

Congregation
B'nai | srael

קהילת בני ישראל

Passover 2022

Wednesday, April 6 Shopping Day at OC Koser

Sunday, April 10

12:30 PM Machar / Kadima Matzo Baking Factory 2:00 PM Women's Club

Chocolate Seder

Tuesday, April 12 6:30 PM USY Candy Seder

Friday, April 15

7:30 AM Fast of The First Born

(Zoom)

6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

Service

7:00 PM Community Seder at

CBI

Saturday, April 16

9:30 AM Pesach Day 1 Yism'chu Service

Sunday, April 17

9:30 AM Pesach Day 2 Service

Friday, April 22

9:30 AM Pesach Day 7 Service

6:00 PM ShabbatHOME

Saturday, April 23

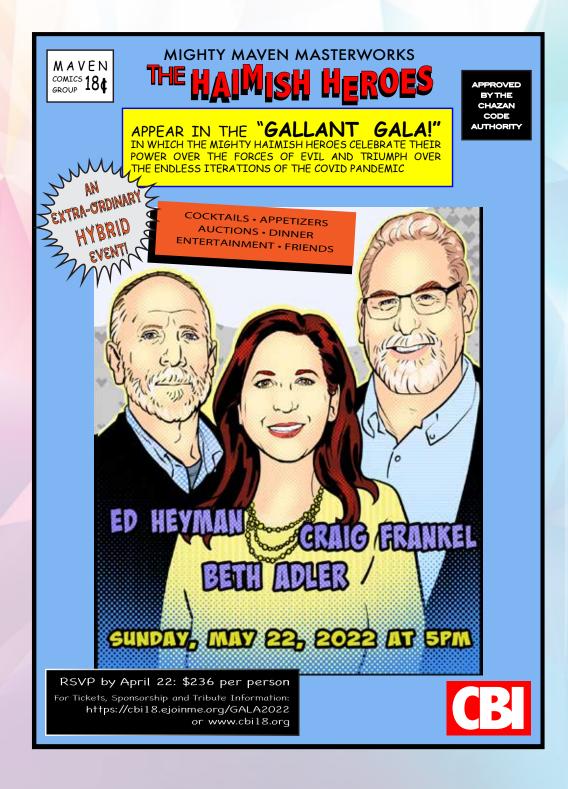
9:30 AM Pesach Day 8 Service

with Yizkor

10:30 AM Junior Congregation

SHOFAR

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RABBI GOLDSTEIN MESSAGE



As I sit down to write my article for the bulletin, I am realizing that this will be the last time I write to you as the rabbi (albeit interim) of this community. Being here these past few months with this community has been a great honor and blessing for me. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here in this community. I hope that I have been able to give to you a fraction of what you've given to me. As a community, and as individuals, you have renewed my faith in Jewish life in a much greater way than you may ever know.

As I take my leave, I'd like to do one more teaching if I may. The rabbis tell us that whenever two people take their leave of each other, they should impart to the other a piece of torah. One of my favorite stories in the Talmud encapsulates what I see as the role religion and spirituality should play in our lives. It's a story of two rabbis traveling on the road by donkey, one the teacher, and the other a student. The student wishes to illustrate what he's learned from his teacher, so they stop their donkeys, and the teacher sits down on a rock to listen.

We do not know what exactly the student says to the teacher, we are not given the text of his recital. All we are left with is the reaction from what he has just expressed.

The Gemara illustrates the response, "and fire descended from heaven and encircled all the trees in the field, and all the trees began reciting song." Nature and heaven come together to celebrate that which the student has just expressed, his words creating a harmonious miracle. His teacher, staggered from what he heard, rises up and kissed his student on his head, and said, "Blessed be God, Lord of Israel, who gave our father Abraham a son like you... There are some who expound the Torah's verses well but do not fulfill its imperatives well, and there are some who fulfill its imperatives well but do not expound its verses well, whereas you expound its verses well and fulfill its imperatives well."

This is the highest praise a teacher can give a student. That not only have they come to understand and absorb the material they've learned, but that they integrate that knowledge and wisdom into who they are, to make themselves better people. This is the goal of all religion, to not only bring us to a higher level of understanding, but to be able to use that understanding to make us better people at our core.

I love this story because of what I think it says to us today. It is not enough to pursue religion or spirituality for our own sake. It is our moral imperative as people who identify with "organized religion" to take what we've learned and use it to open ourselves up. If religion doesn't open both our minds and hearts, then we're not doing it right.

In another part of the Talmud, the rabbis speak of a blessing they would give to one another as they left the study hall. Having finished their time learning together, the rabbis would send each other off with a blessing until they would be reunited. This

blessing has become arguably my favorite blessing, I've given it to each of my children at their baby naming/ bris on the eighth day of their lives, and I've come back to it many times for happy occasions. I'd like to leave you with those words.

May you live to see your world fulfilled,

May your destiny be for worlds still to come.

May you trust in generations past and those yet to be.

May your heart be filled with intuition and your words be filled with insight.

May songs of praise ever be upon your tongue and your vision be on a straight path before you.

May your eyes be illuminated with the light of Torah and may your face reflect with the brightness of the heavens.

May your lips speak knowledge and inner self find joy in righteousness.

May the soles of your feet run to hear the words of the Ancient of days.

L'hitraot, Rabbi Goldstein

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PHYLLIS ABRAMS



As we move into spring, we have much to look forward to at CBI. The COVID-19 Omicron surge has (for the moment) subsided, and while there may be other variants lurking on the horizon, we are beginning to return to what we all thought of as normal, BCE: Before the Covid Era.

We recently had an extended Purim celebration that kicked off with our USY car wash, a well-attended Purim carnival and a rousing Purim shpiel. Pesach will be here in a matter of weeks with a return to having a community Seder at CBI on the 1st night. It really does feel like a return to normal.

Looming large on the horizon is the arrival of our new Rabbi - Adam Greenwald - at the beginning of July. We will be sad to bid *au revoir* to Rabbi Goldstein and are grateful for his leadership and guidance over the past months. We will miss his energy and thought-provoking sermons, as well as his sense of humor, and hope he will come back and visit us with his bride. Maureen.

Our Board continues to be a huge support for me, and I am hopeful we will be able to resume inperson meetings soon. While a virtual meeting does have its benefits (attendance is way up!), I miss the interaction that takes place when we are together.

Last, I ask all of you to consider serving as a volunteer on a committee. Why is this important? We all recall in the Torah when Moses' father-in-law, Yitro, strongly suggested that Moses could not do the work of Ha'Shem alone and would need delegate to those around him. We are blessed to have board members that work well together, but they cannot do it alone, either. Whatever your passion or your favorite activity, we have a place for you. Membership, Social Action, Youth, Women's Club, Men's Club – we would love to include you.

Exciting times for all of us! We hope to see you in shul and in the interim, all the best for a zissen Pesach, a sweet and meaningful Pesach filled with family and friends.



Community Seder
April 15th, 2022 - 7:00 pm
Limited space available

Members: \$55/adult / \$25/child (3-12yrs)

Non-Members \$65/adult / \$35/child (3-12yrs)

RSVP on the CBI Website: www.cbi18.org

Sale of Hametz Form

PASSOVER 2022

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

We, the undersigned, do hereby appoint Rabbi Ben Goldstein to be our agent to arrange for the sale of all *Hametz* that may be in our possession before the arrival of the festival of Passover.

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| City, State, Zip: | | |
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| Charge my CBI account \$ | | |
| Enclosed is a check for Mazon | | |

To affect a designation of agency, some transfer of property is required by Jewish law. We suggest that you donate whatever amount you wish to Mazon, A Jewish Response to Hunger. The office will forward your donations to Mazon.

Please return this form to the office by April 14, 2022

HIGHTLIGHTS FROM CBI'S CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

SHARON ALKIN, DIRECTOR



What better way to highlight our Reggio Inspired, dynamic preschool here at CBI than with photos of our preschoolers engaged in play and learning experiences.

Enrollment is now open for the 2022-2023 school year. Call Sharon at (714) 730-0860 or email at salkin@cbi18.org for information and

to schedule a tour.















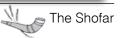












Purim Wrap Up

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BY SHERI GALANTE YOUTH & CAMP DIRECTOR



Saturday Night at Boomers with USY



The Olympics were highly competitive for the Machar Kadimaniks!



USYers hold their first annual Car Wash



Far West USY Fairytale Campment weekend **Shabbaton at Camp Ramah**



Havdalah with Rabbi Adam Greenwald



Ice Skating with USY



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forms can be found
on the CBI website:

www.cbi18.org/camp-bnai-ruach



In the B'nai Israel Family



Bat Mitzvah of Mia Feld April 30, 2022 29 Nisan 5782

Mia attends Pioneer Middle School. Her favorite hobbies are competing on her club basketball team, cooking, paddle boarding and skateboarding. Mia loves hanging out with her friends at Knott's Berry Farm and the Irvine Spectrum. She also loves attending USY events and Shabbat Club. Mia's mitzvah project focused on environmental awareness, and she has raised close to \$2,000 for the Surfrider Foundation. We are so proud of you, Mia, for your commitment to Judaism and the hard work you have put into becoming a Bat Mitzvah. We know you will shine on your big day and beyond.



Bar Mitzvah of Noah Hofman

May 7, 2022 6 Iyar 5782

Noah Hofman is in 7th grade and attends Van Damme Academy. He is an avid cyclist and tennis player. When he is not riding with his team or playing tennis, he can be found video editing. Noah has a passion for film, engineering and math. For his Mitzvah Project, Noah volunteered at TVT's after school program and taught the lower school students an engineering and Lego class. Noah has 3 younger sisters.



Bat Mitzvah of Kayla Hofman

May 7, 2022 6 Iyar 5782

Kayla Hofman is in 6th grade and attends Tarbut V'Torah. She has a passion for competitive swimming, rock climbing, piano and reading. For her Mitzvah Project, Kayla volunteered as a mentor on the BOB (Battle of the Books) Team at TVT. She read all 20 books, attended the weekly meetings and assisted with writing the weekly quiz questions. Kayla has 3 siblings and is the oldest girl.



Bat Mitzvah of Yael Shaham

May 21, 2022 20 Iyar 5782

Yael is a 7th grader at Venado Middle School. She is very creative and participates in aerial arts, USY, and she loves design and science. Yael is a graduate of CBI's Pre-School and Hebrew School and now participates in Hebrew High. She is looking forward to being on the bimah with her sister, Talia, and sharing this wonderful moment with family and friends.



Bat Mitzvah of Talia Shaham

May 21, 2022 20 Iyar 5782

Talia is a 6th grader at Westpark Elementary School. She is very enthusiastic about life and always has a smile on her face. Talia loves to sing, act, and dance, and she just got cast in the lead role in the school musical as Moana. Talia participates in USY and is devoted to her family and friends. Talia is thrilled this special day is upcoming and she can share the bimah with her sister, Yael.



In the B'nai Israel Family



Bar Mitzvah of Tyler Fields June 11, 2022

12 Sivan 5782

Tyler is an 8th grader at Ladera Ranch Middle School. He is a conscientious and hardworking student who has earned Honor Roll Merits all through Middle School. Tyler has a great passion for the culinary arts. He was accepted to participate in an advanced Culinary class at LRMS. Tyler enjoys basketball, and is looking forward to playing High School football at San Juan Hills High School. We are proud of Tyler's great commitment to learning Torah throughout these years of pandemic, and we are so happy that he will finally be able to read from the Torah at his Bar Mitzvah. Mazel Tov!



Bat Mitzvah of Ilana Blum

June 18, 2022 19 Sivan 5782

Ilana Blum is finishing her 7th grade year at Pioneer Middle School and is an honors student. Outside of school, Ilana is a lacrosse player. She really enjoys spending time with her lacrosse and school friends. She has a soft spot for all animals which is why she adopted two adult guinea pigs that needed a new home. She also decided to do her Mitzvah Project at Hemopet Greyhound Rescue and Adoption Center where she is collecting stuffed animals, dog toys, towels, blankets and comforters for these sweet dogs.



Bat Mitzvah of Leah Green

June 25, 2022 26 Sivan 5782

Leah Green is excited to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah.....again.....but this time surrounded by her family, friends, and CBI community (since COVID created a "special" solo experience the first time around). Leah is currently an eighth grader at Columbus Tustin Middle School in a Math and Science Magnet Program and will be heading off to Foothill High School in the Fall. She is on the Board of CBI's growing USY program and loves attending services and youth events at shul. When not planning her future as an astronaut, she can usually be found at the Irvine Regional

Park horse stables, either taking lessons or doing volunteer work, caring for abandoned horses and those with challenging medical conditions. Her three siblings, Clara (6th grade), Ella (4th grade), and Noah (1st grade) are looking forward to her Bat Mitzvah, especially the Israeli dancing that they all learned at Camp Alonim and Camp B'nai Ruach and practice often in the living room. She would like to thank her CBI teachers, tutors, and friends for helping her reach this very special day (once again).

MEN'S CLUB

Save the Dates for Men's Club May 29 June 26 July 24

All Meetings at CBI at 10:15 am

For more information contact

Steve Sommer at steve34612@gmail.com

PRAY

YISM'CHU

A musical Shabbat Service with Rabbi Goldstein, Cantor Amy Robinson Katz, Carl Cedar. At 9:30 am April 16 | May 14 June 11



CBI Coastal Shabbat Services 2022

Time: 9:30 am April 2 | May7



ShabbatHOME Friday Nights with Cantor Amy Robinson Katz. and

Rabbi Goldstein At 6:00pm April 8 | April 22 | April 29 | May 20

Young Family Shabbat

with Carl Cedar Singing, dancing, & praying, followed by dinner. For families with kids 10 and younger. At 5:15pm May 6 | June 3

Junior Congregation

at 10:30am April 23 | May 21 | June 18

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at 10:50am April 30

Prayersong

Contemplative singing with Cantor Amy Robinson Katz Join us in the FLC at 9:30am Saturday, April 30

LEARN

Talmud Study via Zoom

Led by Neil Spingarn Wednesdays at 7:30pm



Parashat HaShavuah

Study each week's Torah portion with old

and new friends. Coordinated by Mimi Goldstein. Saturdays at 8:30am at CBI

How to Read Scripture with a Modern Lens

via Zoom

Led by Dr. Ahuva Ho Sundays - 1:15pm

Book Club

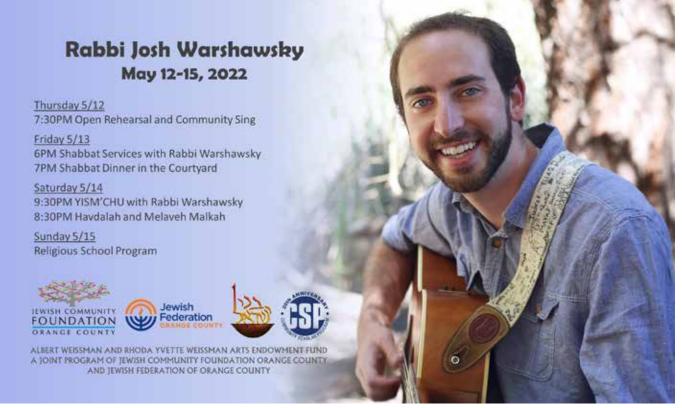
via Zoom at 7:00pm Coordinated by Judy Bernstein

May 19
The Seven Husbands of
Evelyn Hugo
by Taylor Jenkins Reid

June 16







CBI In The Community Hazon Bike Ride Held on March 6, 2022 Kol Hakavod to Co-Chairs Susan Mattisinko & Robert De Leon & to all those who participated!











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Celebrate Israel with the CBI Religious School and SAM GLASER!

Sunday, May 1, 2022, at 12:00pm.

The Religious School is excited to bring SAM GLASER to celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut with a fabulous concert! Our concert, originally scheduled for 2020, will feature our own students joining Sam for several songs that they have been learning during the past two years.

We are grateful for the Daniel Zembrosky Youth in Arts Fund, our generous sponsor for this event! The CBI community is invited to join us in support of the religious school and the Zembrosky Fund, for future concerts and projects.

Tickets are \$18/adult and \$10/child.

Religious School families are free!

Please RSVP today on our website: www.cbi18.org



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2022

Friday, April 1, 2022

5:15 PM Young Family Shabbat Service

6:00 PM USY Shabbat Club

Saturday, April 2

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Parashat Tazria

10:30 AM CBI Costal in Irvine

Friday, April 8

6:00 PM ShabbatHOME

Saturday, April 9

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Women's Club Shabbat Shabbat HaGadol

Parashat Metzora

Friday, April 15

7:30 AM Fast of The First Born (Zoom)

6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7:00 PM Community Seder at CBI

Saturday, April 16

9:30 AM Pesach Day 1

Yism'chu Service

Sunday, April 17

9:30 AM Pesach Day 2 Service

Friday, April 22

9:30 AM Pesach Day 7 Service

6:00 PM ShabbatHOME

Saturday, April 23

9:30 AM Pesach Day 8 Service with

10:30 AM Junior Congregation

Friday, April 29

6:00 PM ShabbatHOME

Saturday, April 30

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah of Mia Feld

Parashat Achrei Mot

9:30 AM Prayersong 10:50 AM Tot Shabbat Friday, May 6

5:15 PM Young Family Shabbat Service

USY Shabbat Club 6:00 PM

Saturday, May 7

Shabbat Morning Service

B'nai Mitzvah of Kayla & Noah

Hofman

Parashat Kedoshim

CBI Coastal

Friday, May 13-15

Rabbi Josh Washawsky Shabbaton

Friday, May 13

6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 14

9:30 AM Yism'chu Shabbat Morning

Bat Mizvat of Barbara Zwart

Parashat Emor

Friday, May 20

6:00 PM ShabbatHOME

Saturday, May 21

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

B'not Mitzvah of

Yael & Talia Shaham

Parashat Behar

10:30 AM Junior Congregation

Friday, May 27

6:00 PM Shabbat Under the Stars

Saturday, May 28 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Parashat Bechukotai

Friday, June 3

5:15 PM Young Family Shabbat

Service

6:00 PM **USY Shabbat Club**

Saturday, June 4

Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM

Parashat Bamidbar

8:00 PM Shavuot & Liel Tikkun

Sunday, June 5

9:30 AM Shavuot Day 1 Service

Monday, June 6

9:30 AM Shavuot Day 2 Service with

Yizkor

Friday, June 10

6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 11

9:30 AM Yism'chu Shabbat Morning

Bar Mitzvah of Tyler Fields

Parashat Nasso

Friday, June 17

6:00 PM ShabbatHOME

Saturday, June 18

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah of Ilana Blum

Parashat Beha'alotcha

10:30 AM Junior Congregation

Friday, June 24

6:00 PM Shabbat Under the Stars

Saturday, June 25

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah of Leah Green

Parashat Sh'lach

Weekday Minyanim

9:10 AM Sunday Mornings (check website for schedule) 8:15 PM Wednesday Evenings (check website for schedule)