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& SYNAGOGUE EVENTS LISTED

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January~February 2012

Professor
Amy Jill Levine

February 24 – 25, 2012
Friday, February 24
at 6:00 PM:

Services, Dinner and Lecture: *Jesus,
Judaism, and Jewish/Christian Relations*

Saturday, February 25
at 9:30 AM:

Shabbat Service, Luncheon and Lecture:
*How Jews and Christians Read Scripture:
The Old Testament is not the Tanakh*

\$30/Adult; \$15/Child (3-12 yrs.) for all meals and lectures:
\$10/Lecture Only; \$5/person discount for reservations
received by February 10

Save the Date
ALAN DERSHOWITZ
Sunday, May 6, 2012
at 7:00 PM



Congregation B'nai Israel • Child Development Center
Thirteenth Annual Fundraiser
"A RAZZLE DAZZLE PURIM"
Sunday, March 4, 2012 • 3:30~5:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, March 25, 2012 at 5:00 PM



OPENING NIGHT ON BROADWAY

*A Salute to Cantor Marcia Tilchin
and Dr. Scott Spitzer*

Congregation B'nai Israel Gala
Red Carpet Attire

\$136 per person by February 29th
\$154 after that date

Please Welcome

Mordechai Rosenstein

Renowned Artist

January 4 – 8, 2012

Guest Speaker at Services on January 6 & 7
Special Showcase of Mordechai's Work on

January 7 ~ 7:00 PM

*in a private home; includes Dessert and Evening
with the Artist plus a Special Raffle! \$18 Charge*

Sunday, January 8: Mentorship and Guidance of Mercaz
Limmud Students as they create their own works of art!
*Proceeds of the Raffle and Partial Proceeds from Sale of Art Items
goes to the Religious School!*

A Special Shabbaton with Scholar-in-Residence

Clive Lawton

January 20 – 21, 2012

Friday, January 20 at 6:00 PM

Services, Dinner and Lecture:

*The Jewish Trinity: A Simple Guide to the Three
(or Four) Most Important Features of Jewish Life*

Saturday, January 21 at 9:30 AM

Shabbat Service, Luncheon and Lecture:
What Should We Think About Israel?

\$30/Adult; \$15/Child (3-12 yrs.) for all meals and lectures;
\$5/person discount for reservations received by January 6

Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Elie Spitz



"JUDAISM IN A WORLD OF DIFFERING FAITHS"

*H*anukkah is coming and so is Christmas. The juxtaposition of the holidays is a reminder of commonality - winter holidays with lights and miracles- and divergence, vastly different stories and religious emphasis. The relationship between Christianity and Judaism has been very much on my mind lately due to my recent stay in a French monastery and our CBI winter scholars.

In November, I joined my friend Rabbi David Lazar of Stockholm, Sweden for five days in Burgundy at the Taize Monastery. Taize was founded by a Swiss Protestant, Brother Roger, after WWII to encourage Christian reconciliation. He brought Orthodox icons into the church and invited Catholic and Orthodox men to join with Protestants in dedicating themselves to simplicity, celibacy, and service. In the decades that followed, Taize became famous for the beauty of its chants, usually a single line from Psalms sung with a repetitive melody. Mass was a central part of each service and was offered to anyone who stepped forward, unlike the restriction of the Catholic Church on only offering Communion to fellow

Catholics. Over decades, the fame of Taize grew and now over a 100,000 youth make pilgrimage annually.

As I sat in the church on October 31st- All Saint's Day- over 3,000 young people harmonized while seated on the Church floor. In many European countries, sight-reading of music is taught in school and everyone held a hymnal with the words and musical notes. The singing, focused attention, and quiet at the center of the service moved me. The focal point of that evening was Mass and I watched closely the faces of those who took Communion and saw how many were deeply moved. During my stay I attended three such services each day and each was accompanied by Mass. As a Jew I became aware of how much death is at the center of Christianity, which struck me as a bit morose. I also appreciated that the Christian story is not mine. And yet, I also witnessed commonality.

One morning after services, which I attended with talit and tefillin, a man about my age approached me and said with a German accent, "Thank you for being here. Seeing you amongst us has opened my heart." The next morning, he and his wife were once again seated on the floor behind me. At the end of the service, the room mostly vacated, the man slowly raised his hands and with eyes closed, tears flowed down his face. His wife reached over and held his bare foot. No words were exchanged and he remained in the same position. I did not know if his emotion was guilt or joy, but what moved me deeply was their tender connection.

I have valued my Buddhist retreats and the opportunity of silence and meditation, which have stilled my interior and offered a taste of connection with a greater absolute. The Christian setting was more Jewish, using words to worship a Being beyond myself and doing so with forging community among worshippers. Interfaith experiences are complementary, evoking a deeper awareness of what is distinctive to Judaism and what we share as

spiritual seekers with others.

And now, for our winter presenters: Clive Lawton of England is a master teacher, scheduled for January 20-21, and on Friday night will address "The Jewish Trinity", seeking to clarify what distinguishes Judaism from Christianity. Our scholar on the Shabbat of February 24-25th is Professor Amy Jill Levine, who is an expert on reading the New Testament. The New York Times recently did an article (<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/11/26/us/a-jewish-edition-of-the-new-testament-beliefs.html>) on her editing of a volume of Jewish commentators to the New Testament. Both of them are world-class teachers who will offer us insight into Judaism.

As we light Hanukkah candles we will celebrate the victory of the first revolt on behalf of religious freedom and the miracle of our survival as a vibrant, extended family of Jews. May we hear the echo of Isaiah's challenge for us to be "a light unto the nations" and may we honor the diversity of God's many children and our respective faiths. ☆

An Opportunity to Learn!

Introduction to Judaism Classes

**Sunday
April 1, 2012**

**Taught by
Rabbi Spitz,
Cantor Tilchin
and Rabbinic
Intern, Dan Kaiman**



An intensive course for those wishing to embrace Judaism or to expand upon what they already know.

**\$360/single attendee
\$540/ couple
\$250/ CBI member**

*Please contact the CBI office
if you're interested.*

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

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Cantor's Notes

Cantor Marcia Tilchin



A PROMISE FOR FAMILIES IN ORANGE COUNTY

It was about six years ago when Scott and I looked at each other one day and realized how smoothly things had been going at home for several weeks running and we suddenly realized that it was because the children all seemed to be in a good place. It was a revelation: Things are better when the children are settled. Of course there are other dynamics that weigh on a family like fiscal challenges and professional insecurities. Imagine, though, what it would be like to negotiate one or more of these challenges AND have no safe place to call home: Nowhere to prepare healthy meals, nowhere to get a good night's sleep, nowhere to do homework or take care of personal hygiene. How much harder it is to look for a job, keep the children in school and maintain good health when you are transient.

The crisis of homelessness has many faces. The mission of **FAMILY PROMISE** is to provide compassion, care and hope for newly homeless families by allowing them to stay intact, enabling children to stay in their own schools and providing resources for parents to look for work and housing. Their 27-year record of successfully helping families across the U.S. avoid a cycle of poverty speaks for itself.

Congregation B'nai Israel is privileged to be among the first

houses of worship to support Family Promise of Orange County. We will be partnering with Tustin Presbyterian in each thirteen-week rotation. Volunteers will be able to help in a variety of ways: Prepare meals, dine and socialize with guests, tutor and play with children and/or stay overnight. Our first week of duty will be February 12-19 and families are encouraged to help out as a unit. To enroll as a volunteer or for more information, please contact our terrific Family Promise Coordinator, Marla Nathan, at mnathan@gr8law.com or 714-651-9891. There is a recommended **training session on January 3 from 6:00-9:00 PM at Tustin Presbyterian.**

For those who would like to give time during the school/work day, volunteers will also be needed to work in the Day Center and help with ongoing fundraising. I encourage you to learn as much as you can about this wonderful organization by logging on to the website:

www.FamilyPromiseOrangeCounty.org.

Sunday Supper at St. Paul's Episcopal Church is still going strong. I want to thank Judith Lipshutz and Joyce Walter for their dedication to this project, cultivating a broad-based group of capable, caring volunteers of all ages. CBI is enriched by every opportunity we pursue to engage with the wider community and other faith institutions.

I attended a SAC (Synagogue Action Committee) meeting for **Jewish World Watch (JWW)** in early December and it was breathtaking to see how their advocacy and actions on behalf of women in turbulent African countries has blossomed. This spring they will be adding two more walks to raise awareness about the crisis of genocide – one in the Bay area and another in Washington, DC. Several synagogues and day schools in Los Angeles are involved in creative fundraising for JWW. An 8th grade girl from the Pressman Academy particularly impressed me. Her bat mitzvah project, called "Jump for Darfur", involved students

and teachers seeking sponsorships from friends and neighbors to enter a Jump Rope contest that took place one afternoon during lunch. She raised over \$5000 in that effort. This year JWW is planning on bringing a fifty-person delegation to Washington DC for **Hear Her Voice**, a conference dealing with women's issues around the globe. Please see their website, www.jww.org, to learn how you can be part of this meaningful and vital venture and more about their inspiring work as an organization.

Our synagogue has many take-aways from our memorable weekend with Neshama Carlebach and friends, but, if I had to distill her core message, it is that the Jewish People as a light unto all nations have the capacity to shine even brighter when we unite with our brothers and sisters of other faiths to do God's holy work. "Rabbi Elazar said: Whoever does deeds of charity and justice is considered as having filled the work with loving-kindness." (Tractate Sukkah 49b). **Yalah hevre – let's get to work!** ☆

YOUTH DEPARTMENT FAMILY PHOTO CONTEST

FAMILIES THAT DINE TOGETHER, SHINE TOGETHER!

Enter a favorite family photo in USY's Dine Together Contest! Prizes will be awarded at the Purim Carnival on March 11.

All Photos to be submitted to the Youth Department by February 14.

Photos will be made into placemats so that you can eat together every night even when your parent is stuck in traffic!

Prizes will be awarded for the most creative photos

Contact Barbara Sherman for more information



The President's Corner

Joel Kuperberg



ELECTION SEASON...CBI STYLE

With all of the hoopla over the upcoming 2012 political campaign, you may have missed the fact that our shul recently had the real "first in the nation" election event. No, we didn't have a caucus, a Tea Party convention, an "Occupy CBI" or a televised candidate debate. But, on December 15th, we did hold our annual Congregational meeting, with B'nai Israel members acting on two items of importance to the synagogue—a new set of Bylaws, and our annual election of officers and directors.

For many years, CBI's governance structure and activities have varied a bit (ok, maybe more than a bit) from what our Bylaws actually state. In addition, the Bylaws (drafted when Ronald Reagan was in office) have not kept pace with some technical legal changes. Earlier this year, Wendy Kottmeier chaired a special committee that included Neila Bernstein, Marissa Waldman, Uri Elzur and Mike Vishny, to prepare updated Bylaws reflecting our current practices and addressing legal changes in the past 20 years, but otherwise maintaining CBI's corporate structure and governance. We thank this committee for developing new Bylaws meeting these goals, which the Board of Directors adopted in October 2011, and our membership ratified at the Congregational meeting. While you won't notice any difference with our new Bylaws, we can all take comfort that CBI's

governance now is consistent with our basic organizational document, and "kosher" under current law.

At the Congregational meeting, we also elected a new Board of Directors, based on the slate of candidates developed through the hard work of our Nominating Committee led by Phyllis Abrams, with Scott Cross, Terry Ginsburg, Heather Katz and Annie Shugarman. Leaving the Board at the end of this year with our thanks and appreciation for their service are co-Vice Presidents Mike Mymon (Membership), Joyce Walter and Judith Lipschutz (Social Action), Marcy Shapiro (Youth), Dan Schwartz (Housing), Phyllis Abrams (Ritual), Heather Katz (Ways and Means), Michael Adler (CDC) (with Phyllis, Heather and Michael moving to the General Board), and General Board members Cathy Bardenstein, Uri Elzur and Eddie Kotkin.

Elected to take office for the 2012 term are co-Vice Presidents Eric Dangott (Ritual), Daryl Spector (Ways and Means), Wendy Kottmeier (CDC), Henry Klein (Housing), Andrea Alfi (Publicity), Marla Nathan and Michelle Madick (Social Action) and Terry Ginsburg (Youth) (with Marla and Terry moving from the General Board), and General Board members Wendy Arenson and Muriel Ullman. Remaining on the Board for another term are Executive Vice President Marissa Waldman, Secretary Cheryl Ezra, Treasurer Susan Levinstein, Financial Vice President Marc Goldin, co-Vice Presidents Johanna Rose (Ways and Means), Bonnie Widerman (Ritual), Daveen Meyers (Membership), Scott Cross (CDC), Annie Shugarman (Youth), Jane Flynn (Housing) and Margot Shapiro (Publicity), and General Board members Ann Bendroff, Sarah Brenner, Ken Cowan, Tony Kravitz, Batia Swed, Esther Dosick (Sisterhood representative), Howard Miowitz (Men's Club representative), Jamie Cortez (USY representative) and Immediate Past President Hal Hurwitz. We owe all of these congregants our

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Child Development

Lisa Heller - Director, Certified Parent Coach

Scott Cross & Wendy Kottmeier, VPs



IT'S A MITZVAH AND A RAZZLE DAZZLE PURIM!

As Rabbi Bradley Artson states in his book, "It's a Mitzvah!"

"Mitzvot are the Jewish arenas for knowing and experiencing God. Rather than relying on contemplation, Judaism has placed primary value on doing as the principal path for serving God...caring for individuals, feeding the hungry, freeing the captive, observing Shabbat, honoring our parents."

The teachers at the Child Development Center set up an environment where the children will have opportunities to perform *mitzvot*. Parents and teachers work hard to teach the principals of the Torah into tangible acts. We have discussed with the children about collecting toys for kids who might not have toys. The parents have arranged for the Tustin Fire Department to come visit with the children and collect toys they bought with their parents to donate to "Spark of Love". The children have brought stuffed animals to Friday Shabbat Experience and learned why it is a *mitzvah* to invite a guest to the Shabbat Table.

Another *mitzvah* the children do is to get an ice pack for their friends who are hurt. Every day the children take care of the earth by planting

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and weeding, giving water and food to the classroom pets, and move out wayward insects from the classrooms so the insect(s) may live.

This year the Parent Committee will be taking on a huge *mitzvah*. They will be planning the Child Development Center's 13th Annual Fundraiser, "A Razzle Dazzle Purim" on Sunday March 4, from 3:30-5:30. This is an opportunity for everyone to donate to the Preschool. The children, infants thru Pre- K, will be putting on a fantastic show. We will be welcoming Michael and Emily Israel (Mike Israel grew up at CBI), owners of LA's first gourmet kosher food truck. "M.O.E. Montreal Open Ended Kosher Eggrolls" will be in the parking lot to provide the snack for the day. (check out www.moeggrolls.com). Michael Israel attended the Culinary Institute of America and then worked in some of the best restaurants in New York, including Per Se. Come eat a kosher eggroll and dip it in some incredible sauces. Attend the performance, The Greatest, Cutest Show On Earth. Call or email: 714-730-0860 or www.cdc18@cbi18.org to attend! ☆

**It isn't just for
big kids anymore!**

Join us for

LITTLE SHUL

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

**Sunday, January 8
& February 5
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

**\$10/Family covers
materials and a snack**

**Contact the CBI Office
if interested**

Sisterhood Says...

*Esther Dosick & Ingrid Gallin,
Co-Presidents*

We are very excited to announce the following programming for January and February. Please join us for all these events:

- Sisterhood Shabbat will be held on Saturday morning, January 21st. As members of Sisterhood, you are invited to take part in this wonderful service. Please join us for a very meaningful service.
- Sunday, January 22nd, the Annual Torah Fund Day of Study will be held at The American Jewish University from 9:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The theme is Hiddur Mitzvah – enhancing a mitzvah. It promises to be a great day! We plan to carpool from CBI.
- Rosh Chodesh Shevat program will be held on Tuesday evening, January 24th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. In honor of the Torah Fund Campaign, which helps educate future rabbis, cantors and educators, we will warmly welcome our former intern, Rabbi Adam Greenwald, who will present an ecology-related teaching in preparation for Tu B'Shevat. Our current Rabbinic Intern, Dan Kaiman, will join the discussion. What a wonderful opportunity to get to know both of them better! Please call or email Ruth Abers, sabreruth@gmail.com, to let her know you will join us.
- Thursday, February 2nd – Field Trip to Congregation Beth El in La Jolla to hear Anat Hoffman, Women of the Wall Advocate. We hope to gather enough participants to rent a bus and lend our support to this free event!
- Rosh Chodesh Adar program will be held on Wednesday, February

22nd. The Purim-related program will feature our own Sam Zicarelli and promises to be delightful!

We have a Program Committee in formation, and we welcome your assistance to help develop ongoing programming that is meaningful to CBI women of all ages and backgrounds. Please contact us at ingridg@cox.net or dosick@gmail.com if you are interested. Thanks so much for your continued support!

We welcome the following new and/or returning Sisterhood members this year: Roslyn Baim, Judy Brostoff, Kathleen Canter, Audrey Comings, Yetty Kaye, Shoshanah Montgomery, Marla Nathan, Ellen Nise, Mary Ann Olson-Geiger, Nanci Patchen, Robyn Pittluck, Amy Robinson, Margot Shapiro, Julie Sherman, Susan Stern, Donna Sugarman, Michele Szekel, Edita Szekely, Natalie Vishny and Bonnie Widerman. Todah Rabah! It is not too late to join Sisterhood. We welcome your participation! ☆

Care Packages for January

Theme for this Shipment:
Shabbat!

Send a care package to your
favorite college students
or loved one who is away
from home!

*Come Join us for
Baking/Packing
on January 22
at 2:00 PM*

Packages are estimated to
arrive January 24- 26

Order forms available in
synagogue kiosks and due by
January 13
Price: \$20/package ~ Value:
PRICELESS!

Contact the CBI Office or send
an email to
CBICollegePackage@gmail.com
if interested.



Youth News

Barbara Sherman - Youth Director
Annie Shugarmen &
Terry Ginsburg, VPs



Family, immediate, extended, (CBI) community. They say it takes a village to raise a child, it should also say it takes a village to sustain a person. I am sure you would agree that in good times and bad times we all look outside of ourselves to gain support or share a celebration. The other thing that keeps us going is memories. Remembering the good times, the funny things, the younger days, and all of those who have touched our lives.

I, as do my girls, have a quote hanging in my dining room, "Life's most cherished memories are made when gathered around the table". Pause and think about that. It is not necessarily the meal, but the lingering after or the preparation before. All the steps that go into gathering around the table create memories in and of themselves. This is something I have always known as I look back on my own memories as well as those kept in photos: Stacy and Jill at birthdays, holidays, or performing fun and silly antics at the table. I can fast forward to Logan, Reagan and Steven gathering around the table doing the same things. Sadly for me, having my dad leading a Seder, making Kiddush or acting silly are also memories now. I have to rely on the photos and mental images to fill the space that his passing has left behind. More than ever before I am aware of how cherished these moments are. Photos are something

I surround myself with, especially on the refrigerator. Being an organized clean freak forced me to come up with a way to have my photo's stay neat when the fridge door is closed. I have a side-by-side refrigerator so I can fill two doors. I have assorted frames: 4x6, 3x5 and wallet sizes that are made out of plastic and are magnetic. I have pieced together photos like a puzzle and they go from the top of the door and to ¾ of the way down. They also go from the handle to the edge of the door as well. Every photo is of a grandchild doing a variety of adorable things at different ages. Luckily I still have some room left towards the bottom for more photos. I look at and enjoy the photos constantly, but what makes me smile even more is when I see someone else lingering in front of the fridge. I have often asked Allen why he is standing in front of the refrigerator and eating instead of sitting down at the table. He always responds with "I am looking at the kids". We are lucky enough to see our grandchildren almost daily yet we both still love to stand and stare at these photos all the time. This just goes to prove how important they are to the heart.

The Youth Department is offering you an opportunity to capture and display the moments and the people in your life. This is a chance to sit at the table and fondly recall the special moments and the special people in your life. The Youth Department is doing this in two ways. One is with a photo contest in which the winners will be announced at The Purim Carnival on March 11, 2012 and the other by transforming your photos into placemats that will become timeless treasures. When you and your family gather around the table with these placemat settings, your hearts will be as warm as the food and the memories of that time that is captured in front of you. You can get placemats that are all the same or that capture an array of visions. They also make great gifts for friends and family.

In addition to my home being covered in photos, so is the CBI

Youth Lounge. There are 20 years of photos and stories up there. Again, I love looking at all of them and remembering the special times. I am also proud to say some of the photos are starting to include the children of our alumni. We should all take great pride in raising generations of cute faces that fill our picture frames.

To participate in the photo contest or to order placemats, please drop off your photos in the Youth box located in the CBI office. Placemats are \$10 each or two for \$18. I wish you a happy and healthy 2012 filled with snapshot moments! ☆

TOP THAT!

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Grab your 5 minutes of fame by participating in an All Shul Variety Show sponsored by the Youth Department

**Saturday, January 14
at 7:00 PM**

All Acts must be submitted by January 8 ~
contact Barbara Sherman

Admission is Free with complimentary
Dessert and Coffee

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

Marla Nathan &
Michelle Madick, VPs

I am honored to be installed as the new co-Social Action VP, along with Michelle Madick. Michelle and I look forward to continuing many of the great Social Action programs already in place, as well as to introduce a new program this year called Family Promise (www.familypromiseorangecounty.org). Please see Cantor Tilchin's article in this edition which talks about the program. Please contact me if you would like to learn more about the program. We will be supporting Tustin Presbyterian Church the week of February 12th as they welcome up to 15 homeless Family Promise participants into their congregation. I promise this will be a mutually rewarding program for the volunteers as well as the recipients!

By the time this article reaches you, our latest blood drive will have taken place on December 29th. We are now hosting up to four blood drives a year and the Red Cross is very grateful for CBI's continued participation and commitment to donating blood on a regular basis.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy new year. If you have not been involved in Social Action, Michelle and I welcome your input and participation. ☆

PRESIDENT, cont. from page 4

thanks for volunteering to serve CBI this coming year.

An installation ceremony will be held during Shabbat services on January 14, 2012, at which those leaving the Board will be formally acknowledged, and the new Board members installed. I hope that you can attend this Shabbat service to join me in thanking both the outgoing and incoming members of the CBI Board of Directors for their commitment, dedication and service to our synagogue. ☆

Membership Moments

Daveen Meyers &
Nanci Patchen, VPs

As my term is coming to an end, I wanted to express my appreciation and thanks to each and every one of you for the courtesies extended to me and for the opportunity to serve our CBI community in the last couple of years. It was a pleasure to be associated with so many wonderful members of our synagogue.

I also would like to take this opportunity to thank Batia Swed and Daveen Meyers, my partners in the last two years; Marsha Sklar, Nora Stern, Iris Elzur and Zane Gerber, for the many hours and days spent helping within the scope of the Membership Committee; Sandy Klein, who was a tremendous help in executing the duties of this position and who made so many things possible for me; and of course to all the CBI members that helped us bring various programs to our community.

It was a wonderful ride and an enriching experience. Mike



FAST OF THE 10TH OF TEVET

Thursday, January 5, 2012

Shacharit services at 7:30 AM
in the Bet Midrash

A fast with both historical and modern connotations.

Commemorations of the anniversary of the Babylonian Siege of Jerusalem which led to the destruction of the First Temple in 586 BCE.

This Day has also been established by the State of Israel as the Day of the General Kaddish.

All congregants stand at the last Mourners' Kaddish to remember those lost in the Holocaust.

Please Note: This is a daylight-only fast.

My CBI Story

Ellen Mirowitz

Howard and I are Orange County transplants. We both grew up in St. Louis, attending the same high school and synagogue, but we didn't meet until we were in college. After getting married and living for several years in Philadelphia, we moved to Irvine in 1980. We followed some St. Louis friends to B'nai Israel just after our daughter, Lauren, was born in 1983. We attended services at 'B' Street and recall attending High Holiday services in a variety of places during those early years – several local high schools, a Holiday Inn, an Elks Club lodge and Cavalry Church. We were also among the crowd of people who marched the Torahs from 'B' Street to the Bryan location.

When our children were in elementary school, I was co-editor of the Shofar. I often reminisce with my past co-editors about our early ventures into technology – our excitement using the modem to transmit *Yahrzeit* lists and then finally getting people to turn in articles on floppy disks so we could get the copy to Wolf Printing. We spent many a board meeting hand-stuffing and collating the Shofar and putting on mailing labels.

We have fond memories of both of our kids' *b'nai mitzvot* and other life cycle events. Lauren's *bat mitzvah*, *kiddush* and celebration all took place in the multi-purpose room that now serves as the social hall. When Eric's *bar mitzvah* rolled around three years later, the Sharon sanctuary had just been completed and his celebration was one of the first to be held in the newly remodeled social hall. We were also glad we could celebrate Lauren's recent marriage to Dave Zeitlin with an *ufruf* and *horah* on the *bima* at CBI, even though the ceremony itself took place in Philadelphia.

Over the past few years, Howard and I have been involved as lay

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My *baleepteh* (beloved) readers, the *nokhfolgn* (following) is my 'guaranteed-to-win mental-magic strategy' that *ikh hob tsugetrakht* (I concocted) to help my basketball team of champion losers finally feel like they were real winners.

After my team stopped *kvetching* (complaining) about having to play, and when the only *tuml* (noise) was the synchronized sound of their *pahked harts-kloppn* (panicked heart-beats), that's when I unraveled my plan.

"**Nu** (Well)? What do any of us know from winning at sports?" I asked.

"**Gornisht** (nothing)," they *gezifst* (sighed).

"That's right. But I'm guessing that winning is supposed to be *amuzieren* (fun). If that's the case, then we'll need to act like we're having fun: more fun than our opponents. So hopefully those jocks'll think they're having less fun than we are. That'll make us look like the *maysters* (winners). It won't matter if we never touch that *schmutzy* (filthy) ball, because our 'fun-score' will *baykumen* (beat) their 'final-score'. **Dos iz alts. Farshtayst** (That's it. Understand?)"

"**Oya brokh** (Such a mess we're in)," said Stan.

"**Zayn oi'eren heren nit vos dos moil redt** (his ears don't hear what his mouth says)," Nicky complained.

"We're no match for them. They're *bulvanin* (as strong as oxen)," Stan whined.

"**Ven men darf hoben moiach, helft nit kain koiach** (believe me, our minds are stronger than their muscles)," I said.

"**Es gefelt mir** (I like it)," said Muscle-Les. And for the first time, Muscle-Lesspoke *forvarts* (forwards), not backwards.

Next time: And the winners are...? Until then, Zei Gezunt! (Be well). ☆

COMFORT COMMITTEE

WE WANT TO BE THERE FOR YOU.

If you or a CBI friend have experienced a recent loss, are preparing for surgery, are homebound, recovering from an illness, or expecting a baby, we seek to offer care. Please contact our office (714) 730-9693 or the Cantor and our comfort committee will contact you. Our comfort committee is expanding. Please consider letting us know if you would like to participate.

MY CBI STORY, *cont. from page 7*

participants in Shabbat and holiday services. I feel honored to have the opportunity to read Torah and chant *haftorot* and *megillot* on a regular basis. Howard often serves as *gabbai* and *davener*, and he has had the opportunity to deliver several *d'vars*. As a member of the Ritual Committee, he also currently has the responsibility for assigning the Torah readers. He participates in the weekly *parasha* discussion that takes place before services and always looks forward to studying scriptures "through a modern lens" with Ahuva Ho after services. Howard is an active supporter of the Sunday morning *minyans* as well as the monthly Sunday evening Men's Club poker game.

We both strive to participate in the many interesting programs that CBI offers. We are grateful for all of the wonderful friends we have made over the years through our association with CBI. We consider CBI our California family. ☆

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SUNDAY MINYAN
ANY SUNDAY
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HAPPENINGS AND POINTS OF INTEREST @ CBI

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

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

JUNIOR CONGREGATION IS A SENSATION: Saturday mornings, 10:30 – 11:45 AM in the Family Life Center. Come join Dr. Scott Spitzer, Carl Cedar and friends for a musical, interactive service. Especially appropriate for children ages 6 – 11. Parents welcome!

DON'T MISS TOT SHABBAT: Saturday mornings, 11:50 AM – 12:15 PM in the Family Life Center. An energy-filled service for parents and their young children, followed by Kiddush and motzi!

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

SISTERHOOD'S ONGOING MAH JONGG is every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. A \$5 donation is optional and payable to Sisterhood. Please bring your own Mah Jongg set.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM CLASSES: Sundays 1:00 – 4:00 PM Ongoing thru April 1, 2012. Taught by Rabbi Spitz, Cantor Tilchin, and Rabbinic Intern Dan Kaiman. This is an intense course designed for anyone who is looking to embrace the Jewish faith and for those who wish to expand upon what they already know. \$360/single attendee, \$540/couple, \$250 CBI members.

MORDECHAI ROSENSTEIN, ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE: January 4-8. See front cover of this edition for more details.

FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER: Friday, January 6 and February 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, January 4** for the January 6 dinner and **Wednesday, February 1** for the February 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.

YIDDISH CLUB WILL MEET Sunday, January 8 and 22; February 5 and 19: 10:30 AM in the Bet Midrash. Come join us for learning and laughter!

IT'S LITTLE SHUL: Sunday, January 8 and February 5 from 11:30 – 12:30 PM. Bring your little ones, ages birth thru Pre-K for a fun, hands-on learning experience! Together we explore the holidays of the Jewish calendar, getting your little one ready for his/her future attendance in "big shul." \$10/family covers materials and a snack.

SUNDAY SUPPER, AN INTERFAITH EFFORT (and perfect Mitzvah Project too!): Sunday, January 8 and February 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 January 5 and/or February 9, respectively.

SISTERHOOD'S BOOK CLUB: Thursday, January 12 at 7:30 PM. We are discussing. *My Father's Paradise: A Son's Search for His Family's Past*, by Ariel Sabar. Book Club for **February: February 9 at 7:30 PM: Cutting for Stone** by Abraham Verghese. Come and lend your insights to our discussion! **FYI: MEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN BOOKCLUB, TOO!**

BOARD INSTALLATION: Saturday, January 14 during Shabbat Services in the main sanctuary. Come bid adieu and say thank you to our outgoing Board members and welcome our new members!

EXPERIENTIAL PRAYER AN TEXT STUDY WITH DAN KAIMAN: Saturday morning, January 14 and February 11 at 10:30 AM: We will meet in the **Bet Midrash!**

TEEN SEUDAH SH'LISHIT AND LEARNING WITH RABBINIC INTERN, DAN KAIMAN: Saturday, January 14 and February 11 at 4:30 PM in the Social Hall. This amazing evening of discussion is 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!

TOP THAT: A YOUTH DEPARTMENT TALENT SHOW: Saturday, January 14 at 7:00 PM. Come show off your talents in our not-to-be-missed variety show! Please sign up by **January 8:** all ages welcome! Buffet Snack Bar provided and admission is free.

SHABBATON WITH CLIVE LAWTON, SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE: January 20 – 21. Please see front cover of this edition for more details.

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT: Friday, January 21: Parsha Vaera. Please contact the CBI office if you are interested in participating in this wonderful evening.

A MORNING OF CELEBRATORY SHABBAT WORSHIP WITH DALE SCHATZ: Saturday, January 28 at 9:45 AM in the Family Life Center and Friday, February 17 at 8:00 PM in the main sanctuary.

FAST OF THE TENTH OF TEVET: Thursday, January 5, 2012: we observe the Fast of the Hebrew month of *Tevet*, which commemorates the anniversary of the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem, which led to the destruction of the First Temple in 586 BCE. **Shacharit services will be in the Bet Midrash at 7:30 AM** and will be over before **9:00 AM.** This is a daylight only fast and is, in fact, the shortest fast of the year.

ADDITIONAL MUSICAL SHABBAT SERVICE: February 17 at 8:00PM. Come join Dale Schatz to celebrate an additional Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv Service. A dessert Oneg follows the service.

SHABBATON WITH PROFESSOR AMY JILL LEVINE: February 24–25. Please see front cover of this edition for more details.

SAVE THE DATE!

CBI GALA: March 25, 2012 at 5:00 PM. See front cover of this edition for more details!

CDC FUNDRAISER: Sunday, March 4, 3:30PM. See front cover of this edition for more details!

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engagements, weddings, births
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January Perek Yomi readings

JOB		JOB		ESTHER	
Jan.	Chapter	Jan.	Chapter	Jan.	Chapter
1	1	12	12	22	10
2	2	ESTHER		DANIEL	
3	3	13	1	23	1
4	4	14	2	24	2
5	5	15	3	25	3
6	6	16	4	26	4
7	7	17	5	27	5
8	8	18	6	28	6
9	9	19	7	29	7
10	10	20	8	30	8
11	11	21	9	31	9

February Perek Yomi readings

DANIEL		EZRA		NEHEMIAH	
Feb.	Chapter	Feb.	Chapter	Feb.	Chapter
1	10	12	9	23	10
2	11	13	10	24	11
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In the B'nai Israel Family . . .



Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Ast

January 7, 2012 (12 Tevet)

Rachel is a seventh grader at Tarbut v'Torah in Irvine. She plays on the middle school basketball team and runs with the cross-country team. Rachel enjoys reading and art. For her mitzvah project, Rachel is volunteering for a year in the Friendship Circle, through the Newport Beach Chabad. ☆



Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Boiarsky

January 14, 2012 (19 Tevet)

Jacob is a 7th grader at Sierra Vista Middle School. He enjoys playing soccer, pickleball, and Krav Maga. For his mitzvah project, Jacob is hosting a Krav Maga seminar that will raise money for the Make A Wish Foundation. Jacob has a longstanding relationship with CBI, having attended the CDC as a preschooler, and will be continuing on after his bar mitzvah with Hebrew High. Jacob will be celebrating his bar mitzvah with his whole family as well as friends and members of the CBI Community. ☆



Bat Mitzvah of Hanna Chylinski

January 28, 2012 (4 Shevat)

Hannah Chylinski is a student at Tuffree Middle School in Placentia. She loves to sing, dance and act. She is in an honors choir and choir ensemble and also loves to perform in plays and musicals; her last performance was Alice in Wonderland and Peter Pan. Hannah loves her family and friends and will be surrounded by all of them whether present or not on this very joyous occasion. We look forward to being joined by family and friends from near and far and we hold close those who are no longer with us – Noni, Big Gramma, Great Grandpa Frank and Grandma Jennie. ☆



Bar Mitzvah of Brandon Jacob Kaufman

February 18, 2012 (25 Shevat 5772)

Brandon is a 7th grade student at Vista Verde Elementary School. He is on the Principal's Honor Roll, ASB Treasurer, and a Club Viking Tutor. Brandon is also very passionate about Boy Scouts and plans on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. He loves playing basketball, hiking, backpacking, and working out in the gym at the JCC. For his mitzvah project, he has raised awareness for juvenile diabetes and organized fundraisers through ASB at school and Boy Scout Troop 695 for UCI Research Center for Diabetes, Treatment, and Research. Brandon has chosen this cause because he has two good friends that have recently been diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. He has seen first hand how much their lives have changed from this autoimmune disease. Brandon will be joined by his parents Adena and Jeff, sister Brianna, and brother Austin. He is very fortunate to have family and friends from across the country coming to help him celebrate this wonderful simcha. ☆

Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov to Meggie Malloy and her family for her current role in Blast! which is on a national tour ~ we look forward to seeing you on stage, Meggie, at the Cerritos Performing Arts Center on April 1 at 2:00 PM!

Todah Rabah

Todah Rabah to the family of Brandon Kaufman on the their purchase of an engraved leaf in honor of Brandon's bar mitzvah.



Kiddushes

Mazal Tov and Todah Rabbah to the following families for co-sponsoring CBI Kiddushes:

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Debra and Stuart Kushon in honor of the naming of their daughter, Dalia Rachel
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 Phyllis and David Iser in honor of their anniversary and Phyllis's birthday
 Meredith, Sophia and Max Stewart in honor of David and Isaac's birthdays
 Debbie and Todd Moysychyn in honor of Mason and Hallie's birthdays
 Janet and Anvar Afli in honor of their anniversary
 Nes Albagli in memory of his father, Albert Joseph Albagli
 Howard and Ingrid Rosenthal in honor of their anniversary
 Howard and Ingrid Rosenthal in honor of Hannah's birthday
 Sharon and Mark Berman in honor of their anniversary
 Viviana Schulman in honor of her birthday
 Stephanie Pottick and Adrian Messer in honor of their upcoming marriage



Schedule of Services for February

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

5:30 PM Family Service and Dinner
 6:00 PM Service USY Shabbat Club

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: B'SHALAH
 Torah: Exodus 14: 15 – 16:10
 Haftarah: Judges 4:4 – 5:31

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

6:00 PM Anniversary Service
 6:00 PM 4th Grade Service and Dinner

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: YITRO
 Torah: Exodus 19:1 – 20:23
 Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1 – 7:6; 9:5 – 6

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

6:00 PM Service
 8:00 PM Musical Service with Dale Schatz

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Bar Mitzvah of Brandon Jacob Kaufman

Birkat Hahodesh

Shabbat Shekalim

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: MISHPATIM

Torah: Exodus 22:4 – 23:19

Maftir: Exodus 30:11 – 16

Haftarah: II Kings 12:1 – 17

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Rosh Hodesh Adar

Torah: Numbers 28: 1 – 15

6:00 PM Service and Dinner with Amy Jill Levine

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: TERUMAH

Torah: Exodus 26: 1 – 26:30

Haftarah: I Kings 5:26 – 6:13

Please Join us for a most wonderful
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January 21, 2012 at 9:30 AM; PARSHA: VAERA

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January 2012

6 Tevet 5772 - 7 Shevat 5772

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6:59AM/4:54PM No Mercetz Limmud	2 6:59AM/4:55PM New Years Day Observed Office & CDC Closed	3 6:59AM/4:55PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance	4 6:59AM/4:56PM 2:00pm Staff Mtg. 6:30pm Mordechai Rosenstein 7:00pm Mah Jongg	5 6:59AM/4:57PM Fast of Tevet 10 7:30am Fast of Tevet Service 3:00pm Bolarsky Rehearsal 6:30pm Mordechai Rosenstein	6 6:59AM/4:58PM 11:44:40PM 5:30pm Family Service and Dinner 6:00pm Service Ast private dinner	7 6:59AM/4:58PM \$5:44PM 9:30am Service Rachel Ast 7:00pm Mordechai Rosenstein in private home
8 6:59AM/4:59PM 9:00am Mordechai Rosenstein 10:30am Yiddish Club 11:30am Little Shul 12:30pm USY Board Meeting 1:00pm Introduction to Judaism 4:00pm Sunday Supper	9 6:59AM/5:00PM 7:00pm Ritual Mtg.	10 6:59AM/5:01PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance	11 6:59AM/5:02PM 6:00pm Mercetz Hadtracha 7:00pm Mah Jongg	12 6:59AM/5:03PM 7:00pm Ed. Committee Mtg. 7:00pm Lounge Night 7:30pm Book Club	13 6:59AM/5:04PM 11:44:46PM 6:00pm Anniversary Service	14 6:59AM/5:05PM \$5:50PM 9:30am Service Jacob Bolarsky Board Installation CBI Annex at Las Lomas 10:30am Experiential Prayer & Text Study 4:00pm Seudah Shlishit 7:00pm Top That
15 6:58AM/5:06PM No Mercetz Limmud	16 6:58AM/5:07PM Martin Luther King Day Office & CDC Closed	17 6:58AM/5:07PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance	18 6:58AM/5:08PM 12:00pm Staff Lunch 2:00pm Staff Mtg. 3:00pm Chylinski Rehearsal 6:00pm Mercetz Hadtracha 7:00pm Mah Jongg	19 6:57AM/5:09PM 4:00pm Membership Mtg.	20 6:57AM/5:10PM 11:44:52PM 6:00pm Service Clive Lawton Shabbaton Introduction to Judaism Shabbaton	21 6:57AM/5:11PM \$5:56PM 9:30am Service Clive Lawton Shabbaton Sisterhood Shabbat Introduction to Judaism Shabbaton 7:00pm USY Event - Broomball
22 6:56AM/5:12PM 9:00am 6th Grade Family Ed. 10:30am Yiddish Club 1:00pm Introduction to Judaism 2:00-5:00pm College Care Package Prep	23 6:56AM/5:13PM 6:15pm Finance Mtg.	24 6:55AM/5:14PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance 7:30pm Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh in FLC	25 6:55AM/5:15PM Rosh Hodesh 6:00pm Mercetz Hadtracha 7:00pm Mah Jongg	26 6:54AM/5:16PM 7:30pm General Board Mtg.	27 6:54AM/5:17PM 11:44:59PM 6:00pm Service 5th Grade Service & Dinner Chylinski Dinner	28 6:53AM/5:18PM \$6:03PM 9:30am Service Hannah Chylinski 9:45am Dale Schatz Service in Family Life Ctr. No Jr. Congregation
29 6:52AM/5:19PM 9:00am 7th Grade Family Ed. 1:00pm Introduction to Judaism	30 6:52AM/5:20PM 4:00pm Kaufman Rehearsal	31 6:51AM/5:21PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance				
5 Shevat	6 Shevat	7 Shevat				

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February 2012

8 Shevat 5772 - 6 Adar 5772

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:50AM/5:22PM 2:00pm Staff Mtg. 6:00pm Mercatz Hadracha 7:00pm Mah Jongg	2 6:50AM/5:23PM 7:00pm Ed. Committee Mtg.	3 6:49AM/5:24PM 11:50AM 5:30 Family Service & Dinner 6:00pm Service 6:00pm Shabbat Club	4 6:48AM/5:25PM 9:30am Service \$6:10PM
5 6:47AM/5:28PM Super Bowl Sunday 9:00am 7th Grade Family Ed. 9:00am World Wide Wrap Day 10:30am Yiddish Club 11:30am Little Shul 12:30pm USY Board Meeting 1:30pm Introduction to Judaism 12 Shevat	6 6:47AM/5:27PM 13 Shevat	7 6:46AM/5:28PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance 14 Shevat	8 6:45AM/5:29PM Tu B'Shevat 6:00pm Mercatz Hadracha 7:00pm Mah Jongg 15 Shevat	9 6:44AM/5:30PM 7:00pm Lounge Night 7:30pm Book Club 16 Shevat	10 6:43AM/5:31PM 11:51PM 6:00pm Anniversary Service 4th Grade Service & Dinner 17 Shevat	11 6:42AM/5:32PM 9:30am Service \$6:17PM 10:30am Experiential Prayer & Text Study 4:30pm Seudah Shlishit 18 Shevat
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26 6:26AM/5:46PM 9:00am 8th Grade Mitzvah Mania (BLIE) 9:00am 7th Grade Family Ed. 12:30pm Kadima/Maschiar Event 1:00pm Introduction to Judaism 3 Adar	27 6:25AM/5:46PM 7:00-9:00pm Hamantaschen Baking 4 Adar	28 6:23AM/5:47PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance 7:00-9:00pm Hamantaschen Baking 5 Adar	29 6:22AM/5:48PM 9:00am-12:00pm Hamantaschen Baking 6:00pm Mercatz Hadracha 7:00pm Mah Jongg 6 Adar			

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Schedule of Services for January

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Ast

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT:
VAYEHI

Torah: Genesis 49:1 - 49:26
Haftarah: I Kings 2:1 - 12

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

6:00 PM Anniversary Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Boiarsky

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT:
SH'MOT

Torah: Exodus 3: 1 - 4:17
Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22 - 23

BOARD INSTALLATION

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

6:00 PM Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

Sisterhood Shabbat

Birkat Hahodesh

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT:
VAERA

Torah: Exodus 7:8 - 8:15

Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

6:00 PM 5th Grade Service
& Dinner

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

Bat Mitzvah of Hanna Chylinski

Birkat Hahodesh

9:30 AM Service: PARASHAT:
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9:45 AM Dale Schatz service in
Family Life Center

Torah: Exodus 11:4 - 12:28
Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13 - 28

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