunity to register during the month of March. As many of you know, the Preschool is a highly acclaimed school, rich in Jewish tradition, with a very low teacher ratio, and beautiful indoor and outdoor environments. There are five classes:

The Dagim Class, (Babies), Shfanim, (Toddlers), Girafot, (Young Preschool), Pilim, (Preschool) and the oldest, Parparim, (PreK).

The school offers full time, part time, half and full days. Homemade kosher lunches are available along with healthy snacks (some even grown in our own organic gardens). The children make and take home their own challah every Shabbat.

The teachers are trained in both Early Childhood Education, as well as Jewish curriculum, the Reggio Emilia and Constructivist Approach to learning. They have Pediatric CPR and First Aid training, are finger printed by the National registrar, and many have advanced degrees and years of experience. More than half of our staff have been here for at least six years.

Our philosophy is based on the belief that we have the responsibility to nurture each child's development and learning style, utilizing experiences through interactions that foster a zest for life and a love of learning. We

believe that care and learning are inseparable and that each child is a thinking and creative individual.

Interested in visiting the pre-school? Give a call 714.730.0860 and set up a tour! We welcome all members ☆



Shabbat Shalom



Construction zone



Harvesting spinach for lunch

Budding
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mologist



It isn't just for big kids anymore!

Join us for LITTLE SHUL

A program designed to prepare your little one for the "big" shul!
For children ages infant thru Pre -K

Sunday, April 10

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
in the Bet Midrash

\$10/Family covers materials and a snack

Contact the CBI Office if interested

Thank you to the
CBI community for
your very generous
donations to the
Child Development Center for
the 12th Annual Fundraiser
"The Animal Faire"



Todah Rabah!

Tot Shabbat (Family Shabbat Morning Service) Kick-Off Special Tot Shabbat - March 19, 2011

Tot Shabbat is geared towards families with young children who wish to come and capture that special SHABBAT FEELING! Stories, dance, music and Kiddush (Challah and grape juice) are a part of the morning experience. Following the service please join the congregation for lunch in the social hall. Tot Shabbat gives your child a sense of Shabbat in a fun and interactive environment, as well as a chance for you to celebrate Shabbat with your child and other young families at Congregation B'nai Israel. The Tot Shabbat program welcomes all children up to age five and their families.

Time: 11:50AM -12:20PM

Dates: Tot Shabbat is held weekly in room 105. There will be a special service the third Saturday of each month in the Family Life Center.

March 19; April 23 and May 21



Youth News

Barbara Sherman - Youth Director
Annie Shugarman and
Marcy Shapiro, VPs



Every time of year is a special time for the Youth Department. For instance, we just finished our favorite winter "special" time. The freezing cold of broomball, the warmth of the blankets in our Chapter retreat hotel rooms and the taste of french fries dipped in hot fudge at Denny's.

Now we head into cotton candy melting sweetly on our tongue, the screams of rides and games coming from the CBI parking lot, followed a little later by the smell of sunscreen drifting through the building, the vision of the color orange everywhere and the laughter of hundreds of kids. Yes, we are heading into Purim Carnival and then Camp Bnai Ruach season.

These are two huge activities sponsored by the Youth Department that define who we are and help carry us through the rest of the year. These activities create so many memories. I know you would not have to look far to find someone who would happily share a memory of one of these events with you.

These activities also need a huge amount of community support. First, we need you to help sponsor a booth at the Carnival. Any amount will make a difference. Next, we need you to attend our Carnival on Sunday March 20, 2011 from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM.

Your presence shows the love and support that gives us the strength to move ahead into our upcoming five amazing weeks of kids coming

to B'nai Ruach; kids from all around the county who come together to build friendships, act as mentors and experience the lazy days of summer. Together kids grades K thru college share in the adventures of local theme parks, the crash of waves, melting ice cream, morning prayers, silly songs and bus rides filled with fun.

Exhausting as both of these two huge activities are, that is how rewarding they are as well. Watching all of our kids come together in these once-in-a-lifetime moments is something everyone should experience. To make all of these dreams come true for the kids and the programs, one simple ingredient is needed: your support.

The money we raise at the Purim Carnival and sponsorship donations will help fund our programs and scholarship fund. Our kids are lucky to have the support of a community that makes sure they have programs to keep them busy, provide adventures and give them a place to go. All I can say is, what a blessing and thank you in advance to the Synagogue community and staff (including the office, CDC and Hebrew School) for ensuring that these activities continue.

I invite you to let some of that cotton candy melt on your tongue, to look forward to the smell of sunscreen and to hear the laughter of our kids. Let your senses take in all of the gifts around us and know that we are always grateful for your support! ☆

DRUM ROLL PLEASE!!!

INTRODUCING THE YOUTH
DEPARTMENT'S NEW WEBSITE:
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Get the Latest and Greatest News
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It is truly the gift that keeps on giving~

CBI Blood Drive

March 28

1:00 – 7:00 PM

CBI Social Hall

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BACK BY VERY POPULAR DEMAND!!!

CBI'S Camp B'nai Ruach is now enrolling for summer 2011

**Camp
B'nai
Ruach**



Week 1: July 5 – 8

Week 2: July 11 – 15

Week 3: July 18 – 22

Week 4: July 25 – 29

Week 5: August 1 – 5

For Campers entering grades K – 6;
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Jr. Counselors: Entering Grade 9

Enrollment by the week to accommodate all schedules!

Director: Barbara Sherman; Assistant Director: Molly Shapiro

Disneyland, Wild Rivers, Skating, Gaga, Art, Cooking...all with friends and mentors...

What could be better?

Interested? Call the CBI Youth Department or check us out
on our new youth department website: <http://www.cbiyouthdpt.com>



It's all about Ritual

Phyllis Abrams and
Bonnie Widerman, VPs

Every year on the fourteenth of Adar, Jewish communities around the world gather to celebrate Purim, a joyous festival commemorating the deliverance of the Jews from potential annihilation as related in the Book of Esther. Although God is conspicuously absent from the Book of Esther, His "absence" is counter-balanced by the story's fascinating and memorable characters, such as Haman, the evil grand vizier of Persia and a descendant of the anti-Semitic Amalekites; Queen Esther, the Jewish heroine whose brave intervention saves the Jews from destruction; and Mordechai, Esther's uncle and a great religious leader of his generation. Although King Ahasuerus is clearly the most powerful figure in this tense drama, his persona is eclipsed by the exploits of Esther and Mordechai and the grogger-induced mayhem associated with Haman. What else is there to know about Ahasuerus?

According to the Book of Esther, Ahasuerus (*Achashverosh* in Hebrew) was the ruler of the Kingdom of Persia, which stretched from India (*Hodu*) to Ethiopia (*Cush*) and was composed of 127 provinces. The Hebrew name *Achashverosh* is derived from the Persian name *Khashayarsha*. It is commonly believed that Ahasuerus was Xerxes I, aka Xerxes the Great, who ruled over the Persian Empire from 486 to 465 B.C.E. This is the same Xerxes who invaded Greece and fought a small coalition of Greek forces led by the Spartans at the battle of Thermopylae in 480 B.C.E. This military expedition ultimately failed and Xerxes retired to Persia. The events described in the Purim story are believed to have taken place following his return to Persia.

Our tradition teaches us that much of Ahasuerus' tremendous wealth was derived from King Nebuchadnezzar's spoils of conquest, which occurred many years before. Nebuchadnezzar looted the treasures of the Beit

HaMikdash and placed them in a ship that he sank in the Euphrates River for safekeeping. Eventually the Babylonian Empire was succeeded by the Persian Empire and the treasures of the *Beit HaMikdash* came into the possession of Ahasuerus. As described in first chapter of the Book of Esther, Ahasuerus threw two sumptuous parties (the first lasting 180 days and the second seven days) in the city of Shushan during which he displayed, and therefore desecrated, the holy vessels and robes of the *Beit HaMikdash*. Moreover, according to the Talmud, the Jews of Shushan participated in Ahasuerus' lavish seven-day celebration, and it was this sin that served as the catalyst for the near destruction of the Jews described in the Purim story.

Fortunately the story of Purim has a happy ending: the Jews are saved, Haman and his sons are hanged, and Mordechai becomes Ahasuerus' second-in-command. The Sages also teach us that the son of Ahasuerus and Esther, Darius II, eventually took over as ruler and allowed the Jews to begin rebuilding the *Beit HaMikdash* in Jerusalem, so in an interesting turn of events Ahasuerus' legacy ultimately benefits the Jewish people.

From a ritual perspective, it is worth noting that in contrast to Chanukah and Pesach, Jews do not recite *Hallel* on Purim. The reason for this omission is that following the deliverance of the Jews in Purim, they still remained subjects of Ahasuerus; therefore, their salvation was deemed to be "incomplete." ☆



TA'ANIT ESTER

The Fast of Esther
Thursday, March 17

We honor Esther on this day, who
fasted before she appeared before
the king to tell him about
Haman, thus risking her life and
ultimately saving the Jews.

Please join us for shacharit service in
the Bet Midrash,
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM.
This is a daylight only fast.

Der Yidishe Vinkle

Club Yiddish Carl Bendroff

My *baleepte* (beloved) readers, here's *eyn iber-blick* (a review) from the last Shofar: Mr. Klowksi was *gevoondert* (surprised) by my *ploots•em•dik* (sudden) interest in sports. So, as the *eyntsikeh* (only) first-time team captain, Mr. Klowksi let me be the first to choose a player for my *koyshbol* (basketball) team.

The Jocks were *zitsn oyf shpilkes* (sitting on pins and needles) while they waited to see which of them I'd pick. I wanted them to *plotz* (explode).

"Stop *patskheing* (wasting time), Carl, and make a choice," Mr. Klowksi said. "Nicky Nobel," I *ongezogt* (announced). Nicky could *blozn* (blow) chocolate-milk *blezlen* (bubbles) out his *nozlekher* (nostrils) long after lunch had ended. Nicky *shmeykhle* (grinned) as he bounced down the bleachers. He'd always been picked second to last. *Haynt* (today), Nicky was first.

Wide pairs of *bloy, grin, un broyn* (blue, green, and brown) jock *oygn* (eyes) beckoned the strapping captains. Three *tsufridn* (happy) pairs were chosen. *Nokh amol* (once again) it was my turn. Bulging bodies shuddered with *shrek* (terror).

"Les Metursky," I called. The Jocks called him 'Muscle-Les Metursky' because he was all bone and no beef.

"Yo," Les answered. Whenever Les was nervous, he spoke *kapoyer* (backwards). So what he meant to say was, "*Oy* (oh no)!"

By the time I chose a *dritl* (third) teammate, the muscle bound boys had unflexed. But Mr. Klowksi looked *farmisht* (confused). I guess he didn't know my game plan. And that made two of us.

Next time: This you call a team? Until then, *zei gezunt* (be well)! ☆



Membership Moments

Mike Mymon and
Daveen Meyers, VPs

With the installation of the new CBI Board, we thanked Batia Swed for her great service to our community for the last two years and welcomed Daveen Meyers into the Membership portfolio.

We've begun planning CBI's Israel Yom Ha'Atzma'ut (Independence Day) celebration. This year the festivities will take place on Sunday, May 15th, 12-3 p.m. (please mark your calendar) and the theme will be "The Magic of Israel". The planning committee is working on a number of exciting activities for adults and children and we hope you will join us. As always, we welcome members' suggestions and participation.

Also, for the Yom Ha'Atzma'ut celebration we would like to create a picture collage of members in Israel. Please look through your albums or computer files and provide us with such pictures. For hard copies, please mark the back of the pictures with your name, so that they would be returned to you after the event, and send/bring to the office. Digital copies may be sent via e mail to one of us, or on a CD to the CBI office.

There are quite a few Interest Groups at CBI and we encourage your participation. We offer art & entertainment events, hikes, a book club, Israeli folk dancing, table games and more. Please contact the CBI office for details, or watch for updates in the weekly CBI email distribution.

Lastly, we often hear from new and prospective members that they chose CBI because of the warm and friendly atmosphere. This something we should be proud of and continue to cultivate. It is easy to do and requires very little effort. While at CBI, just look around and if you see someone you do not know, go introduce yourself. You might just make someone's day, or better yet, you just might make yours....



We welcome our newest
members to our
CBI community:

Sima and Jared Baer
Perla Cohen

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SISTERHOOD'S BOOK CLUB

The Kitchen House

by Kathleen Grissom
Thursday, March 10
at 7:30 PM



Three Lives
by Gertrude Stein
Thursday, April 14
at 7:30 PM

Check our website at
<http://www.cbi18.org>



Sisterhood Says...

Michelle Ginsburg &
Roberta Abramson

On January 30, 2011 a lively and inspiring Women's League Torah Fund Study Day was held at Sinai Temple in Los Angeles. It may have been raining outside, but there was plenty of "light" shined on the topic of "The Energizing Power of a Jewish Woman's Community." Our keynote speaker, Lisa Kogen, flew in from JTS in New York to share her historical perspective of Jewish women's communities through the ages beginning with Yiftach and the sacrifice of his daughter in Judges 11:36 through 1927 Poland and the poem, "Songs of Women" by Kadya Molodowsky. Lisa is a cultural historian who serves as the national director of education of Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

Lisa's presentation was preceded by a session with Julie Platt, a gifted and energetic Jewish fundraiser as well as chair of the Advisory Board of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies. Her session, "Where Do We Fit in Now and For the Future," encouraged us to think "outside-the-box" about our participation as Jewish women in the community and as role models for our children and peers. Julie's commitment to keeping Judaism alive in the 21st century is unparalleled and she gave us plenty of good ideas for sharing our time such as volunteering to teach reading in underprivileged schools or demonstrating to our children that attendance at meetings which support Jewish events is something to talk about anytime, anywhere.

Our Sisterhood president, Roberta Abramson, shared with the group that CBI Sisterhood supports the Madrichim program at CBI's Hebrew School, enabling the teaching assistants to be paid for their efforts. This suggestion brought a round of applause and excitement. Yasher Koach, Roberta!

It was a lovely morning enjoyed and appreciated by all of the Sisterhood women who attended. We returned to the OC more informed and happy to have attended such a meaningful event. ☆



My CBI Story

Susan Levinstein

Tom and I met on a blind date back in 1990. Tom lived in Florida and I lived in Sherman Oaks, ... yes, a long distance romance. Well, after we tied the knot, I moved to Florida, but we returned to non-humid California two years later and settled in the OC.

We did some shul shopping, and found that the other two synagogues we visited didn't seem to have the warmth and welcome that we were used to. When we visited CBI, people chatted with us, and we exchanged stories about USY experiences.

We finally became members in 1999, when we signed up our infant, Danny, and our three-year-old, Adam, for preschool. One of the first parents I ran into at preschool looked really familiar... Ed Levin! The USY Advisor from way-back-when?! Needless to say, all three of our kids (the boys and then Hannah, our youngest) went through CBI's CDC and loved it!

In 2008, I was asked to be on the CBI Board. I wasn't sure what I was getting myself into, especially since we were starting to now prepare Adam's Bar Mitzvah. Being on the board, however, and attending services regularly really enabled us to get to know more congregants and develop new friendships.

When both my father and brother unexpectedly passed away within ten

months of each other this past year, we couldn't believe the amount of love and support that we received from our synagogue family. It was so heartwarming to know that so many wonderful people were there for us. They continue to encircle us with their support.

We, in turn, hope to be there for others and give back. We also hope that our children stay connected, enjoy USY as I did, and form lasting bonds with their CBI friends. Adam, now a 9th grader, is involved in Hebrew High and regularly works as a teaching assistant for the religious school. Danny is starting to prepare for his Bar Mitzvah in 2012, and Hannah is enjoying the close friendships that she has made with other CBI kids. We are all thankful and proud to be a part of CBI.

We believe each of us has a CBI Story to tell and we think it would be wonderful to share those stories on the pages of The Shofar. Please take a few moments to write/call one of us and share your CBI Story. ☆

SHABBAT GREETERS WANTED

"All Call" for Shabbat Greeters.

Contact Joyce Walter, through the CBI office.



Social Action

Joyce Walter & Judith Lipshutz, VPs

Ongoing we have our Sunday Suppers which are the 2nd Sunday of every month at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. We would like to thank all those who have participated and to welcome all who are looking forward to working at this meaningful experience. We are in need of **PAPER GOODS, SMALL GROCERIES**, (can of tuna, soups, pasta, cereals) **AND, OF COURSE, CASH DONATIONS** to help pay for the cost of the suppers. There is a carton near the office for your convenience to place your donations.

Please call the CBI office if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Thank you! ☆

CANS? BOTTLES? Leave them for USY!

We'll take your cans and plastic water or soda bottles and recycle them! Just leave them in the marked containers left in the Social Hall, Courtyard and USY Lounge!

Check out our new web page: www.cbi18.org

March Perek Yomi readings

HOS.	JOEL	AMOS
March Chapter	March Chapter	March Chapter
1 3	13 1	24 8
2 4	14 2	25 9
3 5	15 3	OBADIAH
4 6	16 4	26 1
5 7	AMOS	JONAH
6 8	17 1	27 1
7 9	18 2	28 2
8 10	19 3	29 3
9 11	20 8	30 4
10 12	21 5	MICAH
11 13	22 6	31 1
12 14	23 7	

April Perek Yomi readings

MICAH	HABAKKUK	ZECHARIAH
April Chapter	April Chapter	April Chapter
1 2	11 1	20 2
2 3	12 2	21 3
3 4	13 3	22 4
4 5	ZEPHANIAH	23 5
5 6	14 1	24 6
6 7	15 2	25 7
7 8	16 3	26 8
NAHUM	HAGGAI	27 9
8 1	17 1	28 10
9 2	18 2	29 11
10 3	ZECHARIAH	30 12
	19 1	



HAPPENINGS AND POINTS OF INTEREST @ CBI

CONTINUE TO LEARN ON SHABBAT MORNINGS: Parashat Hashavuah~Study the week's Torah portion from **8:30 AM – 9:20 AM** every Saturday before services. Then join us for **How to Read Hebrew Scripture with a Modern Lens** after services from **1:15 PM – 2:15 PM** in the Bet Midrash. Come join us!

DON'T FORGET SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN: 9:10 AM – 10:00 AM in the Bet Midrash.

ISRAELI DANCING AT CBI: Israeli dancing continues on every **Tuesday, 6:30 – 9:00 PM for all levels.** We will meet in the Social Hall~ wear comfortable shoes! Children 7 – 12 years old must be accompanied by a dancing parent. Cost is free.

SISTERHOOD'S ONGOING MAH JONGG is every **Wednesday night** at 7:00 PM. A \$5 donation is optional and payable to Sisterhood. Please bring your own mah jongg set. RSVP to the CBI office so we know how many to set up for.

ORDER YOUR CBI PURIM CARE PACKAGE by March 1. Please send form into the CBI office or email information to cbicollegepackage@gmail.com. Cost is \$18/package.

CLASS WITH RABBI ELIE SPITZ~ NURTURING YOUR SOUL 201: MEDITATION, VISUALIZATION AND SACRED TEXT: **Wednesday, March 2, 9, 23, and April 6, 13th at 7:30 – 8:45 PM.** Join Rabbi Spitz as he uses the spiritual technology of the Jewish tradition and world faiths to facilitate spiritual experience and learning! No previous experience or attendance in the first cycle of classes necessary.

FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER: Friday, March 4 and April 1 at 5:30 PM. For families with children ages 10 and under. Services begin at 5:30 PM and are immediately followed by dinner. RSVP to CBI by **Wednesday, March 2** for the **March 4 dinner and Wednesday, March 30** for the **April 1 dinner.** \$10 per member/\$15 per non-member, 12 years of age and over; \$5 per child member/\$7 per child non-member 2-11 years old. Children under 2 are free. Come join us in prayer, song, and stories led by Cantor Tilchin!

"THE ANIMAL FAIRE"; THE CDC's ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: Sunday, March 6, 3:30 – 5:30 PM: Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My! Come see the CDC's adorable children sing, dance, and delight all who come to see them! Details on front page of this edition.

TIME TO BAKE HAMANTASHEN! Monday, and Tuesday, March 7 and 8, 7:00 – 9:00 PM and Wednesday, March 9, 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon. Contact Helene at the CBI office or at hcoultter@cbi18.org if interested in volunteering.

SISTERHOOD'S BOOK CLUB: Thursday, March 10 at 7:30 PM. We are discussing *The Kitchen House*, by Kathleen Grissom. Book club for February: **April 14 at 7:30 PM**, *Three Lives* by Gertrude Stein. Come and lend your insights to our discussion!

FYI: MEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN BOOKCLUB, TOO!

THE ROZ BAIM DISTINGUISHED ARTISTS SERIES PRESENTS THE JEWISH TENORS LIVE IN CONCERT: Saturday, March 12 at 8:00 PM. Featuring Cantor Yaakov Motzen of Bal Harbour/Toronto; Cantor Benzion Miller of New York City; Cantor Daniel Gildar of Philadelphia; and Cantor Benjamin Warschawski of Chicago; with special guest, Cantor Herschel Fox of Los Angeles and the Chris Hardin Orchestra. \$36 unreserved seats; \$54 reserved seats; \$72 VIP seats and private dessert reception with the Artists; \$100 VIP seats, private dessert reception with the Artists and program recognition. Call the CBI office to make reservations/purchase tickets. **Sponsored and underwritten by the Roslyn and Joseph Baim Family Foundation; Barbara and Joseph Baim.**

BAKE AND PREPARE PURIM CARE PACKAGES Sunday, March 13 at 9:00 AM in the CBI kitchen. Help to prepare and package goodies to be sent to those who cannot join us for Purim merrymaking! Contact the CBI office or email Beth, Melanie, or Dalia at cbicollegepackage@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SUPPER, AN INTERFAITH EFFORT (and perfect Mitzvah Project too!): Sunday, March 13 and April 10 at 4:00 PM. We will need people to prepare, serve and clean up dinner for needy individuals and families at **St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1221 Wass St., Tustin.** Two hour time slots available. RSVP to CBI office by March 10 and/or April 7, respectively.

A WORKSHOP WITH JO MILGROM: Wednesday, March 16, 7:00 – 9:00 PM: "Lines are a Language: Lekh Lekha". Dr. Milgrom presents an interactive workshop for adults, teaching us that lines can take us from the playful to the profound, helping us in this workshop to use these lines to help us interpret a passage from Torah. No art experience required; \$10/person. RSVP to the CBI Office.

THE FAST OF ESTHER: Thursday, March 17. Shacharit service in the bet midrash from **7:30 – 9:00 AM.** Daylight fast only.

MA'ARIV, PURIM MEGILLAH READING: See front page of this edition for all the details! **Thursday, March 17 at 7:30 PM in the Family Life Center.** Join us for fun, hilarity, and a 50/50 raffle!
9:30 PM in the Social Hall: The fun continues with a Purim Gala with Dale Schatz. Awesome costumes are encouraged

PURIM CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE: See front cover for all of the festivities!

TOT SHABBAT PURIM CELEBRATION: Saturday, March 19, 11:45 AM. Please see page 7.

PURIM HAVAYAH FOR PRESCHOOL - SECOND GRADE. Sunday, March 20, 9:00 – 11:30 AM: Please see front cover.

CBI ANNUAL PURIM CARNIVAL: Sunday, March 20, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Please see front cover.

ADDITIONAL MUSICAL SHABBAT SERVICE: The third Friday of every month at 8:00 PM: March 18 and April 15: Come join Cantor Tilchin, Carl Cedar, and friends as they celebrate an additional Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv Service the third Friday of every month! A dessert Oneg follows the service.

NESHAMA (SOUL) MINYAN: Saturday, March 19 at 9:30 – 10:35 AM:

Aspecial morning service featuring K'vod Wieder leading the congregation in a high energy traditional service with Carlebach Hassidic, old and new melodies interspersed with reflections on entering prayer. Continuation thereafter of Torah and Musaf services followed by Kiddush luncheon.

THEHIKINGGROUPISHIKINGPETER'SCANYON(BACKENTRANCE):

Sunday, March 20 at 9:00 AM. This is approximately two hours in duration. There are two trails: a beginner trail and a moderate trail. The moderate trail is about four miles and a 500 ft. elevation gain. There is no noticeable elevation gain for the beginner trail. Please come 10 minutes early to allow for parking and to stretch your muscles. **Address: 26981 Peters Canyon Rd., Tustin, CA 92782.** Please note: the occurrence of rain would cancel this hike. Further details provided in the flyers in the synagogue kiosks.

CHAI SOCIETY SENIOR SHABBAT DINNER: Friday, March 25:

6:00 PM services in the Sanctuary, followed by dinner and lecture in Social Hall: "The Jews of Orange County"; Speaker: Martin Bower. \$15/ person. RSVP to the CBI Office by Tuesday, March 22.

EXPERIENTIAL PRAYER AN TEXT STUDY WITH ADAM GREENWALD:

Saturday morning, March 26 at 10:30 AM and April 16 at 10:30 AM: **March 26: "You Are How You Eat":** How and what we eat teaches us who and what we are. Join us for an exploration of the ethics and spirituality of conscious consumption.

April 16: "Exodus and Revolution": The story of the Exodus has inspired diverse groups of people throughout history in their struggles for freedom. In preparation for Pesach, we'll explore the ways that the story of our liberation has helped bring about the liberation of others. Come join us in the **Bet Midrash!**

TEEN SEUDAH SH'LISHIT AND LEARNING WITH RABBINIC INTERN,

ADAM GREENWALD: Saturday, March 26 and April 16 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. These amazing afternoons of discussion are free. A light meal is provided and followed by a USY-style *Havdalah*. Share with us your pearls of wisdom; give us your perspective that only a teenager can have. Let us learn from you!

BLOOD DRIVE AT CBI: Monday, March 28 from 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM

in the Social Hall. You may sign up at www.givelife.org and use sponsor code: bnai or contact Marla Nathan for an appointment. It's easy to be a hero!

WALK TO END GENOCIDE WITH JEWISH WORLD WATCH: Sunday,

April 3 from 8:00 AM – 12 Noon. Fountain Valley Sports Park – Great Lawn in Fountain Valley. Be a voice of awareness against genocide and other human rights atrocities! \$18/person for registration. Register online at www.walktoendgenocide.org or call (818) 501 – 1836. Please Note: The CBI team is CBI friends and Teens 4 H.E.A.L. **Join us!**

CBI's ANNUAL GALA: Sunday, April 3 at 5:00 PM.

The evening begins with cocktails and a silent auction, then on to a delicious dinner, dancing and live auction! Join us to honor the original visionaries of Project Genesis! Couvert: \$136 before March 11; \$154 thereafter. Reservation required; RSVP to the CBI office ASAP. Cocktail Attire please.

SALE OF HAMETZ DEADLINE: Thursday, April 14: Please return form in this edition to the CBI Office.

PESACH SERVICES: Please see front cover of this edition for all service times.

PESACH COMMUNITY SEDER: Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 PM (Mincha

Service begins at 6:00 PM). Everyone is welcome! Fully kosher traditional menu; no food is to be brought into the synagogue for this event or at all during Pesach, including for babies. \$45/adult: \$30/child 6 – 12 yrs.; \$15 child 3 – 5 yrs; Children 2 and under are free. Please RSVP to the CBI office with payment by April 13.

IT'S LITTLE SHUL: Sunday, April 10 from 11:30 – 12:30 in the Social

Hall: Bring your little ones, ages birth thru Pre-K for a fun, hands-on learning experience! Together we explore the holidays of the Jewish calendar, getting your little one ready for his/her future attendance in "big shul." \$10/family covers materials and a snack. Contact the CBI office if you are interested. **Don't Forget! Come join us on Sunday, March 20 for our Purim Carnival~ there will be lots of things for your little one to experience and enjoy!**

"FREEDOM SONG": Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30 PM.

Composed at Beith T'Shuvah, the only Jewish faith-based addiction center in the U.S., this insightful, inspirational musical is open to all who are interested. All teens 7th grade and beyond are especially invited. Cost of admission: two cans of non-perishable food.

THE HIKING GROUP IS HIKING HICKS CANYON IN IRVINE: Sunday,

April 17 at 9:00 AM. This 4-mile hike offers a paved path and dirt trail that runs parallel to it. It is practically flat all the way. We'll meet in front of Albertson's at 3931 Irvine Blvd. in Irvine, 92602 and then walk around the block to pick up the trail near Hicks Canyon Park. We will walk up to Portola Hwy. and then back to Albertson's. This is a dog-friendly hike that takes approximately two hours to complete. Please arrive 10 minutes early to allow for parking and introductions. Please note: occurrence of rain would cancel this hike. Directions and details available in synagogue kiosks.

A MORNING OF CELEBRATORY SHABBAT WORSHIP WITH DALE

SCHATZ: Saturday, April 30 at 9:45 AM in the Family Life Center. Come join us!

SAVE THE DATE!

Todah Rabah and Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov to Courtney Widerman on her upcoming public reading of her poem at the Jewish World Watch Walk against Genocide on April 3!

Mazal Tov to USY and all who helped with Sunday supper this past February 13 ~ you got into the OC Register!

Life Cycle Events in the Shofar –
engagements, weddings, births
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In the B'nai Israel Family . . .



Bat Mitzvah of Isabel Shapiro

March 26, 2011 (20 Adar II)

Isabel is an honors student in the 7th grade at Harbor Day School in Corona del Mar, where she particularly enjoys art, library, math and French. Outside of school during the year she loves club soccer, sewing and photography. In the summer she goes to Camp Ramah in Ojai and loves all the friends she has made there. For her mitzvah project, Isabel started Send-A-Friend and collected over 750 new and gently used stuffed animals from her neighborhood, soccer team and CBI community. She partnered with Jewish Federation to send hundreds of them to children in Orange County's sister city of Kiryat Malachi and the surrounding Ashkelon Coast Region in Israel, where so many families are poor immigrants from places like Ethiopia and Iraq, hoping to deliver a little joy to these children who are going through emotional times. She has also helped to knit blankets for babies in hospitals around Orange County. Isabel is excited to share this special simcha with her parents Margot and Michael, brother Frank, sister Jenna, and friends and family from around the country. Mazal Tov! ☆



Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Salmon

April 2, 2011 (27 Adar II)

Sarah is a 7th grader at El Rancho Charter School in Anaheim Hills where she is on the Honor Roll. She loves singing, dancing and especially combining the two in musical theater. She is in the musical theater group at her school and is also a proud member of Fullerton Children's Repertory Theater, where she has just finished her sixth show. She also enjoys lots of outdoor activities; rock climbing, boating and camping are her favorites. She thoroughly enjoys being a world traveler and had the amazing opportunity to visit 7 different countries on 3 different continents in 2010! For her mitzvah project, Sarah home-baked dog cookies and sold them to family, friends, neighbors and at dog parks to raise money for the Doodle Rescue Collective, a group that focuses on rescuing labradoodles, goldendoodles and all other doodles. She will be continuing her Jewish studies in Hebrew High and looks forward to many more years with her friends at CBI. Sarah is excited to have family coming from South Africa, Israel and Canada for her Bat Mitzvah and can't wait to see all her family and friends! Mazal Tov! ☆



Bat Mitzvah of Rachael Jaffe

April 9, 2011 (5 Nisan)

Rachael is an ebullient 7th grader at Vista Verde. She is a straight A student who also enjoys competitive soccer with FC Blades and Water Polo with Irvine Kahuna. She also enjoys anything outdoors such as hiking, biking and skiing. She has created her very own website - including the Flash animation!!! - for her mitzvah project. Check it out - <http://passkickdonate.weebly.com/>. She is collecting gently used soccer gear for a township in South Africa. She will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah in Mammoth Mountain California where she will chant her Torah and Haftarah overlooking the halfpipe surrounded by friends and family. Mazal Tov! ☆



Bar Mitzvah of David Cedar

April 9, 2011 (5 Nisan)

David Cedar is a 7th Grader at Pioneer Middle School just up the hill from CBI. He's been playing drums since first grade and in addition to jamming at home with the family, he plays percussion in the school Concert Band. When not practicing drums or piano, doing homework or preparing for his Bar Mitzvah, David enjoys watching inappropriate animated comedies on Fox, and playing "Rated M for Mature" video games. (His older brother Andrew was never permitted such activities – a second child leniency thing) For his mitzvah project, David brought his passion for snacking to CBI's interfaith "Feed the Hungry" project at St. Paul's Church. Nervous about his big day? David says "Bring it on!" Mazal Tov! ☆

In the B'nai Israel Family . . . cont.



Bar Mitzvah of Noah Leonard

April 30, 2011 (26 Nisan)

Noah will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on April 30, 2011. Celebrating this simcha are his parents Doug & Lyn Leonard, sisters Michelle Leonard, and Danielle Cazares. Noah attends UTT Middle School as a 7th grader; his best subject is math! He loves to play football playing Tustin Pop Warner for the past 6 years. He also enjoys baseball and fishing with his dad. Becoming a Bar Mitzvah means being a man, keeping the family tradition going, and most of all making his parents, grandparents, and great grandma Pearl proud. For his mitzvah project, Noah helps out at the Orange County Self Help Center of which his father is a part. Mazal Tov! ☆

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Schedule of Services for April



Friday, April 1

5:30 PM Family Service and Dinner

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, April 2

Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Salmon

Birkat Hahodesh

Shabbat Hahodesh

9:30 AM Service

PARASHAT: TAZRIA

Torah: Leviticus 12:1 – 13:39

Maftir: Exodus 12:1 – 20

Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16 – 46:18

Friday, April 8

6:00 PM Anniversary Service

6:00 PM 4th Grade Service and Dinner

Saturday, April 9

Bat Mitzvah of Rachael Jaffe

Bar Mitzvah of David Cedar

9:30 AM Service

PARASHAT: METZORA

Torah: Leviticus 14:1 – 14:32

Haftarah: II Kings 7: 3 – 20

Friday, April 15

6:00 PM Service

8:00 PM Service

Saturday, April 16

Shabbat HaGadol

9:30 AM Service

PARASHAT: AHAREY MOT

Torah: Leviticus 16:1 – 17:7

Haftarah: Malakhi 3:4 – 24; 3 – 23

Friday, April 22

Hal Hamoed Pesach

Torah: Exodus 22:24 – 23:19

Numbers 28:19 – 25

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, April 23

Shabbat Hamoed Pesach

9:30 AM Service

Torah: Exodus 33:12 – 34:26

Maftir: Numbers 28:19 – 25

Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1 – 14

Friday, April 29

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, April 30

Bar Mitzvah of Noah Leonard

Birkat Hahodesh

9:30 AM Service

PARASHAT: KEDOSHIM

Torah: Leviticus 19: 1 – 19:37

Haftarah: Amos 9:7 – 15



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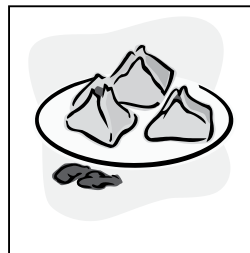
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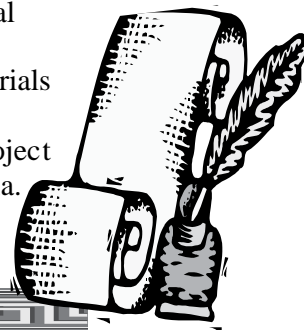


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Passover Preparations (summarized)*

A Guide Prepared by the Rabbinical Assembly

The Torah prohibits the ownership of *hametz* (leaven) during Pesach. Therefore, we arrange for the sale of the *hametz* to a non-Jew. The transfer, *mekhirat hametz*, is accomplished by appointing an agent, usually the rabbi, to handle the sale. It is a valid and legal transfer of ownership. (See form on reverse of this page.) At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges for the reversion of ownership of the now permitted *hametz* if ownership of the *hametz* was not transferred before the holiday. The use of this *hametz* is prohibited after the holiday as well (*Hametz sheavar alav hapesah*).

Since the Torah prohibits the eating of *hametz* during Pesach, and since many common foods contain some admixture of *hametz*, guidance is necessary when shopping and preparing for Pesach.

During the eight days of Pesach, *hametz* cannot lose its identity in an admixture. Therefore, the minutest amount of *hametz* renders the whole item *hametz* and its use on Pesach is prohibited. However, during the rest of the year, *hametz* follows the normal rules of admixture, i.e., it loses its identity in a mixture of one part *hametz* and sixty parts of *non-hametz* (*batel beshishim*). This affords us the opportunity to differentiate between foods purchased before and during Pesach.

What follows is a general guideline. However, Rabbi Spitz should be consulted when any doubt arises. Kosher lePesach labels that do not bear the name of a rabbi or one of the recognized symbols of rabbinic supervision, or which are not integral to the package, should not be used without consulting the Rabbi.

Prohibited Foods

Prohibited foods include the following: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffee with cereal derivatives in them, wheat barley, oats, rye, and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. Most Ashkenazic authorities have added the following foods to the above list: rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans, peas, peanuts; however, string beans are permitted). Some Ashkenazic authorities permit, while others forbid, the use of legumes in a form other than its natural state, for example, corn sweeteners, corn oil, soy oil, peanut oil. Sephardic authorities permit the use of all of the above. Consult Rabbi Spitz for guidance in the use of these products.

Permitted Foods

A. The following foods require no kosher lePesach label if purchased prior to Pesach. Unopened packages or containers of natural coffee (without cereal additives), sugar, pure tea, salt, pepper, natural spices, fruit juices with no additives (frozen, canned, or bottled), frozen (uncooked) vegetables, milk, butter, cottage cheese, cream cheese, tuna in water (no oil added), frozen (uncooked) fruit (with no additives), baking soda.

B. The following foods require no kosher lePesach label if purchased before or during Pesach. Fresh fruits and vegetables (for legumes see above), eggs, fresh fish, and fresh meat.

*For a more detailed explanation of Passover Kashrut, contact the office and we will email you the expanded Rabbinical Assembly guidelines.

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March 2011

25 Adar I 5771 - 25 Adar II 5771

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:22AM/5:48PM 4:00pm Tribute Comm. Conference Call 6:00pm CSP Tribute Mtg. 6:30pm Israeli Dance	2 6:21AM/5:49PM 2:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Mah Jongg 7:30pm Nurturing Your Soul	3 6:19AM/5:50PM	4 6:18AM/5:51PM 5:30pm Family Service & Dinner 6:00pm Service Kadima Kinus (Camp Ramah)	5 6:17AM/5:52PM 9:30am Service Mercatz Limmud services in Family Life Ctr. 7:00pm CSP Event Kadima Kinus (Camp Ramah)
6 6:16AM/5:53PM Rosh Hodesh 10:30am Yiddish Club 1:00pm Kaplan Test Rental-Rm 205 3:30-5:30pm CDC Fundraiser - The Animal Faire Kadima Kinus (Camp Ramah) 12:30pm USY Board Meeting 30 Adar I	7 6:14AM/5:53PM Rosh Hodesh 7:00-9:00pm Hamantaschen Baking	8 6:13AM/5:54PM 6:15pm Finance Mtg. 6:30pm Israeli Dance 7:00-9:00pm Hamantaschen Baking 7:00pm Ed. Committee Mtg.	9 6:12AM/5:55PM 9:00am-12:00pm Hamantaschen Baking 6:30pm Arcada Comm. Assoc. Rental 7:00pm Mah Jongg 7:30pm Nurturing Your Soul	10 6:10AM/5:56PM 7:30pm Book Club	11 6:09AM/5:57PM 6:00am Set up Concert 4:00pm USY & Mercatz Hadrachah at Beit T'Shuva in LA 6:00pm Anniversary Service in FLC	12 6:08AM/5:57PM 9:30am Service in FLC 8:00pm Four Tenor's Concert 10:00pm Dessert reception in FLC
13 6:06AM/5:58PM 9:00am 7th Grade Family Ed. Field trip to Harbor Lawn 9:00am Baking for College Care Pkgs 12:30pm KadimaMaCher Event 4:00pm Sunday Supper 7 Adar II	14 6:05AM/5:59PM 7:00pm Ritual Mtg.	15 6:04AM/6:00PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance 4:00pm Tribute Committee Mtg.	16 6:02AM/6:01PM 2:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm Comfort Committee Mtg. 4:00pm Shapira Rehearsal 6:00pm Mercatz Hadrachah Open House & Mercatz Hadrachah Parent Program 7:00pm Mah Jongg 7:00pm Workshop with Jo Milgrom	17 6:01AM/6:01PM Fast of Esther 7:30am Service 4:00pm Membership Mtg. 7:9:00pm Comfort Committee Dessert & Leam	18 6:00AM/6:02PM 6:00pm Service 6:00pm 3rd Grade Service, Dinner & Program 8:00pm Service 12 Adar II	19 5:58AM/6:03PM 9:30am Service & Neshtama Minyan 11:30am Special Tot Shabbat in FLC Milgrom Family 7:30pm Megillah Reading Purim Celebration 13 Adar II
20 5:57AM/6:04PM Purim 8:30am Shacharit Service, Megillah Reading 9:00am Hike 9-11:30am Mercatz Limmud & CDC Purim Havayah 10:30am Yiddish Club 11:30am Purim Carnival 14 Adar II	21 5:56AM/6:05PM Shushan Purim	22 5:54AM/6:05PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance 4:00pm Tribute Committee Mtg.	23 5:53AM/6:06PM 3:00pm Salmon Rehearsal 7:00pm Mah Jongg 7:30pm Nurturing Your Soul	24 5:51AM/6:07PM 7:30pm General Board Meeting	25 5:50AM/6:08PM 6:00pm Service & Chai Society Dinner Shapira Dinner SATO Kinus (away) 19 Adar II	26 5:49AM/6:08PM 9:30am Service Isabel Shapiro 10:30am Experiential Prayer & Text Study 6:30pm Teen Talmud USY Event SATO Kinus (away) 20 Adar II
27 5:47AM/6:09PM SATO Kinus (away) 12:30pm USY Board Meeting 21 Adar II	28 5:46AM/6:10PM 1:00-7:00pm Blood Drive 22 Adar II	29 5:45AM/6:11PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance 4:00pm Tribute Committee Mtg.	30 5:43AM/6:11PM 8:45am Preschool Passover Experience 7:00pm Mah Jongg 24 Adar II	31 5:42AM/6:12PM 25 Adar II		

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April 2011

26 Adar II 5771 - 26 Nisan 5771

Sunday

Monday

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Saturday

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3	6:38AM/7:14PM 8:00am Jewish World Watch Walk 9:00am 7th Grade Family Ed. 10:30am Yiddish Club 5:00pm Gala - Honoring Project Genesis USY Board Meeting	4	6:37AM/7:15PM 7:30pm Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh	5	6:35AM/7:16PM Rosh Hodesh 6:30pm Israeli Dance	6	6:34AM/7:17PM 12:15pm Staff Lunch 2:00pm Staff Mtg. 7:00pm Mah Jongg 7:30pm Nurturing Your Soul	7	6:33AM/7:17PM	8	6:31AM/7:18PM 6:00pm Anniversary Service 6:00pm 2nd Grade Service, Dinner & Program USY Kinnus (away)	9	6:30AM/7:19PM 9:30am Service David Cedar Rachel Jaffe (away) USY Kinnus (away)
10	6:29AM/7:20PM 9:00am Class & Passover Havayah 11:30am Little Shul USY Kinnus (away) Kadima/Machar Event 4:00pm Sunday Supper	11	6:27AM/7:21PM	12	6:26AM/7:21PM 6:15pm Finance Mtg. 6:30pm Israeli Dance 7:00pm Ed. Committee Mtg.	13	6:25AM/7:22PM 6:30pm 7th - 12th Grade Freedom Song 6:30pm Arcata Rental 7:00pm Mah Jongg 7:30pm Nurturing Your Soul	14	6:24AM/7:23PM 7:30pm Book Club	15	6:22AM/7:24PM 3:00pm Leonard Rehearsal 6:00pm Service 8:00pm Service	16	6:21AM/7:24PM 9:30am Service 10:30am Experiential Prayer & Text Study 6:30pm Teen Talmud USY Event
17	6:20AM/7:25PM No Mercas Limmud 9:00am Hike 10:30am Yiddish Club	18	6:19AM/7:26PM 7:30am Fast of the First Born & breakfast Office Closed at Noon CDC Closed First Seder	19	6:17AM/7:27PM Passover I Office & CDC Closed 9:30am Service 6:00pm Mincha 6:30pm Community Seder No Mercas Limmud	20	6:16AM/7:27PM Passover II Office & CDC Closed 9:30am Service No Mercas Limmud No Mah Jongg	21	6:15AM/7:28PM Passover III No Mercas Limmud CDC Closed	22	6:14AM/7:29PM Passover IV 6:00pm Service CDC Closed	23	6:13AM/7:30PM Passover V 9:30am Service 11:50am Special Tot Shabbat in FLC
24	6:12AM/7:30PM Passover VI No Mercas Limmud	25	6:10AM/7:31PM Passover VII Office and CDC closed 9:30am Service	26	6:09AM/7:32PM Passover VIII (Yizkor) Office and CDC closed 9:30am Service No Mercas Limmud	27	6:08AM/7:33PM No Mercas Limmud No Mah Jongg	28	6:07AM/7:34PM No Mercas Limmud 7:30pm General Board Meeting	29	6:06AM/7:34PM 6:00pm Service	30	6:05AM/7:35PM 9:30am Service Noah Leonard USY Event
20 Nisan/5 L'Omer	21 Nisan/6 L'Omer	22 Nisan/7 L'Omer	23 Nisan/8 L'Omer	24 Nisan/9 L'Omer	25 Nisan/10 L'Omer	26 Nisan/11 L'Omer							





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Schedule of Services for March

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

5:30 PM Family Service and Dinner
6:00 PM Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Birkat Hahodesh

Shabbat Shekalim

9:30 AM Service

PARASHAT: PEKUDEI

Torah: Exodus 38:21 – 39:21

2nd Scroll: Numbers 28:9 – 15

Maftir: Exodus 30:11 – 16

Haftarah: II Kings 12:1 – 17

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

6:00 PM Anniversary Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

9:30 AM Service

PARASHAT: VAYIKRA

Torah: Leviticus 1:1 – 2:16

Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21 – 44:23

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

6:00 PM Service

8:00 PM Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Shabbat Zakhor

Megillah Reading

9:30 AM Service

PARASHAT: TZAV

Torah: Leviticus 6:1 – 7:10

Maftir: Deuteronomy 25:
17 – 19

Haftarah: I Samuel 15: 2 – 34

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

6:00 PM Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Bat Mitzvah of Isabel Shapiro

Shabbat Parah

9:30 AM Service:

PARASHAT: SHEMINI

Torah: Leviticus 9:1 – 10:11

Maftir: Numbers 19: 1 – 22

Haftarah: Ezekiel 36: 16 – 38

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