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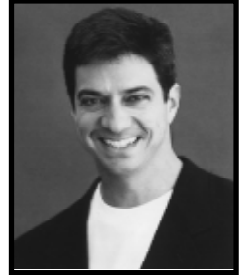
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& SYNAGOGUE EVENTS LISTED

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B'nai Israel
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Cheshvan ~ Tevet
November~December 2011

COME CELEBRATE A UNIQUE SHABBATON WITH SAM GLASER!

*This is a rare and wonderful opportunity for
Mercaz Limmud Hebrew School children to learn
and sing with this very special musician entertainer
and spiritual leader!*



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:30 PM: Dinner & Z'mirot

8:00 PM: Service led by Sam Glaser

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:30 – 11:00 AM: Special event with Sam & Students in the Family Life Center
(parents welcome!)



11:00 AM – 12:30 PM: Sam's D'var Torah & Musaf in the Main Sanctuary

12:30 – 2:00 PM: Kiddush Lunch

5:30 PM: Seudah Shlishit, Ma'ariv & Havdallah

7:00 PM: Piano Concert with Sam Glaser

Meals: \$25/Adult, \$10/Child not in Mercaz Limmud ~ Free/Child in Mercaz Limmud
Concert: \$18/Non-member ~ Free for all Community Scholar Program and CBI members
RSVP to the CBI Office by Monday, November 14

Get Ready for a Treat! ~ NESHAMA CARLEBACH AT CBI!

December 9 ~ 11



Friday, December 9 at 6:00 PM:
Kabbalat Shabbat with
Neshama and Cantor Tilchin
*Join us for a Community
Shabbat Dinner followed by a
presentation:
Jewish Spirituality and Music*

Don't Forget Sunday, December 11 at 4:30 PM:
Unity Tour Concert with Reverend Roger Hambrick and
Members of the Green Pastures Baptist Church Choir~
*Neshama carries on the legacy of her father, Rabbi
Shlomo Carlebach through his compositions and
her own music. Neshama is a superstar in Jewish
Entertainment who will endear you to her with her
incredible insight and musical artistry!*

Saturday December 10 at 9:30 AM:
Services and D'Var Torah with Neshama~
*Community Shabbat Lunch followed by a
Q & A session with Neshama and
Rabbi Spitz about her life and her father*

Concert and Shabbaton are open to the entire community
Tickets \$18 - \$180/ person

*Sponsored by CBI Adult Education and the Community
Scholar Program*

Come Join Us for a Celebratory Shabbat Service with

Dale Schatz

Saturday, November 5 at 9:45 AM in the Family Life Center



Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Elie Spitz



The Beat Goes On

The day after Yom Kippur I awoke hearing the Cantor and choir singing in my head. It was a nice feeling, a reminder of the beauty of the liturgy. Later in the day, Linda and I attended a string concert of an octet from San Diego. The concert was held in a Newport Beach church. Among the selections was Kol Nidre by Max Bruch. The violinist, a friend of Linda's from high school, stood in front of her fellow performers taking the lead. As she performed, she closed her eyes and tears streamed down her face. Afterwards, she said to me, "When I play that song I feel as if I am playing it for God." The music was beautiful and deeply moving.

Music amplifies our feelings, whether joy or yearning. In Hebrew each letter has a numerical equivalent. When you add up the letters for song (*shira*) and for prayer (*tefillah*), they are the same. Song and prayer go together. In song, we are focused, self-expressive, and linked to others.

At Congregation B'nai Israel, we will have great musical performances in November and December.

Sam Glaser is an important composer and performer of contemporary Jewish music. During

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High Holydays, Cantor Tilchin chanted melodies by Sam for the blessing of our children and for the Sim Shalom, marking the end of the silent Amidah prayer. Sam lives in Los Angeles, where he has a recording studio. He sings and performs on piano for all ages and this concert is a benefit for our Religious School. You will awake the next morning with melodies from the night before and they will make you smile. Please join us for a Shabbat with Sam on November 18th and 19th and a concert on Saturday night, November 19th at 7:00 PM.

Neshama Carlebach has the velvety voice of a jazz, torch singer and heart-touching soulfulness. Her legendary father, Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, composed over two thousand melodies, mostly for Psalms. His music is a common part of Jewish services of all denominations. At CBI, much of our Kabbalat Shabbat service is sung to his compositions. Neshama's most recent album contains selections from her father's repertoire, which she sings with a Gospel choir from New York City. On Sunday night, December 11th, we will have the opportunity to sing with Neshama and her five-piece band and an African-American choir. I guarantee that you will not be able to sit in your seat quietly. The music prompts joining in with voice and feet. This is a major event for our Adult Education Fund in partnership with the Community Scholars' Program. It is not to be missed. Please bring friends. You will have much to show off and to share. We will also have the opportunity to learn and pray with Neshama during the Shabbat of December 9-10th, including Neshama's leading of Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday night.

Let us sing together. Let us feel the uplift of Jewish music and sing-along with two of our people's best performers! ☆

"Upon Three Things the World Stands: On Torah, on (Divine) Service, and on Deeds of Lovingkindness." PirkeAvot 1:2

Cantor's Notes

Cantor Marcia Tilchin



IN THE BEGINNING...

With the fall holidays in full swing, something Jews world over can be sure of is that, as one annual cycle of Torah reading comes to a close on *Simhat Torah*, another will immediately begin in its wake. The final passages of Torah honor Moses upon his death while leaving the Israelite people to linger upon the precipice of their uncertain future. Torah's beginning returns us to God as the source for everything that is. As a piece of literature, the Torah has it all. Its stories are touching and painful, gripping and repetitive,

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An Opportunity to Learn!

Introduction to Judaism Classes

Every Sunday
from
October 23, 2011
thru April 1, 2012



Taught by Rabbi Spitz,
Cantor Tilchin
and Rabbinic Intern, Dan Kaiman

An intensive course for those wishing to embrace Judaism or to expand upon what they already know.

\$360/single attendee
\$540/ couple
\$250/ CBI member

Please contact the CBI office if you're interested.

detailed and vague, depicting a God who is loving and violent. Torah laws are very prescriptive in some cases while cryptic in others. Just as fascinating as the text itself is the Jewish enterprise of reading it, and how one understands the Torah's sanctity has profound implications for one's approach to its read.

How do YOU read the Torah? It is a question that most adult Jews are never challenged to wrestle with. Most American Jews will describe themselves as Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist, Renewal, Reform or Humanistic, depending on what synagogue they attended in their youth and/or to which institution they pay annual dues in the present. But, in fact, what truly defines one's denomination is one's view of Torah's origin and its continued sanctity. In his book, "Conservative Judaism: Our Ancestors to Our Descendants", Rabbi Elliot Dorff discusses how the Authority of Torah is understood in the four major Jewish Movements by addressing the following questions:

1) What is the nature of Revelation?

Do you believe that Torah itself and all the rabbinic traditions derived from it were dictated by God at Sinai? Do you believe that the Torah was written through human agency divinely inspired? Do you believe that Torah was an entirely human enterprise?

2) To what Authority does one ascribe the Bible's laws and ideas?

Do you believe that it is solely God's will or might there be other factors like historical covenant, tradition and internal wisdom that came into play both in its development and ongoing vitality? Do you see a distinction between the moral laws in Torah (You shall not stand idly by the blood of your fellow) and the ritual laws (Of these animals you may not eat...) in terms of their relevance for today?

3) What ability do people have to change the laws and ideas prescribed in Torah? Which of

the following do you believe: a) We are bound by the literal words even when there is conflict within the text itself. b) We should acknowledge flagrant scribal errors within the text and obvious examples of practices borrowed from pre-Israelite cultures. c) Rabbis in each generation can change laws when necessary in accord with modern developments in the social and hard sciences. d) We are at liberty to reconstruct all of Jewish practice according to current cultural customs and ideas thereby dismissing historical rabbinic interpretation. e) It is up to every individual to decide which *mitzvot*, if any, are relevant to their lives, implying that Torah has no true religious mandate.

4) How does one approach the study of Torah? Does your understanding of Torah today rely only upon interpretations of rabbinic commentators from the Talmudic era through the Middle Ages or do you employ the "Historical method of interpretation", determining the *Peshat* (true meaning) of a word or verse through literary and historical analysis?

Many Jewish people today identify with their Judaism only through communal activities and would not know where or how to begin articulating their own theology on the origins of Torah and revelation. Also true is that synagogue affiliation and personal theories of revelation can be a mixed marriage for many of us. My beloved teacher, Rabbi Neal Gillman, believes that a handsome percentage of members of Conservative synagogues are really Reconstructionist at heart. Many people support Orthodox synagogues because it is the only Jewish practice they know, yet their day-to-day life, including Shabbat observance, would indicate a theological stance at the other end of the spectrum.

As you begin again to turn the pages of the *Humash*, and reacquaint yourself with our patriarchs and matriarchs, venture down to Egypt,

stand at Sinai, build the mishkan, learn what makes us as a people *kadosh* (separate and holy), wander in the desert making some very poor choices along the way, and arrive again at the eastern side of the Jordan River, try to do so with the above questions in mind. The ability to discern and describe our understanding of Torah's origin helps us reach our ultimate goal in all Jewish living and learning: Knowing God, as author, inspiration or both. ☆

Don't Miss It!
**A Thanksgiving Interfaith
Choir Festival!**

Featuring Six Choirs and
Speakers from all Walks of Faith!

The finale will feature
over 200 voices
Guaranteed to inspire you!
November 13
7:00~8:30 PM

LDS Church
674 S. Yorba in Orange
**Price of Admission: a
generous donation of food to
feed the hungry**

**Orange County Interfaith
Coalition on the
Environment presents
at CBI:**

**Energy and our Future:
a Symposium**

Sunday, November 6
2:00~5:00 PM

**Come listen to what current
experts have to say!**

Participate in informative,
thought-provoking workshops!
\$10/person

Register online at www.ocice.org

The President's Corner

Joel Kuperberg



Looking Back ... and Forward

I write this column just a few days after Yom Kippur, with the last blast of the shofar still ringing in my ears. Reflecting back on the High Holidays, I continue to be amazed by the large number of our Congregants who commit so much time and energy to allow us to have such a meaningful religious experience. Months before Rosh Hashanah, our Ritual Committee, led by Phyllis Abrams and Bonnie Widerman, began working with Rabbi Spitz and Cantor Tilchin to address the spiritual and logistical challenges of High Holidays. Ritual Committee members Helene Coulter, Eric Dangot, Norm Baron, Viviana Schulman, Terry Ginsberg, Gail Murray, Jack Eisen, Mark Cohen, Bertil Askelid and Howard Mirowitz all played an important role in planning for the services.

Many other congregants also assist in the High Holiday preparations. Phyllis Abrams, Batia Swed, Nora Stern and Michele Snyder organize and mail out High Holiday tickets. Our Men's Club organizes the ushers, and Francine Morrison coordinates our greeters, who welcome Congregants entering the sanctuary. Ching-Lan St. John prepares all of the signs to direct us to our various services. Gail Murray coordinates the Yizkor Book, Howard Mirowitz organizes our Torah readers, and Neil Spingarn coordinates our Shamashim.

We cannot talk about High

Holidays without acknowledging the efforts and dedication of our clergy. In addition to his thoughtful and thought-provoking commentaries and sermons, Rabbi Spitz shares comments throughout the services to place the prayers and readings in context. Cantor Tilchin inspires and moves us with her davening and singing. And we are fortunate to have so many skilled congregants who lead services. Hal Hurwitz, Stuart Gallant, Jeremy Segal, Carl Cedar, Scott Spitzer and Rabbinic intern Dan Kaiman all led one or more of the many, varied services that CBI offered. The sounds of Jackie Mentor's cello introduced Kol Nidre, and the choir under the leadership of Judy Fenton helped lift our voices and our spirits.

Finally, our staff and other congregants make CBI special, both at High Holidays and throughout the year. Camille Gershonowitz sends out birthday and anniversary wishes, and Melanie Greenberg mails out yahrzeit letters. Jean Kravitz puts in long hours editing our informative, easy-to-read Shofar. Our office staff—Sandy Klein, Helene Coulter and Debbie Hebron—work especially hard assisting Congregants during the weeks leading up to High Holidays. And our custodial staff, James Shipp and Miguel Rodriguez, work long hours to set up and maintain our sanctuary and the other spaces on our campus that we use this time of year. Please take the time to thank our staff and fellow congregants for their efforts on our behalf.

Looking forward to the New Year, I am gratified by the support from so many Congregants regarding Congregation B'nai Israel's Endowment Campaign, which was publicly announced on Yom Kippur morning. Under the leadership of our co-Chairs, Mark and Sue Ann Cross and Ron and Francine Morrison, the Campaign is off to a strong start, having already raised over \$1.2 million. Every member of the congregation will have an

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Religious School

Robin Hoffman,
Education Director
Francine Wenhardt and Susan Don,
VPs



The Power and Beauty of Jewish Music

The inner history of a people is contained in its songs.

- Rabbi Adolph Jellinek

Years ago, I attended my first CAJE conference. "CAJE" stands for the Coalition for the Advancement in Jewish Education. Thousands of educators around the country attended these conferences to learn from experienced educators, to gain new ideas about classroom activities, and to explore philosophies and ideologies about Jewish education. There were hundreds of workshops, worship experiences, and vendors who showed new curriculum, new craft ideas, and beautiful ritual objects.

But what I remember most about attending CAJE was the music! Jewish musicians performed traditional and original music that was moving and inspirational. It was at CAJE that I saw Debbie Friedman perform for the first time. How amazing it was to experience two thousand Jewish educators standing and singing and clapping to her rendition of "Hallelu!" I was moved to tears. I learned the music of Doug Cotler, Rick Recht, Julie Silver, Noah Budin, Craig Taubman and many

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Child Development

Lisa Heller - Director, Certified Parent Coach
Michael Adler and Scott Cross, VPs



Why is it important to be “Present”?

Ever feel like there’s so much going on in your mind you can barely hear yourself think? That is static, a mental noise. It’s like the annoying sound on your phone that makes it hard to have a conversation, or the distracting commercials that interrupt your favorite TV show, except this static is in your head, and it keeps you from concentrating. It often keeps you from really being “present” with your child or spouse or friend. Static affects us all. It is everywhere: at home, at work, at the market, in classrooms, and at the gym. Sometimes in our own homes it can get so busy, noisy, and active you struggle juggling the many tasks and priorities all at once. We are so connected to our smart phones that we aren’t even aware of the static it creates within our lives. It’s no wonder the static in your head becomes so loud that many of your everyday interactions with your children or spouse happen without much thought about what you are saying and doing or why.

Static can interfere with you trying to think clearly. It can make it difficult to remember and draw upon the personal qualities and experiences you bring to your home and relationships. Turning off the daily interruptions requires turning down the static.

To be “present”, means pausing for just a moment to quiet your static and prepare to join your child in the interaction. With a quieter mind, you can think. You can focus. You can decide how to respond with intention rather than simply react. Pausing to be “present” with your child puts you in a clear and open frame of mind so that you can be intentional in a powerful way.

Being “present” means that you allow yourself to be fully in the moment. You are focused on not what you were doing a second ago or what you need to do tomorrow. You’re thinking only about the now.

As parents, we strive to be the best we can be. As spouses, we want a meaningful relationship. As teachers, we want to strengthen our relationship with the children, which in turn will make the children more open to learning.

As time goes by, let’s all take a breath and quiet the static in our heads. Let us be present in our relationships with the people we care about.

Information in this article taken from Powerful Interactions by Dombro, Jablon and Stetson. ☆

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<http://www.cbi18.org>



Getting ready to dress, getting ready to change and changing the mantles.

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, December 4
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
in the Bet Midrash

\$10/Family covers
materials and a snack

Contact the CBI Office if
interested



Youth News

Barbara Sherman - Youth Director
Annie Shugarman and
Marcy Shapiro, VPs



Another life cycle event has taken place for us. Our third grandchild Steven Daniel Harris was born; he joins his cousins Logan and Reagan in bringing much happiness and joy to our family. His arrival comes just months after my dad's unexpected passing. Needless to say, we have been on a roller coaster of emotions.

We have turned to CBI for all of our needs and life cycle events. This is true for our CBI children as well. CBI and our Youth Department provide a place of comfort and celebration for every age. Some of our college students have already expressed a desire to spend their 2012 summer at Camp B'nai Ruach as well. They want to come "home" for the summer. Our kids are so busy with school and extra curricular activities that they look forward to unwinding from their week at a weekend event at "home". Hanging out is sometimes just what they need. Recently we had a lounge night during the week and over 25 teens attended to relax with friends. Our Kol Nidre food truck was supervised by teens who just wanted to be together. I actually had to clear the truck of teens and escort them in to Services. Our kids come from all around the County just to be "home" with each other. High Holidays are also like a big family reunion for alumni and in some cases the alumni's children are playing together. There are so many prayers that state "L'dor V'dor" and CBI is the "home" it is happening

in. When we bid farewell to each other after being here there is always a deeply felt "I love you" with it.

Hopefully this gives you a glimpse into the deep connections we make to each other. It is not just the kids; I become attached to them as well. This is why I say "you can graduate, but you can never leave". Our program for this year is just getting under way and I urge every person to get involved, no matter what age they are. Come to an event, host an event, support us through a donation, work with us on a program...all are needed.

My deepest thanks to everyone who sponsored a Flame of the Future candle. It is very special to see the bima filled with children and their lights as Yom Kippur comes to a close. You made that possible and we appreciate it! We also deeply thank you for supporting the Kol Nidre Food Drive: the need was great and together we filled that truck for Families Forward. As we look ahead towards Thanksgiving, let's make our blessings count and not just count our blessings. Similarly, as the season of miracles also looms ahead, I invite you to be a part of the miracles of the Youth department. Experience it firsthand: come "home" to an event!

Join us for a

FUN-RAISER

(20% of proceeds go to CBI)

Must present flyer (see page 11)



at Souplantation

13681 Newport Ave.

Tustin, CA 92780-4689

and raise money for

Congregation B'nai Israel

Wednesday

November 9, 2011

at 5:00 ~ 9:00 PM



Souplantation & Sweet Tomatoes
salads • soups • bakery

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others. I was thrilled that I could buy their recordings and share them with my students. I played them in the classrooms and used their lyrics about God and Torah as text studies. These musicians and song writers teach us a greater appreciation for our liturgy and their songs are *midrashim* that teach us about our ancient texts.

I was especially moved by the music of Sam Glaser. When he sings traditional melodies and liturgy, his soul fills the room. He sings with such joy! His original songs are inspiring lessons of Torah and faith and spirit. We are blessed that he is coming to CBI to share his music and teachings with us! On Friday, November 18, Sam will be leading our service. On Saturday morning, November 19, Sam will spend time with our children, teaching them songs and about his love for Judaism. He will also give the D'var Torah and lead us all in musaf. Saturday evening, we will all have the opportunity to sing with Sam as he shares his love of Jewish music. Bring your children, your family, and your friends to enjoy this wonderful concert! You can purchase Sam's two-volume CD set, "The Songs we Sing" through the religious school for only \$20. This is a wonderful opportunity to expose your children to traditional Jewish music. Make your reservations today and support our school with your CD purchase!

Jewish music fills our hearts, lifts our souls, and connects us as a people. I look forward to sharing with you this beautiful Shabbaton filled with the music of Sam Glaser! ☆

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!

Social Action

Joyce Walter & Judith Lipshutz,
VPs

This is the start of a New Year and so we would like to thank all of you who:

- Gave Blood for our Blood Drives and left a little lighter;
- Participated in our Fund Raiser for Family Promise and enjoyed a good meal;
- Performed a Mitzvah on Mitzvah Day while enjoying the company of other CBI members;
- Helped make our Sunday Suppers such a success, serving as many as 90 people at a time;
- Contributed food and cash to help others.

If you haven't had the pleasure of participating in one of our programs, don't miss out! Get ready for the next blood drive on December 29 and watch for more information on Family Promise. Sorry, but you'll have to wait until next year for another Mitzvah Day, but of course our Sunday Suppers will continue the 2nd Sunday of every month. (and we continue to need people, food and cash.)

We thank you, our wonderful CBI community, for being involved in helping others. ☆

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opportunity to participate in this important initiative to ensure the financial vitality of our synagogue. Over the next several months, Endowment Committee members will be contacting CBI members to schedule meetings to discuss the Endowment, and how each of you may be able to participate, with a pledge of cash and/or an estate gift. I am confident that our Congregation will respond enthusiastically to the Endowment Campaign, as we all work together to protect and enhance the future of Congregation B'nai Israel. ☆

Membership Moments

Mike Mymon and
Daveen Meyers, VPs

As we start the new year, we wish you a happy and a healthy new year. We'd also like to take a moment and thank everyone for returning the membership forms for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and for being a part of the CBI family.

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to Congregation B'nai Israel: Ann and Allan Adler, Nessim Albagli, Diane and Michael Busch, Mark Cohen, Hillary and Joseph Gerber, Denise and Mike Mailman, Greg Masler, Stacey and Jacob Meis, Edythe and Robert Messe, Valerie Nussenblatt, Nanci and Jonathan Patchen, Karen and Marco Pereira, Amy Robinson, Rebecca and Aaron Schilleci, Morgan and Lance Stern, Donna and Gary Sugarman, Evelyn and Harold Gurev, Alison and Steven Posner, Shelly and Jonathan Rimler, Shahin and Jonathan Williams

On Sunday evening, August 28, Membership hosted our 3rd Annual Membership Appreciation event. It was a country-western theme celebrated with a ranch style BBQ dinner, games, music and line dancing. It was a joy to kick off the new year in our bandanas and boots!

Membership also invited all our new and prospective members to join us in celebrating Sukkot on Friday, October 14 with a Shabbat/Holiday service and a dinner at the CBI Sukkah.

L'shanah Tovah. ☆

When you hear of a lifecycle event in our CBI community (whether simcha, illness or a death), or if you have something which you wish the Cantor to be aware of, please notify the CBI office.

**Call (714) 730-9693 or
e-mail cbi18@cbi18.org.**

My CBI Story

Heather Katz

More than 18 years ago, Stuart and I went to the old B Street address for CBI and met Rabbi and Linda Spitz. They were very friendly and gave us a great impression of the shul despite its humble location. Then we attended services at the newly opened CBI on Bryan. We had already done a great deal of shul shopping and had narrowed it down to two. Stuart's cousin Mindy and her family were already members of CBI, which gave it an advantage over the other choice. When we attended services and met Steve Chase, who greeted us with a warm smile and Lynn Levine who joyously insisted we join her *chavurah*, we were sold.

As it is said, "what you get out of something is measured by what you put into it." Immediately upon joining, I served on the Ways and Means committee and joined Sisterhood. Cousin Mindy and I spent years doing the decorations and flowers for the gala. We worked with Sisterhood making the refreshments for the *Onegs* and yes – in those days we even served them! It was always filled with giggles and happiness. Good times at CBI are contagious – whether you're baking *Hamentaschen*, setting up for the Hanukkah bizarre, or participating on the Board.

Through our children's participation in the CDC, we met oodles of other parents and friends that are now closer than any friendships we've ever known in our adult lives. All three of our children were born during our time here. All three of them have been blessed and named by Rabbi Spitz at our home, and the town mohel, Jay Masserman. To the best of our knowledge, we had (perhaps) the first *Upshernish* (hair cutting ceremony) of our shul, where again Rabbi Spitz officiated. Our daughter was a Bat Mitzvah in 2009,

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My *baleepteh* (beloved) readers, last time *ikh hob tsugezagt* (I promised) to finish this *farshlepteh epizod* (drawn-out episode). Well, forgive me, but the conclusion was too long. So here's the first half (and good news: there's only one half left).

My *bazorgteh* (bewildered) basketball teammates didn't let me explain my 'guaranteed-to-win' mental-magic strategy, because they wouldn't *farshvaygn* (be quiet).

"You're *cockamamie* (ridiculous), Carl," Stan said. "You expect us to play casketball when we don't know how?"

"*Er heyst* (it's called) basketball," I said.

"Basketball, schmaskitball, casketball...whatever it's called, we're *farfalan* (doomed)."

"*Ithgir s'eH* (He's right)," said Muscle-Les.

"What's wrong with you Carl?" Nicky asked. "You either got reality-dyslexia or a *loch in kop* (a hole in the head)."

"Oy. Is that *klepick* (contagious)?" asked Stan. He aimed his bug repellent at me.

"Stop *iber-shlogn* (interrupting) your captain, boys," Coach Klowski told my teammates. "Captain Carl's gotta fit this half of his endless *shlus* (ending) into CBI's Shofar."

"And he'd better fit the final half into our next Shofar or I'm canceling my prescription," said Stan.

"You'd better increase your prescription, so you can share it with your crazy teammates," Bob Bigalo, the school bully yelled. "And I wish someone reading this *langveylikeh* (boring) story would pluck me outta it. I got better things to do."

"*Vos machstu hier*, (what are you doing here) Bob?" I asked. "This story's not ending till you're out of ear-shot. I got a top secret to tell my team."

"*Iyeh atnizeg yeG*," Muscle-Les said. He meant to say, "*Gey gezinta hey* (go in good health)."

"*Zol zein shah* (be quiet) everyone, so we can get this over with," I said after Bob headed to his own team. My teammates stared at me through their *schmutzy* (smudgy) glasses. "Here's *die untershte sheereh* (the bottom line): We all know it's fun to win, right?"

"*Dos veis ickh nisht* (I wouldn't know)," said Stan. "I don't ever win."

Next time: What's fun have to do with winning? Until then, *Zei Gezunt!* (Be well). ☆

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

MY CBI STORY, *cont. from page 7*

and our boys will celebrate theirs over the course of the next five years. This part of life is such an amazing cacophony of *simchot!* We are so fortunate to have one another and this amazing community with whom we get to share these experiences. Attending services, planning and participating in fundraisers, participating in the Men's Club Casino nights, partying with everyone on *Simchat Torah* and *Purim*, and participating in the many, many enriching Mitzvah Days is what crafted the depth of our love for CBI. As our children will attest, CBI is our home away from home. ☆

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.

It's an investment that will pay off again and again!



It's Easy to be a Hero!

Donate Blood on
Thursday, December 29

1:00 – 7:00 PM

CBI Social Hall

You may sign up at
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HAPPENINGS AND POINTS OF INTEREST @ CBI

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

JUNIOR CONGREGATION IS A SENSATION: Saturday mornings, 10:30 – 11:45 AM. in the Family Life Center. Come join Dr. Scott Spitzer, Carl Cedar, Robin Hoffman and friends for a musical, interactive service. Especially appropriate for children ages 6 – 11. Parents welcome!

DON'T MISS TOT SHABBAT: Saturday mornings, 11:50 AM – 12:15 PM in the Family Life Center. An energy-filled service for parents and their young children, followed by Kiddush and motzi!

ISRAELI DANCING AT CBI: Israeli dancing continues on 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 so we know how many to set up for.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM CLASSES: Sundays 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Ongoing beginning October 23 thru April 1, 2012. Taught by Rabbi Spitz, Cantor Tilchin, and Rabbinic Intern Dan Kaiman. This is an intense course designed for anyone who is looking to embrace the Jewish faith and for those who wish to expand upon what they already know. \$360/single attendee, \$540/couple, \$250 CBI members. Please contact the CBI office if interested.

FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER: Friday, November 4 and December 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, November 2 for the November 4 dinner and Wednesday, November 30 for the December 2 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. Come join us in prayer, song, and stories led by Cantor Tilchin!

A MORNING OF CELEBRATORY SHABBAT WORSHIP WITH DALE SCHATZ: Saturday, November 5 at 9:45 AM in the Family Life Center. Come join us!

DINNER AT SOUPLANTATION: Wednesday, November 9, 5:00 – 9:00 PM.

EXPERIENTIAL PRAYER AND TEXT STUDY WITH DAN KAIMAN: Saturday morning, November 12 at 10:30 AM: We will meet in the Bet Midrash!

TEEN SEUDAH SH'LISHIT AND LEARNING WITH RABBINIC INTERN, DAN KAIMAN: Saturday, November 12 at 4:00 PM in the

Bet Midrash. This amazing evening of discussion is 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!

YIDDISH CLUB WILL MEET Sunday, November 13 and 27; December 11 and 25: 10:30 AM in the Bet Midrash. Come join us for learning and laughter!

SUNDAY SUPPER, AN INTERFAITH EFFORT (and perfect Mitzvah Project too!): Sunday, November 13 and December 11 at 4:00 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 November 10 and/or December 8, respectively.

SISTERHOOD'S BOOK CLUB: Thursday, November 17 at 7:30 PM. We are discussing *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit*, by Lucette Lagnado. Book club for December: **December 8 at 7:30 PM: *They Poured Fire on us From the Sky*** by Benson Deng, Alephonsion Deng, and Benjamin Ajak. Come and lend your insights to our discussion!
FYI: MEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN BOOKCLUB, TOO!

SHABBATON WITH SAM GLASER: November 18 and 19: See front cover of this edition for details.

IT'S LITTLE SHUL: Sunday, December 4 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.

ADDITIONAL MUSICAL SHABBAT SERVICE: The third Friday of every month at 8:00 PM: November 18 and December 16: 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 precedes the service. **The November 18 Service will be celebrated with Sam Glaser.**

NESHAMA CARLEBACH AT CBI: December 9 – 11: See front cover of this edition for details.

BLOOD DRIVE AT CBI: Thursday, December 29 1:00 – 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!

SAVE THE DATE!

Details in the next Shofar edition will be for the following, but mark your calendars now:

Mordechai Rosenstein, Artist in Residence, January 6 – 8, 2012

Clive Lawton, CSP Scholar, Shabbaton, January 20 – 21, 2012

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Life Cycle Events
 in the Shofar -
 engagements, weddings,
 births
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November Perek Yomi readings

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

December Perek Yomi readings

JOB		JOB		RUTH	
Dec.	Chapter	Dec.	Chapter	Dec.	Chapter
1	29	13	41	23	1
2	30	14	52	24	2
3	31		SONGS	25	3
4	32	15	1	26	4
5	33	16	2		LAMINTATIONS
6	34	17	3	27	1
7	35	18	4	28	2
8	36	19	5	29	3
9	37	20	6	30	4
10	38	21	7	31	5
11	39	22	8		
12	40				



In the B'nai Israel Family . . .



Bat Mitzvah of Lauren Adena Goldin

December 17, 2011 (21 Kislev)

Lauren is an honors student at La Paz Intermediate. She loves to play tennis, soccer and run. She also loves to hang out with her friends and take care of her dog, Sophie. Lauren has a passion for animals. She loves going to Camp Ramah every summer and being a part of USY. Lauren will be joined by her parents Alyssa and Marc, her sisters, Heather and Jamie, her Bubbe and Zaide from Fort Worth, Texas and her Grandma Barbara from Atlanta, along with her many aunts, uncles and cousins from around the country. They are all looking forward to seeing Lauren take her place as a young woman in our Jewish community. Mazal Tov! ☆

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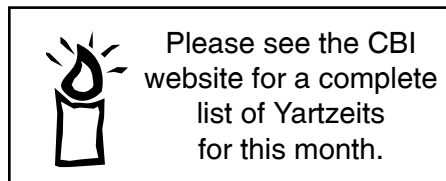


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Schedule of Services for December

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

5:30 PM Family Service and Dinner
6:00 PM Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: VAYETZE
Torah: Genesis 30:14 – 31:16
Haftarah: Hosea 12:13- 14:10

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:00 PM Anniversary Service
6:00 PM 4th grade Service and Dinner

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: VAYISHLAH
Torah: Genesis 34:1 – 35:15
Haftarah: Obadiah 1:1 - 21

Special Guest: Neshama Carlebach

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:00 PM Service
8:00 PM Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

Bat Mitzvah of Lauren Goldin

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT:

VAYESHEV

Torah: Genesis 38:1 – 38:30

Haftarah: Amos 2: 6 – 3:8

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

Fourth Hanukkah Candle
Numbers 7: 24 - 35

6:00 PM Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Fifth Hanukkah Candle

Birkat Hahodesh

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: MIKETZ

Torah: Genesis 41: 53 – 43: 15

Maftir: Numbers 7:30 – 7: 41

Haftarah: Zehariah 2:14 – 4:7

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

6:00 PM Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:30 AM Service PARASHAT: VAYIGASH

Torah: Genesis 45:28 – 46:27

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4 Heshvan 5772 - 4 Kislev 5772

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6 6:17AM/4:57PM No Mercetz Limmud Dino Dash 1:00pm Introduction to Judaism 2:00-5:00pm Energy Symposium</p>	<p>7 6:18AM/4:56PM 10 Heshvan</p>	<p>1 6:12AM/5:01PM 4 Heshvan 6:30pm Israeli Dance 6:30pm Ma'assei Ruah</p>	<p>2 6:13AM/5:00PM 5 Heshvan 6:00pm Mercetz Hadracha 7:00pm Mah Jongg</p>	<p>3 6:14AM/4:59PM 6 Heshvan 7:00pm Ed. Comm. Mtg.</p>	<p>4 6:15AM/4:58PM 7 Heshvan 5:30pm Family Service & Dinner 6:00pm Service 6:00pm Shabbat Club</p>	<p>5 6:16AM/4:58PM 8 Heshvan 9:30am Service \$5:43PM 9:45am Dale Schatz in Family Life Ct. No Jr. Congregation</p>
<p>13 6:24AM/4:51PM No Mercetz Limmud 10:00am Men's Club 10:30am Yiddish Club 1:00pm Introduction to Judaism 4:00pm Sunday Supper</p>	<p>14 6:24AM/4:51PM 6:15pm Finance Meeting</p>	<p>8 6:19AM/4:55PM 11 Heshvan 6:30pm Israeli Dance</p>	<p>9 6:20AM/4:54PM 12 Heshvan 5:00-8:00pm Souplantation Fundraiser Dinner 6:00pm Mercetz Hadracha 7:00pm Mah Jongg</p>	<p>10 6:21AM/4:54PM 13 Heshvan 5:30pm West Irvine 7:30pm General Board Meeting 7:30pm Book Club</p>	<p>11 6:22AM/4:53PM 14 Heshvan 6:00pm Anniversary Service 11:43:35PM</p>	<p>12 6:23AM/4:52PM 15 Heshvan 9:30am Service \$5:37PM CBI Annex at Las Lomas 10:30am Experiential Prayer & Text Study 4:00pm Seudah Shlishit</p>
<p>20 6:30AM/4:47PM No Mercetz Limmud 10:00am Men's Club Mtg. 1:00pm Introduction to Judaism 7:00pm Men's Club Poker</p>	<p>21 6:31AM/4:47PM 17 Heshvan</p>	<p>15 6:25AM/4:50PM 18 Heshvan 4:00pm Membership Mtg. 6:30pm Israeli Dance 6:30pm Lounge Night</p>	<p>16 6:26AM/4:49PM 19 Heshvan 11:30am CDC Thanksgiving Feast 6:00pm Mercetz Hadracha 7:00pm Mah Jongg</p>	<p>17 6:27AM/4:49PM 20 Heshvan 5:30pm West Irvine 7:30pm General Board Meeting 7:30pm Book Club</p>	<p>18 6:28AM/4:48PM 21 Heshvan 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Service 8:00pm Service All school Shul-In with Sam Glaser</p>	<p>19 6:29AM/4:48PM 22 Heshvan 9:30am Service \$5:33PM 9:30am All School Shul-In with Sam Glaser 5:30pm Seudah Shlishit, Maravi & Havdallah with Sam Glaser 7:00pm Sam Glaser concert USY Event</p>
<p>27 6:37AM/4:45PM Roshi Hodesh No Mercetz Limmud 10:30am Yiddish Club</p>	<p>28 6:38AM/4:44PM 24 Heshvan</p>	<p>22 6:32AM/4:46PM 25 Heshvan 6:30pm Israeli Dance</p>	<p>23 6:33AM/4:46PM 26 Heshvan No Mercetz Limmud No Mercetz Hadracha 7:00pm Mah Jongg</p>	<p>24 6:34AM/4:46PM 27 Heshvan Thanksgiving Day Office & CDC Closed No Mercetz Limmud</p>	<p>25 6:35AM/4:45PM 28 Heshvan Office & CDC Closed 11:42:27PM 6:00pm Service</p>	<p>26 6:36AM/4:45PM 29 Heshvan 9:30am Service \$5:30PM</p>
<p>1 Kislev</p>	<p>2 Kislev</p>	<p>3 Kislev</p>	<p>4 Kislev</p>			

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December 2011

5 Kislev 5772 - 5 Tevet 5772

Sunday **Monday** **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday** **Saturday**
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4	6:43AM/4:44PM 9:00am 7th Grade Family Ed. 11:30am Little Shul 12:30pm USY Board Mtg. 1:00pm Introduction to Judaism	5	6:44AM/4:43PM 9 Kislev	6	6:44AM/4:43PM 10 Kislev	7	6:45AM/4:44PM 9:00am Staff Retreat 6:00pm Mercetz Hadracha 7:00pm Mah Jongg	8	6:46AM/4:44PM 5 Kislev 7:00pm Ed. Comm. Mtg. 7:30pm Book Club	9	6:47AM/4:44PM 11:42:26PM 6:00pm Anniversary Service Neshama Carlebach Shabbaton	10	6:47AM/4:44PM 7 Kislev 9:30am Service \$5:29PM Neshama Carlebach Shabbaton
11	6:48AM/4:44PM 9:00am 8th Grade Family Ed. 10:30am Yiddish Club 12:30pm KadimaMachar Event 1:00pm Introduction to Judaism 4:00pm Sunday Supper 4:30pm Neshama Carlebach Concert	12	6:49AM/4:44PM 9 Kislev 6:30pm Daddy and Me in Social Hall	13	6:50AM/4:44PM 10 Kislev 6:30pm Israeli Dance	14	6:50AM/4:45PM 11 Kislev 6:00pm Mercetz Hadracha 7:00pm Mah Jongg	15	6:51AM/4:45PM 12 Kislev 5:00pm Goldin Pictures 6:30pm Staff Holiday Party 7:30pm Congregational & General Board Meeting	16	6:52AM/4:45PM 13 Kislev 6:00pm Service 11:42:27PM 6th Grade Shabbat Service Dinner 6:30pm Goldin Dinner 8:00pm Service	17	6:52AM/4:46PM 14 Kislev 9:30am Service \$5:31PM Lauren Goldin
18	6:53AM/4:46PM 15 Kislev No Mercetz Limmud 10:00am Men's Club Mtg. 1:00pm Introduction to Judaism 7:00pm Men's Club Poker Potluck/Messer wedding	19	6:53AM/4:46PM 16 Kislev	20	6:54AM/4:47PM 17 Kislev 6:30pm Israeli Dance	21	6:54AM/4:47PM 18 Kislev Hanukkah I No Mercetz Limmud No Mercetz Hadracha 7:00pm Mah Jongg	22	6:55AM/4:48PM 19 Kislev Hanukkah II No Mercetz Limmud	23	6:55AM/4:48PM 20 Kislev Hanukkah III 11:42:30PM 9:30am CDC Hanukkah Sing-a-Long in Sanctuary 6:00pm Service	24	6:56AM/4:49PM 21 Kislev Hanukkah IV 9:30am Service \$5:34PM
25	6:56AM/4:49PM 22 Kislev Hanukkah V No Mercetz Limmud 10:30am Yiddish Club	26	6:57AM/4:50PM 23 Kislev Rosh Hodesh - Hanukkah VI Office & CDC Closed	27	6:57AM/4:50PM 24 Kislev Rosh Hodesh - Hanukkah VII 6:30pm Israeli Dance CDC Closed	28	6:57AM/4:51PM 25 Kislev Hanukkah VIII 7:00pm Mah Jongg CDC Closed No Mercetz Limmud No Mercetz Hadracha	29	6:58AM/4:52PM 26 Kislev CDC Closed No Mercetz Limmud 1:00-7:00pm Blood Drive	30	6:58AM/4:52PM 27 Kislev CDC Closed 11:42:34PM 6:00pm Service	31	6:58AM/4:53PM 28 Kislev 9:30am Service \$5:38PM
29	29 Kislev	30	30 Kislev	1	1 Tevet	2	2 Tevet	3	3 Tevet	4	4 Tevet	5	5 Tevet





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Schedule of Services for November

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

5:30 PM Family Service and Dinner
6:00 PM Service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:30 AM Service: PARASHAT:
LEKH L'KHA
Torah: Genesis 12:1 – 17:27
Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27 – 41:16

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

6:00 PM Anniversary Service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:30 AM Service: PARASHAT:
VAYERA
Torah: Genesis 19: 1 – 20:18
Haftarah: II Kings 4: 1 - 37



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:00 PM Service
8:00 PM Service
Special Guest: Sam Glaser

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:30 AM Service: PARASHAT:
HAYE SARAH
Torah: Genesis 24: 10 – 24:52
Haftarah: I Kings 1: 1 - 31
Special Guest: Sam Glaser

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

6:00 PM Service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Birkat Hahodesh
9:30 AM Service:
PARASHAT: TOLDOT
Torah: Genesis 26: 23 – 27: 27
Haftarah: I Samuel 20: 18 - 42



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



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