



Official Newsletter of Congregation B'nai Israel

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& SYNAGOGUE EVENTS LISTED

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5775 High Holiday Service Schedule

Selichot: Saturday, September 20

Ma'ariv, Program, Service and Dessert – 8:00 pm

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Wednesday, September 24

Early Service with Cantor Tilchin in Family Life Center – 6:00 pm

Main Sanctuary Service – 8:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah Day 1: Thursday, September 25

Main Sanctuary Service – 8:00 am

Family Service with Cantor Marcia Tilchin in Family Life Center – 9:00 am

Jr. Congregation for Grades K-2 in Room 201-202 – 10:30 am

Jr. Congregation for Grades 3-7 in Room 201-202 – 11:30 am

Rosh Hashanah Teen Led Service – 10:30 am in the Family Life Center

Tashlich service at Tustin Ranch Golf Course – 5:15 pm

Main Sanctuary Mincha/Ma'ariv Service – 6:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah Day 2: Friday, September 26

Main Sanctuary Service – 8:00 am

Jr. Congregation for Grades K-7 in Room 201-202 – 10:30 am

Fast of Gedaliah: Sunday, September 28

Bet Midrash Service – 9:10 am

Kol Nidre: Friday, October 3

Mincha Service – 5:50 pm in the Bet Midrash

Main Sanctuary Service - 6:15 pm

Young Adult Yom Kippur Experience with Rabbinic Intern Adir Glick in Family Life Center – 6:15 pm

Teen Yom Kippur Experience – 6:15 pm in the Youth Lounge

Yom Kippur: Saturday, October 4

Main Sanctuary Service – 8:00 am

Family Service with Cantor Marcia Tilchin in Family Life Center – 9:00 am

Jr. Congregation for Grades K-2 in Room 201-202 – 10:30 am

Jr. Congregation for Grades 3-7 in Room 201-202 – 11:30 am

Yom Kippur Experiential Service & Learning with Rabbinic Intern Adir Glick in Family Life Center – 10:30 am

Yizkor Service – 10:30 am

Sermon – 11:00 am

Mincha Service – 4:30 pm

Neila / Ma'ariv / Havdalah / Final Shofar Blast – 5:45 pm - 7:25 pm



Come Worship with Us!

Fast of Tammuz 17:

Tuesday, July 15 at 7:30 AM: Service in the Bet Midrash

Tisha B'Av ~ Fast of the 9th of Av:

Monday, August 4 at 8:00 PM: Service in the Main Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 5 at 7:30 AM: Service in Bet Midrash

Fast of Gedaliah:

Sunday, September 28 at 9:10 AM: Service in the Bet Midrash

See Inside for All of CBI's Summer Activities:

Professor Jeremy Dauber on July 13

Shabbat Under the Stars on July 25

Camp B'nai Ruach, July 7 – August 8

Plus: CBI Blood Drive, Sunday Supper,
Lighthouse Breakfast for the Homeless
and so much more!

Welcome Back, Cantor Tilchin

We look forward to hearing all about your Sabbatical ~ All That you have Learned and All That you will Teach us!

Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Elie Spitz



My CBI Listening Tour

This spring I had a listening tour. The goal was to listen to congregants' responses to two basic questions: What brought you to CBI and how are CBI and Judaism meeting your needs?

A little about methodology: Participants signed up online. Each gathering was limited to ten people so as to enable a diversity of opinions and yet small enough to allow for the sharing of reactions. The locations ranged across the County and were timed around food- we are Jewish. We met in private homes and public spaces. We succeeded in drawing good turnouts with a range of backgrounds and ages. Most of the conversations were personal with participants sharing their Jewish journey.

I was surprised to find that each of the four gatherings had a different feel. The first group was hosted for lunch by our president, Beth Elster, at her home in Irvine. The participants across a range of ages were largely Board members, whether current or past. I heard positives about the synagogue: we are a participatory community, both in services and caregiving, and we offer many engaging programs; if anything, it is beyond reach to do

all that is worth doing. And there is a need to consider some missing pieces: On High Holidays there is a need to better include the people sitting in the back of the large room; to program for single adults at High Holydays; to better connect on a personal level with congregants beyond events or fundraising.

The second cohort met in the evening at FreeSoulCafe in Tustin. Participants were largely congregants who attend services regularly on Saturday mornings. Much of the conversation dealt with our services. There was a consensus of appreciation for the variety of choices on Saturday morning, including the option of musical services- both as led by Dale Schatz and Amy Robinson as well as the desire to maintain the traditional, contemplative service in the main Sanctuary. There was much critique around the content of the prayers and even that of the Torah, sharing that what draws them to synagogue is belonging to an extended family, rather than a classic conception of God. I smiled to myself imagining if one of my Pastor friends had listened to the conversation, they would have found it perplexing. There was praise for our social service programs, specifically Sunday supper and Families Forward, and encouragement to explore doing even more.

The third group met at Alyssa and Marc Goldin's home for lunch. Many of those present were former members of Congregation Eilat. They described problems in the management of their previous synagogue and praised CBI's stability and well-managed Board. The group encouraged more calls from synagogue leaders just to say to members, "How are you doing?" We also learned from a testimonial that how a person is greeted the first time that they come to our synagogue determines whether they will come back soon or wait years. The main take away was the importance of the personal touch in creating a welcoming community.

The final meeting was breakfast outside the Whey Café in Newport Beach. This group was diverse in all ways and enjoyed listening to each

other's histories with CBI. There was an emphasis on the need to consciously foster relationships and to encourage people to invite each other to join them in coming to CBI events.

Overall, the listening tour was deeply satisfying. I enjoyed the time with the participants and genuinely listening to each account of a personal Jewish journey. I was reminded that we do have a healthy synagogue and yet, there is more that we can do to foster relationship making, learning, and services that inspire. I do not have complete solutions to the two main concerns: How to make High Holyday services more comfortable and inclusive for those sitting in the second half of the sanctuary and how to better reach out with a personal touch in relationship building. What I do know is that hearing the concerns is essential to making our synagogue better.

This spring, I also met a graduate of Harvard Law School who left the Law to become a full-time inventor. He had forty-two patents. He shared that on average he comes up with two inventions a week, but the cost of patenting is great and most are not worthy of that effort. I asked him how he invents. He said, "The hardest part is having a question. When the answer is obvious, someone else has usually already found it. I tend to put the unsolved questions in the back of my mind and continue my normal activity. When I am fortunate, an intuitive insight will pop to mind. I then reexamine the question and the surprising direction of resolution. I apply logic and reason to developing the invention."

I was gratified to hear so many positive statements about CBI. And I am grateful for the complaints. We need to continue to develop our strengths and to fill in the missing pieces. Consider this an invitation to share in the process. Please let me know what meets your needs at CBI and what needs improvement. Write to me at eliespitz@gmail.com. And I do hope to have the opportunity to listen to your personal Jewish story. Wishes to you of a satisfying and restful summer.

Your Rabbi, Elie ☆

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Cantor's Notes

Cantor Marcia Tilchin



Rabbi Yishmael taught:

A person who studies so that she may teach, is given the opportunity to both study and teach. (Pirkei Avot 4:6).

I have been blessed with nine months of immersion in the study of Torah, and am most eager to share what I have learned with the members of this creative, motivated congregation. The coming year will bring new opportunities to experience Torah together on Saturday mornings, Saturday afternoons, Sundays, out-of-doors, through music and over food. Stay tuned for information on monthly learning and worship opportunities led by me as well as by some of my gifted classmates at the Ziegler school and local colleagues from greater Orange County.

High Holidays are shaping up to be very special this year. I am excited about a new service being added to our offerings on first day *Rosh Hashanah* that will be led in full by the teens in our community for their peers. If you are a teen or have a

teen that might like to participate as a prayer leader, Torah reader, shames, etc., please let me know (mtilchin@cbi18.org). I will be working with groups and individuals during the months of July, August and September. In addition, our gifted and spiritual rabbinic intern, Adir Glick, will be leading a parallel service on *Yom Kippur* morning that is sure to open minds and deepen our appreciation for how this season of introspection can help set the stage for a meaningful year ahead.

In late August I will be sending a letter to the congregation that recounts some of the highlights of my nine months of study and educational travel. In it I will try to sum up key experiences and revelations that have touched me in surprising ways and are helping to shape what I pray will be a full and purposeful rabbinate and continued cantorate.

Words cannot begin to thank the CBI staff and lay leaders who have been so generous with their time, skill and knowledge during these past nine months - you are the heart and soul of this remarkable community and I am awed by your dedication. In your honor I offer this passage from the daily liturgy:

May the words of Torah, Lord our God, be sweet in our mouths and in the mouths of all Your people so that we, our children, and all the children of the house of Israel may come to love You and to study Your Torah on its own merit.

Scott, Avi, Sheindl and Yaira join me in wishing everyone a happy, healthy *Rosh Hashanah*, and may words of Torah sweeten all your days throughout the year. *L'Shanah Tovah* and THANK YOU! ☆

The President's Corner

Beth Elster



It gives me great pleasure to be the president of Congregation B'nai Israel, and I am so appreciative of our clergy, staff, volunteers and members who make our synagogue community so vibrant. As I am writing this article, it is the first week of June and I am reflecting on how my life is enriched through CBI. Over the past week I have been to our weekly lunchtime Torah study led by Rabbi Robin Hoffman, celebrated the eve of Shavuot first at CBI Coastal with a family picnic, services and learning at University Park and then at Rabbi Spitz' home for late-night study, enjoyed two days of Shavuot morning services in our beautiful sanctuary, attended the lively Coastal Shabbat morning service and potluck, served dinner to homeless families at Tustin Presbyterian Church, and davened with the Wednesday morning minyan. This seems like a lot, which is why it's even more surprising to realize that there were two other opportunities for community service, two other classes, and four other prayer services I could have participated in as well.

In *Pirkei Avot*, we read that Shimon the Righteous used to say that the world rests on three things: On Torah (learning), on *avodah* ("service", worship), and *g'me'lut chasadim* -- acts of loving-kindness. This past week I have taken the opportunities at CBI to participate in all three of these activities, and I feel doing so has added meaning and significance to my life. I urge everyone to participate in our

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CBI Enrichment with the OC Community Scholar Program



Professor Jeremy Dauber ***Seinfeld, Curb Your Enthusiasm*** ***and Jewishness***

Sunday, July 13 at 7:15 PM

Cost: \$10/Person

Dessert Reception Included

No Charge for CBI 5775 Enrichment Fund Patrons and CSPatrons

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=uu6t8sdab&oeidk=a07e9gct80d61292dd>



Child Development

Lisa Heller - Director
Denise Mailman and
Samantha Feld, VPs



A Space for our Children

The power of space speaking to children has been affirmed throughout my 40 year early childhood career. Eighteen years ago, when I arrived at Congregation B'nai Israel Child Development Center, I knew one of my first projects would be the outdoor environment. Slowly we raised funds from parents and the CBI community to build an outdoor space that would speak to the children. With the help of the teachers at the preschool and others from Fullerton College, we designed magnificent and pleasing play spaces for the children. I know from the research that designing an outdoor space must be welcoming, embrace the children as well as support and nurture them. On

the flip side, a poorly designed environment can negate teachers' good intentions and undermine goals for children's development.

Our beautiful, park-like outdoor environment at the CDC offers the children a chance to explore, to hide, to nurture, to create, to play in mud, to grow and eat their own fruits and vegetables. Children get to participate in risk taking, and run fast, jump high, skip, crawl, climb high. They also have an opportunity to plan, design and build. The children connect to the world of nature (vitamin"N"), using all their senses and the feeling of being free. They participate in taking care of nature and our school pets (T'za'ar B'alay Chayim). They have the opportunity to meditate, take a deep breath and smell the garden, watch the butterflies and birds gather, breathe and smell the fresh air.

Children, teachers and guests who gather together in our garden to celebrate Shabbat experience a wondrous feeling. Being surrounded by nature helps us all to prepare for a peaceful and spiritual Shabbat. Come by and visit the preschool's outdoor spaces, sit on the bench and enjoy! ☆

Remy
with the
delicious
squash.



ATTENTION!

Young Family Shabbat Services will
be held in the Family Life Center
August 1 and September 5
at 5:30 PM

Order Your Lulav and Etrog!

Order Forms available
in CBI Kiosks:

Orders are due to the
CBI Office by October 1*
**Pick-up is on October 7
and 8 before 3:00 PM**

*Cost is \$50 per set

Check payable to CBI Sisterhood

Get Your Photos Taken for the CBI Directory!

Life Touch photos continue
on July 6 and Sept. 7!



Each Family gets a
FREE 8 x 10 Photo
for their Portrait Sitting!

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



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programs and events.

I want to thank some of the people who have helped with the events I attended this last week, and to let you know why I continue to be involved with them.

Torah: Thank you to Katherine Coster, who has opened her home for the Torah study class. While reading the Torah line by line we have gotten into serious discussions on good and evil, spirituality, family relationships, and biblical criticism, among other things. When I leave I always think about things a little bit differently than when I arrived. (Note that everyone is invited to attend –you can join at any time, no prior Torah study is necessary).

Avodah: Thank you to Arie Katz, the driving force for the CBI Coastal services since their inception, who combines creativity, fun and seriousness to create interesting and holy prayer experiences. They are very participatory and spirited, and I always leave feeling energized, usually with a great melody floating around my head. Thank you also to Rabbi Spitz and those who taught at his home. I left more invigorated at midnight than when I arrived at 10:30 PM!

G'meelut chasadim: Thank you to Marla Nathan, who coordinates the week of dinners our members provide for those in the Family Promise program. It is a warm experience to sit down for dinner with those who are homeless and to hear about their stories, their hopes and their struggles. They are so appreciative of having been served a homemade meal and of our spending time with them. I leave feeling as though I have made a little difference in their lives.

As I said at the beginning of this article, these are but a few of the things happening at CBI. I hope you have found some of our programs that are of interest to you. If not, let me know. Our goal is to engage you in opportunities for spiritual & intellectual growth, social engagement, and community involvement, bringing more wholeness to our members, our community, and our world. ☆



Religious School

Rabbi Robin Hoffman,
Education Director
Bonnie Widerman and
Meredith Stewart, VPs



The Family that Learns Together...

When I began my career in Jewish Education 20 years ago, the first time I set foot in a Jewish classroom, it was a family class. The 5th grade students and their parents signed up for a unique opportunity to learn together and spend quality time together. I am still very close with those families – and they are still good friends with each other!

Family Education is growing at CBI. We will be continuing with our excellent 6th and 7th grade family programs which help prepare our students and their families for B'nai Mitzvah. These special classes are taught by Rabbi Spitz and Cantor Tilchin. Next year we will be adding family classes at all grade levels, taught by Rabbi Spitz. These classes offer everyone the opportunity to learn with their children and to get to know the other families in your class. We will also continue our outstanding Family Art Days, sponsored by the Zembrosky Youth in Art Fund. The 4th – 7th grade classes will all have special opportunities to do unique art projects such as Siddur Covers, Wimpels, Yadi'im, and Havdalah sets.

Finally, we invite families in our religious school to join Carl Cedar and me on the second Saturday of every month for a unique Family Prayer service. Everyone will have

the opportunity to participate and learn about Shabbat, prayer, and Torah. Carl will also be leading our traditional Jr. Congregation on the third Shabbat of each month.

Our first day of Religious School is Sunday, September 7, 9:00 am. Watch your email and our website for registration and calendar information! I look forward to seeing all of you here! ☆

Hunger Does Not Take Summer Vacation

Volunteers needed
for **LEAP for Food:**
Serving Morning
Snack to Children
in Need



Monday–Friday, July 14-18

8:00 – 10:00 AM

(Prepare, serve, and clean up)

This is an Interfaith Effort at
St. Paul's Episcopal Church:

1221 Wass Street in Tustin

Please contact cbisocialaction@cbi18.org for more information

Men's Club

Eddie Kotkin, President

Men's Club invites anyone who is interested to attend their monthly meetings: Sunday, July 27 at 10:15 AM.

**Bring Your Best Suit ~
of Cards that is!**

Men's Club Poker Night

Sundays, July 27 &

August 24 at 7:00 PM

Games held in a Private Home



Men's Club Proudly Presents:

HEARING MEN'S VOICES

Sunday, September 21

at 10:00 AM

Join us for critical, insightful
discussions from

a man's point of view!

JOIN THE SUNDAY MINYAN

ANY SUNDAY AT 9:10 AM

IN THE BET MIDRASH

CBI Coastal Schedule

Reaching Our Families Where They Live

Fridays at 6:00 PM

July 18 with Dale Schatz at *PWC

August 15 at **UP

Saturdays at 9:30 AM

July 5 at **UP

September 6 at **UP

***PWC - Port Westbourne Clubhouse** – 1854 Port Westbourne Place,
Newport Beach 92660

****UP - University Park** – 1 Beech Tree Lane, Irvine 92612

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



Shabbat Under the Stars

What Could Be More Beautiful on a Summer Evening?

Join us for Prayer and a Picnic on the Patio:

Friday, July 25 at 6:00 PM

Services will begin at 6:00 PM and Dinner will follow

**Please bring your own dairy picnic dinner
and we'll supply the challah, drinks and dessert!**

Please RSVP to the CBI Office by Wednesday, July 23



Youth News

Barbara Sherman - Youth Director
Matt Sperling & Beth Adler, VPs



Summer may bring vacation and relaxation for most of us, but here in the Youth Department it brings the hustle and bustle of checking out all the local hot spots while enjoying friendships. The Youth Department programs of the school year may be on vacation, but things are busier than ever as we enjoy Summer Camp together. Camp Bnai Ruach is a place where hundreds of children pass through our doors and enjoy everything from theme parks to singing and dancing; yet, what they take away as most

precious are the friendships.

From Kindergarten through 9th grade kids come together and experience a Jewish summer day camp under skilled and watchful eyes of counselors who grew up in our programs and have much to give back. After 5 weeks, when camp ends and the tears stop flowing, our school year program kick in with Machar (K-3), Kadima (4-6) and USY (7-12). These groups come together socially and participate in Religious programs, Social Action programs, Leadership programs, Educational programs, Regional Programs and much more! This year in addition to all of our regular Chapter events, we will host a Regional Kinnus and a Chapter Retreat! We never close and never rest, providing opportunities all young people, grades K-12. We have something for everyone... even adults who want to help out. So please, make sure the kid in your life is on our email tree so they can get in on all that is happening. You can attend our events as your schedule permits. We look forward to sharing something wonderful with you soon! ☆

It's BACK and it's BIGGER and BETTER than ever!! Camp B'nai Ruach ~ Don't Miss the Fun!

Check out These Highlights:

July 7 – 11: Knott's Berry Farm, Magic Show & Mitzvah Supply Drive!

July 14 – 18: OC Fair, Parrot Show & Mitzvah Book Drive!

July 21 – 25: Soak City, Wacky Science Show, & Mitzvah Food Drive!

Pick up a Brochure at CBI and see all the activities planned! Call Barbara Sherman at the CBI Youth Department for Details or More Information.

July 28 – August 1: Ringling Bros. Circus, Seriously Silly Relays, & Mitzvah Toys & Toothpaste Drive!

August 4 – 8: Disneyland, Donut Wars, Tzedakah Money Drive



Oi Vey! Who Knew This Could be So Much Fun?

Join Us for Yiddish Club
Sundays, July 6 & 20,
August 10 & 17 and
September 7 & 21
at 11:00 AM

in the Family Life Center

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



100 days of summer days of hope Choose your day to give

Monday, August 4

12:30~6:45 PM~CBI Social Hall

You may sign up online at
www.redcrossblood.org
(use sponsor code **bnai**)

OR:

contact Marla Nathan at
mnathan@gr8law.com
for assistance

Identification is required

SAVE THE DATE

November 9

FLU SHOTS

10:30 AM ~ 1:30 PM



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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. 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. **COME JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY MINYAN:** 7:00 AM in the Bet Midrash.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION IS ALWAYS A HIT AT CBI: Every 2nd and 3rd Saturday from 10:30 AM – 12:00 noon in the Family Life Center. Led by CBI's Director of Education, Robin Hoffman and Carl Cedar. Specifically designed for children ages 6 – 11.

TOT SHABBAT FOR OUR LITTLEST CONGREGANTS: Every Shabbat morning at 11:40 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! We are also joined by the PJ Library on the second Shabbat of every month: **July 12, August 9 and September 13.**

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 Ros Baron at normbaron@sbcglobal.net so we know how many to set up for.

YIDDISH CLUB MEETS: July 6 & 20, August 10 & 17, and September 7 & 21 at 11:00 AM in the Family Life Center. Come learn and laugh amongst friends!

TORAH STUDY SESSIONS THRU AUGUST 26: Every Tuesday at noon in a private home. No sessions July 1 or August 12.

TALMUD STUDY: Every Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM in a private home.

ONGOING MONTHLY:

YOUNG FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE DINNER in Family Life Center followed by Dinner: **Friday, August 1 and September 5.** For families with children ages 10 and under; services begin at 5:30 PM. \$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: Thursdays, July 10, August 14 and September 11 at 7:30 PM. We are discussing *The Inquisitor's Wife* by Jeanne Kalogridis, *Washington's Spies: the Story of America's First Spy Ring* by Alexandar Rose in August, and *My Notorious Life: A Novel* by Kate Manning in September.

PRAYERSONG: August 9 from 9:30 – 10:30 AM in the Family Life Center.

TEEN SEUDAH SH'LISHIT AND LEARNING WITH RABBINIC INTERN ADIR GLICK: Saturday, September 20 at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall, followed by a USY-style *Havdalah*. Share with us your pearls of wisdom; give us your perspective that only a teenager can have.

EXPERIENTIAL PRAYER AND TEXT STUDY WITH ADIR GLICK: Saturday morning, September 20 at 10:30 AM.

SUNDAY SUPPER, AN INTERFAITH EFFORT: (and perfect Mitzvah Project too!): **Sundays, July 13, August 10 and September 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. RSVP to cbisocialaction@cbi18.org.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE WITH DALE SHATZ: Saturday, July 26 and August 23 at 9:30 AM in the Family Life Center.

MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY MEETING: Sundays, July 27 and August 24 at 10:15 AM.

MEN'S CLUB POKER NIGHT: Sundays, July 27, and August 24 at 7:00 PM in a private home.

HAPPENINGS IN JULY ONLY

PROFESSOR JEREMY DAUBER: July 13 at 7:15 PM: *It Offends Me as a Comedian: Seinfeld, Curb Your Enthusiasm and Jewishness.* Dessert Reception Immediately Following Presentation. \$10/Person. CBI Enrichment Patrons and CSP Scholars free.

HELPSERVE BREAKFAST TO THE HOMELESS: Sunday, July 27, 9:45 – 11:00 AM at the Lighthouse: 1885 Anaheim Ave., Costa Mesa 92627.

SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS: Friday, July 25. Bring your dairy picnic dinner to enjoy immediately following services at 6:00 PM. We'll supply the challah, drinks, and dessert! RSVP to the CBI Office by Wednesday, July 23.

HAPPENINGS IN AUGUST ONLY

USY RUMMAGE & CDC BAKE SALE: August 1 at 9:00 AM. Great finds at great prices and delicious baked goods! Come support our fundraisers!

CBI BLOOD DRIVE: August 4 from 12:30 – 6:45 PM in the Social Hall. Sign up online at redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: bnai.

TISHA B'AV: Monday, August 4 at 8:00 PM and Tuesday, August 5 at 7:30 AM.

HEARING MEN'S VOICES: Sunday August 21 at 10:00 AM. Come join our insightful conversation!

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

HAPPENINGS IN SEPTEMBER ONLY

BACK TO SHUL: Sunday, September 7 from 12:30 – 2:30 PM. Come join us for lunch and fun! \$5/person. New and prospective members free. Please RSVP to CBI by Wednesday, September 2.

PASSION IN PRAYER: PRE-HIGH HOLYDAY WORKSHOP WITH CANTOR TILCHIN: Sunday, September 14 at 10:45 AM.

HIGH HOLYDAY SERVICES: Please see front cover for details.

PASSION IN PRAYER: FALL FESTIVAL WORKSHOP WITH CANTOR TILCHIN: Sunday, September 28 at 10:45 AM.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PARENT LEARNING WITH CANTOR TILCHIN: Saturday, September 27 at 9:30 AM.



Schedule of Services for August and September

Friday, August 1

5:30 PM Young Family Service & dinner

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, August 2

Shabbat Hazon

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: DEVARIM

Torah: Deuteronomy 1:1 – 3:22

Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1 - 27

Monday, August 4

Tisha B'Av

8:00 PM Service

Tuesday, August 5

Fast of the 9th of Av

7:30 AM Service

Torah: Deuteronomy 4:25 – 40

Haftarah: Jeremiah 8:13 – 9:23

Minha

Torah: Exodus 32: 11 – 14; 34:1 - 10

Haftarah: Isaiah 55:6 – 56:8

Friday, August 8

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, August 9

Bat Mitzvah of Abby Steinmetz

Shabbat Nahamu

9:30 AM Service: PARASHAT: VA'ET - HANNAN

Torah: Deuteronomy 3:23 – 5:17

(3:23 – 5:18 in some books)

Haftarah: Isaiah 40: 1 - 26

Friday, August 15

6:00 PM Service

6:00 PM Coastal Service

Saturday, August 16

Bar Mitzvah of Maxwell Drakeford

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: EKEV

Torah: Deuteronomy 7:12 – 9:3

Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14 – 51:3

Friday, August 22

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, August 23

Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Fischer

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: RE-EH

Torah: Deuteronomy 11:26 – 12:28

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11 -55:5

Friday, August 29

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, August 30

Bar Mitzvah of Michael Kravitz

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: SHOFETIM

Torah: Deuteronomy 16:18 – 18:5

Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12 – 52:12

9:30 AM Hal'lu Musical Service

Friday, September 5

5:30 PM Young Family Service and Dinner

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, September 6

Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Sherman

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: KI TETSE

Torah: Deuteronomy 21:10 – 23:7

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1 – 1 - 22

9:30 AM CBI Coastal Service

5:00 PM Mincha Service at Cantor

Tilchin's Home

Friday, September 12

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, September 13

Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Roth

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: KI TAVO

Torah: Deuteronomy 26:1 – 27:10

Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1 - 22

Friday, September 19

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, September 20

Bat Mitzvah of Jayde Kahn

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: NITSAVIM +

VAYELEKH

Torah: Deuteronomy 29:9 – 30:14

Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10 – 63:9

8:00 PM Selihot

Wednesday, September 24

Erev Rosh Hashanah

6:00 PM Service

8:00 PM Service

Thursday, September 25

Rosh Hashanah I

8:00 AM Service

Torah: Genesis 21: 1 – 34

Maftir: Numbers 29: 1 – 6

Haftarah: 1 Samuel 1:1 – 2:10

9:00AM Family Service

10:30 AM Rosh Hashanah

Teen Led Service

10:30 AM Jr. Congregation K-2

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5:15 PM Tashlikh

6:30 PM Mincha

Friday, September 26

Rosh Hashanah II

8:00 AM Service

Torah: Genesis 22:1 – 24

Maftir: Numbers 29:1 – 6

Haftarah: Jeremiah 31:1 -19

10:30AM Jr. Congregation K-7

After Sermon Rosh Hashanah

Experiential Learning & Service

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, September 27

Shabbat Shuvah

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT:

HA'AZINU

Torah: Deuteronomy 32:1 – 52

Haftarah: Hosea 14:2 – 10; Joel 2:15 -27

Sunday, September 28

Fast of Gedaliah

9:00 AM Service

Torah: Exodus 32:11 – 14; 34:1 – 10

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In the B'nai Israel Family . . .



Bat Mitzvah of Abby Steinmetz

August 9, 2014 (13 Av)

Abby will be an 8th grader at Pioneer Middle School, where she has consistently been on the Principal's Honor Roll. She will be starting her second year as an active member of Pioneer's ASB, and she hopes to apply her leadership skills in the coming year as part of the USY board. Abby attended CBI Preschool at the age of one, where she made wonderful and long-lasting friendships; she looks forward to continuing her Jewish learning and community involvement in Hebrew High and USY. Abby has been studying Kempo Karate for almost five years, and will be testing for her Black Belt prior to her Bat Mitzvah. Besides her passion for martial arts, Abby loves reading, listening to music and spending time with friends...and her dog. For her mitzvah project, Abby sold homemade dog treats, toys and

blankets and earned close to \$1,000, all of which was donated to various local organizations to help animals, including the O.C. Humane Society. She also volunteered at the Orange County Greyhound Rescue. Abby looks forward to sharing this special time in her life with her parents, Robin and Barry, sister Tara, her grandparents and many family and friends that are coming from near and far. Mazal Tov!



Bar Mitzvah of Maxwell Drakeford

August 16, 2014 (20 Av)

Maxwell is finishing 7th grade at TVT and will be attending 8th grade at Ensign Middle School in Newport Beach this Fall. He plays soccer and is rowing crew at Newport Aquatic Center this summer in training for the school team. Max's mitzvah project is working with the elderly. He celebrates this milestone with his grandmother, Agi Gyurik, the Cowan family, assorted family coming from Montreal. Mazal Tov!



Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Fischer

August 23, 2014 (27 Av)

Hannah has been attending CBI since she was a baby in the infant room at the CBI Preschool. Since then Hannah has been at Tarbut V' Torah Community Jewish Day School where she will be an 8th Grader this fall. Hannah is a competitive swimmer and active member of the National Charity League (NCL). When Hannah is not in the pool swimming or volunteering her time in the community, she loves reading, hanging with her friends, and participating in USY events. Hannah's mitzvah project was donating her time to the Blind Children's Learning Center where she was a counselor for their summer camp the last two years. She worked with children of all ages with visual impairments as well as other disabilities. Hannah also helped the last two years with their 5K walk which raised \$150,000 for the center. Hannah looks forward to celebrating her simcha with her parents Lisa and Michael, sisters Sarah and Emme, and her Bubbie, Poppy, Grandma, as well as her other relatives and close friends who have loved and supported her. Mazal Tov!



Bar Mitzvah of Michael Kravitz

August 30, 2014 (4 Elul)

Michael completed 7th grade at Niguel Hills Middle School in Laguna Niguel, where he is an honor student. He also plays in the band and holds the position of first chair clarinet. In addition to his studies, Michael enjoys playing club soccer, street hockey, and finds it cool to be a younger and older brother. For his Mitzvah project, Michael chose to volunteer with Sunday Supper and help feed people that have fallen on hard times. He worked diligently preparing and serving meals for these families and spent time talking and giving hope to these people. His experience put a smile on their faces and filled his own heart with pride. Our family is very excited for Michael's Bar Mitzvah and being able to share our pride with all of our family and friends. Mazal Tov!

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



Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Sherman

September 6, 2014 (11 Elul)

Hannah has been attending CBI since preschool. She will be in 8th Grade at Rancho San Joaquin Middle School in Irvine where she is on the Principal's Honor Roll. She loves to bike ride, play with her dog, read, listen to music, and hang out with her friends. Mazal Tov!



Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Roth

September 13, 2014 (18 Elul)

Daniel is a 7th grader at La Paz Intermediate School in Mission Viejo. He is an avid soccer player, along with lacrosse and Taekwondo. He also enjoys playing Xbox and riding bikes with his friends. For his Mitzvah Project, Daniel has been refereeing youth soccer. Mazal Tov!



Bat Mitzvah of Jayde Kahn

September 20, 2014 (25 Elul)

Jayde is a 7th grader at Lakeside Middle School in Irvine. She is an avid reader, writer and artist. She plays the piano, enjoys music, softball, soccer, the beach and spending time with her friends. Jayde has attended Hebrew School at Congregation B'nai Israel since Kindergarten, apart from a year and a half at Congregation Tifereth Israel in Columbus, Ohio. Due to her love of reading, Jayde decided to collect and donate new and gently used children's books for her mitzvah project. She worked with school directors and principals to place book donation boxes at three preschools and her middle school. Jayde had collected over 200 books, which were donated to the Reach Out and Read organization at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Jayde also collected and donated about 70 of her

and her brother Jesse's gently used stuffed animals to an organization called S.A.F.E. that gives stuffed animals to children who are going through traumatic experiences. Jayde is looking forward to celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with her friends and family. Mazal Tov!

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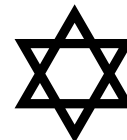
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Dated Material

Schedule of Services for July

Friday, July 4

No Services

Saturday, July 5

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: BALAK

Torah: Numbers 22:2 – 22:38

Haftarah: Micah 5:6 – 6:8

9:30 AM CBI Coastal Service



Friday, July 11

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, July 12

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: PINEHAS

Torah: Numbers 25:10 – 26:51

Haftarah: I Kings 18:46 – 19:21



Tuesday, July 15

Fast of 17th of Tammuz

7:30 AM Service

Torah: Exodus 32:11 – 14; 34:1 – 10

Minha: Exodus 32:11 – 14; 34:1 – 10

Haftarah: Isaiah 55:6 – 56:8

Friday, July 18

6:00 PM Service

6:00 PM CBI Coastal Service with Dale Schatz

Saturday, July 19

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: MATTOT

Torah: Numbers 30:2 – 31:54

Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:2 – 2:3

Friday, July 25

6:00 PM Service followed by potluck dinner outside

Saturday, July 26

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: MAS'EY

Torah: Numbers 33:1 – 49

Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4 – 28; 3:4



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.
- **Tot Shabbat** for Pre-schoolers and parents begins at 11:50 AM in the Family Life Center.
- **PJ Library** joins Tot Shabbat July 12, August 9 and Sept. 13



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