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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR
& SYNAGOGUE EVENTS LISTED

Pesach Schedule of Services and Events

Friday, April 3:

7:30 AM: Fast of the Firstborn Shacharit Service followed by a siyyum and seudah (breakfast)

6:00 PM: Shabbat/Erev Pesach Services

***7:00 PM:** Community Pesach Seder led by Rabbi Spitz, Cantor Tilchin, Rabbi Hoffman and Carl Cedar ~

Adult: Member: \$50/ Non-member: \$60; Child 6-12 yrs., Member: \$25/Non-member: \$35;
Child 3-5 yrs.; \$15; Children 2 and under free/Child Care also provided; RSVP by March 27

Saturday, April 4:

9:30 AM: Shabbat and Day 1 Passover Service followed by lunch

Sunday, April 5:

9:30 AM: Day 2 Passover Service followed by lunch

Friday, April 10:

9:30 AM: Day 7 Passover Service Shirat hayam (Song of the Sea) followed by lunch.

6:00 PM: Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 11:

9:30 AM: Shabbat and Day 8 Passover services (Yizkor): Special Service honoring Holocaust Survivors

*Strictly kosher L'Pesach ~ please do not bring ANY FOOD into the synagogue for the 8 days of Pesach.



Don't forget to
sell your Hametz
by April 2!

Shavuot Schedule of Services and Events

Saturday, May 23:

6:45 PM: *Minha*

7:30 PM: Symbolic Seder with foods of the 7 Species

8:30 PM: *Ma'ariv* and *Havdallah*

9:00 PM: Midnight: *Tikkun L'eil Shavuot* and Dessert

Sunday, May 24:

9:30 AM: *Shavuot* Service followed by a Kiddush luncheon

Monday, May 25:

9:30 AM: *Shavuot* Service with *Yizkor* and the chanting of the Book of Ruth followed by a Kiddush luncheon

MAZAL TOV!!

Cantor Tilchin's and Rabbinic Intern Adir Glick's Ordination!

Tuesday, May 19 at 7:30 PM

(doors open at 7:00 PM)

American Jewish University
15600 Mulholland Drive
Los Angeles, California



Followed by Dessert Reception

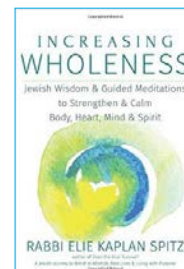
MAZAL TOV!!

to Rabbi Spitz on the publication of his latest book:

Increasing Wholeness:

Jewish Wisdom and Guided Meditations To Strengthen & Calm Body, Heart, Mind & Spirit

Join him for his book signing on
Sunday, April 26 at 7:00 PM



It'll Be Here Before You Know It!

Camp B'nai Ruach ~ July 6 – August 7

Sign up for one week or all five weeks! • Make summer count with the best memories ever!

Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Elie Spitz



Dear Friends,

Writing offers me the opportunity to study and grow and when a book is completed to teach- both actively and through the book itself. It is already fifteen years since I wrote *Does the Soul Survive?* During those years I have had the privilege to address a broad array of audiences. In the course of the book signings, many have shared their extraordinary experiences around the death of a loved one. The recently released second edition has a new introduction that reflects those experiences and my ongoing reflections as a juror as to how to weigh the evidence that touches on survival of the soul.

The new book, *Increasing Wholeness*, is the product of years of teaching at CBI. Those classes served as my laboratory for exploring how participants could access their own inner wisdom. Close to five years ago, I had students from Chapman's Dodge School of Film videotape my classes. I knew that what I had to offer were guided visualizations, but I did not yet know how I could integrate those experiences with the written word. A couple of years ago, I came across a new book that used QR codes

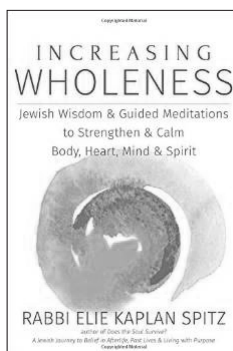
to enable linking the written word with youtubes that could be placed on a smart phone. Sheila Witzling served as my primary film maker

and director, enabling the creation of thirty youtubes. These videos will accompany the writing. For my publisher, Jewish Lights, it is their first book that will utilize this technology. You can go to youtube now and put in my name and find an array of offerings. When the book emerges toward the beginning of April as both a printed text and an electronic book, you will be able to appreciate this new way of engaging with ideas.

So much of the new book focuses on imagination as a bridge to intuitive wisdom. A reoccurring phrase among the sages is "as if." On Passover, for instance, we read in the Haggadah, "In each generation a person is to see him or herself as if he or she went out from Egypt." With our imagination, we expand our identity by making collective memory personal. I invite you at your Passover table to pause and share some Bibiodrama with questions like: As a slave, what is your day like? When you get up in the morning in one word, what do you feel? This man Moses says that God has sent him to take you out of Egypt, what are your questions for Moses? Are you prepared to follow him and his God? As you stand on the other side of the Reed River, having reached freedom, what are your thoughts and feelings?

I wish you a Happy Pesach - a Pesach that expands and deepens your sense of belonging and your celebration of the gifts of freedom.

Blessings, Elie ☆



Celebrate Shabbat with

Dale Schatz

**April 25 and June 27
at 9:30 AM**

in the Family Life Center



Cantor's Notes

Cantor Marcia Tilchin



"The trip of a thousand miles begins with the first step..."

This was my selected "favorite quote" on my senior yearbook page as a graduating 9th grader from Hillel Day School of Metropolitan Detroit. At the ripe old age of 14, I could never have imagined that later in life I would spend upwards of two decades in pursuit of a dual seminary degree. Nonetheless, this prophetic adage has remained a source of strength and encouragement for me in my twenty-year effort to complete rabbinical school. I entered cantorial school at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1992 and in 1995 applied to rabbinical school. For several years I augmented my cantorial class schedule with one or two rabbinical school requirements. By the time I received my cantorial degree in 2000, I had the equivalent of one full year of rabbinical school under my belt. In the two years leading up to our family move to Tustin, I was able to squeeze in another year of classes. I moved west with hopes of completing my studies at Ziegler, but had no idea what that would look like in real time. I began traveling up to AJU (then "The University of Judaism") in the fall of 2005, taking one course per semester. That was fun, but not a viable long-term plan if I was to make tangible progress towards my ultimate goal. In 2009 I took the

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The President's Corner

Terry G.

Few would argue with the assertion that a necessary part of any Jewish gathering is the presence of food. From *simchas* to *shiva minyanim*, there always seems to be ample food for Jews to nosh on while socializing with one another. We at CBI are blessed to have a wonderful team of women who work tirelessly in the *shul's* kitchen to ensure that our community's culinary needs are met throughout the year. The kitchen staff is ably supervised by the energetic Maria Ester Rodriguez, who has been a fixture of our synagogue since 2003. Supporting her is a core team of approximately 10 ladies, but the total number of staff may fluctuate depending on the needs of the *shul*. Maria and her team primarily work on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, but we all know that the demands of

the Jewish calendar, family *simchas* and *shul* programming create additional demands on the kitchen staff. To their immense credit, Maria and company have taken pains to learn the intricacies of *kashrut* as well as the unique challenges of operating a kosher kitchen. Despite those challenges, they have always risen to the occasion with a bright and cheerful demeanor and a sense of pride in their work. In the words of Maria Ester, their ultimate goal is that the congregants "enjoy the food and are happy." So, the next time any of you stop by the kitchen, make sure to thank Maria Ester and her team for all that they do for us! ☆



CANTOR, *cont. from page 2*

plunge and formally matriculated as a full-time Ziegler student, unsure of when I would actually be ordained.

It took a village. My loving parents, Asher and Arlene Tilchin, have championed me since the beginning. My incredible husband, Scott, is both *SuperDad* and *SuperFriend*. He deeply appreciates my passion to learn in order to inspire, and has done whatever he can to accommodate my need to juggle work and school with family responsibilities – often to the detriment of his own professional aspirations. This is true love! My wonderful children have missed their mother for too long, but thanks to our remarkable babysitter and close friend, Lauren Carroll – who, since 2008 has schlepped, shopped, cooked, tutored, packed, glue-gunned, glittered and everything else – the kids are alright.

Most of all, I must express my gratitude to CBI's fabulous congregation and staff for this achievement. Rabbi Spitz has always understood what the additional scholarship means to me and seen its value-added for our synagogue. Over the years, Sandy Klein, Helene Coulter and Debbie Hebron offered unfailing support, and Lisa Heller, Barbara Sherman and Robin Hoffman have encouraged me along the way. Ultimately, CBI members are the true heroes of this religious quest. Whenever we finish reading a book of the Torah, we recite a three-word formula indicating that all endings segue into new beginnings: "*Hazak Hazak v'nithazeik* – Have strength, be strong, and you shall be strengthened!" As I begin my next thousand-mile journey as Rabbi Cantor Tilchin, I do so linked arm in arm with YOU.

Rabbinic intern Adir Glick and I will be ordained on **Tuesday, May 19, at 7:30pm** at the American Jewish University, 15600 Mulholland Drive, Bel Air, California. We will be honored by your presence at our shared milestone. ☆

Wonderful Learning Opportunities with Rabbi Spitz!

Lunch and Learn with the Rabbi and Study of the Zohar
What better way to spend lunch?
Wednesday, April 15 & 29
12:00 – 1:30 PM at CBI
\$10/session (includes Pizza lunch)

Jewish Meditation
A journey of spiritual insight and intuition
Shabbat mornings of **April 18, May 16 and June 20**
9:30 – 10:15 AM
in the Bet Midrash

Ask the Rabbi
Israeli Elections: Who won and what does it mean looking forward?
Sunday, April 12, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
in the Bet Midrash

It's Time to Sell your Hametz!

Appoint Rabbi Spitz to arrange for the sale of your household *Hametz* in time for *Pesach*!
Forms available in the CBI Office ~ must be filled out and returned by April 2.

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Prayersong with Amy Robinson
April 11, May 9, and June 13
9:30 – 10:30 AM
In the Family Life Center
Join us on a sacred, musical journey!

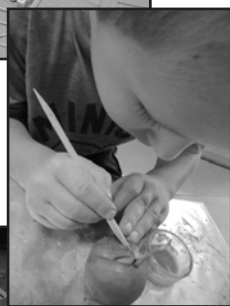


Child Development

Lisa Heller - Director
Samantha Feld and
Michael Jarzyna, VPs



**OUR
VERY
BUSY
CHILDREN**



Yiddish Club

meets Every Other Sunday
at 11:00 AM:

**May 3 & 17
June 7 & 21**

Until then, **zei gezunt** (be well)!

It's a Simcha!

*Celebrate Cantor Tilchin's
Milestone Rabbinic Ordination*

Sunday, May 31 at CBI

With Sounds of Simha

2:00 to 3:30 PM

An OC clergy tribute to
Rabbi Cantor Marcia Tilchin
Followed by music, food and fun

3:30 to 5:00 PM

Mazal Tov!

*Opportunities to Learn & Celebrate
Shabbat with Cantor Tilchin!*

Passion in Prayer

in the Bet Midrash ~ 10:45 AM-12 Noon

April 19:

Liturgical Inserts for *Rosh Hodesh*

June 7

The Power and Potential in Musaf

Synagogue skills with Cantor Tilchin

Saturday, April 4, May 23 & June 6
9:30 – 10:15 AM in the Bet Midrash

Monthly Mincha and Seudah Shlishit at Cantor's Home

April 11, May 9, & June 13
at 5:30 PM



For Monthly Mincha, please RSVP to
mtilchin@cbi18.org

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

It's Breakfast for the Homeless

and a Mitzvah of the Heart

CBI along with
Saddleback Church
and the Lighthouse
Outreach Ministry

will serve Breakfast

Sunday, April 26

9:45 - 11:00 AM

RSVP to Muriel or Jean
by April 16 at
Friendsofthelighthouse@gmail.com

15- 20 Volunteers needed
Each volunteer will be asked to
bring a food item for breakfast

Introduction to Judaism

**Sundays, through
May 3, 2015**

1:00 – 4:00 PM

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 clergy to be aware of, please
notify the CBI office.

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

Check out our web page:
www.cbi18.org

CBI Coastal Schedule of Services

RSVP to cbicoastal@gmail.com to
confirm your participation in post-service meals

Fridays at 6:00 PM:

April 17 (PWC)

May 15 (UP)

June 12 (PWC)

Saturdays at 9:30 AM:

May 2*

June 6*



(PWC) = Port Westbourne Clubhouse:

1854 Port Westbourne Place, Newport Beach, 92660

(UP) =University Park: 1 Beech Tree Lane, Irvine, 92612

*with Rabbi Adam Greenwald

Religious School

Rabbi Robin Hoffman,
Education Director
Greg Masler &
Robin Steinmetz, VPs



The Learning Never Ends

Ben Bag Bag says, "Turn it, and turn it, for everything is in it. Reflect on it and grow old and gray with it. Don't turn from it, for nothing is better than it."

~Pirkei Avot 5:22

Every Tuesday, a group of adults gather in a private home and turn on to Torah. We discuss it at length, sharing our own thoughts about the stories, the lessons, and the people. As we turn it, we discover new ideas that we had not considered before. I am grateful for the opportunity to turn to Torah each week with these enthusiastic students!

Our Religious School students turn to Torah each week as well. From the earliest ages, they tell its stories, practice reading Hebrew, and relate its teachings to their own lives. Well into high school, our students continue to grow with Torah – they discuss Israel, women's issues, and even popular culture through the lens of Torah. The learning never stops at CBI!

With Pesach, we feel the end of the school year upon us. We look forward to celebrating the graduation of our Senior Class on Saturday, May, 9. Mazal Tov to Andrew Cohen, Kali DeCambra, Sarah Kessler, Caroline Kravitz, Haley Lerner, Becky Shane,

Sandy Shane, Courtney Wideman, and Noah Zedek. All are invited to worship with these outstanding students and to hear their reflections on growing up at CBI.

The learning will not stop over the summer! There will be Hebrew tutoring available and Tuesday afternoon Torah class will continue. If you are interested in learning Torah, but can't come on Tuesdays during the day, please call or email me! Let's turn it together... ☆

Torah in Its Own Voice with Rabbi Robin Hoffman *Read, Discover, Discuss & Debate!*

Every Tuesday

12:00 noon – 1:45 PM

*Please bring a Torah text with you
and a brown bag dairy lunch
if you so choose*

If interested, please contact
Rabbi Hoffman
at rhoffman@cbi18.org
or 714-730-5161

**Send Your Loved ones a
Care Package for**

Yom Ha'atzmaut!

**Goodies will be baked on
April 19 for shipping on
April 20;
orders due by April 13!**

Youth Department Pieology Fundraiser

**Tustin Market Place
13786 Jamboree Rd #110
Wednesday, April 15
5:00 – 9:00 PM**

**15% of your Purchase will
Be given back to the
Youth Department!**

Mention CBI when you arrive

Support our Youth!

Don't Miss these Incredible Sisterhood Events!

Saturday, April 25 at 8:15 PM:

*Havdalah followed by the Movie,
"The Wonders"*

\$5/person ~ Dessert immediately
following the movie &
bring your own Bottle of Wine!

Monday, May 18 at 7:30 PM:

Enjoy a talk with our members about
*"Growing Up Jewishly
in South Africa"*

Sunday, June 14 at 10:30 AM:

Special Event in Conjunction with
CBI Book Club:

"A Review of Shanghai Love"
with author, Layne Wong
to be held in private home

Men's Club Presents

Hearing Men's Voices:

Sunday, April 26 & June 28
at 10:00 AM



Men's Club Poker Night

May 17 and June 28

7:00 PM in a private home!

Hebrew for Beginners & Advanced Beginners!

**Wednesday Evenings
through April 29
in the Bet Midrash**

Beginners:

6:30 – 7:15 PM

Advanced Beginners:

7:15 – 8:00 PM

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



Youth News

Barbara Sherman - Youth Director
Marc Goldin & Beth Adler, VPs



As I write this, CBI USY has 9.7 million views on our Hungry Hippos video that was posted on Facebook and is now on Youtube as well. This video came out of our Saturday night program from our chapter retreat. Here's how the game went: There were 4 teams of USYers; one USYer (aka the hippo) was placed on a dolly on his/her stomach and, holding a laundry basket, was

strategically launched into the center of a circle that contained hundreds of plastic colored balls. The goal was to capture as many balls as possible with the laundry basket and then be pulled back to home base. We had so much fun, never dreaming it would go viral on social media. Even radio stations are talking about it and we are ranked the most watched video by Trendolizer. Check us out: Hungry Hungry Hippos USY style.

Now that was just one part of our awesome Chapter Retreat and we haven't even gotten to Purim! We had the best Carnival ever and deeply thank everyone who sponsored a booth and attended the carnival. It was a success because of your support.

As we look ahead USY, Kadima and Machar will wrap up their program year and vote in a new board. Camp Bnai Ruach brochures will be out soon and counselor job applications will follow.

We hope your children, no matter their age, will be a part of the best chapter ever and have some serious fun while making memories and friendships that will last forever. Happy Spring! ☆

Camp B'nai Ruach Don't Miss the Fun!

July 6~August 7
9:00AM~4:00PM

Mondays include: art, cooking, sports, movies, singing, dancing, lanyards and more.

Tuesdays we go to the Beach

Wednesdays include a Field trip and swimming

Thursdays are the "Big Trip" of the week including:

July 9 – Soak City

July 16 – Knotts Berry Farm

July 23 – OC Fair

July 30 – Ringling Brothers Circus

July 6 – Disneyland

Fridays include inflatables, sports, art, legos, "the spa" and games. Afternoon special show @ CBI and Coach Matt

*Zembrosky art fund will provide additional art projects throughout the summer.



It's Easy to be a Hero!

Donate Blood!

Monday, June 8

1:00 – 7:00 PM

CBI Social Hall

Sign up online at

www.givelife.org

(sponsor code **bnai**)

OR contact **Marla Nathan**

at **mnathan@gr8law.com**

who can make your life-saving appointment for you!

Social Action

Miriam Ninyo &
Sue Ann Cross, VPs

Want to Make a Difference?
CBI's Social Action Opportunities Abound!

These programs welcome active participation:

- Blood Drive June 8. Donate Blood at CBI and be a Hero!
- Comfort/Chesed Committee: Everything from *Shiva* set-up to Newborn Baby Baskets!
- Congregant Care: Reach out and show you care to someone who is ill or isolated.
- Cooking for Comfort: Cook a kosher meal with friends at CBI for someone who is ill or in need.
- Lighthouse Breakfast April 26. Serve breakfast to the homeless and needy in Costa Mesa.
- Family Promise: Support with meals and fellowship for homeless families in crisis who are staying at Tustin Presbyterian Church.
- Sunday Supper: second Sunday of the month. An interfaith effort at St. Paul's in Tustin to feed the needy. Prepare and serve meals monthly to about 100 people. ☆

**And Remember . . .
A Family that Prays
Together...**

**Join Rabbi Robin Hoffman
and Carl Cedar
the 2nd and 3rd Saturday
of each month
for Junior Congregation**

**10:30 – 11:45 AM
in the Family Life Center
for a Shabbat Service
especially for
Children ages 7-11**



**Musical and Interactive,
this service emphasizes
key prayers and
Torah discussion!**

HAPPENINGS AND POINTS OF INTEREST@CBI

ONGOING WEEKLY OR BI-WEEKLY:

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.

HOW TO READ HEBREW SCRIPTURE WITH A MODERN LENS: 1:15 – 2:15 PM every Saturday afternoon in the Bet Midrash.

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

WEDNESDAY MORNING MINYAN: 7:30 AM in a private home.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION IS ALWAYS A HIT AT CBI: Every 2nd and 3rd Saturday from 10:30 – 11:45 AM in the Family Life Center. Led by CBI's Director of Education, Robin Hoffman and Carl Cedar, this musical, interactive service is specifically designed for children ages 7 – 11. Come join us on April 11 & 18, May 9 & 16, and June 13 & 20!

TOT SHABBAT FOR OUR LITTLEST CONGREGANTS: Every Shabbat morning at 11:50 AM. Singing, dancing, and so much more! Let your little ones share the beauty of Shabbat within the warm embrace of community! Come join us in the Family Life Center!

SISTERHOOD'S ONGOING MAH JONGG is every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM in a private home. A \$5 donation is optional and payable to Sisterhood. Please bring your own mah-jongg set. RSVP to the CBI office or Roslyn Baron at normbaron@sbcglobal.net so we know how many to set up for.

TORAH IN ITS OWN VOICE: STUDY SESSIONS WITH RABBI ROBIN HOFFMAN: Every Tuesday from 12:00 Noon to 1:45 PM in a private home. RSVP to rhoffman@cbi18.org.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM: through Sunday, May 3, 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Please register to the CBI Office or cb18@cbi18.org.

HEBREW FOR BEGINNERS: through April 29, 6:30 – 7:15 PM in the Bet Midrash.

HEBREW FOR ADVANCED BEGINNERS: through April 29, 7:15 – 8:00 PM in the Bet Midrash.

YIDDISH CLUB MEETS: April 19, May 3 & 17, June 7 & 21 at 11:00 AM in the Family Life Center. Come learn and laugh amongst friends!

ONGOING MONTHLY:

PRAYERSONG meets the second Saturday of the month: April 11, May 9, and June 13 from 9:30 – 10:30 AM in the Family Life Center.

MONTHLY MINHA WITH CANTOR TILCHIN: Saturday, April 11, May 9, and June 13 at 5:30 PM at the Cantor's home.

SYNAGOGUE SKILLS WITH CANTOR TILCHIN: Saturday, April 4, May 23, and June 6 from 9:30 – 10:15 AM in the Bet Midrash.

SUNDAY SUPPER, AN INTERFAITH EFFORT (and perfect Mitzvah Project too!): Sunday, April 12, May 10, and June 14 from 4:00 – 7:00 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.

MEDITATION WITH RABBI SPITZ: Saturday, April 18, May 16, and June 20 9:30 – 10:15 AM in the Bet Midrash.

TEEN SEUDAH SH'LISHIT AND LEARNING WITH RABBINIC INTERN ADIR GLICK: Saturday, April 18 at 6:30 PM in the Social hall, followed by a USY-style Havdalah.

EXPERIENTIAL PRAYER AND TEXT STUDY WITH RABBINIC INTERN, ADIR GLICK: Saturday, April 18 at 10:30 AM in the Bet Midrash.

PASSION IN PRAYER: EMBRACING OUR SEASONAL LITURGY: Sunday, April 19 and June 7 from 10:45 – 12:00 Noon in the Bet Midrash.

SHABBAT CELEBRATION WITH DALE SCHATZ: Saturday, April 25 and June 27 at 9:30 AM in the Family Life Center.

HEARING MEN'S VOICES: Sunday, April 26 and June 28 at 10:00 AM.

CBI MEN'S CLUB POKER NIGHT: Sunday, May 17 and June 28 at 7:00 PM in a private home.

CBI MEN'S CLUB MEETING (CONDENSED): Sunday, April 26 and June 28 at 12:00 Noon in the Social Hall.

YOUNG FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER: Friday, May 1 & June 5. For families with children ages 10 and under; services begin at 5:30 PM and are immediately followed by 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.

SISTERHOOD'S BOOK CLUB: Thursday, May 14 and June 11 at 7:30 PM. We are discussing *Nothing Like it in the World* by Stephen E. Ambrose in May and *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel Brown for June. Men are invited to join bookclub, too!

HAPPENINGS IN APRIL ONLY

ASK THE RABBI: Sunday, April 12, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM in the Bet Midrash. Israeli Elections: Who won and what does it mean looking forward?

LUNCH & LEARN: ZOHAR WITH RABBI SPITZ: Wednesday, April 15 & 29, 12:15 – 1:30 PM in the Social Hall. \$10/person ~ pay at the door.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER AT PIEOLOGY: Wednesday, April 15 from 5:00 – 9:00 PM in the Tustin Marketplace: 13876 Jamboree Rd., # 110. Fifteen percent of each purchase will benefit CBI's Youth Department.

SISTERHOOD HAVDALAH AND MOVIE NIGHT: Saturday, April 25 at 8:15 PM. Bid farewell to Shabbat and then join us for the movie, *The Wonders*. It will be a night of friendship, delicious dessert and wine! \$5/person.

HELP SERVE BREAKFAST TO THE HOMELESS: Sunday, April 26, 9:45 – 11:15 AM at the LightHouse: 1885 Anaheim Ave., Costa Mesa 92627.

BOOK SIGNING PARTY WITH RABBI SPITZ: Sunday, April 26 at 7:00 PM for Rabbi's latest book: *Increasing Wholeness: Jewish Wisdom and Guided Meditations To Strengthen & Calm Body, Heart, Mind & Spirit*.

HAPPENINGS IN MAY ONLY

A SISTERHOOD PRESENTATION AND BRIEF MEETING: Monday, May 18 at 7:30 PM. Come hear our sisters talk about their experiences, *Growing up Jewishly in South Africa*, followed by a very brief business meeting.

HAL'LU MUSICAL SHABBAT SERVICE: Saturday, May 30 at 9:30 AM in the Family Life Center.

HAPPENINGS IN JUNE ONLY

SISTERHOOD PRESENTS ALONG WITH BOOK CLUB: Sunday, June 14 at 10:30 AM in a private home: a discussion of *Shanghai Love* with author, Layne Wong. RSVP required.

BLOOD DRIVE: Monday, June 8, 1:00 – 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. Register online at redcrossblood.org, code name bnai, or contact Marla Nathan or Cher Pacini.

SAVE THE DATE

CAMP B'NAI RUAH is almost here: July 6 – August 7.

In the B'nai Israel Family . . .



Bar Mitzvah of Harry Berman

April 18, 2015 (29 Nissan)

Harry has attended TVT since Kindergarten. He is fascinated by computer game creation, and takes classes in programming at TVT. At home he has already programmed his first game! He loves biking and playing ping pong, and has participated in ping pong tournaments along with some of his friends. He loves strategy, and plays chess with people of all ages through an app on his phone, as well as Magic card gaming with fellow enthusiasts. For his mitzvah project, Harry has been assisting students with their homework in the TVT lower school homework café. He also helps out in the lower school after school music program, as Harry is proficient in three instruments: piano, clarinet and flute.



Bar Mitzvah of Evan Kalminov

April 25, 2015 (6 Iyyar)

Evan is in 7th grade at Tarbut V'Torah where he is on the Principal's List and enrolled in advanced classes for Science, Math and Hebrew. His favorite subjects are History, Science and Math. He has been on the flag football team and soccer team at TVT. In the rare times he is watching TV, chances are he is watching a sports channel, such as ESPN. Evan has played club soccer for many years and was recently captain of his team where he showed his leadership skills and his love of the sport. For his mitzvah project, Evan spent many Sundays volunteering at Heritage Pointe playing chess, checkers and other various card games with a few of the seniors living there. Evan has spent many hours preparing for his Bar Mitzvah and he is proud to share it with his parents, Robin and Sivon, his brother Nathaniel, his Sabba, his Bubbe and Zaide from Chicago and his aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who are coming from the Midwest and East Coast.



Bat Mitzvah of Miriam Bridger

May 2, 2015 (13 Iyyar)

Miriam is a transplant to CBI from Baltimore. In these past two years Miriam has transitioned beautifully to life in Southern California. She has charged into the preparation for her Bat Mitzvah with gusto and joy. A 6th grader at Woodbury Elementary School, she's made many friends and excelled academically. Miriam has a huge heart and is very compassionate. She is sensitive to children with special needs and will be working with a buddy at Friendship Circle for her Mitzvah Project. Her rescue puppy, Gemma, is her most treasured companion. When not home reading or singing, she can be found on the tennis court. The Bridgers are ecstatic that relatives and friends from around the world will celebrate this momentous day together with our CBI community.



Bat Mitzvah of Maya Arenson

May 16, 2015 (27 Iyyar)

Maya started at CBI's preschool when she was 2 1/2 years old, initiating her love of Jewish learning. She is currently a 7th grader at Tarbut V'Torah where she is part of the Advanced Institute of Jewish Studies. Maya enjoys musical theater, and she has been performing with JStage for the last several years. Reading, baking, running with our dog, Daisy, and listening to music are some of Maya's favorite activities. For her mitzvah project, Maya raised money to fund her own packing event at Stop Hunger Now. She enlisted family and a few close friends to pack and sort meals and clothing for over 1,700 people in third-world countries.

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5:30 PM Young Family Service and Dinner

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Saturday, May 2

Bat Mitzvah of Miriam Bridger

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: AHAREI MOT
KEDOSHIM

Torah: Leviticus 17:8 – 19:14

Haftarah: Amos 9:7 - 15

Friday, May 8

6:00 PM 6th and 7th Grade Service

Saturday, May 9

9:30 AM Service: PARASHAT: EMOR

Torah: Leviticus 22:17 – 23:22

Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15 – 31

5:30 PM Minha at Cantor Tilchin's Home

Friday, May 15

6:00 PM Service

6:00 PM CBI Coastal Service

Saturday, May 16

Bat Mitzvah of Maya Arenson

Shabbat Mevarekchim Hahodesh

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT:
BEHAR BEHUKKOTAI

Torah: Leviticus 25:39 – 26:46

Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14

Friday, May 22

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, May 23

Erev Shavuot

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT:

BEMIDBAR

Torah: Numbers 2:1 – 3:13

Haftarah: Hosea 2:1 – 22

6:45 PM Minha Service

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Sunday, May 24

Shavu'ot 1

9:30 AM Service

Torah: Exodus 19:1 – 20:22

(19:1 – 20:23 in some books)

Maftir: Numbers 28:26 - 31

Haftarah: Ezekiel 1:1 – 28, 3:12

Monday, May 25

Shavu'ot 2

9:30 AM Service

Torah: Deuteronomy 15:19 – 16:17

Maftir: Numbers 28:26 – 31

Haftarah: Habakuk 3:1 – 19

Friday, May 29

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, May 30

9:30 AM Hal'lu Musical Service

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: NASO

Torah: Numbers 5:11 – 6:27

Haftarah: Judges 13:2 - 25

Friday, June 5

5:30 PM Young Family Service and Dinner

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, June 6

9:30 AM CBI Coastal Service

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT:

BEHA'ALOTEKHA

Torah: Numbers 9:15 – 10:34

Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14 – 4:7

Friday, June 12

6:00 PM Service

6:00 PM CBI Coastal Service

Saturday, June 13

Mevarekchim Hahodesh

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT:

SHELAH LEKHA

Torah: Numbers 14:8 -15:7

Haftarah: Joshua 2:1 - 24

5:30 PM Minha at Cantor Tilchin's Home

Friday, June 19

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, June 20

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: KORAH

Torah: Numbers 16:20 – 17:24

Haftarah: 1 Samuel 11:14 – 12:22

Friday, June 26

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, June 27

9:30 AM Service with Dale Schatz

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: HUKKAT

Torah: Numbers 20:1 - 21:10

Haftarah: Judges 11:1 - 33



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Dated Material

Schedule of Services for April

Friday, April 3

Erev Pesah
Fast of the Firstborn
1st Seder - Community Seder
7:30 AM Shacharit Service
6:00 PM Service
See Front Cover for Pesach Services

Saturday, April 4

Pesah 1
2nd Seder
9:30 AM Service
Torah: Exodus 12:21 - 51
Maftir: Numbers 28: 16 - 25
Haftarah: Joshua 3:5 - 7,
5:2 - 6:1, 6:27

Sunday, April 5

Pesah 2
9:30 AM Service
Torah: Leviticus 22:26 - 23:44
Maftir: Numbers 28:16 - 25
Haftarah: 2 Kings 23:1 - 9, 21 - 25



Friday, April 10

Pesah 7
9:30 AM Pesah Service
6:00 PM Shabbat Service
Torah: Exodus 13:17 - 15:26
Maftir: Numbers 28:19 - 25
Haftarah: 2 Samuel 22:1 - 51

Saturday, April 11

Pesah 8
Yizkor
9:30 AM Service
Torah: Deuteronomy
14: 22 - 16:17
Maftir: Numbers 28:19 - 25
Haftarah: Isaiah 10:32 - 12:6
5:30 PM Mincha at Cantor Tilchin's Home



Friday, April 17

6:00 PM Service
6:00 PM CBI Coastal Service

Saturday, April 18

Bar Mitzvah of Harry Berman
Shabbat Mahar Hodesh
Shabbat Mevarekhim Hahodesh
9:30 AM Service PARASHAT:
SHEMINI
Torah: Leviticus 10:12 - 11:32
Haftarah: 1 Samuel 20:18 - 42

Thursday, April 23

Yom Ha'atma'ut
7:30 AM Service
Torah: Deuteronomy 7:12 - 8:18
Maftir: Isaiah 10:32 - 12:6

Friday, April 24

6:00 PM Service



Saturday, April 25

Bar Mitzvah of Evan Kalminov
9:30 AM Service PARASHAT:
TAZRIA METSORA
Torah: Leviticus 13:40 - 14:32
Haftarah: 2 Kings 7:3 - 20

SATURDAYS ONLY

- **Child Care** is available from 10:45 AM until the conclusion of services every week.
- **Junior Congregation** for Grades K through 6 begins at 10:30 AM upstairs in the Family Life Center; 2nd and 3rd Saturdays.
- **Tot Shabbat** for Pre-schoolers and parents begins at 11:50 AM in the Family Life Center.



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