

# C.B.E. CHAI LITES

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## Rabbi's Message



Dear Friends – *Shalom Chaverim!*

While Israel just celebrated her 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a modern, independent country, we all know that the Land of Israel and its connection to the Jewish people go back to ancient times. It is the land where the Bible was written and

where the patriarchs and matriarchs of our people lived, King David fought the Philistines, bringing peace to the land, and Solomon built the Holy Temple as a central gathering place for Jewish celebration. Because Israel is at the crossroads of three continents and holy to three key world religions, various conquerors have captured her for their empires over the course of history. Judaism and the Jewish people have been able to survive so much upheaval because of our faith, courage, tenacity, and our ability to “improvise, adapt, and overcome”. After the Romans conquered the land of Israel in the year 70 CE, they renamed it Palestine, after the biblical archenemies of the Jews and in an attempt to obliterate any connection of Jewish people to the land.

Ironically, this attempt to delegitimize Israel as a land connected to the Jewish people continues even to this day. You may have heard of the BDS Campaign, to boycott, divest and have sanctions against Israel and companies that do business with Israel, in an attempt to strangle her financially. In a way, this is the same thing the Nazis did to their Jewish citizens in the 1930s with the Nuremberg Laws, which marginalized Jews from society and took away Jewish-owned businesses. In addition to much of the Arab world's indoctrination of anti-Israel, anti-Jewish propaganda, there is the insidious campaign to delegitimize Israel, making claims of Israel as “imperialist,” colonialist,” “occupier,” and a “settler society”. It makes no difference that Israel is the only democracy in the region; that the Arabs of Palestine rejected the 1947 U.N. Partition Plan, which would have given them an independent Arab country; or that the Arabs that fled Israel in 1948 were not permitted citizenship in Jordan or Egypt, and were left to rot in squalid refugee camps, festering in hatred and rage.

Sadly, this campaign has had some strong financial ramifications for Israel and Israeli companies. In addition to

various European countries withdrawing from business deals with Israeli companies, the Methodist Church passed an “anti-Israel” motion demanding a boycott of goods from “illegal” settlements. Quakers in Britain have also agreed to boycott Israeli products. For Jews, the use of economic leverages against the Jewish state is fraught with the inescapable associations noted above.

Decades of terrorism and rejection have left Israelis feeling threatened and isolated. Many of the major proponents of divestment do not support Israel's right to exist – thus deepening this fear. *Divestment as a policy is more likely to encourage those with more extreme aims than to foster reconciliation.* Simply put, the bitter debate over divestment drowns out the real conversation about how to end the conflict.

Despite all these hardships, Israel and the Jewish people persevere; from our position in the U.S. we can help by buying Israeli products or investing in Israeli companies. Isn't it ironic that nobody in the Middle East speaks their original language, except Israel? In February, Israeli tourism scored an all-time monthly record with 232,000 visitors, many of whom are not even Jewish, but Christian pilgrims. Israelis continue to give much to the world in the fields of science, technology, medicine, and even humanitarian aide. Israel's President and elder statesman Shimon Peres is still optimistic that peace can prevail. “Ode lo avda tikvateynu” ...our hope is not lost, and our work is not yet done! Let us each do our part in this very important time in history.

*Am Yisrael Chai!*

עם ישראל חי!

Shalom u'vrachah,  
**Rabbi Michele Paskow**  
[Rav.Michal@verizon.net](mailto:Rav.Michal@verizon.net)



## President's Message by Michael Hollander



As we hurtle towards summer, I want to congratulate anyone out there who is graduating and wish all of you wonderful vacation days to come.

The summer marks an end to Congregation B'nai Emet's fiscal year and it looks like we are on track to finish in the black. I thank my board for taking its fiduciary responsibility seriously. To keep us moving forward in the right direction, I encourage members to continue paying their monthly pledges or go for the gusto and pay off your commitment in full.

This is also a great time to invite any Jewish families or interfaith couples you might know to check us out. Invite them to a Friday night service, have their kids try out the religious school one Sunday or just encourage them to come by for a quick tour of the synagogue. You'll be doing a wonderful mitzvah.

Speaking of great things to come, I want to offer congratulations to our own Rabbi Michele Paskow for being selected as one of the "Pillars of the Community" honorees at the Hillel 818 (CSUN) 11th Annual Dinner Celebration at the end of May. This recognition is well-deserved, and you can be proud of our Rabbi for attaining such an honor.

See you in Shul.

*Michael Hollander*

**Summer is almost here  
Join us for Shabbat Under the Stars  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday  
of each summer month:**

**June 22, July 27, August 24.**

**A pot-luck dinner on the patio will precede  
each 8 pm service.**

Congregation B'nai Emet is on [facebook](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Congregation-Bnai-Emet-Simi-Valley-CA/133861023341661) - "Like" us at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Congregation-Bnai-Emet-Simi-Valley-CA/133861023341661>

The minutes of CBE Board meetings are available to all members in the Temple office.

Black and white hard copies of the newsletter are also available in the Temple office

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## Bat Mitzvah



Shalom!!! My name is **Kellie Elhai**. I live in Simi Valley and attend Sinaloa Middle School as a 7th grader. I am so excited for my bat mitzvah this June. I am the middle child of three girls. I love animals and we have several pets in our family including a dog, two guinea pigs and many fish. My favorite hobbies include reading, playing soccer, playing with my dog, and inventing new games. Becoming a bat mitzvah is important to me because I can accept new responsibilities and help others more. I participate in many community service groups including the Builders Club and the National Junior Honor Society. As part of my mitzvah project, I will be collecting food to help support our local food bank. I am looking forward to becoming a Jewish adult.

## Men's Club

The Men's Club has been busy with many different events over the past few months. We had our first cigar dinner/social evening on the patio of the temple on the same night we had to move the pews for the community seder. Moving the pews only took a few minutes with all the guys we had there and then we enjoyed an evening of salad, pizza, dessert, and coffee (a few guys had a cigar).

We are continuing to have our monthly breakfast get-togethers and are in the process of planning our activities over the summer and fall. Last month we had our elections and we now have a younger, energetic president, Aaron Stansfield. Another new member of our board is Alan Mann, secretary. Returning board members are Wayne Schultz (treasurer) and Lloyd Picker (VP). If you have any ideas for activities or events that you would like to see the Men's Club do, this is a great time to express your thoughts with a new president at the helm.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have been such a tremendous support to the Men's Club and to me for these past three years. It has truly been both a pleasure and a wonderful experience for me. It was a privilege to be the Men's Club president.

*Michael Mutal*

### BULLETIN BYTE

Thank you & *yasher koach* to

**Sandy Leon** and **RuthAnn Rossman** who worked so hard to make this year's Passover Seder a great success. Everything was wonderful!

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE JUDAICA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS SERVICE

ON FRIDAY NIGHT MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

Sandy Weinstein will be confirmed



## Executive Vice President

A big Thank You for voting me in for another year.

A lot has occurred in the past year:

- \* The Montessori Preschool has been upgraded.
- \* The Temple roof has been repaired and the grounds have never looked better.

Big thanks to Earl Rosado for heading the Montessori and roof repairs. I would also like to thank the landscape committee for your support in keeping the grounds in great shape.

Earl and I have made a list of projects that need to be done to the Temple itself. Some of the major projects include:

- \* Upgrading the bathrooms
- \* A new temple access ramp for the physically challenged
- \* Painting both the inside and outside of the temple
- \* A pad in the back of the temple for the storage container
- \* Upgrading the landscaping including a new sprinkler system.

With everyone's support, they can all be accomplished in the near future.

Sincerely,  
*Mitchell Salberg*  
Executive VP



## ANGELS IN JUDAISM by Cantor Michael Russ

While celebrating Passover at our home, a few guests asked, "Why aren't there any Angels in Judaism?" In fact, I remember some congregants asking the same question at a Friday night service. The simple answer is that there are Angels in Judaism. They are in our Bible. However, the question itself begs another question: Why don't most Jews know that there are Angels in our religion?

If you are reading this article in the Temple bulletin, chances are pretty good that you participate in Jewish religious life. You come to religious services from time to time and you celebrate the Jewish holidays. Chances are also pretty good that you and/or other family members participate in the life of the congregation to one degree or another.

Why bother to study or learn more about our religion? First of all, Judaism is a good way to put life into perspective. When life is good, Judaism helps us appreciate, celebrate and enjoy the goodness. When life is difficult and we have problems and/or sadness in our life, Judaism has insightful words of wisdom, comforting thoughts and in many ways encourages us and gives us guidance to maneuver our way through our difficulties. Our rituals often help us with the support of the community such as with funerals and illness.



Because our Jewish Heritage is handed down from one generation to the next, we need more than just our Rabbis, Cantors and teachers. We need the parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles to also teach the children, so when these children grow up and have their own children, they will have the memories and knowledge to teach the next generation.

When God wanted the Hebrews to build a portable sanctuary to carry in the desert, He said, "Let all among you who are skilled, come and make all that the Lord has commanded; the Tabernacle, its tent and its covering . . . etc." (Exodus Chapter 35).

"And everyone who excelled in ability and everyone whose spirit moved him came, bringing to the Lord his offering for the work of the Tent of Meeting and for all its service and for the sacral vestments."

And then the story continues to describe who the main workers, with their special skills, were and what they did. We have congregants with interesting and various skills who continually contribute and help with the upkeep and improvement of the structure, the land and the business of the congregation. We even get a fair turnout at our Shabbat services and an even better attendance at special holidays and events.

What we need now is more Jews who are interested in helping our congregation grow. We need to be able to continue developing more educational programs for adults and children so we will have a knowledgeable congregation who can practice our religion, teach our children and help the community at large know who we are and what we stand for.



We actually have in our congregation a number of Angels. They are the ones who keep the congregation alive and growing. They are the ones who gather together to make the important decisions, which need to be made for the congregation to thrive. They are the ones who move furniture around for our various activities. They are the ones who mow the lawn, do the gardening and make repairs when needed.

In Deuteronomy Chapter 29 Moses says to our ancestors, "You stand this day, all of you, before the Eternal One your God--your tribal heads, your elders, and your officials, all the people of Israel, your children, your wives, even the stranger within your camp from woodchopper to water drawer--to enter into the covenant with the Eternal One Your God." (Deuteronomy 29:9-10)

We are all in this together. We are a community whose goal is to fulfill the covenant with God, to continue to fulfill His commandments and to be a "Kingdom of Priests and a Holy people." (Exodus 19:6)

Thank you to all the Angels. If you would like to join the covenant of Angels, give a call to the Temple or someone who is already active in the Temple and tell them you'd like to help. Encourage others to join the temple. Don't just join the congregation . . . . . become an Angel.



**CBE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  
WISH-LIST:  
Laminating machine  
(speak with Rabbi)**

## Membership

It has been nearly a year since I joined the CBE Board as the VP of Membership, and I am fortunate to be serving for a second year in this capacity. I consider myself fortunate, because I enjoy working with the fellow board members on making our Temple a little better each year.

This time of year also marks the start of our membership registration period. I am hopeful that our current members will continue to support the Temple. I firmly believe that we are our best assets at attracting new members. Not only can we recommend CBE to our friends and family, we can make visitors feel welcome when they celebrate Shabbat and holidays with us.

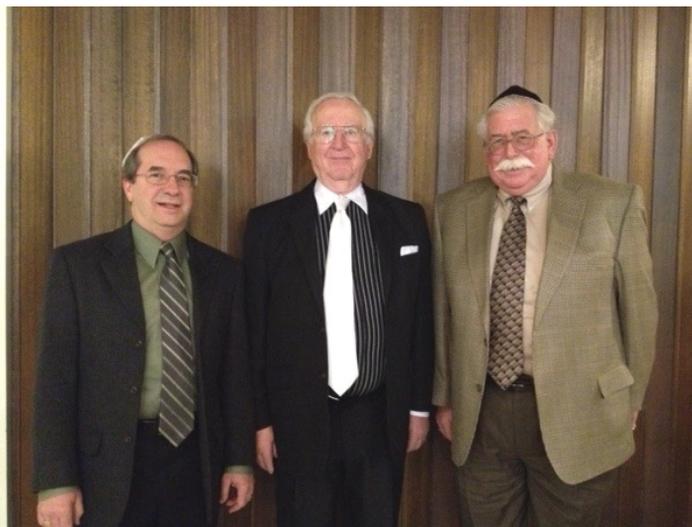
I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage all former members to come to services, or other events, and consider rejoining the congregation. I am more than happy to answer questions about CBE, so feel free to contact me. I assure you I am friendly and talkative; maybe too talkative.

Last year, I was able to meet many Temple members--including several families new to CBE--and look forward to doing the same this year.

***Ryan Richmond***  
V.P. Membership



*Elan Frank was the guest speaker at CBE's April 27 Shabbat service in honor of Israel's Independence Day. He spoke about his experiences as a helicopter pilot in the Israeli Defense Forces and answered questions about Israel's current situation.*



*Three-way tie for First Place in the "How To Dress When going to Shul For A Major Holiday"*

## Thank you, CBE.

By: Carla Shaw,  
VP Social Action

This coming June I will be moving to San Francisco! It will be eleven years to the month since I moved here from Miami, and in that time I became involved with Congregation B'nai Emet in every way imaginable. I have served on the temple board in several positions. I have taught second, third and fourth grades at religious school. I was greatly honored to serve as Sisterhood President for two years.

I joyfully sang with the choir and was thrilled to have them sing a couple of songs that I was inspired to write through my true spiritual uplifting by attending services regularly.

I well remember the feeling of hope and wonder when I first sat in the parking lot of what was to become our new home and felt like I could see the future. I marched with pride as we brought our Torahs from Industrial Drive to Bonita.

I will miss all of these things about our temple – but the thing I will miss the most is the amazing temple family that I have learned to love and cherish over all these eleven years. We laughed, cried, fought, danced, reached out to each other, comforted each other, shared mitzvahs and pain. And, of course, we prayed.

I hope I have contributed in some small way to the continued future of CBE. Although I will be moving away, my heart will always be here with all of you. I truly know what it means to be part of such a special community and spiritual family – and I know this will be my family forever.

Shalom alechim and todah rabah,

***Carla***

## Programs

### Sock Hop

The annual Purim Ball: the Sock Hop was attended by about 80 people who seemed to have a wonderful time. The decorations made it particularly festive. Thanks to Tami Plotkin, Kathy Smith, Ronnye Sacks, Geri Brandler, and Aaron Stansfield for their decorating skills. We had a live auction for the use of a home in Arizona for a week, and the lucky winners were the Sions and the Rosados.

Mark Rosen wooed us with his wonderful voice, singing songs from Frank Sinatra, Elvis, Bobby Darin and so many other great artists from the 50s.

Please note the many donors (listed in the last issue of Chai Lites). When patronizing their businesses, be sure to mention Congregation B'nai Emet so they know that their donation was worthwhile.

Cheryl Hirsch spent countless hours soliciting for the silent auction and raffle. We are so sorry she was ill and unable to attend the event for which her effort and dedication resulted in so much success. Kathy Smith, Cheryl's sidekick, came through beautifully with her display and handling of the raffle and auction, along with the assistance of other sisterhood members.

Meridith, as always, used her computer skills to order the banners, make the invitations, handle the PayPal orders, and so many other things.

Thank you to the Men's Club for moving the pews before and after the ball.

Thank you to all our bartenders, servers, and many other volunteers that made the evening a success.

### Community Seder

The temple seder was held the second night of Passover at the temple. Rabbi Michele led a lovely service that included everyone. The food, from Majestic Caterers, was excellent. The children's participation in Chad Gadya was a wonderful conclusion to the evening that was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to the Men's Club for moving the pews before and after the seder.

Thank you to those who set up the temple so beautifully. It takes a lot of people and many hours to make an event like this come off so beautifully.

Thank you to everyone who helped clean the temple and put it back in order for the church to have an Easter service early the next morning. Thank you to those who took dirty dishes, linens, and everything else home to wash.

Thank you is not enough to show appreciation to Sandy Leon for all she did to make the seder a success. Every year she washes the dishes, glasses, and utensils; irons the linens; shops for incidentals such as napkins; works with our temple florist, Michael's Flowers; orders the food; and supervises the servers. Sandy is truly a miracle worker with endless amounts of energy and love for the temple and its traditions.

I look forward to the coming year as Program V.P. If you have any suggestions for programs you would like to see the temple offer, please let me know. The next program is the Spring Concert at the temple on Saturday May 12 at 8PM. This program is free to everyone. This promises to be a wonderful concert with a reception to follow. Donations greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

*RuthAnn Rossman*

### Shavuot - The Next Jewish Holiday

"Shavuot" or "Shavuos" is the next holiday we'll celebrate, on May 26-27. While originally it was a harvest holiday, the rabbis of the Talmudic period gave this holiday a new historical connection – namely that it celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. This is a powerful and meaningful image which strengthens our connection to the Torah and to generations past and it becomes as if we, too, are actually receiving the Torah ourselves!

The Torah is our most sacred object for it contains our holy teachings, our sacred stories, our covenant with God. One Chassidic teacher wrote, "We study Torah for no other reason than this: that by studying Torah we might become Torah." In other words, we study to learn and to be uplifted by our religious and moral teachings. The Zohar, the main



book of Jewish mysticism, notes, "If you study the Torah, you are joined to the Tree of Life" (152b).

As we approach the Shavuot holiday, I hope you will renew and strengthen your commitment to Jewish life, values and learning. Read a Jewish book, study a little Torah, come by the synagogue and be an active part of Jewish life in Simi Valley. We will be having Shabbat services throughout the summer – I hope to see you!

*Rabbi Michele Paskow*



## Women of CBE

Sisterhood held its installation dinner on April 17 at the Elephant Bar. Officers for the coming year are:

President: Penny Neugroschl

1st Vice President: Janine Enright

Program VP: Ronnye Sacks, Cathy Holst, &  
Sylvia LeVine

Membership VP: Carole Picker & Arlene Nolke

Ways and Means VP: Kathy Smith & Cheryl Hirsch

Treasurer: Geri Brandler

Secretary: Laura Tepfer

We know they'll do a great job. Thanks to all of the 2011-2012 Board who worked so hard and so well to ensure Sisterhood's success. We're so proud of you. We will be moving into our summer program for May, June and July and August. We hope you will join us for fun and friendship and be part of our Women of CBE membership. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

*Penny Neugroschl*

President, Women of CBE



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM  
*stronger together*



*Women of CBE  
enjoying the  
Installation Dinner*



**Women of CBE** Congregation  
B'nai Emet

WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM  
STRONGER TOGETHER

invite you to our next general meeting:

# "OH, MY ACHING BACK!"

**Tuesday, May 8  
7 PM  
At the Temple**



Helpful hints for prevention and care of your back, presented by our own Dr. Tami Plotkin, D.C.

**Wear comfortable clothes and be ready to stretch. Bring a mat or beach towel, etc.**



**Women of CBE** Congregation  
B'nai Emet

WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM  
STRONGER TOGETHER

invite you to join us for:

# Personal Crime Prevention Tips

**Tuesday, June 12  
7 PM  
at the Temple**



Learn quick tips on how to protect yourself when you are out on your own. Our speaker will be from the Simi Valley Police Department.

RSVP to Cathy Holst, [catherine3484@yahoo.com](mailto:catherine3484@yahoo.com) or Ronnye Sacks, 805.527.2036

## Oneg Sponsors

### March 2, 2012

The family of Michael Mutal in honor of his birthday  
The family of Earl Rosado in honor of his birthday  
The family of Kellie Elhai in honor of her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday  
The Baskin family in honor of Mark's & Emma's birthdays

### March 9, 2012

The families of the Sixth Grade Class  
Sharlene Pass in memory of Alvin Pass  
Irwin Cohen in honor of the birthdays of  
Adam & Irwin Cohen  
Sandy Melnick in honor of what would have been her late  
mother Gerri Kaye's 97th birthday

### March 16, 2012

Julie & Stephen Storry in honor of their anniversary  
Minnie Anzo in honor of Irwin Cohen's birthday, & in  
memory of her mother, Anna Freeman  
Girl Scout Troop 60323 in honor of Girl Scout Shabbat  
The Foster family in memory of Michelle's grandmother  
Helen Kelson  
The CBE choir in honor of Irwin Cohen's birthday

### March 23, 2012

The Botan family in honor of Shelly's birthday  
The Bergmann family in honor of Jerry & Marla's birthdays

### March 30, 2012

The family of Ryan & Rachael Rosenstein in honor of  
their b'nai mitzvah  
The Rosenstein family in honor of Jennifer's birthday  
The Foster family in memory of Michelle's grandmother  
Bertha Brody  
Erik & Tracie Breiter in honor of their 30th anniversary  
Stan & Sandy Melnick in honor of Stan's birthday & also to  
honor their very special & brave granddaughter Sarah  
Michael & Julie Mutal in memory of Michael's aunt,  
Rebecca Varon

### April 13, 2012

Dan & Geri Brandler in honor of their 41st anniversary & '  
in memory of Terry Hardin  
Murray & Faye Lasoff in honor of David's aliyah tonight  
& his aliyah to Israel  
Suzanne Epstein in honor of Ken's birthday  
Alan & Linda Mann in memory of Alan's uncle,  
Martin Mitchel  
Laura & Louis Tepfer in honor of their 40th anniversary  
The Wohlner family in memory of Jeff's mother, Pearl  
Shelly Botan in memory of Terry Hardin  
The Moss family in honor of Joshua's birthday  
Meridith Patera & Carla Shaw in honor of Rabbi Michele's  
birthday



## One Year Fundraiser to Benefit CBE

Our friends at Mt. Sinai Memorial Parks are offering a great opportunity for Congregation B'nai Emet to raise \$5,000 in just one year. Called the **5-5 program**, at least five burial spaces must be purchased by Temple members, their family members or friends. As each purchase contract is paid off, Mt. Sinai will pay CBE \$1,000. for each space, but not unless five spaces are purchased within the year – the clock starts March 1<sup>st</sup>.

This great offer applies to selected property for before-need use at the Simi Valley location. Choices range from single side-by-side spaces to companion "estates" which provide benches and plants. Property that is already discounted is not eligible for this program.

It's so important to think of your family and plan ahead. This opportunity gives you a great incentive to look to the future, giving your loved ones peace of mind while, at the same time, providing Congregation B'nai Emet with some financial security.

For more information, please contact:

Doreen Kayne  
Advance Planning Representative  
(805) 306-6413  
[dkayne@mountsinaiparks.org](mailto:dkayne@mountsinaiparks.org)

### April 20, 2012

The family of Ben Tabak in honor of his bar mitzvah  
The Tolchin family in honor of Carol's birthday, Max's  
17<sup>th</sup> birthday, & Tara's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday  
The Doepking family in honor of Maylee's 4th birthday  
Holly & Steve York in memory of Arthur Korn

### April 27, 2012

The family of Ryan Fromer in honor of his bar mitzvah  
The Kieselbach family in honor of Renee's birthday  
Meridith Patera in honor of Max winning the  
"Outstanding Community Member" award for his  
residence village at CSU Channel Islands  
The Kelly family in honor of Sean's birthday

*CBE Spring Concert  
& Reception*



**8 PM  
Saturday, May 12  
Congregation B'nai Emet  
9 West Bonita Drive  
Simi Valley, CA 93065  
(805) 581-3723**

**Everyone welcome!**

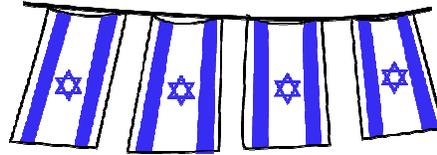
**no charge  
donations accepted**

# Join us for Special Shabbat Services!

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THESE AMAZING STUDENT-LED SERVICES!**



**May 4 - 7:00 PM  
ISRAEL BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION**  
Shabbat Evening Service led  
by the Fifth Grade Class



**May 25 - 8:00 PM  
CONFIRMATION  
of Sandy Weinstein**  
Shabbat Evening Service led by students  
of the Judaica High School Class

**June 1 - 7:00 PM  
Shabbat Family Service  
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL GRADUATION &  
STAFF APPRECIATION**  
Join us as the 7th Grade Class leads the service and  
CBE honors our dedicated Religious School staff.



## Fundraising

**May 28, 2012**

*Come and Eat at*

**"The Habit Burger Grill"**

and 20% of whatever you spend there will go  
toward Congregation B'nai Emet (CBE)  
From 4:00 - 9:00PM!

Submit Flyer at right



Or print from CBE web site

<http://www.congregationbnaiemet.org/May%2028,%202012%20-%20The%20Habit%20-%209PM.pdf>

*Linda Martins-Mann*  
VP Fundraising

ENJOY some Fantastic FOOD  
HELP CONGREGATION B'NAI EMET  
Simi Valley, CA  
Raise Funds



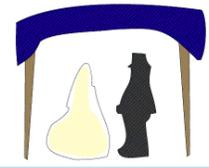
Where: **The Habit Burger Grill**  
2906 Tapo Canyon Road  
Simi Valley, CA 93065  
(805) 527-4500

When: May 28, 2012  
Time: 4:00PM - 9:00PM



**SUBMIT FLYER**  
&  
Congregation B'nai Emet OF Simi Valley, CA  
WILL RECEIVE 20% OF YOUR BILL!  
GOOD FOR DINING IN OR TAKE-OUT!





## Birthdays

## Anniversaries

May 03 Jeremy Scharf  
 May 05 Emily Doepking  
 May 07 Alan Mann  
 May 08 Minnie Anzo-Ackerman  
 May 09 Michael Foster  
 May 09 Julie Ranelletti  
 May 09 Ronnye Sacks  
 May 09 Dara Tolchin  
 May 10 Carol Rosado  
 May 11 Keith Kelly  
 May 12 Robert Sternberg  
 May 13 Marilyn Kaufman  
 May 14 Alicia York  
 May 14 Jennifer York  
 May 16 Carole Picker  
 May 17 Gabrielle Moss  
 May 18 Aaron Mutal  
 May 20 Marion Leon-Doten  
 May 22 Michael Moss  
 May 22 Ruth Ann Rossman  
 May 23 Meredith Patera  
 May 24 Tara Schleien  
 May 25 Dr. Herschel Berger  
 May 25 Eric Cohen  
 May 25 Robin Kelly  
 May 26 Geri Brandler  
 May 26 Steve Rossman  
 May 26 Zachary Dylan Rossman  
 May 27 Penny Neugroschl  
 May 28 Kevin Kieselbach  
 May 28 Joshua Zalmanowitz  
 May 29 Rebecca Zalmanowitz  
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May 13	Bertha Liebmann	Iyar 21	Jun 10	Marlene Bloch	Sivan 20
May 13	Alexa Wiener	Iyar 21	Jun 10	Harry Landau	Sivan 20
May 15	Bertram Marx	Iyar 23	Jun 10	Julius Schwartz	Sivan 20
May 15	Tina Schultz		Jun 11	Hannah Fintz	Sivan 21
May 15	David Tratner		Jun 12	Normand Meyer	Sivan 22
May 16	Werner Hollander		Jun 13	Bernard Rich	Sivan 23
May 16	Ernest Koretz		Jun 15	Manuel Lieber	Sivan 25
May 17	Sarah Etz Chayim	Iyar 25	Jun 15	Osiash Schwartz	Sivan 25
May 19	Sarah Melnick	Iyar 27	Jun 16	Rose Firestein	Sivan 26
May 19	Steven Schwartz	Iyar 27	Jun 16	Max LeVine	Sivan 26
May 20	Sara Saffrin	Iyar 28	Jun 16	Ronnie Tabak	Sivan 26
May 22	Rose Friedman	Sivan 1	Jun 16	Benny Zaltzman	Sivan 26
May 22	Bernice Hearn	Sivan 1	Jun 18	George Lazarus	Sivan 28
May 22	Trevor Scharf		Jun 18	Sheldon Raab	Sivan 28
May 24	Dorothy Glazer	Sivan 3	Jun 20	Josef Bromberger	
May 24	Milton Schoen	Sivan 3	Jun 21	Milton Grossman	Tammuz 1
May 25	Matilda Behar	Sivan 4	Jun 22	Leon Brody	Tammuz 2
May 25	Miriam Stein	Sivan 4	Jun 23	Leo Brady	
May 26	Angela Berns	Sivan 5	Jun 24	Gustav Heimann	Tammuz 4
May 26	Mary Brady		Jun 24	Claire Klugman	Tammuz 4
May 26	Cynthia Miller	Sivan 5	Jun 24	Abe Richter	Tammuz 4
May 27	James Bloch	Sivan 6	Jun 25	Gladys Rosenberg	Tammuz 5
May 27	Suzanne Brotz	Sivan 6	Jun 25	Alan Tolchin	Tammuz 5
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May 28	Ray B. Bourland	Sivan 7	Jun 27	Leatrice Goldstein	Tammuz 7
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May 30	Fanya Bronfermachev	Sivan 9			



**Please check the current Yahrzeit information on the data sheet you received in your membership packet. Verify its accuracy and call the office with any changes or new Yahrzeit information.**

**During the year, you will receive reminders for upcoming Yahrzeit dates. We want to have complete and accurate information.**

**Call Michael Hollander with any questions regarding Yahrzeit data.**

**Thank you.**

### How to observe a Yahrzeit at C.B.E

Light a 24-hour memorial candle in your home at sundown on the evening that begins the yahrzeit (anniversary of death.) It is also customary to attend Shabbat services at Temple and recite the Kaddish. At Congregation B'nai Emet, names of your loved ones are read on the Friday evening **before** the Yahrzeit. If you observe the **Gregorian (English)** date, the name will be read **following** the yahrzeit date. It is suggested that you make a contribution to the Temple so that the memory of your loved one can be honored with an act of love and kindness.

### Condolences to:

The Nusbaum family on the passing of Nate's mother, Shirley Nusbaum.

Dan and Geri Brandler on the passing of their son-in-law, Terry Hardin.

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May 4/13 Iyyar	7:24 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Achrei Mot-Kedoshim—Lev. 16:01-20:27
May 11/20 Iyyar	7:29 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Emor—Lev. 21:1-24:23
May 18/27 Iyyar	7:35 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Behar-Bechukotai—Lev. 25:1-27:34
May 25/5 Sivan	7:40 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Bamidbar—Num. 1:1-4:20
June 1/12 Sivan	7:44 PM	Family Service 7 PM	Nasso—Num 4:21-7:89
June 8/19 Sivan	7:48 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Beha'alotecha—Num. 8:1-12:18
June 15/26 Sivan	7:51 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Sh'lach—Num. 13:1-15:41
June 16		Bat Mitzvah of <b>Kellie Elhai</b>	
June 22/3 Tammuz	7:53 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Korach—Num. 16:1-18:32
June 29/10 Tammuz	7:53 PM	Shabbat Service 8 PM	Chukat—Num 19:1-22:1

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