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SHOFAR

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& SYNAGOGUE EVENTS LISTED

Congregation
B'nai Israel
קהילת בני ישראל

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Tishri ~ Tevet
October ~ December 2014

Yom Kippur

Service Schedule

Friday, October 3

Minha Service: 5:50 PM

Main Service: 6:15 PM

Young Adult Service and

Teen Experience: 6:15 PM

Saturday, October 4

Main Service: 8:00 AM

Family Service: 9:00 AM

Junior Congregation: 10:30 AM

and: 11:30 AM

Alternative Service: 10:30 AM

Yizkor: 10:30 AM

Sermon: 11:00 AM

Minha: 4:30 PM

Neila: 5:45 PM

Sukkot and Simhat Torah Services



Sukkot:

Thursday and Friday,
October 9 & 10: 9:30 AM

(Kiddush Lunch immediately
afterward in the Sukkah)

Thursday, October 16: Shemini Atzeret
(Yizkor): 9:30 AM

(Kiddush Lunch afterward)

Simhat Torah:

Thursday, October 16: 7:30 PM
dancing with the Torah

Friday, October 17: 9:30 AM with Dale Schatz:
(Kiddush Lunch afterward)

Festival of Jewish Learning



A Community Celebration of Torah and Sukkot!

Sunday, October 12, 1:30 – 6:30 PM

In Honor of Rabbi Spitz's Completion of the Talmud!

Featuring a Panel of Scholarly Presenters:

Rabbi Daniel C. Matt, Kabbalah Scholar;

Rabbi Brad Artson,

Dean, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies;

Rabbi Gersh Zylberman, Temple Bat Yahm;

Rabbi Shuey Eliezrie, Chabad of Tustin;

Rabbi Kvod Wieder, Temple Beth El;

Rabbi Adam Greenwald, Director,

Miller Introduction to Judaism Program;

Rabbi Elie Spitz, Congregation B'nai Israel

Enjoy Delicious Food and a Live Concert

Hillel Tigay, **Hazzan of Ikar** and noted Musican Friends
including **Hazzan Marcia Tilchin!**

Also:

Story Telling for our Youth
and a "Taste of Torah"
for our Youngest Congregants!

\$18/Adult (ages 13 or older)
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or cbi18@cbi18.org

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Orange County
and CBI Enrichment
Fund*



CBI is Offering FLU SHOTS!

Sunday, November 9

10:30 AM – 2:00 PM

CBI Social Hall

For everyone 9 years of age and older

Shots are free for CBI members,
but a donation is welcome

Proceeds will go to CBI Social Action Fund

Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Elie Spitz



My Siyyum: An invitation of Celebration

On October 12th, I will complete the reading of the Talmud, a journey of seven and a half years. The Babylonian Talmud was edited in the 6th century in current day Bagdad, offering debates on Jewish law, customs and beliefs as a commentary of the Torah. During my reading, I marveled over the achievement of the editor who long before the printing press, let alone word processing, edited the 63 tractates, over 6,200 pages. I proceeded with the aid of a calendar, referred to as *daf yomi* (a folio a day), which is used by Jews around the world. It took me on average thirty to forty minutes a day to get through a translation and commentary of the assigned reading. The reading at times was tedious. And yet, like mining, I regularly hit veins worthy of extraction: stories that I had heard but now read in their original context; aphorisms and anecdotes of some of our greatest spiritual thinkers; and commentaries that shed enduring light on Torah verses. Some of the takeaways from this journey:

- We are a people that values

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debate and are often able to suspend a final resolution.

- With the aid of a shared text, we engage in conversation across generations and geography.
- Reasoning and a majority vote determine outcome, rather than the prestige of the person making the claim.
- Law by its very nature is subject to interpretation and change over time.

At the completion of study, it is customary to make a party. You are invited. The completion (*siyyum*) will take place on the Sunday of Sukkot, October 12 from 1:30 to 6:30 PM. Come for the parts that most interest you. Colleagues will teach a text from the Talmud in seminar fashion and then a panel of my study partners who will discuss the meaning of that text to them. Professor Daniel Matt, who has spent the last eighteen years translating the Zohar, the key mystical commentary to the Talmud, will share some of his writing. We will conclude with a concert by Cantor Hillel Tigay of Ikar Synagogue in LA, renowned for its music. We will also have food – for the Talmud says that there is no celebration without food. I anticipate a moment of great joy when I read the last lines of tractate Hagigah. Your presence will add to that celebration.

Please come. ☆

Jewish Meditation with Rabbi Spitz

Saturdays

November 15 & December 20

9:30 – 10:15 AM

in the Bet Midrash

Listen and Connect with the Divine Through Your Own Intuition and Stillness

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

Cantor's Notes

Cantor Marcia Tilchin



CBI'S EXTENDED FAMILY

This past August, CBI shared its observance of Tisha b'Av with **Temple Beth Emet** (Anaheim) and **Temple Beth El** (Aliso Viejo). It was a first in many ways, meaningful and symbolic of what is possible in the future. We all look forward to more opportunities for shared worship, commemoration and celebration in community.

The Shabbat of October 24-26, the sisterhoods from CBI and **Temple Beth Sholom** together are sponsoring Cantor Linda Hirschhorn for a *Rosh Hodesh* Shabbaton. Linda is arriving Tuesday to work with Cantor David Reinwald and myself along with singers from both congregations who will join her for Friday night and Saturday morning services. *Motzei Shabbat* there will be a special event hosted by our sisterhood at a private home (their big tzedakah fundraiser of the year so please make every effort to attend), and Sunday morning Linda will do a special program for sisterhood members from both synagogues.

The weekend of November 21-22, CBI, in partnership with **CSP** and **Temple Beth Emet**, will host Rabbi Marvin Tokayer for a Friday lunch and learn Friday night and Shabbat afternoon lectures at CBI, and a special *havdalah* program at Beth Emet.

COME LEARN WITH ME!

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The President's Corner

Beth Elster



When one thinks about what CBI is, they may think about the physical building, the Shabbat, holiday and weekday services we offer, our wonderful Child Development Center or Religious School, educational programming, Social Action activities, our Sisterhood or Men's Club, committee volunteers, or our dedicated professional staff. All of these are a part of CBI, but what really defines us as Congregation B'nai Israel is, simply put, us.

What an incredibly diverse group of people we are! We comprise every age bracket and family situation. Some of us are knowledgeable and deeply observant, others perhaps not at all, while most of us fall somewhere in between. Some of us are here for prayer every week, others two to three times a year. We relate to our Judaism in our own unique and personal way. One thing I think we all share though, is our goal of living a rewarding Jewish life and passing along a love of Judaism and our values to the next generations.

So many of our members serve our CBI community and also the greater community. Whether it's by serving meals to those less fortunate, leading services, reading Torah, providing visits and meals for those who are sick, serving on committees or simply volunteering your time where you're needed, you make our CBI family stronger.

I want all of you to know that you are important and valuable

members of our CBI family. Our goal is to create opportunities for each of you to have positive Jewish experiences. I believe the best way to do this is by getting involved and working with others who have similar interests. We have dozens of opportunities to volunteer your time and expertise. If you have ideas or interests for new ways to become involved, please let me know! I encourage each of you to become more involved by adding just one more thing than you did last year. You can commit to it by making a spiritual pledge on our High Holy Day pledge site at www.cbi18.org/hh-pledges or by doing so within yourself.

I want to thank all of you for the opportunity you have given me to serve as your president over the past year. What I enjoy the most is the warmth and friendship from so many of you. I have built many new relationships working together with people I didn't know well before and look forward to my last months as your president.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year for you and your loved ones.

L'shana Tovah. ☆

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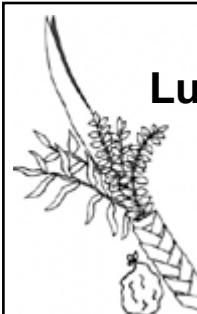
Synagogue Skills – Saturday mornings in the *Bet Midrash* 9:30-10:15 AM: October 18, November 15 and December 13.

Passion in Prayer - Sunday mornings in the *Bet Midrash* 10:45-Noon: October 12 (*Sukkot*), November 9 (*the Shema*), November 23 (*Rosh Hodesh*), December 14 (*Hanukkah*).

Scott and I hope you will join us for **minha/seudah shlishit** at our home **October 11**.

When it comes to celebration, education and worship, the more the merrier.

Hag Sameah! ☆



Order your
Lulav & Etrog
by Wednesday,
October 1
Cost: \$50
Make check
payable to
CBI Sisterhood

Pick-up at CBI on
October 7 and 8 by 3:00 PM
Need more info? Contact
cbisisterhood@cbi18.org



Congregation B'nai Israel
is excited to welcome

**Rabbi Marvin
Tokayer**

November 21

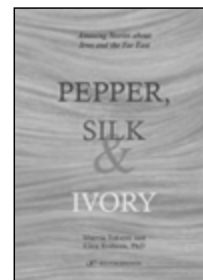
Friday 6:00 pm Services at CBI
followed by dinner – RSVP a must

\$25/per person / \$18 age 13 and under

Reservations: 714-730-9693
or cbi18@cbi18.org

*No charge for CBI 5775 Enrichment Fund
Patrons*

November 22
Saturday 9:30 am Services



Child Development

Lisa Heller - Director
Denise Mailman and
Samantha Feld, VPs



What makes CBI's Child Development Center a wonderful place for young children?

VALUES

The young children and their parents develop long lasting friends.

COMMUNITY

The children and their parents become a part of the local Jewish Community. They develop and learn to have an attachment to the Jewish world around us.

CELEBRATIONS

The young children and their families pray, experience, celebrate, and learn together

during Shabbat, Jewish Holidays and Life Cycle Events.

IDENTITY

The young children develop a foundation for Jewish identity that can last throughout a young child's life.

FUN

The children experience so much fun: learning, observing, nature, art, music, singing, puppets, story time, cooking, gardening, tricycle riding, climbing, balancing, writing, talking, making friends, following directions, dressing up, dancing, jumping, hoping, skipping, getting dirty, exploring, discovering and so much more!

Interested in visiting this beautiful school, call today at 714.308.7887. ☆



Olivia and Sam hanging out.

CBI welcomes its newest congregants:

Ana Goren and Massoud Ahoot
Helena and Michael Blum
Barbara Brumbelow
Leah Hall and Tzvi Driz
Raquel Kattan and David Escoe
Sarah Fraser
Howard Goldman
Patricia Hutt
Ida Eblinger and Sean Kelley
Lila and Hamid Khalili
Vida and Kourosh Kohanteb
Traci and Matt Krepper
Patricia and Dale Linton
Loretta and Herbert Modlevsky
Dalia and Rabbi Shalom Podwol
Aaron Rosen
Tracie and Gerry Schor
Cassandra Wenzel
Lilya and Joshua Winer
Mimi and Barry Kahn and family

We look forward
to getting to know
each and every
one of you! ☆



Introducing the Israel Connection
Book Club's 1st Dialogue:

My Promised Land by Ari Shalit

Sunday, November 16
at 7:00 PM

Family Life Center

Come join our discussion in
preparation for the author's visit
to our community on
November 23 as part of
the JCC's Book Fair.

Passion in Prayer:

Embracing our daily and seasonal
from the inside out

Sundays in the Bet Midrash
October 12, November 9,
November 23 and December 14
10:45 AM ~ 12:00 PM

Synagogue Skills with Cantor Tilchin

Practical tools to enhance synagogue
worship every day of the year.

October 18, November 15
and December 13
9:30~10:15 AM
in the Bet Midrash

Chai Society Presents:
Dinner and Conversation with
Chaplain and Cantor Fran Chalin

The Hope of Hospice An Inspiring and Uplifting Dialogue!

\$15/person
Event immediately follows
Shabbat Services
Friday, November 14
at 6:00 PM



RSVP to CBI Office by
Tuesday, November 11
Rides and Carpools can be arranged

Hal'lu Shabbat Service

with Amy Robinson,
Carl Cedar, Leeav Sofer
and the CBI Davening Team
November 22 at 9:30 AM

In the Family Life Center

Come Celebrate with Us!

Religious School

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



A Full Year of Events and Learning

Our Religious School is off to a great start! We have many exciting events planned along with much learning and growth for our students.

Our 6th and 7th graders will begin their formal B'nai Mitzvah program with our Family Classes on November 9 and 16, respectively. These are special learning opportunities with Rabbi Spitz and Cantor Tilchin as well as being important family time.

Our Sukkot celebration this year is highlighted by our Day of Learning Celebration, on Sunday, October 12, honoring Rabbi Spitz's seven year journey through the Talmud. This is a family event with learning opportunities for all of our children.

Our Chanukah Carnival and Boutique will be Sunday, December 7. Please volunteer to be part of the planning committee for this important religious school fund raiser!

Our Hebrew High officially opens on Wednesday, October 22. We are thrilled to welcome spoken word artist, Andrew Lustig, on our first night to introduce our teens to his message and his medium.

This year, Rabbi Spitz is teaching

family classes for all grade levels. Grades K-1 will have class with the Rabbi on September 14. Grades 2-3 will meet on November 9. And, grades 4-5 will have family class on December 14. All of these classes will meet 11:30am-12:30pm in our Family Life Center.

Thank you to all of the families who have generously donated to our Religious School this year:

- *Akiva*: Frankel and Reiss Families
- *Shammai*: Kahrs, Proctor, and Bridger Families
- *Ben Zakkai*: Adler, Feld, Finger, Horn, Kahn, Ozeran, Sommer, Stewart and Stahl Families.

We greatly appreciate your support! If you would like to make a donation, please contact

Rabbi Robin Hoffman
rhoffman@cbi18.org.

May 5775 be a sweet year of learning for all of us!

L'Shana tova u'metukah! ☆

Come Shop our Chanukah Boutique!

*Bring Your Family
to the Chanukah Carnival!*

**Sunday, December 7
12:00 – 3:00 PM**

**In the Foyer and Social Hall
Enjoy Latkes and Carnival Fun
for the Children!**



**Shop for gifts from
our many vendors!**

All Proceeds
Benefit the
Religious School

CANS? BOTTLES? Leave them for USY!

We'll take your cans and plastic water or soda bottles and recycle them! Just leave them in the marked containers left in the Social Hall, Courtyard and USY Lounge!

It's a Sisterhood Sukkah Hop!

**Tuesday, October 14
at 7:00 PM**

We begin at the Jacobs' Sukkah for drinks and appetizers and Hop to the Cortez's Sukkah for dessert!

RSVP by October 6 to
cbisisterhood@cbi18.org

**Last names A – M bring
appetizers, cheese or drinks;
N – Z bring dessert!**

Cantor Linda Hirschhorn Shabbaton



**Friday night,
October 24
at 6:00 PM Services
followed by dinner and music
\$25/\$18 age 13 and under**

**Saturday, October 25
at 9:30 AM services
including Lunch and Lecture (free)**

**Saturday evening
October 25
Concert in a private home
\$100/person**

AND THAT'S NOT ALL!

Join us and the sisters of Temple Beth Sholom for a Sunday Brunch in a private home with Linda Hirschhorn
**Sunday, October 26
at 11:00 AM**
\$18/sisterhood member

All who attend will receive a free CD!

See attached flyer



Youth News

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



The seasons are changing; don't laugh! It's getting darker earlier. USY can start its Saturday night events much earlier now. Camp is now a pleasant memory because Camp B'nai Ruach 2014 was AWESOME! But even as the weather and time changes, the one thing that NEVER changes are the chances to make lasting memories through Youth Department activities. Our program year is structured as such: K-3 is Machar, 4-6 is Kadima, and 7-12 is USY. Machar and Kadima get together once a month and the Kadima group will also have the option to attend a Regional Kadima Kinnus weekend at Camp Ramah in Ojai. USYers will have more social programs plus Shabbat Club on the first Friday of each month, Seudah Shlishit; there will be social events and community service projects, as well as the opportunity to be a Madrich for the younger groups. USYers also get to participate in Regional Dances and Kinnusim, which brings me to

this WONDERFUL piece of news: we are hosting a Kinnus here at CBI in January! USYers from around Far West Regional will come here to CBI for a weekend of learning and social programs. So, whether it's hot or cold outside, here in the Youth Department it is warm and welcoming ~ whether you're in Uggs or flip flops, we look forward to seeing you and your family at our programs! ☆



It's Easy to be a Hero!

CBI Blood Drive
Monday, October 20
1:00 – 7:00 PM~CBI Social Hall

Sign up online
at: redcrossblood.org;
sponsor code bnai

Host Homes Needed!

**USY is hosting a Far West
Regional Kinnus**

January 16 - 18, 2015!

Please contact Barbara
in the Youth Department
asherman5@aol.com

Yiddish Club

*Meets Every Other Sunday
at 11:00 AM:*

**October 19;
November 2 & 16
December 7 & 21**

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

Loved Ones not here for the Holidays?

Send them a Simhat Torah Package!

Each package is filled with goodies, festive items and a note from Rabbi Spitz!	*Bake & Ship: Monday October 13 9:30 AM; Arrive: October 14-16
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Price \$25

*Order Forms due October 6
CBICollegePackage@gmail.com

Ask the Rabbi

Do you want to know more about:

- How to celebrate the Holidays?
 - About faith and belief?
 - This week's Torah portion?

Rabbi Spitz is available to answer these any and other questions you may have in an informal group discussion forum.

Sunday, November 16

11:30 AM ~ 12:30 PM

in the Bet Midrash



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HAPPENINGS AND POINTS OF INTEREST@CBI

ONGOING WEEKLY OR BI-WEEKLY:

CONTINUE TO LEARN ON SHABBAT: *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: 7:30 AM at private home in Newport Beach.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION IS ALWAYS A HIT AT CBI: Every 2nd and 3rd Saturday from 10:30 – 11:45 AM in the Family Life Center. Led by CBI's Director of Education, Robin Hoffman and Carl Cedar, this musical, interactive service is specifically designed for children ages 6 – 11. Join us on **October 11 & 18, November 8 & 15, and December 13 & 20!**

TOT SHABBAT FOR OUR LITTLEST CONGREGANTS: Every Shabbat morning at 11:50 AM. Singing, dancing, and so much more! Let your little ones share the beauty of Shabbat within the warm embrace of community! Come join us in the Family Life Center! We are also joined by the PJ Library on the second Shabbat of every month: **October 11, November 8 and December 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.

TORAH IN ITS OWN VOICE: STUDY SESSIONS WITH RABBI ROBIN HOFFMAN: Every Tuesday October 7 thru December 16, from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 PM in a private home.

YIDDISH CLUB MEETS: October 19, November 2 & 16, and December 7 & 21 at 11:00 AM in the Family Life Center. Come learn and laugh amongst friends!

PASSION IN PRAYER: EMBRACING OUR SEASONAL LITURGY led by Cantor Marcia Tilchin: Sunday October 12, November 9 & 23, and December 14 from 10:45 – 12:00 Noon in the Bet Midrash.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM: Beginning Sunday, November 16 – Sunday, May 3, 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Please register to the CBI Office or cbi18@cbi18.org.

ONGOING MONTHLY:

MONTHLY MINHA WITH CANTOR TILCHIN: Saturdays, October 11 at 4:00 PM, November 8 and December 13 at 3:30 PM in the Cantor's home.

YOUNG FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER: Fridays, November 7 & December 5. For families with children ages 10 and under; services begin at 5:30 PM and are immediately followed by dinner. \$10 per member/\$15 per non-member, 12 years of age and over; \$5 per child member/\$7 per child non-member 2-11 years old. Children under 2 are free.

SISTERHOOD'S BOOK CLUB: Thursdays, November 13, and December 11 at 7:30 PM. We are discussing *The Golem* and the Jinni by Helene Wecker for November, and *The Woman who Walked into Doors* by Roddy Doyle for December.

PRAYERSONG meets the second Saturday of the month: October 11 and November 8 from 9:30 – 10:30 AM in the Family Life Center.

MEDITATION WITH RABBI SPITZ: Saturdays, November 15 & December 20, 9:30 – 10:15 AM in the Bet Midrash.

TEEN SEUDAH SH'LISHIT AND LEARNING WITH RABBINIC INTERN ADIR GLICK on Saturday, November 15 at 4:00 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. Let us learn from you!

EXPERIENTIAL PRAYER AND TEXT STUDY WITH ADIR GLICK: Saturday mornings, November 15 with Adir Glick at 10:30 AM. Come join us in the Bet Midrash!

SUNDAY SUPPER, AN INTERFAITH EFFORT (and perfect Mitzvah Project too!): Sunday, October 12, November 9, and December 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.

CBI COASTAL continues with a full schedule of services: November 1 and 21, December 19.

HAPPENINGS IN OCTOBER ONLY

YOM KIPPUR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: see front Cover.

SUKKOT AND SIMHAT TORAH SERVICES: see front Cover.

CBI FESTIVAL OF JEWISH LEARNING: Sunday, October 12, 1:30 – 6:30 PM. See front cover.

SISTERHOOD SUKKAH HOP: Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 PM at the Jacobs residence, followed by a hop to the Cortez residence! RSVP by October 6 to CBI.sisterhood@cbi18.org.

CBI BLOOD DRIVE: Monday, October 20, 1:00 – 7:15 PM in the Social Hall. Register online at redcrossblood.org, code name bnai, or contact Marla Nathan or Cher Pacini.

SHABBATON WITH LINDA HIRSCHHORN: See page 5.

COOKING FOR COMFORT IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD CHEFS: Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30 PM. Come help the Comfort Committee cook delicious meals to store for congregants in need. RSVP to hcoultter@cbi18.org or call the CBI office. Suitable for children who are 12 years and older and accompanied by a parent.

HELP SERVE BREAKFAST TO THE HOMELESS: Sunday, October 26, 9:30 – 11:00 AM at the LightHouse: 1885 Anaheim Ave., Costa Mesa 92627.

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In the B'nai Israel Family . . .



Bat Mitzvah of Alexis Ascher

October 11, 2014 (*17 Tishrei*)

Alexis has been attending CBI since she was four years old, having attended the CDC's PreK class. Alexis is currently an 8th grader at Lakeside Middle School. She is active in her school's yearbook committee. She also plays the violin in her school's symphonic orchestra, but her real passion is dance. This is Alexis' fourth year competing in dance. Alexis is also active in USY. On July 12th 2014 Alexis became a Bat Mitzvah in Israel, on Kibbutz Gezer. It was an amazing experience celebrated with friends and family. She is looking forward being called to the Torah here at CBI and celebrating with all her friends in the CBI community. Mazal Tov! ☆



Bat Mitzvah of Shai Pearl Sklar-Parnes

November 1, 2014 (*8 Heshvan*)

Shai attends Canyon View Elementary in Irvine. She was born in Jerusalem in September, 2002, moving with her twin brother, Ben, to the U.S. in 2011. Shai loves all animals; we call her the dog whisperer at home! She is a talented artist and loves sketching animals as well as abstract art. In fact, Shai's art was recognized by the Irvine School District last spring and was selected out of 6000 finalists for public display. For her mitzvah project, Shai has been participating in Sunday Supper at St. Paul's church. Being a loyal, good friend with a kind spirit and huge heart, Shai especially enjoys interacting with the guests and plans to continue volunteering at this event. Shai is super excited to have her very own special day without sharing it with her twin! She is looking forward to celebrating her bat mitzvah and chanting lech lecha, celebrating this great milestone with friends, family and community. Mazal Tov! ☆



Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Rosenberg

November 8, 2014 (*15 Heshvan*)

Jacob, or Yakob, as he is affectionately known in both Swedish and Hebrew, is making his cantorial debut November 8th. His parents report he sang before he spoke, is drawn to music playing multiple instruments, and is in the Classical Voice Conservatory, 7th grade at OCSA. He also however, like his sister Linnea, has his eye on the Creative Writing Conservatory. Reserved, but up for a challenge, Jacob has surprised his parents with his arguing skills, which were polished this last year on the debate team. He also loves roughing it and sports whether it be basketball, swimming, ping pong or camping with CSP. When not studying with Leora, he can be found cuddling both Mia and Suki, the family golden doodle and cat. This fall, Jacob will be serving Sunday Supper alongside other CBI congregants. Inevitably a "Yalee" as his bubbe Silvia calls it, his Jewish roots are nevertheless, at B'nai Israel - Todah Rabah! Mazal Tov! ☆



Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Kotin

November 22, 2014 (*29 Heshvan*)

Andrew has been attending CBI since preschool. He is a 7th grader at Sierra Vista Middle School in Irvine. Andrew loves to play baseball and plays travel ball with the Pythons Baseball Club. His favorite position is pitcher. For his Mitzvah project, Andrew was a volunteer with the Northwood Little League Challenger Division, teaching and playing baseball with boys and girls with physical and mental challenges. Andrew looks forward to celebrating this milestone with his parents, his brother David, grandparents as well as many friends and family who are coming from near and far. Mazal Tov! ☆

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



Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Velasquez

December 6, 2014 (14 Kislev)

Joshua is a 7th grader at Sierra Vista Middle School in Irvine. He attended the South Coast Repertory in Costa Mesa for three years where he worked on developing and polishing his acting skills. Joshua is an avid reader and loves to study ancient civilizations, history and geography. He is particularly fascinated with Greek mythology. For his mitzvah project, Joshua has focused on feeding the less fortunate through the Sunday Supper program at CBI. Serving the guests has taught him compassion for others and the importance of taking action in order to make a difference. Joshua enjoys attending Hebrew school and has made several friends there. He looks forward to participating in future CBI and CBI Coastal services. Mazal Tov! ☆



Bat Mitzvah of Alexandra Levine

December 13, 2014 (21 Kislev)

Alexandra is currently a seventh grader at Las Flores Middle School. She has made honor roll with an A+ average for the last four quarters and is in the GATE program. Alex's favorite activities include playing basketball, swimming, skiing and snowboarding in Mammoth, playing tenor saxophone in band as well as hanging out with her friends. Her accomplishments include playing for the All Star girls' basketball team and placing third in the Nationals. She is very passionate about helping animals and this will be the direction she will take for her mitzvah project. Mazal Tov! ☆



Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Taylor

December 20, 2014 (28 Kislev)

Daniel Taylor is a 7th grader at TVT and is thrilled to be part of the Advanced Institute for STEM there. Danny studied Java and game design last summer, has been working on his ping pong and cycling skills this fall, and is up for ocean swimming all year round! Danny has been preparing for his Bar Mitzvah since February with Joel Wenhardt, Jordan Berman, Liora Cohen, Cantor Tilchin, and Rabbi Spitz. For his mitzvah project, Danny has helped with CBI's Sunday Supper, at TVT's day of tikkun olam, and in the 9 Dots after-school program in Los Angeles. Mazal Tov! ☆

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HAPPENINGS IN NOVEMBER ONLY

FLU SHOTS AT CBI: Sunday, November 9, 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM in the Social Hall.

CHAI SOCIETY DINNER AND CONVERSATION: Friday, November 14 at immediately following services at 6:00 PM. Main Sanctuary and then Social Hall. \$15/Person.

ISRAEL CONNECTION BOOK CLUB: Sunday, November 16 at 7:00 PM in the Family Life Center. We will discuss *My Promised Land*, by Ari Shalit.

HAL'LU MUSICAL SHABBAT SERVICE: Saturday, November 22 at 9:30 AM in the Family Life Center.

HAPPENINGS IN DECEMBER ONLY

CHANUKAH CARNIVAL AND SISTERHOOD BOUTIQUE: Sunday,

December 7, from 12:00 NOON – 3:00 PM in the CBI Social Hall. Enjoy latkes and carnival fun while shopping for beautiful boutique items! All proceeds benefit the religious school.

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION WITH DALE SCHATZ: Sunday, December 21 at 4:00 PM. Details to follow.

TODAH RABAH AND MAZAL TOV!

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Spitz on his upcoming completion of the Talmud! We all look forward to celebrating with you on October 12! Todah Rabah for your ongoing inspiration!

SAVE THE DATE!

Lunch and learn with Rabbi Spitz every other Wednesday, beginning January 15. Topic of study: the Zohar!



Schedule of Services for November and December

Saturday, November 1

Bat Mitzvah of Shai Pearl Sklar-Parnes

9:30 AM Coastal Service

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: LEKH LEKHA

Torah: Genesis 14:1 – 15:21

Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27 – 41:16

Friday, November 7

5:30 PM Young Family Service & dinner

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, November 8

Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Rosenberg

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: VAYERA

Torah: Genesis 19:1 – 20:18

Haftarah: 2 Kings 4:1 – 37

3:30 PM Minha at Cantor's Home

Friday, November 14

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, November 15

9:30 AM Service:

PARASHAT: HAYYEI SARAH

Torah: Genesis 24:10 – 24:5:2

Haftarah: 1 Kings 1:1 - 31

Friday, November 21

6:00 PM Service

6:00 PM Coastal Service

Saturday, November 22

Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Kotin

Shabbat Mahar Hodesh

Shabbat Mevarekhim Hahodesh

Hal'lu Shabbat Service

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: TOLEDOT

Torah: Genesis 26:23-27:27

Haftarah: 1 Samuel 20:18 - 42

Friday, November 28

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, November 29

9:30 AM Service

PARASHAT: VAYETSE

Torah: Genesis 30:14 – 31:16

Haftarah: Hosea 12:13 – 14:10

Friday, December 5

5:30 PM Young Family Service & dinner

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, December 6

Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Velazquez

Hal'lu Musical Service

9:30 AM Service

PARASHAT: VAYISHLAH

Torah: Genesis 34:1 – 35:15

Haftarah: Obadiah 1:1 - 21

Friday, December 12

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, December 13

Bat Mitzvah of Alexandra Levine

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: VAYASHEV

Torah: Genesis 18:1 – 38:30

Haftarah: Amos 2:6 – 3:8

3:30 PM Minha at Cantor's Home

Friday, December 19

6:00 PM Service

6:00 PM Coastal Service

Saturday, December 20

Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Taylor

Shabbat Hanukkah

Shabbat Mevarakhim Hahodesh

9:30 AM Service

PARASHAT: MIKKETS

Torah: Genesis 41:53 – 43:15

Maftir: Number 7:30 - 35

Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14 – 4:7

Friday, December 26

6:00 PM Service

Saturday, December 27

9:30 AM Service

PARASHAT: VAYIGGASH

Torah: Genesis 45: 28 – 46:27

Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15 - 28

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Saturday, November 15

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Schedule of Services for October

Friday, October 3

Erev Yom Kippur
Kol Nidre ~ 6:15PM Main Sanctuary; Teen
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Saturday, October 4

Yom Kippur ~ 8:00AM Main Sanctuary Service
Yizkor
Torah: Leviticus 16:1 – 34
Maftir: Numbers 29:7 -11
Haftarah: Jonah 1:1 – 4:11; Micah 7:18 – 20

Thursday, October 9

Sukkot 1
9:30 AM Service
Torah: Leviticus 22:26 – 23:44
Maftir: Numbers 29:12 – 16
Haftarah: Zekhariah 14:1 – 21

Friday, October 10

Sukkot 2
9:30 AM Service
Torah: Leviticus 22:26 - 23:44
Maftir: Numbers 29:12 – 16
Haftarah: 1 Kings 8:2 -21
6:00 PM Service and Dinner in Sukkah

Saturday, October 11

Sukkot 3
Shabbat hol Hamo'ed
Hol Hamo'ed 1
9:30 AM Service
Torah: Exodus 33:12 – 34:26
Maftir: Numbers 29:17 – 22
Haftarah: Ezekiel 38:18 – 39:16
4:00 PM Minha at Cantor's Home



Thursday, October 16

Shemini Atzeret
Yizkor
9:30 AM Service
Torah: Deuteronomy 14:22 – 16:17
Maftir: Numbers 29:35 – 30:1
Haftarah: 1 Kings 8:54-66
7:30 PM Simchat Torah
Big Celebration



Friday, October 17

9:30 AM Simhat Torah
Torah: Deuteronomy 33:1 – 34:12; Genesis 1:1 – 2:3
Maftir: Numbers 29:35 – 30:1
Haftarah: Joahua 1:1 – 18

Saturday, October 18

Shabbat Mevarekhim Hahodesh
9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: BERESHIT
Torah: Genesis 2:4 – 4:26
Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5 – 43:10

Friday, October 24

Rosh Hodesh 1
6:00 PM Service
Saturday, October 25
Shabbat Rosh Hodesh
Rosh Hodesh 2
9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: MATTOT
Torah: Numbers 30:2 – 31:54
Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:2 - 2:3



Friday, October 31

6:00 PM Service

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- **Tot Shabbat** for Pre-schoolers and parents begins at 11:50 AM in the Family Life Center.
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