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SHOFAR

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR
& SYNAGOGUE EVENTS LISTED

Come light the Hanukkah Candles at CBI

We are having a Community Havdallah
and Hanukkah Candle Lighting
which will be followed by:
concert with Josh Nelson and Friends!

Saturday, December 4 at 7:00 PM

Josh Nelson is one of the most popular performers and producers in modern Jewish music. A multi-instrumentalist and songwriter, Josh's music is celebrated throughout communities worldwide. Want to hear Josh's music beforehand? Go to <http://joshnelsonproject.com> and listen for yourself!



Dessert will be served • \$10/adult, \$5/youth (2 – 12 years of age)
Contact the CBI office for reservations

A Commemoration of Kristallnacht

"Lest we Forget"

Jack Pariser

His story of survival and tribute to a contemporary Polish Tzadik

Saturday, November 13 at 7:00 PM

Havdallah followed by Lecture and Discussion

This lecture includes video previously aired on PBS and gives posthumous dignity to holocaust victims who were killed and interred "on the spot".

RSVP by phone or email (cbi18@cbi18.org)

Refreshments included

to the CBI office by Wednesday, Nov. 3

CBI Endowment and Community Scholar Program presents:

A Scholar-in-Residence Weekend



COMMUNITY
SCHOLAR PROGRAM

with Professor Hana Wirth-Nesher

December 10 – 12

Friday, Dec. 10 at 6:00 PM: Shabbat Service, Dinner, and Lecture: "Whose Story? Israeli and Jewish American Autobiography in the Writings of Amos Oz and Philip Roth"

Saturday, Dec. 11 at 9:30 AM: Shabbat Service, Lunch and Lecture: "Yiddish Voices in Contemporary Jewish American Writing in English"

Sunday, Dec. 12, 10:00 AM: Noon: Book Discussion: *Grace Paley Stories: A Conversation with my Father; The Loudest Voice; Zagrowsky Tells.*

Lectures/Book Discussion: \$10/each

Dinner: \$15 adults, \$7.50, children ages 2 – 12

Shabbat Lunch: Free

RSVP by 11/29 and pay \$36 for entire program

No Charge to 5771 Endowment Benefactors



TGI...
Shabbat!
is here.

Kick-Off Dinner & Orientation (exclusively for HOST families)

Wednesday Nov 10th 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Social Hall

RSVPs required by Nov 5th to
cbi18@cbi18.org or 714/730-9693

TO BE A HOST OR GUEST, call Johanna Rose

Shabbat Workshop for ALL

Sunday Nov 14th 10 am – noon

Family Life Center

Learn how to:

- Teach Torah at the Table with Rabbi Spitz
- Rejoice in the Shabbat songs with Cantor Tilchin
- Bake the world's best Challah with Aaron Miller

Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Elie Spitz



"Pilgrims: Stepping Forward with Hope, Gratitude, and Courage."

When I first met Rabbi David Aronson he was ninety-years-old and nearly blind. He lived in an apartment across the street from me during my first year of Rabbinical School. On a walk with the former leader of the Rabbinical Assembly, Rabbi Aronson said, "The Talmud states, 'the elderly are afraid of heights.' When I first read that statement it perplexed me, but now I understand that old people build fences; the young build ladders. Age is not a matter of chronology, but mindset." The rabbi's words have persisted, encouraging me to maintain perspective, symbolized by a ladder, looking forward with hope toward the horizon.

In life, we naturally grow more cautious, because we cannot help but encounter setbacks, disappointments, and even injury. We naturally make a mental note of dangers and avoid them. Yet, if we succumb to fear and surround ourselves with fences, we lose verve, joy, and creativity. The need to look forward with hope is on my mind as elections and the holiday of Thanksgiving approaches.

Thanksgiving in its historic setting reminds us of the excitement of new beginnings. When we sit down for a turkey dinner with family and friends, we are encouraged to recall the pilgrims' first harvest in 1620 and

their reliance on the good will of their Native-American neighbors. There is a huge gap in time and comfort between that first celebration and our dining rooms today. Yet, the ability to feel surprise, gratitude, and hope looking forward are part of our harvest celebration, too. As we look at our country, we cannot help but marvel at our diversity, how we continue to depend on each other and the possibilities of growth before us.

May each of us who are eligible to vote do so. It is our duty. It is our opportunity to craft our collective future.

May we gather as families around the Thanksgiving table as pilgrims. In the words of Rabbi Eddie Feinstein, "The pilgrim takes one step and comes to understand the power of *t'shuvah*, the power of transformation. We are not stuck forever. We are not trapped or bound or cornered. If you can move your feet, you can move your heart, and you can move your fate.... Our ancestors on the Mayflower called themselves pilgrims so that we might embrace this hope. So that we might realize our own powers of renewal. So that we might move forward with courage." ☆

IT'S A ONE-MAN SHOW! AND IT'S HILARIOUS!

The CBI Endowment Fund, along with the Community Scholar Program and Tarbut V'Torah presents

Marcus J. Freed **ELIJAH: The First Action Hero**

The land was full of idolatry and ritual prostitution...

and one man came to spoil the fun ~
Elijah!

Sunday, November 14 at 4:00 PM

Tarbut V'Torah Community Day School
\$10/adult, \$5/youth (12-17 years of age)

RSVP to OCCSP.org

For more information contact the CBI office

Cantor's Notes

Cantor Marcia Tilchin



MOURNING AND MITZVAH

Anyone who has ever processed the loss of a loved one within the arms of a caring Jewish community will attest to the great wisdom of Jewish tradition with respect to mourning practices. Though they are ancient in origin, they nonetheless reveal a clear grasp of the psychological implications of grief. During holidays times, however, needs of the mourner must defer to the Jewish calendar and standard practices are altered accordingly. As 5771 began to unfold, several members of our community who lost loved ones grieved according to unconventional time-tables that reduced their full count of days towards shiva and sheloshim. It is to them and to my maternal Uncle Jerry, who lost his wife (my aunt) Stephanie just before Rosh Hashanah, that I dedicate this article.

The rabbis understood that loss could be disorienting, heart-breaking, and, at times, a complete shock to the system. The community was compelled to rally around the mourner to comfort and tend to their immediate needs including providing sustenance, taking care of their dependent animals, and dealing with household needs that could not wait. The obligations upon both mourners and comforters are outlined in the Babylonian Talmud, primarily in Tractate Moed Katan. Because people were sitting *shiva*

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(7 days after burial) and observing *sheloshim* (30 days after burial which included shiva) already in the mishnaic era, we can glean what our sages considered important based upon their discussions about what was required of a mourner when burial happened just before or during one of the week-long festivals - Passover and Sukkot - or just prior to holidays like Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Shavuot.

Because festivals are considered joyous in their essence, we are forbidden to mourn during them. One key question under discussion is whether the mourner who needed to truncate their shiva or sheloshim because of the onset of the holiday needs to resume their mourning after it is over. The rabbis disagree (surprise!) on the matter. Death was, until relatively recently, very common, especially among children, and, while people did share attachments, they were of a different nature than the kind we have come to know in the modern era. [Think, for instance, of Tevye's question to Golde: "Do you love me?" and her responding, "Do I WHAT?"] After pages of controversy, what is finally deemed halakhah is based on the principle "*Makil b'avel* - When dealing with a mourner, we follow the most lenient ruling". Lenient for the rabbis of the Talmud meant releasing the mourner from his or her shiva or sheloshim obligations even if only one day was observed prior to the holiday. They believed that to require a mourner to resume their mourning after a hiatus was not compassionate physically or psychologically.

The practices outlined in the Talmudic era still guide us today. For

the mourner who is denied a full shiva because of "joyous times" on the Jewish calendar, there is often a sense of enhanced loss precisely because shiva can be so instrumental on the path to healing. What is worth noting, however, is that those in the roll of comforter are still obligated to care for the mourner a full seven days after burial which would include tending to their needs during the holiday. The mourner is permitted (almost required) to get up from shiva on the eve of the festival to do things like wash, shave, and remove visible signs of mourning throughout the house in order to prepare for the holiday, but they remain in the care of their friends and extended family.

To all those in the CBI community who lost loved ones during the fall festival season and who, in different measure, were required to veer from conventional mourning protocol, I pray that, as your year of mourning unfolds, you continue to find comfort and strength from those around you. May these festivals forever hold heightened significance in your lives and serve as cause, in years to come, to celebrate the life and legacy of your loved-one. See you in shul... ☆

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.

Perform the mitzvah of
giving to others in
their time of need.

It's an investment that will
pay off again and again!

The President's Corner

Hal Hurwitz



This edition of the Shofar brings us to Hanukkah - the holiday of a great victory of a sorely outnumbered minority over oppression, the rededication of the Temple, and the miracle of the oil. Latkes, sufganiyot, chocolate gelt - this holiday is great!

One of the other highlights for me has been, especially when our kids were young, the eighth night. There is nothing like the sight of light from a fully lit Chanukiah reflecting off a child's face. It's a good thing Hillel won the debate with Shammai, right?

I'm sure most of you are familiar with the debate that so typifies our heritage. Shammai argued that an accurate replication of the miracle of the oil would be to start the first night with a fully lit Chanukiah, subtracting one candle on each successive night. Hillel argued that we should add a candle each night to celebrate the increasing wonder of the oil lasting so long.

As I reflect on the near-completion of my term as President (having just returned home from a Slate Committee meeting tonight), I can tell you without fear of sounding trite that I have had, and continue to have, a Hillel type of experience. What started two years ago as what I then thought was a terrible idea - of serving another term after a 22-year hiatus - has turned into one of the most fulfilling times of my life. I'll save the well-deserved thank-you's to the Board for my next, and last, column. This one is dedicated to all of you - my Chevrah - who continue to shine the light brighter every day.

Shalom Chaverim. ☆

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Religious School

Alan Rusonik,
Director, Lifelong Learning
Marissa Walman and
Dan Koblin, VPs



Two of the most compelling articles that I read while completing my Master's Degree at the Jewish Theological Seminary discussed the reasons for Jewish student failure. Even though I graduated 22 years ago, over the years I have continued to turn back to these articles because they put into context the challenges that I face as a Jewish educator today.

The first article, "Jewish Education for Naught – Educating the Culturally Deprived Child" was written by Dr. Harold Himmelfarb, of Ohio State University. Himmelfarb suggests that the failure of the Jewish school results from the 'cultural deprivation' of Jewish children. By 'cultural deprivation,' he implies that the home and the community have not provided children with the necessary experiences or cultural patterns necessary to be successful in school. He writes that Jewish children enter the Jewish school with a lack of encouragement and reinforcement from the homes and community.

The second article, written by Dr. David Schoem, of the University of Michigan, was called "Explaining Jewish Student Failure." His thesis states that the explanation for failure of students in the Jewish school lay in their parents' and their own perception that there was no compelling reward to be expected from their education.

Both articles are disturbing and do not provide us with a great deal of hope for the future of the Jewish people. Both articles, however, pro-



vide us with much necessary insight into the areas where we must concentrate our efforts in our schools.

To combat the 'cultural deprivation' as reported by Himmelfarb, one goal would be to strengthen the Jewish experiences in the homes of our families and in the lives of our community members. This can be done in a number of ways, for example, bringing our children to Jr. Congregation to reinforce the lessons learned in Mercaz Limmud or by getting involved in family education opportunities at the synagogue. These examples are just two of the many ways in which we can enhance the Jewish experiences in our homes.

As for changing the perception that Jewish education is important, one way that we can alter this perception is by enrolling in adult Jewish education classes. When students see their parents attend adult Jewish education classes, it reinforces the belief that their own Jewish education is relevant and meaningful. If we are to take ourselves seriously and change the perception that Jewish education is important, it is imperative that we model this behavior for our children. Our community in general and Congregation B'nai Israel

in particular provides ample opportunity to get involved in adult Jewish educational experiences. I recently started a class called "JEWGLE" to provide our parents with one more adult Jewish educational experience at CBI. JEWGLE meets once a month on Sundays. Instead of dropping the kids off at school and going to Starbucks or the gym, stay at CBI for fresh bagels from Bruegger's and fresh Starbucks coffee while you exercise your mind (and exercise your body afterwards – we finish no later than 10:30). What a powerful message to our children when we say: "You go to your class – I'm going to mine!" We know from secular education that there is a direct correlation between parental involvement in our children's education and school achievement. This must also be true in Jewish education. Modeling this behavior will speak volumes to our children!

It is time that we explain to our children that the reward for Jewish education is far more than becoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah. My hope is that we will model our behavior by demonstrating that Jewish education is important. I encourage each of us to work towards creating a committed, knowledgeable and serious Jewish community for tomorrow. Only then will we be triumphant in our endeavor. Only with your help and support will we be truly successful! ☆

PLEASE NOTE THESE IMPORTANT DATES FOR MERCAZ LIMMUD AND MERCAZ HADRACHA

(formerly Religious School and Hebrew High)

NOVEMBER:

Sunday, November 7:

No School; Dino Dash

Thursday, November 11:

No School: Veteran's Day (Changed from original calendar)

Sunday, November 14:

No School: Veteran's Day weekend

Sunday, November 21:

Hannukah Boutique and 6th Grade Family Education

Tuesday, November 23 thru

Sunday, November 28:

No School, Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER:

Sunday, December 5:

CBI Hannukah Party and 7th Grade Family Education

Sunday, December 12:

JEWGLE: Adult Education with Alan Rusonik

Sunday, December 19 thru

Thursday, December 30:

No School, Winter Break

USY Seudah Sh'lishit and Learning



Don't miss Seudah Sh'lishit with Rabbinic Intern Adam Greenwald. We will meet on Saturday evenings, November 13th and December 18 at 4:00 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

Saturday, November 13

"Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

One of the most evocative and elusive stories of the Torah~ Jacob's dream of a ladder linking Heaven and Earth.

Saturday, December 18

"The End of the Beginning"

Parashat Vayehi closes the first book of the Bible.

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

Sisterhood Says...

Michelle Ginsburg &
Roberta Abramson

Sisterhood has many events and activities we are delighted to present to you! Please note that the Gift Shop is there for all of your simcha needs with an extensive assortment of Judaica. You can always order kippot for your simcha ~ contact Karen Vogel for information. We are also always looking for volunteers to help run the Gift Shop. One of the greatest advantages of volunteering in there is that almost all of the customers you help are CBI members. Your circle of acquaintances and friends grow! Please contact Roberta Abramson if you are interested in volunteering.

Please note some of these very important upcoming events:

**ANNUAL HANUKKAH BOUTIQUE:
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2010
FROM: 10:00AM TO 2:00PM**

As one holiday ends, the next holiday is on its way, and since our Judaica shop follows this sequence we are now gearing up for a wonderful Hanukkah Boutique.

We want to make it easy for you to celebrate Hanukkah without stress. Our vendors will help solve your

Hanukkah shopping problems. Let us revitalize your gift-giving experience with unique presents.

Sisterhoods Second Rosh Chodesh Event ~ Monday December 6th at 7:30 PM in the Family Center.

Please bring your Hanukkah menorah and share any story or memories you have of your family at Hanukkah.

If you are interested in helping to plan this event call Ingrid Gallin or Ruth Abers.

**Entertainment Book 2011
Fundraiser**

The new 2010-2011 Entertainment Books are here and are available to use now through November 1, 2011. The cost is \$35.00 per book and can be picked up in the Gift Shop. To order books for other areas, go to Entertainment.com and use our Group ID: 115918.

**Sisterhood Shabbat
Saturday, January 22nd at 9:30AM.**

Please join us on Saturday, January 22nd for Sisterhood Shabbat. This is an opportunity for the women of Sisterhood to lead the entire service. That means that we need the women of CBI to participate, read Torah and show your support. Please contact Michelle Ginsburg or the CBI office if you are interested. ☆

SAVE THE DATE

Neshama (soul) Minyan

Celebrate SHABBAT *SHIRAH b'khol nafshekhn, b'khol
l'vavekha u'vkhoh m'odekha~*

This is a powerful davening experience – Come join us in the main sanctuary!

Saturday, January 15, 2011 at 9:30 AM

We will have a traditional service infused with the high energy of Carlebach, Hassidic, old and new melodies that are interspersed with reflections on entering prayer.



**We will also welcome Shir Appeal,
the acapella Jewish choir, from**

**Tufts University for this wonderful service
led by Cantor Tilchin, K'Vod Wieder and friends**

More details to come in the next edition



Child Development

Lisa Heller - Director
Stephen Silver and
Michael Adler, VPs



Lots of excitement happening at the preschool these days! Take a look at what's been happening:

To celebrate and learn about story of Noah, the children brought their favorite fuzzy toy animal to our Shabbat Service. Rabbi Spitz talked about the Mitzvah of taking care of our animals, Tza'ar Ba'alay Chayim: how we need to feed our pets before we sit down to dinner, how to avoid stepping on a bug and taking care of our classroom pets. Rabbi Spitz dressed as Noah and told a preschool version of the story. The children, of course, had animal crackers with challah as a Shabbat treat.

The Parents' Committee Co-chairs, Jodi Cohen and Denise Mailman, arranged a Preschool Family Fun Picnic at a park in Irvine. Food, games and fun was

had by all. What a great idea! They hope to have more soon.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out on Mitzvah Day. Thank you to Matthew Kahrs and his Boy Scout troop for rebuilding wooden structures and furniture in our outdoor environment. Mazal Tov on your upcoming Eagle Scout award!

The National Association of the Education of Young Children Annual Conference will be held in Anaheim this year from November 3-7. For the first time, all of the early childhood teachers, affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, The Union for Reform Judaism and The JCC Association will come together and host a tour, dinner and learning experience at our preschool for over 100 early childhood Jewish teachers. This is extremely exciting, and we are honored to be selected above all the other Orange County Jewish Preschools for this event. Rabbi Spitz and Cantor Tilchin will take part in the learning workshops section of the night. ☆



Enjoying lunch in the sukkah.

Building the sukkah.



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!

Social Action

Joyce Walter & Muriel Ullman,
VPs

We at CBI are embarking on a very IMPORTANT AND NEW ENDEAVOR. Thanks to Cantor Tilchin's involvement in an InterFaith organization, we will be joining St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Aldersgate Church in feeding so many who are having difficult times. Yes, that's right: we will be FEEDING THE HUNGRY every 2nd Sunday of each month at St. Paul's.

What does this mean for us at CBI? It is a time to give to others who are less fortunate. It is a time to work with organizations of a different faith that have the same goals of charity as ours. It is a time to **BECOME INVOLVED!**

Each one of us at CBI will have an opportunity to help. Our first Supper which will be held **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church: 1221 Wass Avenue, Tustin at 7:00 PM.**

We need volunteers for a variety of things:

Volunteers:

- ... to shop on Thursday
- ... to cook on Thursday and Sunday
- ... to set up tables and chairs on Sunday
- ... to serve on Sunday
- ... to clean up on Sunday

Donations:

- Cash \$\$\$\$\$\$
- Paper goods
- Baked goods (fresh to be brought on Sunday-only store-bought, please)

The people at St. Paul's are very generous in using their facility and working with us. Let's not disappoint them or the people who are counting on us for a wholesome meal.

Please see our flyer in the synagogue kiosks and contact Muriel or Joyce at CBI for what you can do for November, December, January, etc. . . . ☆

Youth News

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



I publicly apologize, but still remain amazed. At the close of this past Yom Kippur the youth department was in the courtyard during the *Neila* Service preparing to enter to lead the Congregation in the *Havdallah* Service and close out the holiest day of the year. The torch *Havdallah* candle was lit and held by our President Jamie Cortez; wine and spices ready as well. We were lined up in our traditional way: senior board members, *madrachim*, junior board members, USY general members. *Kadima* members, *Machar* members, Camp B'nai Ruach attendees followed lastly by our staff. This year many students home from college joined us as well. We passed out our Flame of the Future glow sticks and to my shock we did not have enough! This is the part I apologize for: we had twice as many kids as I expected! Caring older USYers gave their glow sticks to the disappointed younger kids, but still there were tears, for we did not have enough even then. As I stood on the *bima* during *Havdallah*, I observed hundreds of kids all around me, I knew them all and am proud to say about 95% of them have or do attend our youth department programs. That, for me, was the personal "wow" moment that started off my new year.

How wonderful it was to see the multitude of kids we have impacted and then the alumni of the youth department who have returned with

kids of their own who are currently enrolled.

In the spirit of family and the tying of generations to one place, we will host a family supper on November 7 at CBI. The youth department will re-create the special feeling of family togetherness at the Sunday Supper Table at CBI. A kosher chicken dinner will be served, followed by a talent show--we need your kids to sign up! We will also have a variety of Hanukah gift making opportunities for all ages as well. This dinner will bring together the families of *Machar*, *Kadima*, B'nai Ruach Camp, USY parents for a good cause: our kids. No matter how busy your weekend is, ending it as a family with a smile on your face is the only way to do it~ and mom doesn't have to cook! "Let's create fond memories and build for the future as we gather around the table. I look forward to sharing supper with you and our kids on Sunday November 7, 2010 at 5:00 PM. Adults \$15, Kids \$10 (under 3 are free)

****Please note: take out orders are available, but by pre-order only. ☆**



**Don't Forget to
Give of Yourself~
Gemelut Hasidim!
Blood Drive at CBI
Monday, December 27
from 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM
in the Social Hall**

Sign up at www.givelife.org,
and use sponsor code: bnai
or contact Marla Nathan

For Immediate Release



Congregation B'nai Israel is pleased to announce that it has received a two-year grant from the Orange County Community Service Programs' "Project Faith in Youth." Project Faith in Youth seeks to build the capacity of faith-based organizations (FBOs) to provide alcohol and other drug prevention services to their faith communities. CBI is the first Jewish FBO to receive this prestigious grant.

Research has shown that participation in a faith community, together with a strong alcohol and other drug prevention program, are important factors that can reduce young people's risk for substance abuse amid strong peer pressure, media influences, and cultural norms.

As a grantee, CBI will plan and implement four activities to strengthen "protective factors" among youth, such as meaningful participation in the community environment, connectedness to the faith community and positive adult and peer relationships.

The grant was funded by the County of Orange Health Care Agency – Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Education Team.

For more information, please contact Alan Rusonik, CBI's Director of Lifelong Learning at (714) 730-5161.

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It's all about Ritual

Terry Ginsberg and
Phyllis Abrams, VPs

For the American Jewish community, Hanukkah has become one of the premier community-wide celebratory events, punctuated by eight nights of gift-giving for children, festive songs and games, and the lighting of chanukiyot in private homes and select public places. What was once a minor festival based on historical events described in apocryphal texts (The First and Second Book of Maccabees) and the Talmud, Hanukkah has now become a time of celebration for Jewish families with a marked emphasis on child-oriented activities.

Because our religious traditions are so rich and multi-faceted, it should come as no surprise that certain lesser-known customs of Hanukkah observance were developed to commemorate the role of Jewish women in the deliverance of our people from the forces of destruction. One of those customs is to eat cheese dishes for Hanukkah; the second custom is for women not to engage in work while the candles on the hanukkiya are burning, or to simply avoid any work during the first and last days of the festival. The primary source of these customs is found in another apocryphal text named The Book of Judith (The Apocrypha are biblical texts that were not included in the official Jewish canon, but were recognized by the Roman Catholic Church). Scholars believe that the Book of Judith was written originally in Hebrew during the Maccabean period, but only versions written in Greek have been preserved.

The story is essentially as follows: An Assyrian general by the name of Holofernes is laying siege to the town of Bethulia and the Jewish residents of the town feel powerless to resist the Assyrian onslaught. Judith, a young, beautiful Jewish woman, approaches the town leadership with a plan to defeat the enemy. After she is turned

away by the town elders, she sets out on her own to face the threat. After dressing herself provocatively and gathering food and wine, she sneaks out of the besieged town and makes her way into the enemy camp where she presents herself to Holofernes. Holofernes finds himself attracted to this nocturnal visitor and invites her into his tent, where she proceeds to feed him salty cheese. The cheese makes him thirsty so Judith gives him copious amounts of wine to slake his thirst. This proves to be his undoing as he quickly becomes inebriated and passes out. Judith swiftly decapitates him with his sword, places his severed head in a sack and quietly slips back into Bethulia, undetected. The following morning, the Assyrian troops awaken to the terrifying sight of their leader's head hanging from the town wall. Stricken by fear, the Assyrians beat a hasty retreat and Bethulia is saved.

During the Middle Ages, a midrash was developed based on the aforementioned story, but in this retelling Holofernes was depicted as a Greek general, Judith was the daughter of the High Priest Yochanan, and the events take place against the backdrop of the Hasmonean revolt. This midrashic retelling, which was written in Hebrew, was read in synagogues every year during Hanukkah, specifically on Shabbat.

The story of Judith's heroism was also a source of artistic inspiration in the non-Jewish world. The image of Judith beheading Holofernes became a very popular subject for Renaissance artists who depicted the powerful image in painting and sculpture.

Although Judith's heroic exploits are more of a historical curiosity for the modern American Jew celebrating Hanukkah, they do reveal the extent to which our tradition has elevated the role of Jewish women in our communal struggle against those forces which seek to destroy us, either through assimilation or physical destruction. ☆

FAST OF THE 10TH OF TEVET

December 17

at 7:30 AM

in the Bet Midrash

**This fast is a daylight
only fast and
commemorates the
siege of Jerusalem by
Babylonian King
Nebuchadnezzar that led
to the destruction of the
First Temple.**

**Services Completed
by 9:00 AM**

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STORES THAT HAVE ONLY
A SCANT COLLECTION
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Life Cycle Events

in the Shofar - engagements,
weddings, births
e-mail the details to
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**Check our website at
<http://www.cbi18.org>**



Membership Moments

Batia Swed and
Mike Mymon, VPs

We are pleased that membership continues to be strong and healthy and we are looking forward to continued growth and participation in the activities planned for this coming year. Yom Ha'atzmaut will be a sensational event with the awarded grant monies from Nefesh B'Nefesh and OC Jewish Federation; there will be so many interesting and fun events! We are so pleased you are part of our community, for its our members who, make us into the warm, accepting, and inclusive community that we are.

We have so enjoyed this past year working as a team in helping to build and strengthen our community by your involvement. We have enjoyed meeting many of you through the interest groups, services, classes, events or simply on Shabbat at the table with the "gaudy orange flowers". January brings big changes to our Membership team – one of us has to leave due to term limits. As a team and as individuals we would like to thank you for your support:

Mike, I have so enjoyed working with you this past year – you have infused so many of us –myself included- with such enthusiasm. Your ready smile, warm welcome, outreach, tenacity, willingness to do so much, and doing it so well, has uplifted me - what a partner!

I cannot believe that my two-year term of office ends in December. I am so fortunate for having the opportunity of sharing the membership position with two special people: Rebeca Gilad was my partner in my first year as Membership VP. Together we created new and various opportunities for CBI members to participate, get to know each other, become involved in their community while having fun. We had the best time, laughed our way through and not only were we partners but established a strong bond in friendship. Mike and I have continued to strengthen many of these opportunities and I am indeed

blessed with his caring and friendship. I have learned that by volunteering, participating and by being involved there is so much to be gained. I am so grateful for the deep friendships established and to our CBI community for your warmth and allowing me to grow and develop as a person. May our community continue to grow from strength to strength!

Thank you so much.

Batia Swed

When asked, most people might have difficulties writing about themselves, especially if they have to portray a very positive image. Sometimes, it is even more difficult to write about someone that is so exceptionally special and has done so many amazing things, that one does not know where to begin.

What would you write about a friend that revolutionized CBI's approach to holiday celebrations, changed the way we look at the CBI Community? Not only that, but she introduced so many new and innovative approaches to the portfolio she took on that it would never be the same? Blazed so many trails for the rest of us to follow, it seems almost unfair? What would you write or say about her?

Batia Swed. It's hard to believe, but it has been two years since she took on the Membership Portfolio and her term is coming to an end. If there was ever a time I doubted my strong belief regarding a Term-Limit, this is the time.

Under Batia's watch and leadership, CBI experienced events in ways like never before, was awarded grants on the merits of programs she initiated; grew in number and participation and overall, became a stronger community.

We will not forget Batia Swed's term as Membership VP any time soon. We only hope that Batia will remain involved with the Membership Committee, continuing to shine her bright light of innovation upon us.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts with Batia and/or to thank her for what she has done for the betterment of our CBI Community. Batia, I will miss you!

Mike Mymon ☆

Welcome to the newest members of our CBI Community:

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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.

FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER: Friday, November 5 and December 3 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, November 3 for the November 5 dinner and Wednesday, December 1 for the December 3 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!

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.

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.

IT'S SCRABBLE MONDAY: Monday, November 1 and December 6 at 7:00 PM in the Bet Midrash. Please bring your own scrabble set. Scrabble sessions will continue the 1st Monday of every month.

CAREER TRANSITION SUPPORT GROUP: Meets every other Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Bet Midrash. Next meeting will be November 3, followed by meetings on November 17, December 1, and December 15. Come learn to sharpen your skills for your career; speak to experts in the field and network to benefit your future!

THE LOUIS AND JUDITH MILLER INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM PROGRAM: Classes ongoing: next classes are on November 7, 14, 21 and December 5, 12, and 19 at 1:00 PM. This is a meaningful 18-week course geared towards those who want to learn more about Judaism. Taught by Rabbi Spitz, Cantor Tilchin, and Rabbinic Intern, Adam Greenwald. Please note: No classes on November 28 and December 26.

EXPERIENTIAL PRAYER AND TEXT STUDY WITH ADAM GREENWALD: Saturday morning, November 13 at 10:30 AM: "Climbing Jacob's Ladder": Together we explore one of the most evocative and elusive stories of the Torah~ Jacob's dream of a ladder linking Heaven and Earth. We will consider what commentaries, ancient and modern, have to teach us about the power of dreams and the spirituality of waking up. Come join us in the Bet Midrash!

EXPERIENTIAL PRAYER AND TEXT STUDY WITH ADAM GREENWALD: Saturday morning, December 18 at 10:30 AM: "The End of the Beginning": *Parashat Vayehi* closes the first book of the Bible. We will take a look back through the saga of Genesis, from Creation to the death of Joseph, and consider what lessons it has to teach about the meaning of beginnings.

TEEN SEUDAH SH'LISHIT AND LEARNING WITH RABBINIC INTERN, ADAM GREENWALD: Saturday, November 13 and Saturday, December 18 at 4:00 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!

A COMMEMORATION OF KRISTALLNACHT: "LEST WE FORGET: JACK PARISER, HIS STORY OF SURVIVAL AND TRIBUTE TO A CONTEMPORARY POLISH TZADIK": Saturday November 13 at 7:00 PM. This event features video aired on PBS, as well as gives posthumous dignity to holocaust victims who were killed and interred "on the spot". Havdallah followed by lecture and discussion. RSVP to the CBI office by Wednesday, November 3 or send an email to cbi18@cbi18.org.

CBI 5771 ENDOWMENT FUND PRESENTS: MARCUS FREED, PERFORMING A ONE-MAN PLAY: Sunday, November 14 at 4:00 PM at Tarbut V'Torah Day School: Marcus Freed is the creator of Bibliyoga™, a technique for embodying Jewish spiritual wisdom and has toured 15 countries with his plays. Come enjoy an insightful, relaxing afternoon with us! Cost: TBD

SUNDAY SUPPER, AN INTERFAITH EFFORT (and perfect Mitzvah Project too!): **Sunday, November 14 and December 12 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 November 1.

FOOD PREPARATION FOR ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY SUPPER: Thursday, November 11 at 5:00 PM and December 9 at 5:00 PM: 10 volunteers are needed to prepare food each time. RSVP to CBI office by November 1 for the November supper and November 29 for the December supper.

SISTERHOOD'S BOOK CLUB: Thursday, November 11 at 7:30 PM. We are discussing *The Bridge of Sighs* by Richard Russo. Come and lend your insights to our discussion! Book club for December: **December 9: Stone From the River**, by Ursula Hegi. **FYI: MEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN BOOKCLUB, TOO!**

SALSA DANCING LESSONS: November 11 and December 9 at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. Come learn some Latin moves with Debra and Stuart Kushon. Lesson begins at 7:00 PM followed by free dancing until 10:00 PM.

HANUKKAH ADOPT-A-FAMILY GIFT DRIVE: November 15 – November 30. Gift cards are being collected by Jewish Family Services and Families Forward. Groceries, gas, and Target gift cards are specifically requested. Personal checks, payable to either organization are also being accepted. Look for the brightly colored boxes in the CBI office, the Preschool office or the Mercaz Limmud to drop off your donation.

ADDITIONAL MUSICAL SHABBAT SERVICE: The third Friday of every month at 8:00 PM: November 19 and December 17. Come join Cantor Tilchin, Carl Cedar, and friends as they celebrate an additional Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv Service the third Friday of the third Friday of the month! A dessert Oneg follows the service.

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THE HIKING GROUP IS HIKING PETER'S CANYON (BACK ENTRANCE) AND HICKS CANYON:

Peter's Canyon: Sunday, November 21 at 9:00 AM: This hike is approximately two hours in duration. There are two trails: a beginner trail and a moderate trail. The moderate trail is about six 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, 92782.

Hicks Canyon: Sunday, December 19 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. Directions and details available in synagogue kiosks.

HANUKKAH BOUTIQUE AND WINE TASTING: Sunday, November 21, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM in the Social Hall. Sip wine as you enjoy a wide array of merchandise. Vendors will offer jewelry, tablecloths and napkins, purses and scarves. The Sisterhood Judaica Shop will have a wide assortment of everything you need for Hanukkah.

Added Bonus: Free Gift Wrap by USY. Plan ahead and bring in your other Hannukah gifts as well (donations accepted)!

A MORNING OF CELEBRATORY SHABBAT WORSHIP WITH DALE SCHATZ: Saturday, December 4, 2010 at 9:45 AM in the Family Life Center. Come join us! Next Celebratory Worship Service: January 8, 2011.

COMMUNITY HAVDALLAH AND HANUKKAH CANDLE LIGHTING FOLLOWED BY A CONCERT WITH JOSH NELSON AND FRIENDS: Saturday, December 4 at 7:00 PM. Come experience Hannukah with one of the most popular performers and producers in modern Jewish music. \$10/Adult, \$5/youth (2 – 12 years of age). Dessert will be served. Contact the CBI office for information and reservations.

A SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND WITH PROFESSOR HANA WIRTH NESHER: December 10 - 12 at CBI. The weekend begins on: **Friday, December 10 at 6:00 PM:** Shabbat Service, Dinner, and Lecture: Whose Story? Israeli and Jewish American Autobiography in the Writings of Amos Oz and Philip Roth; **Saturday, December 11 at 9:30 AM:** Shabbat Service, lunch and lecture: Yiddish Voices in Contemporary Jewish American Writing in English; **Sunday, December 12 at 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon:** Book Discussion: Grace Paley Stories: *A Conversation with my Father*; *The Loudest Voice*; *Zagrowsky Tells*.

Lectures/book Discussion: \$10/each; Dinner: \$15/adults, \$7.50/children ages 2 – 12; Lunch: no charge. RSVP by 11/29 and entire program cost is \$36. No charge to 5771 Endowment benefactors.

FAST OF THE 10TH OF TEVET: Friday, December 17 at 7:30 AM in the Bet Midrash. Commemorate the the beginning of Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar's siege of Jerusalem leading to the destruction of the First Temple. This is a daylight fast only. Services are over before 9:00 AM.

BLOOD DRIVE: Monday, December 27, 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. Touch the life of a child and give of yourself in the most literal way. You may sign up online at www.givelife.org and use the sponsor code, bnai, or contact Marla Nathan to help you schedule your appointment.

Schedule of Services for December

Friday, December 3

5:30 PM Family Service and Dinner

6:00 PM Service

6:00 PM Shabbat Club

Saturday, December 4

Bar Mitzvah of Zackary Letson

Birkat Hahodesh

9:30 AM Service

PARASHAT: MIKETZ

Torah: Genesis 41:1 – 41:52

Maftir: Numbers 7:24 – 7:35

Haftarah: Zephaniah 2:14 – 4:7

Friday, December 10

6:00 PM Anniversary Service

Saturday, December 11

Bat Mitzvah of Kaitlyn Siegel

9:30 AM Service

PARASHAT: VAYIGASH

Torah: Genesis 44:18 – 45:27

Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15 – 28

Friday, December 17

Fast of 10th of Tevet

7:30 AM Service

6:00 PM Service

8:00 PM Service



Saturday, December 18

Bat Mitzvah of Thaile Timsit

Hazak Shabbat

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: VAYEHI

Torah: Genesis 47:29 – 48:22

Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15 – 28

Friday, December 24

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, December 25

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: SH'MOT

Torah: Exodus 1:1 – 2:25

Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6 – 28; 13; 29:22 – 23

Friday, December 31

6:00 PM Service

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Bar Mitzvah of Adam Broschow

November 13 (6 Kislev)

Adam is in 7th grade at Pioneer Middle School where he is on the Honor Roll and is an ASB member. Adam's extracurricular activities include baseball, soccer, and running; he also enjoys going fishing and watching his favorite sports teams: the Angels, Pittsburgh Steelers, and UCLA Bruins. Adam looks forward to Hebrew High and for his Mitzvah Project Adam refereed AYSO soccer games on weekends. Adam looks forward to celebrating this simcha with his parents and sister, Laura, as well as the entire CBI community. Mazal Tov! ☆



Bat Mitzvah of Dana Kotkin

November 27 (20 Kislev)

Dana is a seventh grade honor student at Pioneer Middle School in Tustin, and is considering auditioning for admission to the Orange County High School of the Arts next year. She loves music, has been singing in the Southern California Children's Chorus since first grade, and is now a member of the "Concert Chorus. She loves camping with the CSP program. Dana had an amazing experience traveling to Israel in 2008 with her grandparents, parents, brother and some of her CBI friends. She also had the chance to visit the Republic of Georgia when her family became complete in 2006. As her mitzvah project, Dana will be helping to feed the homeless. ." Dana has a lot of family coming in from far and near, and is excited to celebrate with them at her Bat Mitzvah. Mazal Tov! ☆



Bar Mitzvan of Zachary Letson

December 4 (27 Kislev)

Zach is a 7th grader at Pioneer Middle School in Tustin. He is also a proud alumnus of the CBI Child Development Center Class of 2002. In his spare time Zach enjoys playing lacrosse, video games, & good food. Zach is currently raising funds for the Haiti Orphan Rescue Program by selling wristbands. This grass roots organization identifies and renovates orphanages in need of repair which contributes directly and immediately to the welfare of Haitian orphans.

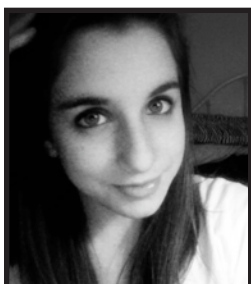
Zach is anxious and excited for his upcoming bar mitzvah. Joining Zach will be his mother, Nancy; father, Kurt; sisters, Bailey & Paige as well as friends and family from the local community and from as far away as Pittsburgh, Cleveland, & the East Coast. ☆



Bat Mitzvah of Kaitlyn Siegel

December 11 (4 Tevet)

Kaitlyn is a 7th grader at RSM Intermediate School in Rancho Santa Margarita. Kaitlyn enjoys volleyball, jogging, swimming and playing her guitar. She is active with both the Saddleback Valley School District Volleyball League & Saddleback Valley Volleyball Club. Kaitlyn also enjoys hanging out with her friends and going to the movies. Kaitlyn did two mitzvah projects: she collected toys and stuffed animals that were given to two charities: Laura's House and Send-A-Friend. Kaitlyn also fostered four six-week-old kittens for two months. Kaitlyn will be celebrating her simcha with friends and family from near and far. Mazal Tov! ☆



Bat Mitzvah of Thalie Timsit

December 18 (11 Tevet))

Thalie is an 8th grade Honor Roll student at Tarbut V Torah. She is an avid volleyball player having just participated in the 2010 Macabbi Games in Denver, bringing home a silver medal along with her team-mates. She has also participated on student council, and currently volunteers with The Friendship Circle. Thalie enjoys spending time with her friends, shopping and drawing. Along with her Mom & Mitch, Dad & Joy and her brothers, Scott and Matt, Thalie is very excited to have her family from Canada as well as local family and friends join her on her special day. ☆

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Der Yidishe Vinkle

Club Yiddish Carl Bendroff

My **baleepteh** (beloved) readers, the **mehgileh** (story) about my humiliating high school PE predicament continues:

As usual, I was **oysgeklibt** (chosen) last to be on a team. So I **geshtompert** (stumbled) down the bleachers and slid from the PE floor through the exit door to the sports field outside. The flag-football **shpil** (game) had begun before I reached my team.

It **makht mir meshuge** (made me crazy) trying to keep track of that **gikh fleeikh** (fast flying) football. But the ball always found me, smack on my **kepele** (head). Such a **kopveytik** (headache) sports gave me. I was the only **boytshik** (boy) to get **farvundik** (wounded) playing touch football.

The one thing about sports that I actually excelled at was ignoring the score. But I couldn't ignore feeling like a **nebish** (loser), even when my team had **gevoonen** (won).

Every few weeks Mr. Kowski **ongezogt** (announced) that we'd be switching sports. So we'd need **nay** (new) captains to pick new **mahnshaftn** (teams). But it didn't matter who the captains were; the teams were always **der zebik** (the same). Each had its share of jocks and nerds. And I didn't fit anywhere.

"All right, I need four team captains for **koyshbol** (basketball)," Mr. Kowski said. "Let's see some hands."

I watched my arm **oyfheybn** (levitate) like magic.

"Carl, you want to be a captain?" Mr. Kowski asked. I wanted to say 'No', but the sight of my arm **in der luft** (in the air) made me **farshtumt** (tongue-tied).

Next time: The magic continues...
Until then, **zei gezunt** (be well)! ☆



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Mike and Sheila Lefkowitz in honor of Hayley's birthday

Mike and Sheila Lefkowitz in honor of Mike's birthday

Roz and Norm Baron in honor of their anniversary

Bruce and Kathleen Canter in honor of their anniversary

Marvin Rosenberg in honor of his birthday

The Szekel family in honor of Michele and Pat's anniversary

The Szekel family in honor of Joel's birthday

Anvar and Janet Alfi in honor of Anvar's birthday

The Kahrs family in honor of Leane's birthday

Wolfe and Cecily Yudelman in honor of Wolfe's birthday

Djamshid and Jaleh Farivar in honor of Shervin's birthday

Djamshid and Jaleh Farivar in honor of Jaleh's birthday

Francine and Colin Wenhardt in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Lucia

Rose Spottl

Francine and Colin Wenhardt in honor of their anniversary

Sonia and Sirius Farivar in honor of Sayeh and Matthew's Aufruf

Gavin and Anne Jonas in honor of Gavin's birthday

Gavin and Anne Jonas in honor of Shaun's birthday

Gavin and Anne Jonas in honor of Michele's birthday

Dave and Julia Greenwald in honor of Adam's birthday

Ruth and Jerry Raskin in honor of their anniversary

Nicole and Kenneth Cowan in honor of their anniversary

Ingrid Gallin in honor of Joel's birthday

Phyllis and Al Steinberg in honor of Al's birthday

The Mirowitz family in honor of Eric's birthday

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November Perek Yomi readings

ISAIAH		ISAIAH		JEREMIAH	
Nov.	Chapter	Nov.	Chapter	Nov.	Chapter
1	49	12	60	22	4
2	50	13	61	23	5
3	51	14	62	24	6
4	52	15	63	25	7
5	53	16	64	26	8
6	54	17	65	27	9
7	55	18	66	28	10
8	56	JEREMIAH		29	11
9	57			30	12
10	58				
11	59				

December Perek Yomi readings

JEREMIAH		JEREMIAH		JEREMIAH	
Dec.	Chapter	Dec.	Chapter	Dec.	Chapter
1	13	12	24	22	34
2	14	13	25	23	35
3	15	14	26	24	36
4	16	15	27	25	37
5	17	16	28	26	38
6	18	17	29	27	39
7	19	18	30	28	40
8	20	19	31	29	41
9	21	20	32	30	42
10	22	21	33	31	43
11	23				

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Join us the first Monday of every Month for Scrabble!

November 1
and December 6
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in the Bet Midrash

Please bring your own Scrabble set.

MAH JONGG

Every Wednesday Night
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CBI Social Hall

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Help Prepare Food and Serve the Hungry~

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Sunday, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12 at 4:00 PM

Food Prep: Thursday, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9 at 5:00 PM

Contact the CBI office by Nov. 1 to help for November
and by Nov. 29 to help for December



Don't Forget the Annual Hanukkah Boutique

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November 21, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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November 15 – November 30

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November 23;
December 21 and December 28

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December 3, 2010
at 5:30 PM

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Schedule of Services for November

Friday, November 5

5:30 PM Family Service and Dinner

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, November 6

Shabbat Machar Hodesh

Birkat Hahodosh

9:30 AM Service

PARASHAT: TOLDOT

Torah: Genesis 25: 19 – 26:22

Haftarah: I Samuel 20: 18 - 42

Friday, November 12

6:00 PM Anniversary Service

Saturday, November 13

Bar Mitzvah of Adam Broscow

9:30 AM Service:

PARASHAT: VAYETZE

Torah: Genesis 28:10 – 30:13

Haftarah: Hosea 12: 13 – 14:10



Friday, November 19

6:00 PM Service

8:00 PM Service

Saturday, November 20

9:30 AM Service:

PARASHAT: VAYISHLAH

Torah: Genesis 32:4 – 33:20

Haftarah: Obadiah 1:1 – 21

Friday, November 26

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, November 27

Bat Mitzvah of Dana Kotkin

9:30 AM Service:

PARASHAT: VAYESHEV

Torah: Genesis 37:1 – 37:36

Haftarah: Amos 2:6 – 3:8



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November 2010

24 Heshvan 5771 - 23 Kislev 5771

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 6:18AM/4:56PM Rosh Hodesh Dino Dash No Mercatz Limmud 1:00pm Intro to Judaism USY Board Meeting 5:00pm USY Sunday Supper Fundraiser	8 6:19AM/4:55PM Rosh Hodesh 24 Heshvan	9 6:20AM/4:54PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance 25 Heshvan	10 6:21AM/4:53PM 6:30pm TGI Shabbat Orientation for Hosts 6:30pm Arcade Rental 7:00pm Mah Jongg	11 6:22AM/4:53PM 4:00pm Food Prep at St. Paul's No Mercatz Limmud 7:00pm Salsa Dancing 7:30pm Ritual Mtg 7:30pm Book Club	12 6:23AM/4:52PM 6:00pm Anniversary Service LEAD at Camp Ramah	13 6:24AM/4:51PM 9:30am Service Adam Broscow 10:30am Experiential Prayer & Text Study 4:00pm Teen Talmud 7:00pm Havdallah followed by Jack Pariser Lecture LEAD at Camp Ramah
14 6:25AM/4:51PM 10:00am TGI Shabbat Workshop 10:30am Yiddish Club 1:00pm Intro to Judaism LEAD at Camp Ramah No Mercatz Limmud 4:00pm Marcus J. Freed at TVT 4:00pm Sunday Supper at St. Paul's	15 6:26AM/4:50PM 11:00am Membership Mtg. 1 Kislev	16 6:27AM/4:49PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance 2 Kislev	17 6:28AM/4:49PM 2:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm Lelison Rehearsal 5:00pm Comfort Committee Mtg 7:00pm Mah Jongg 7:00pm Career Transition Support Group	18 6:29AM/4:48PM 6:30pm IT Mtg 7:30pm General Board Meeting	19 6:29AM/4:48PM 6:00pm Service 6:00pm 6th Grade Service and Dinner 8:00pm Service 5 Kislev	20 6:30AM/4:47PM 9:30am Service Kadima/Machar Event 6:00pm Set up Hanukkah Boutique 6 Kislev
21 6:31AM/4:47PM 9:00am Hike-Peter's Canyon 9:00am 6th Grade Family Ed 10:00am Sisterhood Chanukah Boutique 1:00pm Intro to Judaism 1:00pm Kotkin Rehearsal USY Event	22 6:32AM/4:46PM 8 Kislev	23 6:33AM/4:46PM No Israeli Dance No Mercatz Limmud 9 Kislev	24 6:34AM/4:45PM No Mercatz Limmud No Mah Jongg 10 Kislev	25 6:35AM/4:45PM Thanksgiving Day Office & CDC Closed No Mercatz Limmud 11 Kislev	26 6:36AM/4:45PM 10:00am Kotkin Pictures 6:00pm Service Office & CDC Closed 12 Kislev	27 6:37AM/4:45PM 9:30am Service Dana Kotkin 7:00pm S/H rental 13 Kislev
28 6:38AM/4:44PM 10:30am Yiddish Club No Mercatz Limmud 14 Kislev	29 6:39AM/4:44PM 15 Kislev	30 6:40AM/4:44PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance 16 Kislev	17 Kislev	18 Kislev	19 Kislev	20 Kislev

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December 2010

24 Kislev 5771 - 24 Tevet 5771

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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5	6:44AM/4:43PM Hanukkah IV 9:00am 7th Grade Family Ed. 10:30am Yiddish Club 2:00pm Intro to Judaism USY New Member Kinrus (away)	6	6:45AM/4:43PM Hanukkah V 7:00pm Scrabble 7:30pm Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh	7	6:45AM/4:44PM Rosh Hodesh - Hanukkah VI 6:30pm Israeli Dance 6:30pm Staff Hanukkah Party	8	6:46AM/4:44PM Rosh Hodesh - Hanukkah VII Preschool Hanukkah Celebration w/parents 3:00pm Tsimt Rehearsal 7:00pm Mah Jongg	9	6:47AM/4:44PM Hanukkah VIII 5:00pm Food Prep at St. Paul's 7:00pm Salsa Dancing 7:30pm Book Club	10	6:48AM/4:44PM 6:00pm Anniversary Service Shabbaton with Hanna Wirth-Nesher 6:00pm 5th Grade Service and Dinner	11	6:48AM/4:44PM 9:30am Service Kaitlyn Siegel S/H Rental USY Event Shabbaton with Hana Wirth-Nesher
28 Kislev		29 Kislev		30 Kislev		1 Tevet		2 Tevet		3 Tevet		4 Tevet	
12	6:49AM/4:44PM 1:00pm Intro to Judaism Kadima/Machar Event 4:00pm Sunday Supper at St. Paul's	13	6:50AM/4:44PM	14	6:51AM/4:45PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance	15	6:51AM/4:45PM 2:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Mah Jongg 7:00pm Career Transition Support Group	16	6:52AM/4:45PM 6:30pm IT Mtg 7:00pm Congregational (Elections) & General Board Meeting	17	6:52AM/4:46PM Fast of Tevet 10 7:30am Service 6:00pm Service 8:00pm Service	18	6:53AM/4:46PM 9:30am Service 10:30am Experiential Prayer & Text Study 4:00pm Teen Talmud Thalite Tsimt USY Event
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12 Tevet		13 Tevet		14 Tevet		15 Tevet		16 Tevet		17 Tevet		18 Tevet	
26	6:57AM/4:50PM No Mercatz Limmud	27	6:57AM/4:51PM CDC Closed 1:00-7:00pm Blood Drive	28	6:58AM/4:51PM CDC Closed No Israeli Dance No Mercatz Limmud	29	6:58AM/4:52PM CDC Closed No Mercatz Limmud No Mah Jongg	30	6:58AM/4:53PM CDC Closed No Mercatz Limmud	31	6:58AM/4:53PM 6:00pm Service Office & CDC Closed		
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