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& SYNAGOGUE EVENTS LISTED

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PARTY LIKE IT'S PURIM!

A Carnival,
A Costume Contest,
A "Purim on Broadway" Schpiel,
an After-Services Dance!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

7:30 AM: Shaharit Service
in the Bet Midrash: Fast of Esther

4:15 PM: Religious School Combined Session

5:30 PM: Preschool Family Purim Celebration in
Family Life Center with Rabbi Spitz & Cantor Tilchin

6:00 PM: Pasta Dinner (\$10/Adult, \$5/Child age 2-11);
Grogger-Making Project

6:45 PM: Ma'ariv, Megillah Reading
with Purim Schpielers, USY 50/50 Raffle
Adult & Child Costume Contest – Child care
provided!

9:00 PM: Party in the Social Hall:
Dancing ~ bring a bottle of wine to share.
Desserts provided.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

7:30 AM: Shaharit Service, Megillah Reading
in the Bet Midrash followed by breakfast

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

12:00 – 2:00 PM: Purim Carnival Extravaganza
sponsored by our award-winning USY!



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

The "Big Apple" comes to Tustin as
Congregation B'nai Israel Salutes

Cantor Marcia Tilchin
and Dr. Scott Spitzer

OPENING NIGHT ON BROADWAY



Sunday, March 25, 2012
5:00 p.m.
Red Carpet attire

Congregation B'nai Israel
2111 Bryan Avenue, Tustin

Join us center stage
for dining, entertainment,
silent and live auction!

SCHEDULE OF PASSOVER SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

9:00 AM: "Ask the Rabbi"- What's permitted? Haggadah &
Seder Ideas?

10:30 AM: Music and Melodies for the Seder with Cantor Tilchin

11:30 AM: Recipe Exchange – The Many Ways of Haroset
with Joni Salmon

11:30 AM: Little Shul for Toddlers and their Families

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

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

****DUE TO THE 1ST SEDER, THERE WILL BE NO FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE****

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

9:30 AM: Day 1: Service followed by lunch

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

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

6:00 PM: Service with music by Shir Energy followed by Pesach
Shabbat Dinner:

**RSVP Required: \$36/adult; \$18/child 2 – 11 years;
Ages 2 and under Free**

(Shabbat Dinner is STRICTLY KOSHER FOR PESACH)

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

9:30 AM: Day 8: Yizkor: Service followed by lunch

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY FOOD INTO THE SYNAGOGUE
DURING THE EIGHT DAYS OF PESACH**

Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Elie Spitz



"THE STORY OF THE HAGGADAH"

In 1932, a decade after Maxwell House came under rabbinic supervision, the company sought to replace coffee for tea as the seder night drink. As a promotion, they offered a free Haggadah with the purchase of a Maxwell House product. In the intervening eighty years, more than fifty million copies of the Haggadah were printed. It is the most commonly owned Jewish book among American Jews. The Hebrew text followed the traditional Ashkenazic custom. The English translation was quite stilted. Rabbis were referred to as "doctors," always a favorite of mine. In the context of the counting of the plagues, instead of "How can you?" the text read, "From whence canst thou." And God was always a male.

In the new Maxwell Haggadah, the Hebrew remains the same, but the language is gender sensitive. Instead of "four sons", it is "four children." Rather than referring to God as King, God is Monarch; instead of Father, God is Parent. The language changes reflect our own evolving sensibilities and underscore that the Haggadah is dynamic. This is true as well for how the Haggadah itself has evolved.

The Seder stems from a Biblical

command, "And you shall tell your child on that day saying, 'This is on account of what the Lord did for me in the going out from Egypt'" (Exodus 13:8). The Bible describes the night of the tenth plague as the original seder. Families and friends gathered around the table for a feast of roasted lamb. Blood on the doorposts served as both a sign of their obedience and protection from the ravages of the Angel of Death. When we gather around our Seder tables, we recreate that night of waiting as slaves for redemption.

The rabbis of Israel in the first centuries of the Common Era engaged in debates as to the nature of the observance of Pesach, codified in the Mishnah in 225 CE. The basic requirements for the Seder were as follows: Kiddush with four cups of wine, reclining during the meal, the dipping of lettuce twice, and questions on behalf of the children. Rabban Gamliel emphasized the need to acknowledge *matzah*, *maror* (the bitter herbs), and the *Pesach* (the roasted lamb offering). This outline of the seder mostly focused on the food and its ritual eating. Little was said, let alone a script offered, for the telling of the story.

The first Haggadah only emerged in the 7th to 8th century and the oldest copy that we have is part of a *siddur* (prayerbook) of the 10th century composed in Baghdad by the spiritual leader of the day, Saadiah Gaon. Only later did those pages become a separate book. During the Middle Ages, Jews commissioned illuminated Haggadahs. Among the most beautiful is the Sarajevo Haggadah, which scholars identify with Northern Spain of 1350. Before the printing press, probably only the leader had a hand-written copy of the script. They did not go around reading as we do today where we each have our own text. The earliest known printed Haggadah dates from 1482 from Guadalajara, Spain. Only ten years before the Jews expulsion from Spain, this Haggadah's length was 12 pages, double column.

In the 550 years since that first printed Haggadah, literally thousands

of variations have been printed. The traditional text is a weave of Biblical quotes and rabbinic commentaries (*midrashim*) concerning the nature of Jewish identity and reactions to the going out from Egypt. There are additional readings from country to country and differing customs for conducting the Seder. The Maxwell House Haggadah does only the basics. There are many more Haggadot to consider in order to upgrade your family's experience. There are also ways to more personally engage the story and with others at that seder as we recount the tale "as if we went out from Egypt."

Please consider joining me for a conversation at 9:00 AM on Sunday, April 1st (no joke) as I share a variety of Haggadot and answer your questions about Pesach and how to move beyond the Haggadah in conducting your seder. ☆

Celebratory Shabbat Worship with

**Dale
Schatz!**

**Saturday,
March 31 and
April 28
at 9:45 AM
in the Family
Life Center**



Don't Forget!

**Complete your Form for the Sale
of Hametz and turn it into CBI by
April 5!**

*Forms available in the
synagogue kiosk
and in this issue of the Shofar*

Interested in the updated CBI Bylaws?

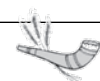
**A hard copy of the CBI
Bylaws is now available for
viewing in the CBI Office.**

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- whenever there's a major event in your life.



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

An Evening with Alan Dershowitz

Sunday, May 6th

7:00pm

Congregation B'nai Israel
2111 Bryan Avenue
Tustin



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THE SABBATH OIL PRESSERS: OUR TEACHERS

One of the most exciting aspects of touring small-town America with the National Theatre of the Deaf in the late 1980s was discovering a slice of America's Jewish history that I never knew existed. Seeing abandoned synagogue buildings in smaller towns like Corsicana, Texas and Coffeyville, Kansas sparked my desire to learn more about the different ways Jews entered this country and why they settled where they did. Who knew from Galveston, Texas? Well friends, that was nothing! Most of us have no idea that there are Jewish communities in the Far East that have endured for more than two thousand years, known to very few of us around the world until relatively recently.

One of many such communities is the Bene Yisrael. In 1790, David Rahabi, a religious Jew from the vibrant community in Cochin, India came north to Bombay on business and was introduced to this group of Jews who had been living in rural India as far back as anyone could remember. The Bene Yisrael group landed on the western shore of central India in the first part of the 2nd century BCE. As far as historians can figure, during Greek oppression, a group of men and women boarded a ship in Eilat and sailed through the Gulf of Akaba to Aden, made a left turn, caught a monsoon wind and were soon off the western coast of India, their desired destination and a country known even then for its tolerance. Towards the end of their

journey, within site of shore, their ship went down during a Monsoon storm. They lost everything, including most of the people aboard the ship. Legend has it that 14 people survived, floating to land on pieces of wood. As their dead washed ashore, they were buried in the Jewish cemetery that still exists today. The remaining pioneers created a livelihood making oil from pressed seeds. They established several villages near a town twenty miles south of Bombay that is today known as Alibag, and they did not work on the Sabbath. Known to the local population as "The Sabbath oil pressers", generation after generation they maintained their distinct identity as Bene Yisrael with no Torah and no books. They observed the dietary laws, *brit milah*, Passover, rested on the Sabbath and knew only two Hebrew words – "*Shma Yisrael*."

When Mr. Rahabi learned how they had been living for nearly 2000 years, he and the entire magnificent Cochini Jewish community embraced them and began to bring them up to date, teaching Hebrew along with the practices and principles of rabbinic Judaism. Since these people still held a celebration on the birthday of the High Priest and had no idea that Hanukkah existed, we assume the ancestors of this group who were lost at sea fled Greek oppression before the Hasmonean revolt. They were well integrated into Indian society. In fact, members of Bene Yisrael made up the majority of the officers in India's British Army. Once the British wrested control of India from Portugal, one of these Jewish officers built the first Bene Yisrael synagogue, *Sha'ar Rahamim* in Mumbai in the year 1796 on Samuel Street, named for its founder. While most of the Bene Yisrael relocated from their small villages to Mumbai in the 1800's, some did remain and built synagogues in their villages. My visit to one of those shuls, still in operation today but barely, was one of the most moving experiences of my life.

The Bene Yisrael are not India's first Jewish community. We know from our prophetic texts that there has been trade between Israel and India since the days of King Solomon. What

we did not know is that some Jews made this country their home as far back as the 8th century BCE when the Northern kingdom of Israel was collapsing. Meeting Sadok Yakobi, the most educated member of the dirt-poor community known as *B'nai Ephraim* was also breathtaking.

In the roughly 100 years since our Eastern European ancestors immigrated to the United States, a shockingly high percentage of their progeny have lost all connection to the practices that have sustained Jewish communities around the world for thousands of years. We learn from the rich history of the Jews of India that a group can be fully engaged with the society in which they live and still maintain a distinct and precious religious legacy: Through refraining from work on the Sabbath day, they made it holy for themselves and others looked on with respect. *Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Ehad*. The Bene Yisrael were sustained by only two of these six words, basic Jewish rituals, and a deep faith for nearly 2000 years. Their story is one of hope and inspiration for Jews around the world seeking answers to the challenges of assimilation and a collective loss of faith and practice among our people.

The Prophets of old understood where it all begins: "*Barukh hagever asher yivtach b'Adonai, v'haya Adonai mivtacho*—Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, for the Lord will be her security." (Jeremiah 17:7) All monotheistic religions profess a need to trust in the Lord. The Bene Yisrael community are living proof that the Jews can and will prosper anywhere and in any number if they manifest that bond of trust through sanctification of the Sabbath (however they are able to do that), bringing God's wishes into their dietary practices (including Passover), and entering their children into the covenant of *Avraham Avinu* through *brit milah*. These commitments remain portable and observable by Jewish families world over. If fourteen survivors can build an enduring Jewish community with nothing, imagine the possibilities – even in the wake of the Holocaust – for us and our children. *Shabbat Shalom!* ✨



The President's Corner

Joel Kuperberg



CBI is rapidly developing a reputation as the synagogue that brings the most varied, stimulating and entertaining speakers and artists to Orange County. This doesn't happen by chance. It is instead the product of long hours and hard work by our Enrichment Committee, and the financial commitment of our Enrichment sponsors.

Beth Elster, one of CBI's volunteers extraordinaire, chairs the Enrichment Committee, whose members include Hal Hurwitz, Sandy Stein, Arie Katz, Terry Ginsburg, Dalia Taft, Brigitte Frankel, Francine Morrison, Johanna Rose and Susan Seely, Sheila and Jay Witzling, and Ed Levin, with clergy and staff support from Rabbi Spitz, Cantor Tilchin and Sandy Klein. So far this year, this dedicated group has organized two very different but equally invigorating programs. In December, B'nai Israel partnered with the Community Scholar Program to bring Neshama Carlebach to CBI for a Shabbaton, followed by a spectacular concert in which Neshama performed distinctively soulful Jewish music backed by an African American gospel choir. Ask anyone who experienced the concert—our shul was rockin'!

In January, our Enrichment program brought us the Community Scholar Program's one month scholar, Clive Lawton. Clive, a United Kingdom-based, internationally renowned Jewish educator, led davening and then raised provocative issues regarding the fundamental

symbols of Judaism and the nature of the land of Israel during his Shabbat talks. Whether one agreed or disagreed with him, all who heard Clive found his comments stimulating and thought-provoking.

The Enrichment Committee has a number of programs scheduled for the remainder of the year. On February 24 and 25, Amy Jill Levine, a professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University and the author of the first Jewish commentary on the Christian Bible, will share her insights on the differences and similarities between Judaism and Christianity. On March 23 and 24, we will host rabbi and educator Lilly Kaufman. And Doreen Seidler-Feller, a clinical psychologist at UCLA specializing in couples, sexual issues and individual therapy, will speak at our synagogue on April 24 and May 15, 2012.

Our community owes Beth and the rest of the Enrichment Committee thanks for bringing these world-class thinkers and artists to CBI. We can show our appreciation in two ways. First, come to shul and be challenged by our Enrichment speakers -- they are a gift to our community that we should all take advantage of. Second, help ensure that we can continue to bring such high quality presenters to our synagogue by contributing to the Enrichment program; feel free to contact Beth, Hal Hurwitz or the CBI office for details.

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Speaking of enrichment, we all have the opportunity on March 25th to honor and celebrate Cantor Marcia Tilchin and her husband, Scott Spitzer, on the 10th anniversary of their joining and enriching our community. During these ten years, Marcia's liturgical skills, beautiful voice, and infectious enthusiasm have enhanced our religious observance immeasurably; Scott has used his own musical talents to lead the growth and expansion of Shabbat morning services for our youngest congregants. In keeping with the musical focus of their lives (and Marcia's love of musical theater),

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Religious School

Robin Hoffman,
Education Director

Francine Wenhardt & Susan Don,
VPs



TEACH THEM DILIGENTLY TO YOUR CHILDREN

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through our school year! We have been working with new curriculum, getting to know new students and teachers, and sharing new ideas about experiential education. There is a great deal of potential for our school and I am looking forward to continued growth and learning.

To continue to provide the best programming for our children at CBI, we need not only qualified teachers, good books, and plenty of art supplies, but we also need funds. It is common knowledge that we cannot run a great program on tuition alone. Fund raising is a fact of life and we are grateful for everyone's contributions so far this year. Our recent event with artist-in-residence, Mordechai Rosenstein, was a tremendous success! We are currently selling *Mishloach Manot* for Purim, with all proceeds supporting our religious school. Thank you for fulfilling this important *mitzvah*!

We are especially grateful to the Lerner Family for establishing the Frank Lerner *Madrikhim* Fund. This new fund will provide support for our *Madrikh* program which trains our teens to work as teaching assistants

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Child Development

Lisa Heller - Director, Certified
Parent Coach
Scott Cross & Wendy Kottmeier, VPs



Have you ever seen a preschool where chickens lay eggs each morning and children eat a scrambled egg for snack?

Have you ever seen a preschool where children pick fresh carrots from their garden and eat them for snack?

Have you ever seen a preschool where teachers roll with babies across the room?

Have you ever seen a preschool where children perform on stage?

Have you ever seen a preschool where children design and create their own wood-working projects?

Have you ever seen a preschool where children sing *Modeh Ani* Reggae style?

Have you ever seen a preschool

where children are part of a gourmet cooking group, a gardening group, an architecture and design group, a photography group, and even a book club?

Have you ever seen a preschool where children mix and name their own colors for painting?

Have you ever seen a preschool where children study art masters, work with clay, water colors and create their own nature sculptures?

Have you ever seen a preschool where there are libraries in every corner of the classroom?

Have you ever seen a preschool where children write and illustrate their own books?

Have you ever seen a preschool where teachers read, sing, dance, & jump throughout the day?

Have you ever seen a preschool where children can have the chance to see how a machine works by taking it apart with real tools?

Have you ever seen a preschool where children explore their theories and have the opportunity to test these theories out?

Have you ever seen a preschool where the children's moms and dads are welcomed anytime to be with them?

Have you ever seen a preschool where children get to experience a mud bar, a rainmaker, or build with real logs and rocks?

Have you ever seen a preschool where every child makes an individual

challah and takes it home to celebrate Shabbat with friends and family?

Have you ever seen a preschool where teachers crouch down low to really listen and honor who each child is?

Have you ever seen a preschool where parents get to make friendships that often will last a lifetime?

Have you ever seen a preschool where children decorate trees with beautiful ribbons in honor of Tu B'Shevat?

Have you ever seen a preschool where children get to walk in the rain with ponchos and boots, watch and listen to the wild birds feed, and experience the miracle of a butterfly's life cycle?

Have you ever seen a preschool where children live *Tikkum Olam* every day?

Have you ever seen a preschool where children learn the beauty and love for Judaism?

If this is the type of preschool you want for your child, babies, toddlers and preschoolers, then give us a call and come visit! ☆



A CBI ENRICHMENT FUND SHABBATON

Rabbi Lilly Kaufman

March 23 ~ 24

Insights into Passover

Friday night, March 23: 6:00 PM Service followed by dinner and lecture:

Family Dynamics and the Exodus: the Bible's Legacy of Relationships

Saturday Morning, March 24: 10:30 AM Jr. Congregation Program:

Rabbi Marc Gellman's *The Pharaoh and the Frog* performed by CBI's children!

Lecture, Part I given as sermon during services

(Part II will be given after Kiddush Lunch):

Hasham and Tam: Which Do We Want to Be?

\$30/Adult, \$15/Child 3-12 yrs. for all meals and lectures

\$5 discount/person for reservations received by March 9

No charge to 5772 Enrichment Fund Benefactors



Youth News

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



Spring is upon us, yet we are still experiencing all of the seasons right now. We still have some winter weather. Spring is arriving with the *Purim* Carnival and *Pesach*. Summer is beginning to show as the Camp *B'nai Ruach* 2012 brochure comes out and we gear up for that. There is always so much to do in the Youth Department. As I mentioned, the *Purim* Carnival is coming on Sunday, March 11, from 12 noon to 2:00 PM. This is our big fundraiser, so your support and attendance is greatly needed and appreciated. It is a very special afternoon for families to have fun, win prizes, dress in costume and celebrate a holiday that we, as Jews, prevailed. It is fun, festive and silly. *Pesach*, of course, is a bit more serious and a little more work, though I do love the cleaning part. The food is different, the traditions are unique and once again it is time for us to come together. This *Pesach* will be a challenge for me personally. It will be my first one without my dad who used to lead our *Seders*. Yet, it is important for me to make sure all that he taught me is carried on. I am just afraid my salt water this year will be real and not the one made at the sink. But having my family and the Youth Department will ease the challenge. AND AFTER THAT...there is camp to look forward

Check out our web page:
www.cbi18.org

to. We will begin on July 9, and go through August 10. These 5 weeks will be packed once again with field trips, swimming, bus rides, art, snacks, laughter, hugs, roller coasters, farms, arcades, sunscreen, water and great memories. These 5 weeks are intense and exhausting but always fantastic. Bonds are created that last forever. The best and sweetest description I have ever heard about camp came from a teen last summer, "Camp is a 5 week long play date with Barbs and all of your best friends". In between the Carnival, *Pesach* and Camp are still plenty of events and "moments" we have to share and experience. As the days go by and these opportunities come up, I encourage and invite each of you to come participate and share each of these great things for yourself. I look forward to watching you smile and partake. ☆



CBI Holiday Care Packages April: YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Let your family members living at college or away from home feel cared for and Jewishly connected! Send them a Holiday Care Package packed to the brim with delicious goodies, festive items relating to the holiday theme and a special note from the Rabbi.

Cost: Only \$20 per care package. Value: PRICELESS.

Bake/pack Sunday, April 22, 2 p.m. Arrive between April 24-26, 2012



Don't Forget!
Prizes will be awarded for
the Family Photo Contest
At the Purim Carnival
March 11!

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 outside the USY Lounge!

64 Years Old!



Come celebrate
**Yom
Ha'atzmaut**
and joyously
give thanks!

Shaharit services:
**Thursday, April 26
7:30 A.M.**

Followed by a Festive
Israeli Breakfast!

Please note: Additional
Celebrations at Evening Services
on Friday, April 27



Sisterhood Says...

Esther Dosick & Ingrid Gallin,
Co-Presidents

Since the last Shofar was published, Sisterhood has been very busy! Please read up on all of our exploits:

- One of our on-going programs is Mah Jongg, which is held every Wednesday evening with enthusiastic leadership by our own Roz Baron. Roz and her committee are planning to schedule a tournament, and they would love to have your input. Our thanks to Roz for her continued coordination of this program!
- Our multi-generational December *Rosh Chodesh Tevet* Program was held at the home of Cantor Tilchin. A lovely evening of *Chanukah* celebration and friendship was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to Cantor Tilchin and her family for hosting this special evening!
- Sisterhood Shabbat was held on Shabbat morning, January 21st. CBI women of all ages conducted a beautiful service with assistance from our beloved Cantor Marcia Tilchin. We enjoyed sharing the day with our CSP Scholar of the Month, Clive Lawton, and the Intro to Judaism class. Ellen Mirowitz was our very capable chairperson. Thanks Ellen!
- Several Sisterhood members attended a wonderful Torah Fund Study Day on Sunday, January 22nd, at the American Jewish University in Bel Air. We attended enlightening workshops on Home, Community and Synagogue.
- A lovely group of women (and a man) enjoyed our *Rosh Chodesh Shevat* Program which was held on Tuesday evening, January 24th, in the Family Life Center. Our Guest Speaker was Rabbi Adam Greenwald. In preparation for *Tu B'Shevat*, we studied some creative ecological Biblical texts. Our Rabbinic Intern, Dan Kaiman, assisted Esther Dosick in a short

presentation on Torah Fund (see ad in the Shofar). Rabbi Adam is a great teacher, and it was a pleasure to welcome him back to CBI. Thanks to Dan also!

- Seven women were privileged to attend a presentation by Anat Hoffman at Congregation Beth El in La Jolla on Thursday evening, February 2nd. Anat is a major leader for social justice and the rights of women in Israel. She sits on the Jerusalem City Council, is a founding member of the Women of the Wall and is the Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC). She is a charismatic speaker who works tirelessly for religious freedom in Israel!
- By the time this Shofar is published, we will have enjoyed a *Rosh Chodesh Adar* program with a Purim theme. Our own Sam Zicarelli was our leader on Wednesday, February 22nd in the Family Life Center.

We send enormous thanks to Ruth Abers and her committee, including Bonnie Kirsch and Nanci Patchen with assistance from Ingrid and Esther, for their thoughtful planning of our ongoing *Rosh Chodesh* programs!!

We also want to publicly thank Helene Coulter and all the women of CBI for planning and preparing our very successful *Hamentaschen* Baking in February. The entire congregation will enjoy *hamentaschen* in the *Mishloach Manot* baskets. Thanks Helene!!

Save the date for the following two events:

- Pacific Southwest Region of Women's League (Sisterhood) Conference will be held at the Hilton Orange County in Irvine on May 6-7, 2012. CBI members can attend one day or both days.
- A *Zahava* (Young Sisterhood) Brunch is scheduled for Sunday morning, May 20th, at a beautiful home in Santa Ana. This event will be scheduled during Hebrew School to enable the attendance of many young women. It is not to be missed!

We look forward to your continued

Ways & Means

Johanna Rose & Daryl Spector,
VPs

Start spreading the news! On March 25, The "Big Apple" comes to Tustin as we celebrate two of CBI's biggest superstars: Cantor Marcia Tilchin and Dr. Scott Spitzer.

"Opening Night on Broadway" is CBI's must-attend party of the year! Glamorous live and silent auction items, dueling pianos, and New York inspired delicacies and libation -- an unforgettable affair, for an incredible couple.

Scholar, musician, and leader -- Scott delivers the most rousing and participatory Junior Congregation service around. He leads by example with his ruach, and love for Torah. The James Brown of Judaism, Scott inspires our youthful minyan of CBI worshipers, to jump for joy during davening.

One of the most gifted cantors in the land, hazzan Marcia's love for Judaism and passion for the shul are beyond measure. From her interfaith work, to her work in the broader Jewish community, we are inspired by what she does. Soulfully and so fully, Marcia serves our congregation.

Honoring Marcia and Scott at this year's annual gala promises to be a high-energy celebration. We look forward to packing the CBI house, with you, on March 25th. ☆

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

participation in Sisterhood activities. Please continue shopping in our Gift Shop, which is open on Wednesday afternoons and Sunday mornings.

Thanks for supporting all of our programs!! ☆



Der Yidishe Vinkle

Club Yiddish Carl Bendroff

My **baleepteh** (beloved) readers, last time I wrote that my teammates finally understood my **umlogish** (illogical) plan to win at basketball: we'd act like we were having more fun than **yederer** (everyone) else. And we named our team **De Ekhte Gevinnners** (The Real Winners).

"There goes our reputation...we're not supposed to like sports. We'll be eyn **oomkohved** (a disgrace) to the national **khavershaft** (fellowship) of geeks," said Stan.

"**Mach nisht kein tsimmes** (don't make such a big deal out of this)," I said. "**Alles vet zich ois presen** (It'll all work out). Look at those mindless, muscle-bound **shmegegies** (fools) waiting to be outsmarted."

We grinned at our opponents, The Angry Bulls. They snorted like bulls. But they didn't blow chocolate milk bubbles out their nostrils.

We all high-fived and chanted, "**Eyn Tog vet ir far undz abtetn** (One day you'll be working for us)."

"That'll **opshrecken** (scare) them," said Muscle-Les.

Coach Kłowski blew his **fayfl** (whistle). "**Oy vey, guys, lomir spielen koyshbal** (let's play basketball)," I **vimpert** (whimpered).

Coach Kłowski tossed us the ball. It bounced from Stan's **ahksel** (shoulder) to Les' **pulke** (thigh). It landed on the floor and rolled to me. So **ikh hobes aroysgevorfn** (I kicked it) to Bob the Bully.

Bob scored for The Angry Bulls, but The Real Winners cheered. "**Mazel tov**," we shouted.

Then Coach Kłowski personally handed me the basketball. "This I need **vi a loch in kop** (like a hole in the head)."

Next time: Our strategy continues.

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



Social Action

Marla Nathan &
Michelle Madick, VPs

Make this year the best one yet...Get involved in Social Action with meaningful opportunities for helping:

- **Sunday Supper – MARCH 11th** – An ongoing program usually the 2nd Sunday of the month at St. Pauls in Tustin. Help cook, set up, feed, clean up for about 100-120 people in great need. 2 hour commitment.
- **Family Promise – APRIL 22-29th** – An ongoing program for one week 4 times a year where we help families dealing with homelessness and finding long term housing www.familypromiseorangecounty.org 2 hour commitment.
- **Cooking For Comfort – MARCH 20th** – Community meal making for our Congregants in Need. 1.5 hour commitment.
- **Blood Drive – MARCH 19th** – Go to www.givelife.org to donate. Click on sponsor code on the left and enter "bnai". 1 hour commitment.
- **Mitzvah Day – NOVEMBER 19th** – along with the Religious School Community we will have a day of community service. 3-4 hour commitment.

Marla Nathan, Beth Elster and Miriam Ninyo participated in the first evening of Family Promise, hosted by Tustin Presbyterian Church. It was a truly gratifying experience to help a family in need by preparing dinner, sitting at a table with them and enjoying a meal together, hearing the kids, ages 6 and 10, converse with us, totally uninhibited, well mannered and most grateful for the assistance they were receiving. The outpouring of CBI volunteers is heartwarming to see. Thank you all for your donations and time spent with the families. We will be on board again to support

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

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

Donations can be made by contacting the CBI Office.

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

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It's Easy to be a Hero!

Donate Blood on
Monday, March 19
1:00 – 7:00 PM
CBI Social Hall

You may sign up at www.givelife.org and use Sponsor code **bnai** OR contact **Marla Nathan** at mnathan@gr8law.com for an appointment

Tustin Presbyterian the week of April 22nd. Please e-mail Marla (mnathan@gr8law.com) if you did not volunteer this time around and want to get involved, and we will be sure to contact you in April. ☆



Membership Moments

Daveen Meyers &
Nanci Patchen, VPs

As we transition to our 2012 board, I'd like to take a moment to thank Mike Mymon for his dedicated service to CBI as membership co-VP. Mike greeted members and prospective members at *Shabbat* service and was fastidious in following up with prospective members. He also oversaw our Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration for the past two years, including obtaining grants to make the event possible. He also headed up our booth at the Jewish Federation's Israel Independence Day event. Overall, Mike did a fantastic job and we can't thank him enough for his time and valuable contributions.

At the same time, we welcome Nanci Patchen as our new membership co-VP. Nanci is a new member and we are all impressed at how she has jumped in to volunteer in many areas of the synagogue's programs. With the groundwork laid by our prior membership committee and Nanci's energy, we know that our membership efforts will be successful! ☆

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SPRINGTIME IN ISRAEL: SOLEMNITY AND CELEBRATION

In April 1996, I was visiting Israel with my husband, Neil. One beautiful spring day, as we stood at the top of a grassy hill in *Mizpe Gadot* listening to our tour guide, the air was suddenly pierced by the sound of a siren. Everyone on that hill, including soldiers, children, and others on our tour, suddenly stood still and fell silent. All of us, along with the rest of the country, remained that way for two minutes while the siren continued to wail, commemorating *Yom Hazikaron*, Israel Remembrance Day. This solemn day reminds us of the soldiers who have fallen defending Israel. It was moving to see a holiday celebrated with such national unity.

Later that day, just after sunset, Neil and I were having dinner in a restaurant in Tiberias when we heard a loud explosion. Worried, we hurried out into the street, only to see the night sky filled with colorful fireworks in celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day. *Yom Hazikaron* and *Yom Ha'atzmaut* are two of four modern holidays added to the Israeli calendar (along with *Yom HaShoah* and *Yom Yerushalayim*), and are always celebrated jointly like this. The transition from solemn and sad to joyous and celebratory happens just after sunset. Once *Yom Ha'atzmaut* is in full swing, people gather in the streets, at sidewalk cafes, and in parks to hear Israeli music and sometimes to do Israeli folk dancing as part of this national festival celebrating Israel's statehood. It's quite a sight to see.

This year, experience these two holidays at CBI with a *Yom Hazikaron* program on Wednesday, April 25, at 7 pm, and a *Yom Ha'atzmaut* service on Thursday, April 26, at 7:30 am

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the theme of this year's Gala will be *Opening Night on Broadway*. The Gala will undoubtedly sell out, and the opportunity for sponsorships and tribute ads will soon close. So please take this opportunity to sign up to honor Cantor Tilchin and Scott Spitzer on March 25, 2012. ☆



Ta'anit Ester

The Fast of Esther

Begin your Purim activities
by joining Queen Esther
in the Bet Midrash
for shaharit services:

Wednesday, March 7
7:30 A.M. — 9:00 AM

*Come and support brave Queen
Esther as she risks her life to
save us from Haman.*

Who we will "boo"
that evening!

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 Clergy and our comfort committee will contact you. Our comfort committee is expanding. Please consider letting us know if you would like to participate.

followed by an Israeli breakfast. On Friday, April 27, we'll celebrate Israel's 64th birthday in conjunction with Friday night services. ☆



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in our school. Through this important program, our teens stay connected to their CBI community and to Jewish learning as participants in our Hebrew High School program. They learn classroom skills, how to work with children, and the responsibility that comes with having a paid job. They become the "heroes" of the classroom in the eyes of our younger children! With the Lerner Family's new fund, we will be able to support this program for many years. You can support our program by making contributions to the fund to help us sustain our program well into the future.

Looking ahead, we see a need for more funding to support scholarships, new technology in our school, new books and films, guest speakers, updating our classrooms, and support for our teens so that they can participate in BJE programs such as *Shabbaton* weekends. With your help, we can make all of this happen! It may be a bit of a cliché to say that the children are our future—but it is true! Their future involvement with Judaism and with the Jewish community is our responsibility. As it is written: *You shall teach them diligently to your children.* Our children are our future rabbis, cantors, educators, and teachers. They are our future synagogue presidents and board members. Educating them and helping them grow in their faith is our greatest mission.

We are truly grateful for all of your support! Todah Rabah! ☆

It isn't just for
big kids anymore!

Join us for

LITTLE SHUL

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

Sunday, April 1
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

\$10/Family covers
materials and a snack

Contact the CBI Office
if interested

There is no class in March
due to the Purim Carnival
on March 11!

Yom Hazikaron

*Please join the Hebrew High
in remembering what they
gave for Israel*



Wednesday, April 25
at 7:30 PM

MAH JONGG

Every
Wednesday Night
7:00 - 9:00 PM
CBI Social Hall



SISTERHOOD'S BOOK CLUB

"Beach Music"

by Pat Conroy

Thursday, March 15

at 7:30 PM

in the Bet Midrash



No Book Club in April

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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. Come join us!

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

JUNIOR CONGREGATION IS ALWAYS A HIT AT CBI: Every Shabbat morning from **10:30 – 11:45 AM** in the Family Life Center. Led by Carl Cedar, and Scott Spitzer, this musical, interactive service is specifically designed for children ages 6 – 11. Come join us!

TOT SHABBAT FOR OUR LITTLEST CONGREGANTS: Every Shabbat morning from **11:50 – 12:15 PM**. 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!

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

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

FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER: Friday, March 2 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, February 29**. \$10 per member/\$15 per non-member, 12 years of age and over; \$5 per child member/\$7 per child non-member 2-11 years old. Children under 2 are free. Come join us in prayer, song, and stories led by Cantor Tilchin!

YIDDISH CLUB MEETS Sunday, March 4 & 18; April 1, 15, & 29 in the Family Life Center. Come learn and laugh amongst friends!

"A RAZZLE DAZZLE PURIM"; THE CDC's ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: Sunday, March 4, **3:30 – 5:30 PM**: Come see the CDC's adorable children sing, dance, and delight all who come to see them! Details on front page of this edition.

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

MA'ARIV, PURIM MEGILLAH READING: See front page of this edition for all the details! Wednesday, March 7 at **6:45 PM** in the sanctuary. Join us with our annual Purim Shpielers, fun, hilarity, and a 50/50 raffle!

SHAHARIT SERVICE, MEGILLAH READING: Thursday March 8 at **7:30 AM** in the Bet Midrash. Followed by a festive breakfast.

ADDITIONAL PURIM CELEBRATIONS: March 7, 8, and 11: See front cover for details on all of the festivities!

COME GET YOUR HAMANTASCHEN! Sunday, March 11, **10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**. Orders can be picked up in the CBI kitchen.

SUNDAY SUPPER, AN INTERFAITH EFFORT (and perfect Mitzvah Project too!): Sunday, March 11 at **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 CBI office by March 7.

CBI ANNUAL PURIM CARNIVAL: Sunday, March 11, **12 Noon – 2:00 PM**. Please see front cover.

SISTERHOOD'S BOOK CLUB: Thursday, March 15 at **7:30 PM**. We are discussing, *Beach Music* by Pat Conroy. Come and lend your insights to our discussion!

***Note:** There will be no book club in April.

FYI: MEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN BOOKCLUB, TOO!

ADDITIONAL MUSICAL SHABBAT SERVICE: The third Friday of every month at **8:00 PM:** March 16 and April 20: Come join Cantor Tilchin, Carl Cedar, and friends as they celebrate an additional Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv Service the third Friday of every month! A dessert Oneg follows the service.

EXPERIENTIAL PRAYER AND TEXT STUDY WITH DAN KAIMAN: Saturday morning, March 17 at **10:30 AM**: Come join us in the Bet Midrash!

TEEN SEUDAH SH'LISHIT AND LEARNING WITH RABBINIC INTERN, DAN KAIMAN: Saturday, March 17 AT **5:45 PM** and April 21 at **6:30 PM** in the Social Hall. These amazing afternoons of discussion are free. A light meal is provided and followed by a USY-style Havdalah. Share with us your pearls of wisdom; give us your perspective that only a teenager can have. Let us learn from you!

BLOOD DRIVE AT CBI: Monday, March 19 from **1:00 PM – 7:00 PM** in the Social Hall. You may sign up at www.givelife.org and use sponsor code:bnai or contact Marla Nathan for an appointment. It's easy to be a hero!

RABBI LILLY KAUFMAN: INSIGHTS INTO PASSOVER: March 23 & 24: See information box for more details.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION SPECIAL PRESENTATION: RABBI MARC GELLMAN'S THE PHARAOH AND THE FROG: Saturday, March 24 at **10:30 AM** in the Family Life Center. Come see this wonderful presentation with live performances by our very own children!

CBI's ANNUAL GALA: Sunday, March 25 at **5:00 PM**. Join us for a night on Broadway as the spotlight shines on our honorees, Cantor Marcia Tilchin and Dr. Scott Spitzer! \$154/person. Reservations required; RSVP to the CBI office ASAP. Red Carpet Attire please. Additional details on the front cover of this edition.

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

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PESACH

is almost here!

For your convenience, please complete this form for the authorization of sale of *Hametz*, a traditional act of ridding our homes of forbidden leavened items:

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY APPOINT RABBI ELIE SPITZ TO BE OUR AGENT TO ARRANGE FOR THE SALE OF ANY AND ALL *HAMETZ* THAT MAY BE LOCATED IN OUR POSSESSION BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE FESTIVAL OF PESACH.

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2012 PESACH SERVICE TIMES

Friday 4/6/12 – 7:30 am Fast of the Firstborn, followed by a siyyum and seudah

NO 6:00 PM SERVICE

Saturday 4/7/12 – 9:30 am - Day 1 – (Tal – Prayer for dew)

Sunday 4/8/12 – 9:30 am - Day 2

Friday 4/13/12 – 9:30 am - Day 7 - (*Shirat hayam*)

6:00 pm – Service with special guest Shir Energy followed by Passover Shabbat dinner (RSVP required)

Saturday 4/14/12 – 9:30 am - Day 8 (Yizkor)

PASSOVER – SEDER HOSPITALITY

- Please notify the office if you need to be hosted for a seder or would consider welcoming seder guests.

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*Celebrate your wedding an-
niversary at Shabbat services.
The second Friday of the
month we will give a special
honor to those celebrating an
anniversary at the 6:00 PM
service. We hope to see you there.*

Life Cycle Events

*in the Shofar -
engagements, weddings, births
e-mail the details to
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March Perek Yomi readings

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

April Perek Yomi readings

II CHRONICLES	II CHRONICLES	II CHRONICLES
April Chapter	April Chapter	April Chapter
1 6	11 16	21 26
2 7	12 17	22 27
3 8	13 18	23 28
4 9	14 19	24 29
5 10	15 20	25 30
6 11	16 21	26 31
7 12	17 22	27 32
8 13	18 23	28 33
9 14	19 24	29 34
10 15	20 25	30 35

In the B'nai Israel Family . . .



Bar Mitzvah of Maxwell Baranoff

March 31, 2012 (8 Nisan)

Maxwell is a 7th grade honor student at Arroyo Vista Middle School. In addition to school, Maxwell is very involved in Tae Kwon Do; he is a 1st degree black belt and currently pursuing his 2nd degree. Maxwell also enjoys doing Parkour (also known as urban free running). Maxwell is also involved in community service and volunteers at CBI's Sunday Supper Project, he is proud to give back to his community. For his mitzvah project, Maxwell is currently coordinating a book drive for the Ronald McDonald House. Maxwell looks forward to celebrating this wonderful simcha with his family here in Orange County as well as family from the East Coast. Maxwell is also very happy to have his friends and the CBI community share in his special day. Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov to Alyssa Fine for being named USYer of the Month at this past Shabbat Club. She went above and beyond on her duties as a Madrich and always works hard on all of our other activities!

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IT'S LITTLE SHUL: Sunday, April 1 from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM in the Social Hall: Bring your little ones, ages birth thru Pre-K for a fun, hands-on learning experience! Together we explore the holidays of the Jewish calendar, getting your little one ready for his/her future attendance in "big shul." \$10/family covers materials and a snack. Contact the CBI office if you are interested. **Don't Forget! Come join us on Sunday, March 11 for our Purim Carnival ~ there will be lots of things for your little one to experience and enjoy! The Purim Carnival replaces regular Little Shul class for March.**

CELEBRATORY SHABBAT SERVICE WITH DALE SCHATZ: Saturday, March 31 and April 28 at 9:45 AM in the Family Life Center. Come join us!

ORDER YOUR CBI YOM HA'ATZMAUT CARE PACKAGE by April 13. Please send form into the CBI office or email information to cbicollegepackage@gmail.com. Cost is \$20/package.

SAVE THE DATE!

Alan Dershowitz to speak on Sunday, May 6 at 7:00 PM

Join Cantor Marcia Tilchin and CBI on A Musical Journey of Heritage and Healing to Germany: June 27 – July 5, 2012.

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at 11:50 AM



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with our special guest

Doreen Seidler-Feller

Tuesday, April 24 at 7:30 PM

Making Marriage Work

and

Tuesday, May 15 at 7:30 PM

Jews and Sex Therapy

Contact the CBI office for reservations



Kiddushes

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

Ingrid and Joel Gallin in honor of their anniversary
 Anvar and Janet Alfi in honor of Yaron's birthday
 The Danzig family in honor of Elizabeth and Larry's birthdays and Valerie and Larry's anniversary
 Jackie and Michael Wolf in honor of Jackie's birthday and their anniversary
 Jonathan and Cynthia fine in honor of their anniversary
 Pam Kauss and Jim Pasino in honor of their anniversary, Pam and Jim's birthdays
 Joel, Ben, Sabrina, Rebecca and Jeremy Kuperberg in honor of Lydia Levin's birthday
 Marshall and Marcia Margolis in honor of their anniversary and Noah's birthday
 Ed and Fredda Sussman in honor of their anniversary
 Roz Baron in honor of Norm's birthday
 The Michaels family in honor of Sam and Blake's birthdays
 The Palmer family in honor of Elizabeth and Mike's birthdays
 Diane, Evan, Justin and Rachel Busch in honor of Michael's birthday

The Hurwitz family in honor of Hal's birthday
 Stacy Libenson in memory of her husband, Robert Libenson, father of Jessica
 Doron and Sharon Refael in honor of Tiffany's birthday
 Stan and Ilona Galant in honor of their anniversary
 Francine and Joel Wenhardt in honor of Colin's birthday
 The Morrison family in honor of Ron's birthday
 The Michaels family in honor of Daniel's birthday
 The Hurwitz family in honor of Rhonda's birthday
 Djamshid and Jaleh Farivar in honor of their anniversary
 Bonnie and Scott Kirsch in honor of Bonnie's birthday
 Steven Littman and Phyllis Abrams in honor of their anniversary
 Sharon, Mark, Jordan, Tyler and Harry Berman in honor of Sharon and Harry's birthdays
 The Szeke family in honor of Michele and Pat's birthdays



Schedule of Services for April

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

7:30 AM Service
 Fast of Firstborn
 First Pesach Seder
 6:00 PM No Service

See Front Cover for Service Details



SATURDAY, APRIL 7

First Day Pesach - No Service
 Second Pesach Seder
 Begin Counting Omer
 9:30 AM Service
 Torah: Exodus 12:21-51
 Maftir: Numbers 28:16-25
 Haftarah: Joshua (3:5-7); 5:2-6:1

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Seventh Day Pesach
 9:30 AM Service
 6:00 PM Anniversary Service
 Shir Energy

Torah: Exodus 13:17-15:26
 Maftir: Numbers 28:19-25
 Haftarah: II Samuel 22:1-51

See Front Cover for Service Details



SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Eighth Day Pesach
 9:30 AM Yizkor Service
 Torah: Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17
 Maftir: Numbers 28:19-25
 Haftarah: Isaiah 10:32-12:6

See Front Cover for Service Details

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

6:00 PM Service
 8:00 PM Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Birkat Hahodesh
 9:30 AM Service
 PARASHAT: SHEMINI
 Torah: Leviticus 10:12-11:32
 Haftarah: I Samuel 20:18-42

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

6:00 PM Service & Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

9:30 AM Service
 PARASHAT: TAZRIA-METZORA
 Torah: Leviticus 13:29-13:59
 Haftarah: II Kings 7:3-20

SATURDAYS ONLY

- **Child Care** is available from 10:00 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

Congregation B'nai Israel gratefully acknowledges the following donations ~ March/April 2012

GENERAL FUND

IN HONOR OF

The birth of their first granddaughter

- Stuart and Hilda Gallant

Hal and Rhonda Hurwitz on the birth of their granddaughter

- Sue and Ralph Stern

Sharon and Mark Berman

- Rabbi Seth Linfield

The January 16th birthday people, Ed Levin, Sue Ann Cross, Michael Wolf,

Jackie Mentor, Marla Nathan, Jim Pasino

- Pam Kauss

Brandon Kaufman becoming a Bar Mitzvah

- Joan and Chalky Samson

An Aliyah

- Nes Albagli

His little brother celebrating his 3rd birthday in Israel

- Nes Albagli

An Aliyah

- Rabbi Stephen Einstein

DONATION

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IN MEMORY OF

Stephen Gyurik, husband of Agi Gyurik, father of Nikki Gyurik Cowan and Andrea Drakeford

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Rabbi Spitz and Linda's 25th wedding anniversary

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- Cindy and Michael Furst

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Stephen Gyurik, husband, father, grandfather

- The Gyurik family-Agi, Andy, Nicky, Ken, Simon, Max, Lilly and Amelia

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- Lisa and Scott Miller

Norman Greenberg, father of Nancy Cedar

- The Cedar family

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Melvin Beitscher's birthday

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- Agi Gyurik

- Lisa and Scott Miller

Ben Wachtel, father of Carolyn David

- Neila and Andy Bernstein

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IN HONOR OF

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- Lisa and Scott Miller

IN MEMORY OF

Norman Greenberg, father of Nancy Cedar

- Helaine and John Yeskel

- Lisa and Scott Miller

- Mindy and David Paskil

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Nancy Cedar

- Ruth Kahn

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March 2012

7 Adar 5772 - 8 Nisan 5772

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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4	6:17AM/5:52PM 11:00am Yiddish Club 1:00pm Introduction to Judaism 12:30pm USY Board Mtg. 12:30pm Purim Schpiel Rehearsal 3:30pm CDC Fundraiser	5	6:16AM/5:52PM	6	6:15AM/5:53PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance 7:00pm Purim Schpiel Rehearsal	7	6:13AM/5:54PM Fast of Esther 7:30am Service 4:15pm Religious School Combined W/Th 6:00pm Pasta Dinner 6:45pm Megillah Schpiel No Mah Jongg	8	6:12AM/5:55PM Purim 7:30am Service 9:30am Purim Seudah 4:00pm Membership Meeting No Mercas Linnud	9	6:11AM/5:56PM Shushan Purim 6:00pm Anniversary Service 3rd Grade Service & Dinner	10	6:09AM/5:56PM 9:30am Service CBI Annex at Las Lomas
11	6:08AM/5:57PM 9:00am 7th Grade Family Ed. 12:00-2:00pm Purim Carnival 12:30pm USY Board Mtg. 1:00pm Introduction to Judaism 4:00pm Sunday Supper	12	6:07AM/5:58PM	13	6:05AM/5:59PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance	14	6:04AM/6:00PM 10:30am AED Training 6:00pm Mercas Hadrachta 7:00pm Mah Jongg	15	6:03AM/6:00PM 7:15pm Ritual Meeting 7:30pm Book Club in Bet Midrash	16	6:01AM/6:01PM 6:00pm Service 8:00pm Additional Service	17	6:00AM/6:02PM 9:30am Service 10:30am Experiential Prayer & Text Study 11:50am PJ Library 5:45pm Seudah Shlishit
18	5:59AM/6:03PM 9:00am 6th Grade Family Ed. 11:00am Yiddish Club 1:00pm Introduction to Judaism	19	5:57AM/6:04PM 1:00-7:00pm Blood Drive 6:15pm Finance Meeting	20	5:56AM/6:04PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance 7:00pm Cooking For Comfort	21	5:55AM/6:05PM 2:00pm Staff Mtg. 3:00pm Baranoff Rehearsal 6:00pm Mercas Hadrachta 7:00pm Mah Jongg	22	5:53AM/6:06PM 6:30pm Youth Committee Mtg. 7:30pm General Board Mtg.	23	5:52AM/6:07PM 6:00pm Service 7:00pm Dinner 8:15pm Rabbi Lilly Kaufman Lecture	24	5:50AM/6:07PM Rosh Hodesh 9:30am Service Special Guest Lilly Kaufman
25	5:49AM/6:08PM 10:00am Introduction to Judaism 5:00pm Gala	26	5:48AM/6:09PM	27	5:46AM/6:10PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance	28	5:45AM/6:10PM 8:45am CDC Passover Experience 6:00pm Mercas Hadrachta 7:00pm Mah Jongg	29	5:44AM/6:11PM	30	5:42AM/6:12PM 6:00pm Service	31	5:41AM/6:13PM 9:30am Service Max Baranoff Family Life Ctr. No Jr. Congregation 7:00pm USY Event - Bus Away
2	Nisan	3	Nisan	4	Nisan	5	Nisan	6	Nisan	7	Nisan	8	Nisan



April 2012

9 Nisan 5772 - 8 Iyar 5772

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6:40AM/7:14PM 9:00am Mercatz Limmud Passover Workshop 11:00am Yiddish Club 11:30am Little Shul 1:00pm Introduction to Judaism	2 6:38AM/7:14PM	3 6:37AM/7:15PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance	4 6:36AM/7:16PM No Mercatz Limmud No Mercatz Hadachah 2:00pm Staff Mtg. No Mah Jongg	5 6:34AM/7:17PM No Mercatz Limmud	6 6:33AM/7:17PM CDC Closed Office Closes at noon 7:30am Fast of the Firstborn followed by breakfast First Passover Seder at home	7 6:32AM/7:18PM Passover I \$8:03PM/!
9 Nisan	10 Nisan	11 Nisan	12 Nisan	13 Nisan	14 Nisan	15 Nisan
8 6:30AM/7:19PM Passover II No Mercatz Limmud 9:30am Passover Service	9 6:29AM/7:20PM Passover III CDC Closed	10 6:28AM/7:20PM Passover IV CDC Closed	11 6:26AM/7:21PM Passover V No Mercatz Limmud No Mercatz Hadachah No Mah Jongg CDC Closed	12 6:25AM/7:22PM Passover VI No Mercatz Limmud CDC Closed	13 6:24AM/7:23PM Passover VII Office & CDC Closed 9:30am Service 6:00pm Anniversary Service Special guest: Shir Energy Passover Dinner	14 6:23AM/7:23PM Passover VIII (Tizkor) 9:30am Service
16 Nisan/1 L'Omer	17 Nisan/2 L'Omer	18 Nisan/3 L'Omer	19 Nisan/4 L'Omer	20 Nisan/5 L'Omer	21 Nisan/6 L'Omer	22 Nisan/7 L'Omer
15 6:21AM/7:24PM No Mercatz Limmud 9:00am JWW Walk for Genocide 11:00am Yiddish Club 12:30pm USY Board Mtg.	16 6:20AM/7:25PM	17 6:19AM/7:26PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance	18 6:18AM/7:26PM 9:00am-4:00pm Staff Retreat in FLC 6:00pm Mercatz Hadachah 7:00pm Mah Jongg	19 6:16AM/7:27PM Yom Hashoah 7:00pm Chapman University Memorial Hall	20 6:15AM/7:28PM 6:00pm Service 2nd Grade Service & Dinner 8:00pm Additional Service	21 6:14AM/7:29PM 9:30am Service 11:50am P.J. Library 6:30pm Seudah Shlishit
23 Nisan/8 L'Omer	24 Nisan/9 L'Omer	25 Nisan/10 L'Omer	26 Nisan/11 L'Omer	27 Nisan/12 L'Omer	28 Nisan/13 L'Omer	29 Nisan/14 L'Omer
22 6:13AM/7:30PM Rosh Hodesh 9:00am 6th & 7th Grd. Fam. Ed. 12:30pm Kadima/Machar Event 2:00pm OC Yiddish Workshop 2:00-5:00pm College Care Package Prep Family Promise Volunteer Week	23 6:12AM/7:30PM Rosh Hodesh	24 6:11AM/7:31PM 6:30pm Israeli Dance Doreen Seidler-Feller	25 6:10AM/7:32PM Yom Hazikaron 6:00pm Mercatz Hadachah 7:00pm Mah Jongg	26 6:08AM/7:33PM Yom HaAtzmaut 7:30am Service and breakfast 6:30pm Youth Committee Mtg. 7:30pm General Board Mtg.	27 6:07AM/7:33PM 6:00pm Service Celebration of Yom HaAtzmaut	28 6:06AM/7:34PM 9:45am Dale Schatz Service in Family Life Ctr. No Jr. Congregation 8:15pm USY Event
29 6:05AM/7:35PM 9:00am 7th Grade Family Ed. 11:00am Yiddish Club	30 6:04AM/7:36PM	2 Iyar/17 L'Omer	3 Iyar/18 L'Omer	4 Iyar/19 L'Omer	5 Iyar/20 L'Omer	6 Iyar/21 L'Omer
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Schedule of Services for March

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

5:30 PM Family Service and Dinner

6:00 PM Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

Shabbat Zachor

9:30 AM Service:

PARASHAT: TETZAVEH

Torah: Exodus 28:31-29:18

Maftir: Deuteronomy 25:17-19

Haftarah: I Samuel 15:2-34

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Megillah Reading

7:30 AM Service

6:45 PM Magillah Reading

Torah: Exodus 32:11-14; 34:1-10

At Minhah: Torah as above

Haftarah: Isaiah: 55:6-56:8

See Front Cover for Purim

Schedule of Services

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

Purim

7:30 AM Service

Torah: Exodus 17:8-16

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Shushan Purim

6:00 PM Anniversary Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

9:30 AM Service:

PARASHAT: KI TISSA

Torah: Exodus 31:18-33:11

Haftarah: I Kings 18:1-39

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

6:00 PM Service

8:00 PM Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Shabbat Parah

9:30 AM Service:

PARASHAT: VAYAKHEL-PEKUDEI

Torah: Exodus 37:17-38:20

Maftir: Numbers 19:1-22

Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

6:00 PM Service

Rabbi Lilly Kaufman lecture

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

Rosh Chodesh Nisan

Shabbat Hahodesh

9:30 AM Service:

PARASHAT: VAYIKRA

Torah: Leviticus 3:1-4:26

Maftir: Numbers 28:9-15;

Exodus 12:1-20

Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

6:00 PM Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Bar Mitzvah of Maxwell Baranoff

Shabbat HaGadol

9:30 AM Service:

PARASHAT: TZAV

Torah: Leviticus 7: 11-7:38

Haftarah: Malakhi 3:4-24: 3:23



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