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Be Renewed for a Good and Sweet Year, 5770

Congregation Beth Israel welcomes the Hebrew New Year of 5770 with warm and inspiring services which will be held in our own congregational home at 1336 Hemlock Street. Last year's "out of the box" rearrangement of the sanctuary seating allowed us to welcome everyone right at our own temple, which created a great feeling of community and connection. We will do that again this year. Equally welcome was the decision to have song and music led by our own local leaders, with Avraham Danan as Hazzan, joining Rabbi Julie Danan to lead our services, accompanied by the lively and uplifting music of our congregational Band, "Mazaltov Cocktail." Our talented cantorial soloists and chanters include Steve Schwartz, Keren Carter, David Frankel, Steve Margolin, and others to be announced.

Children are always welcome at our services. There will also be age-appropriate services for children on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, both at approximately 11 a.m., after the children have the opportunity to participate in our Torah parade. In addition, childcare will be arranged by our Religious School staff and committee during the evening and morning services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (including Yom Kippur afternoon during *Minchah* and *Ne'ilah*).

Selichot

Prepare yourself spiritually for the Days of Awe with our Selichot Services on Sunday, September 13, 7 p.m. at CBI. Renew your connection to the melodies of the season, and take some time for the tradition of *Heshbon Hanefesh*, making an account of the soul. It is traditional to hold this service at midnight or in the wee hours of the morning, but any time is appropriate for this spiritual work.

Rosh Hashanah: Dreams

Our sermonic theme for Rosh Hashanah is "Dreams." Judaism always holds the tension between our Messianic dreams and our confrontation of difficult realities, a tension which is felt more than ever these days. On Rosh Hashanah,



Rabbi Danan will speak and teach about how and why we should remain dreamers in a cynical age. Together we will explore our dreams and visions for our Northstate Jewish community, and you will be asked to share your dreams for our congregation.

Shofar and Shabbat

This year Rosh Hashanah falls on Shabbat and Sunday. It's traditional not to blow the Shofar on Shabbat, so the main Shofar Service with "Team Tekiah" will be part of our Sunday service only (around noon). However, to make sure that everyone gets an extra chance to hear the Shofar blown, we will also sound it just prior to our Friday night service on Sept. 18. The service begins at 7 p.m., but if you want to hear the Shofar, just come at 6:45 and join us on the patio for a short, "Taste of Shofar" from Steve Margolin. After the Friday evening service, a holiday Kiddush/Oneg with traditional holiday desserts such as honey cake is sponsored by our Board and organized by Donna Greenberg. Sisterhood will provide apples and honey for a sweet new year in which "our dreams are fulfilled for good."

Morning services will be held on Saturday, September 19 and Sunday, September 20, both at 10 a.m., and continuing until about 12:45. On Saturday, the Edelman family is sponsoring the holiday Kiddush, and on Sunday our service is followed by Tashlich and a potluck, veggie-dairy picnic at One Mile in Bidwell Park.

Shabbat Shuvah

Shabbat Shuvah (Sabbath of Return) services will be held at Congregation Beth Israel on Friday, September 25, at 7:30 PM and Saturday, September 26, at 10 a.m. It is traditional to attend at least one of these services and engage in a lively study and discussion of the process of *teshuvah* and renewal. To start the New Year right, we begin our Shabbat Shi'ur (Adult Study Class) today on Judaism's greatest dreamers, The Prophets.

Yom Kippur: Realities

Join us on Sunday, September 27 at 6:45 p.m. for our Kol Nidrei Service. The haunting and moving Kol Nidrei prayer

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will be sung by Dr. Steve Schwartz. The theme for our Yom Kippur services is “Realities,” the real-world counterpart to dreams. Rabbi Danan will speak on the difficult realities facing our world today, including how the economic crisis affects tikkun olam, the viability of Jewish organizations, and the world’s poorest. Our president, Irv Schiffman, will speak on how to respond creatively to realities that our congregation faces due to the economy.

Morning services begin on Monday, September 28 at 10 a.m. Our Devar Torah will focus on presentations by our Social Action/Tikkun Olam leaders. Remember “pledge cards”? Many synagogues asked for monetary pledges on the High Holy Days. Instead, we will have “mitzvah pledge cards” and ask for commitments to engage in Tikkun Olam or to serve the community and keep it vibrant.

Although times are approximate, we anticipate Yizkor (Memorial Service) at 1 p.m. and Musaf at 1:30 p.m. (including a contemporary Martyrology service led by Keren Carter), followed by a break from 3 – 4 p.m. We reconvene at 4 p.m. for an afternoon discussion forum led by Marv and Bonnie Megibow. This is a chance to apply the lessons and themes of these Awesome Days to our own personal lives and challenges.

Minchah, the afternoon service, begins at 5:30. Rabbi Danan will lead us in a Minchah Meditation on the theme of “Avodah,” divine service. The Torah service will be led by Keren Carter, and Steve Margolin will read Torah. Ne’ilah (“the closing of the gates”) follows at 6:45 p.m. At 7:35 p.m., we sound the final Shofar blast of the Holy Days, followed immediately by Havdalah and our famous CBI break-the-fast. Thank you to Carol Edelman for organizing this year’s meal. Contact Carol if you would like to make a dish for this communal meal.

All are warmly welcome at CBI services, but please remember that these services and all we do throughout the year depend on your generosity. We therefore request that non-members consider joining or make a holiday donation to support the work that we do all year. Call 342-6146 for membership or “holiday ticket” donation information.

Intermediate Hebrew Class

Are you interested in increasing your Hebrew reading skill and translation knowledge?

This is a class for those students who have completed CBI’s Beginning Hebrew class that used *Book 1 – Aleph Isn’t Tough*. Prerequisite: the ability to slowly read the excerpts found on page 109-110.

In this second level class, we will use the next book in the series, *Book 2 – Aleph Isn’t Enough* and focus on the Hebrew that is used most frequently from the siddur, Biblical passages, and the Passover Hagaddah. While continuing with reading practice and writing exercises that were established in Book 1, *Aleph Isn’t Enough* provides additional instruction to solidify reading ability and enhance vocabulary and translation comprehension based on familiarity with roots.

This 10-week course will meet Thursdays from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at CBI, beginning on October 1st. Books can be purchased online or call Keren Carter to order. Advanced registration is required by September 17. Book fee: \$18 new. Course Fee: Members - \$36 (or a sliding scale based on need). Non-member is fee \$72, payable on first day of class. To register, please contact Keren Carter at 809-0303 or KerenChaya@comcast.net. Keren Carter is a religious educator specializing in Torah training and study, and d’var Torah development for Bar/Bat Mitzvah students and adults. She is active with the Aleph program and is always increasing her own knowledge of all things Jewish.

A Time for Service, Share Your Gifts with CBI



In these troubled economic times, we can’t always give as much money as we would like to support the groups and causes we hold dear—but we can give a great gift, the gift of our service. If you have the time, talent, interests, or you just like getting out and working with people, your CBI community *really* needs *you* this year to volunteer your services. What are your special

talents, skills, and passions? If there is a way to share them with our congregation, we want to know.

Our budget allows only part-time administrative support and once-weekly professional cleaning, so volunteer power can make all the difference. Reliable and committed volunteers are currently needed at CBI for services that include doing errands, labeling, mailing, making phone calls, light clerical work, helping with the library, cleaning up after holiday events and at other times. Kristy Bergson is our new Volunteer Coordinator. Contact her at 228-5481 or kb.lu@yahoo.com and let her know where you would enjoy serving the community.

We also seek a very special volunteer, or perhaps a few, to manage our traditional Shabbat Onegs that create a warm feeling of community after each Friday night service. Three things make them happen: signing up Shabbat Friday night Oneg sponsors, shopping for light refreshments, and serving/organizing cleanup at Friday services. If you can participate in this joyful community-building mitzvah, please contact Donna Greenberg, 891-6439, drg@mv.mv.com.

In addition, CBI invites our many creative home chefs who relish healthy cooking and hospitality, to prepare a Shabbat kiddush once or twice a year in celebration of any happy occasion—yours or a friend’s! (No time to cook? We still welcome your contribution to sponsor a kiddush that will be prepared by others.) Contact Carol Edelman, 345-3974, cedelman@csuchico.edu.

From Our Rabbi: Dreams and Realities

By Rabbi Dr. Julie Hilton Danan

This June I began a program of professional development for Rabbis known as “Good to Great.” It is sponsored by STAR Synagogue, a national, transdenominational organization that works to “transform and renew” synagogue life. “Good to Great” is a more advanced level of the STAR PEER program for newly ordained rabbis that I was invited to do a few years ago. Since I was in the unusual position of having led a Texas congregation for a decade prior to my June 2000, ordination in the ALEPH Rabbinic program, my progress from to “mid-career” was faster than most.



The goal of the “Good to Great” program is to help rabbis to realize our “big dreams” for our own congregations and the Jewish community at large. Too often we are caught up in the day-to-day running of the synagogue so much that we lose touch with the visions and values that brought us to the rabbinate in the first place. STAR Synagogue wants to help make our work transformational, to renew Jewish life in North America.

My dreams were bolstered by a unique blessing that our own congregation received from a generous individual of another faith, Bruce D. Fite. His gift of \$50,000 to CBI this spring has jump-started our long-held dream of a new and enhanced location in which to build a vibrant “synagogue center” for Jewish life in the North State. This gift has helped bring our dreams closer to reality.

But we were challenged to dream big just as the Jewish community is being hit with some of the toughest realities in decades. The economic recession coupled with a changing Jewish demographic, and in some cases multiplied by the dishonesty and greed of individuals such as Bernie Madoff, has led to disastrous results in the Jewish community. Synagogues are tightening their belts and myriad Jewish communal organizations are experiencing tough times or even closing down. At the same time, our own state of California has made massive budget cuts to educational

and social service programs. Yet the difficulties that we face here pale in comparison to the suffering of destitute people in developing nations.

The message that I’m getting from my rabbinic groups is: address these hard issues. Tell it like it is. We must meet these realities head-on, or not only will our Jewish community never be the same, but untold hardship will continue for the nation’s and the world’s poorest.

In August I attended a sermon seminar run by the Northern California Board of Rabbis. Rabbi Donniel Hartman of the Hartman Institute in Jerusalem focused on Israel in ethical terms, as a land of “is” and

“ought.” Israel has many miraculous achievements, yet the most “un-Jewish” thing would be to merely celebrate the status quo and let go of our dreams for peace and religious diversity, even though we aren’t sure of how to make them a reality at present.

That’s why I have chosen as the sermonic theme of this year’s Days of Awe at CBI: “Dreams and Realities.” On Rosh Hashanah my sermon, teachings, and other reflections will focus on our visions and dreams, while on Yom Kippur we will confront our world’s difficult realities and how we can help. This is the time to enter into a year of community service and Tikkun Olam. We will explore the meaning of a *neder*, or commitment, to the vitality of our community.

Why put the dreams ahead of the realities? Judaism has always clung to Messianic visions of a world repaired and healed, even as we faced the daunting difficulties of persecution and exile. The paradox is that we continually put the dreams up front, “keeping them upon our hearts.” We celebrate Shabbat, “a taste of the future world,” and then go out to work hard all week to make our current imperfect world better. Rosh Hashanah, a day of rebirth, or sweetness, is celebrated *before* the solemnity of Yom Kippur. The tension between our “ought” and our “is” becomes the ground for the realization of our dreams for our community, our nation, and our world.

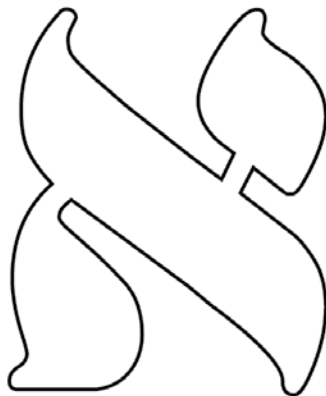
Shanah Tovah u’Metukah, A Good and Sweet Year.

Religious School News

By Carol Edelman

Many important changes are in progress this year for the Religious School. We've moved our classes to Tuesday, added Thursday school for the older students, and more. A big thank you to all the parents — with your support and encouragement, all of these changes have happened and are proceeding smoothly. We are looking forward to our weekend school retreat starting on September 4 — our first of hopefully many in the years to come — and want to express our humongous thanks to the Zeichick family for hosting us all. *Todah Rabbah Zeichicks!* One thing that hasn't changed, thank goodness, is our school staff. We are blessed to have teachers Lisa Rappaport, Ruth Gordon and David Zeichick back again this year and Charles Danan and Charlette Naiman returning as aides. And, of course, Rabbi Julie does so much with the school — this year, she is participating weekly in our Thursday sessions in addition to everything else she does with us.

We have a short wish list for the school that we are hoping people could help us out with. We need your old clothes and old laptops! We would like to use the clothes as costumes for our skits and reenactments — if you have anything appropriate that you are no longer using, please think of us. Also, we are desperately in need of newer computers with Internet access. It's time to modernize our equipment, and it's a tax-deductible donation for you. Last on our list is an Alef-Bet rug that Lisa Rappaport would very much love to have for her classroom — you can find several different ones on the web. This would be a valuable addition to Lisa's room that fits one of her major curriculum goals of teaching the Hebrew alphabet. If one or several of you would be willing to purchase this for her classroom, it would be greatly appreciated!



We at the school wish all of you a happy, healthy new year. *Shanah Tovah!* May your year be blessed with only good things!

Missing School for Yom Kippur

This is one of those years in which nearly all the fall holidays happily come out on weekends, eliminating the need to miss school in order to attend Rosh Hashanah services. However, Yom Kippur day is on a Monday, September 28. Missing school and work for Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish year, is a powerful way to demonstrate the timeless value of our ancient faith.

Rabbi Danan would like to encourage and support all of our families, and especially our post-B'nai Mitzvah fasting teens, to join their Jewish peers throughout the country in taking the holiest day of the Jewish year off from school. We will have childcare and children's services on Yom Kippur. Our teens will be offered a special group aliyah on Yom Kippur. They will have their own "teen lounge" in the farthest classroom and their own discussion forum in the afternoon.

State law permits our students to miss school for religious reasons, and the Chico Unified School District Attendance Policy explicitly states that they may miss school because of "observance obligations of a student's religion." Parents should provide a note or phone call explaining the reason for the absence.

Sukkah Mayven



Would you like to build a home sukkah? Although we don't have a Sukkah Kit grant as we did last year, Sukkah Mayven Michael Mulcahy can provide you with plans or advice for building a home sukkah, which can be reused from year to year. Call Michael at 343-2994. There are also prefabricated sukkah kits available on line, from such websites as sukkahoutlet.com, designersukkahs.com or in an artistic version from www.sukkahsoul.com.

From the President

By Irv Schiffman

September is traditionally the start of the Congregation Beth Israel religious, cultural and social season. Our educational program has already begun with the start of the religious school on August 25 under the supervision of Religious School Director, Carol Edelman. Carol returns to a position she previously held for four years ending in 1999. She succeeds the tireless Fran Halimi who over the years has served four times as Religious School Director.

After a summer of limited religious services and fewer opportunities for members to congregate, we begin this month with the ambitious schedule of CBI activities listed in the monthly calendar. I want to thank our members Keren Carter, Helene Ginsberg, and Steve Margolin who helped to continue our shabbat services while Rabbi Danan was on vacation.

The **Annie B** fund raising drive is currently underway and will continue until the end of September. Last year's drive was very successful and member and friend contributions played an important role in contributing to the CBI budget. We look forward to this year's drive being equally successful. Contributions designated for the General Fund allow such monies to be used for operating expenses, an important need at this time.

Membership forms were mailed out last month. We rely on pledges of membership dues to determine our budget for the year and the sooner they are returned, the sooner we can finalize our spending program. At CBI membership dues are based on a graduated structure, which enables all those who are interested in supporting our community and participating in

Congregation life to contribute and join CBI. No individuals or families are denied membership due to financial circumstances.

In conjunction with a generous donation of stocks by a member family for the Building Fund, we have opened up a CBI investment account with the Edward Jones Company and we are prepared to receive further gifts of stocks or other securities. Such donations to CBI are, of course, deductible as an itemized charitable contribution: you receive a tax deduction for the full fair market value of the stocks on the date of the gift. Congregation member David Green of Edward Jones will be happy to answer any questions as well as assist with the processing of a stock donation. David can be reached at (530) 892-8460 during the day or evenings at (530) 961-3013.

One last thought: volunteer congregants are the foundation of our temple and essential to its efficient administration. Whether it's serving on the CBI board, volunteering for one of our committees, helping out at religious school, or participating in meaningful community outreach programs, CBI provides many opportunities to get involved. Right now we are in need of volunteers to assist in the mailing of the monthly newsletter, running errands, helping with clerical tasks, and setting-up before and cleaning-up after temple activities. If you can help out in any of these areas, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Kristy Bergson at (530) 228-5481 or e-mail Kristy at kb.lu@yahoo.com

I wish to all our members and friends of CBI *L'shana Tova*, a very happy, prosperous and healthy new year.

The Annie B Community Drive is now underway. All donations must be received by September 30. Donation checks should be made out to **Annie B/CBI** and sent to CBI. All contributed funds will be returned to CBI along with a percentage match by the Drive's sponsor, North Valley Community Foundation.



Sisterhood/Haverot News

By Donna Greenberg

“Remember your sisters, the ones here before you...Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah...They trust you to continue what they left in progress...And hope that you always will know that all of your sisters have something to give you.” (“Remember Your Sisters,” Jan Poscovsky, Congregation Beth El, Missouri City, TX; *Covenant of the Soul, Women of Reform Judaism*, p. 101.)

Summer has flown by so quickly and before we know it, cooler weather and falling leaves will be upon us. By now you should have received your 2009-2010 membership packets. Haverot/Sisterhood is a great group of women of various ages, backgrounds and interests, so please renew or become a first time member. Not only do we support CBI through various projects and fundraising, but we also develop and build lifelong friendships, offer educational and cultural events related to Judaism, and interest groups for personal enjoyment. So come learn mah jongg, knitting, or enjoy a movie or a play at a local venue, cook or bake delicacies for Onegs — these are a few fun events that Haverot/Sisterhood has to offer. We have an exciting year coming up with many fun and exciting events. Watch your e-mail, regular mail and CBI newsletters for upcoming programs.

Did you know that Haverot/Sisterhood has been in existence for 20 years? To mark this special occasion our annual Kick-off will be a celebration *extraordinaire!* Formal invitations should have been received by all

Mazal Tov

To Arron and Dawn Rambach and big brother Noah on the birth of their daughter, Sophie Bella, on August 1st.

To Andrew Sabersky and Helene Ginsberg on the marriage of their daughter Lillian Sabersky to Andrew Stegman, August 8th at Icelandic State Park near Cavalier, North Dakota.



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of our members and potential members by now. This fabulous evening will take place on Saturday, September 12 at the home of Bev Paull. We have planned an exciting and delicious night of drinks, appetizers and desserts starting at 6:30 p.m. Wear your best cocktail attire and be sure to RSVP to Donna Greenberg, 891-6439. The evening will be a grand gala with great company, food and drink. I hope to see many of you there in your fancy-schmanzy outfits. Rides will be available for Sages by contacting Donna Greenberg, 891-6439. If you have not mailed in your membership form and check before September 12, just bring them with you.

I look forward to greeting you all on September 12. Feel free to call or e-mail (891-6439 or drg@mv.mv.com) if you have any questions, comments, concerns or willingness to help. I am looking forward to a great year!
Shalom,
Donna

Sisterhood 2009-2010 Calendar

Kickoff	September 12
Sukkot Potluck	October 7
“All Fired Up”	November 15
Sisterhood Shabbat	January 22
Jewish Meditation	February 10
Bagel Brunch	April 25
End of the year Brunch	June 13

Sisterhood Board

President	Donna Greenberg
Treasurer	Fran Halimi
VP/Interest Groups	Pam Dakof
Past President	Bev Paull
Members-at-Large	Kristy Bergson, Laurie Howard, Sue Mintzes

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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Al & Sandy Abrams

Stanley & Anne Gottlieb: In honor of Sara's Misheberach

*If I am not for myself, who will be for me?
And if I am for myself alone, what am I then?
And if not now, when?
—Hillel, c150 C.E.*



Yahrzeits

Sarah Sarkin Ginsberg September 5

Remembered by Helene Ginsberg & Andrew Sabersky

Celia Shapiro September 5

Remembered by Deborah Shapiro

I. Haskell Konigsberg September 6

Remembered by Polly K. Greenberg

Ferne Stern..... September 9

Remembered by Eli & Joan Stern

Rita Sanger September 10

Remembered by Jeremy & Amy Miller

Sarah Senehi-Abadia September 12

Remembered by David & Fran Halimi

Arthur M. Arnold September 19

Remembered by the Arnoff Family

Blanche Franden September 22

Remembered by Dan Franden & Laurie Feldman

Rebecca Greenberg..... September 22

Remembered by Polly K. Greenberg

Frances Brownfield Jessee..... September 24

Remembered by James & Nelda Jessee

Shifra Chaikoff September 25

Remembered by Stanley & Anne Gottlieb

Leroy Clark..... September 27

Remembered by Joe & Rose Clark

Sadelle Gagerman September 27

Remembered by David Frankel & Janice Gagerman

Irene Suneson September 27

Remembered by Harvey & Lisa Rappaport

Anniversaries in September

Kelly & David Zeichick..... September 3

Carol & Samuel Edelman September 6

Nancy Evens & Peter Straus September 15

Robert & Donna Greenberg August 31

Birthdays in September

Irma Dakof September 1

Eddi Deromedi September 3

Isaac Miller September 3

Jordan Cottrell September 4

Jess Price September 4

Greg Einhorn September 6

Carol Passovoy September 9

Sharon Kaplan September 13

Beverly Paull September 15

Larry Trimboli September 15

Lilly Sabersky September 17

Miguel Puig September 18

Daniel Veidlinger September 22

David Zisle September 22

Lia Deromedi..... September 25

Sarah Lewkowicz..... September 27

Maria Naiman..... September 28



Refuah Shlema

We extend best wishes for a speedy recovery to Polly Greenberg and to Betty Jo Senseman.

Condolences

We extend our condolences to Renee and Steve Margolin on the passing of Renee's mother, Joanne Adams.

May her memory be a blessing.

Tree of Life

To honor or memorialize a person or to celebrate an occasion by adding a leaf to the Tree of Life quilt, which hangs in the synagogue, send a \$25 donation to:



CBI Tree of Life, PO Box 3266, Chico, CA 95927

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	5:30 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Class only	3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg			Religious School Retreat Begins 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	NO Service
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	NO B'nai Mitzvah Class	3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	Confirmation Class Time TBA 7 p.m. Executive Board Meeting	3:30 p.m. Religious School 5:15 p.m. Exploring Judaism	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	10 a.m. Torah Service 6:30 p.m. Sisterhood Kick-Off at Bev Paull's home
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
7 p.m. Selichot Service	7 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Class	3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	11 a.m. Sages' Brunch	3:30 p.m. Religious School 5:15 p.m. Exploring Judaism	7 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Service	10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 1:15 p.m. Tashlich & Picnic at One Mile	7 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Class	3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	Confirmation Class Time TBA	3:30 p.m. Religious School 5:15 p.m. Exploring Judaism	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
6:45 p.m. Kol Nidrei	NO B'nai Mitzvah Class 10 a.m. Yom Kippur Services Begin	3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg		3:30 p.m. Religious School 5:15 p.m. Exploring Judaism	6 p.m. Mishpachah Shabbat & Sukkot Service	9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service

Shabbat and Holiday Services for September

CBI celebrates Kabbalat Shabbat on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. (Usually first Friday Mishpachah Service at 6 p.m. but this month we will have the Religious School shabbaton instead.), often accompanied by instrumental music. An Oneg Shabbat follows. Shabbat Saturday morning services generally begin with a brief guided meditation. The first hour of the service consists of prayer; the second hour is a Torah reading and a Torah study. About noon we have a Kiddush and socialize over a light lunch.

Friday, September 4 Light Candles at 7:17 p.m.	Note Time: 7:30 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat led by Keren Carter Oneg sponsored by the Gottliebs in honor of Anne's birthday.
Saturday, September 5	NO Service	<i>Rabbi Danan is joining the Religious School at their Shabbaton at Mill Creek.</i>
Friday, September 11 Light Candles at 7:05 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat led by Rabbi Danan. Oneg sponsored by the Sisterhood.
Saturday, September 12	10 a.m.	Torah Service led by Rabbi Danan Parashat Nitsavim/Vayelech Kiddush by Lewkowicz
Sunday, September 13	7 p.m.	Selichot Service at CBI. Prepare Spiritually for the Days of Awe.
Friday, September 18 Light Candles at 6:54 p.m.	6:45 p.m. "Taste of Shofar" on Patio 7 p.m. Service Begins	Erev Rosh Hashanah Evening Service. Kiddush sponsored by the CBI Board.
Saturday, September 19	10 a.m. 11 a.m.	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service Children's Services Kiddush sponsored by the Edelmans
Sunday, September 20	10 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service with Shofar Tashlich & Potluck Picnic at One Mile in Bidwell Park
Friday, September 25 Light Candles at 6:42 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Shuvah led by Rabbi Danan Oneg Sponsored by the Danans.
Saturday, September 26	9 a.m. 10 a.m.	Adult Study: The Prophets Shabbat Shuvah Torah Service Parashat Ha'azinu Service led by Rabbi Danan. Kiddush Sponsor TBA
Sunday, September 27	6:45 p.m.	Yom Kippur Kol Nidrei Service
Monday, September 28	10 a.m. 11 a.m. 1 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 3 p.m. 4 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:35 p.m.	Yom Kippur Shacharit Service Children's Services Yizkor Musaf <i>Break</i> Discussion Forums Minchah, Afternoon Service Ne'ilah, Closing Service Shofar, Havdalah, Break-the-Fast

Thanks to everybody who sponsored an Oneg or Kiddush in August: The Danans, Zisles, and the Rubinoffs.

Thank you to the Jewish Federation of the Greater Sacramento Region for a community development grant which helped to sponsor our Mishpachah Shabbat dinner in August.

If you would like to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or any special event with the community, **please sponsor a Friday night Oneg or a Saturday Kiddush.** Either bring your own treats or make a donation of \$25 (Saturday Kiddush, \$50). Call the CBI office for more information. 342-6146.

Lulav Orders

One of the most colorful traditions of Sukkot is to wave the lulav (palm, myrtle and willow leaves) together with the etrog (citron fruit from Israel). To order a set, please notify Rabbi Danan by Sept. 11. This year we request payment in advance with a check for \$36 made to Congregation Beth Israel. We will then make a group order and take care of payment.



Adult & Teen Classes Begin this Month

Shabbat Shi'ur (Adult Study) will focus on, "The Prophetic Tradition," starting on Shabbat Shuvah, Sept. 26 at 9 a.m. Exploring Judaism will be held on Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., beginning Sept. 10th. To sign up for this free course, call the CBI office, 342-6146. Confirmation Class begins on Wednesday, September 9. Families with teens in grades 8-10 will receive a registration packet.

Stay Connected to CBI in the Digital Age

Our CBI Website has a lot of great new features, thanks to our webmaster Justin Bergson. Log on to: www.cbichico.org any time to access



our frequently updated calendar, read or download the newsletter, find yourself in a photo, or read the Rabbi's new blog.

CBI e-mails have a new look, too, with eye-catching artwork and colors. To join our weekly e-mail list and get the latest updates, send an e-mail to: admin@cbichico.org.

Mark Your Calendar for October Holidays & Events

Friday, October 2, 6 p.m.

Mishpachah Shabbat & Dinner in the Congregational Sukkah

Sunday, October 4

Home Sukkah Tour. To include your home sukkah, contact Rabbi Danan.

Friday, October 9, 7 p.m.

Simchat Torah Celebration at CBI: Music, hakaftot and fun!

Saturday, October 10, 10 a.m.

Shemini Atzeret Service and Yizkor

Friday, October 23 after 7:30 p.m. service

Shabbat Guest Speaker: Dr. Tom Resk speaks on Jewish Historical Sites in Lithuania



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CBI Reads!

By Wendy Diamond
CBI Library Chair

The Book Group will meet on **Sunday, September 13 at 2 p.m.** Our selection is *Sarah's Key* by **Tatiana de Rosnay**.

The novel takes place during the deportations faced by Jews in France during WWII. According to reviews, the book is riveting.

You are welcome to join us! At our next meeting, we will decide on the future reading list. Locations are announced via e-mail from Harriet Spiegel. If you want to be included in location and other updates, contact her at hspiegel@csuchico.edu.

Please return Library Books!

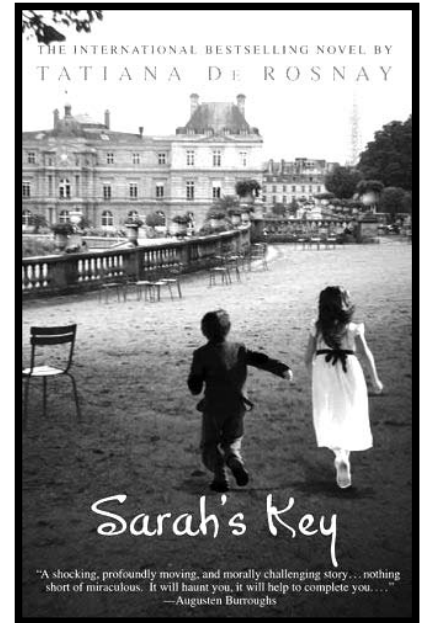
It is a good thing that books are regularly checked out from the CBI Library. But sometimes they are not returned promptly. Please look at your bookshelves at home for overdue CBI books.

How to Check Out a Book

Please follow this easy procedure to take a book home to read:

1) Be a member; 2) Browse the shelves and find a book; 3) Sign the card in the book pocket; include date and phone number; 4) Leave the signed card in the designated box; 5) Read, enjoy, and return within 3 weeks.

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Congregation Beth Israel

Congregation Beth Israel is an independent, egalitarian Jewish community whose roots date back a century. The synagogue is both nondenominational and unaffiliated. Our guiding principle is K'lal Yisrael, the unity of the Jewish people. True to that spirit, CBI embraces a diverse membership of Jews from all backgrounds as well as interfaith couples and those exploring Judaism. We serve nearly 100 families in the greater Chico area with a wide range of programs for toddlers, tweens, teens, adults, and seniors. Our Religious School is very strong, and our Sisterhood is very active. Services are held Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. (6 p.m. on the first Friday for the monthly family service) and Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. We also hold services on all major Jewish holidays.

The ideal to which we strive is Mordecai Kaplan's concept of the "synagogue center," in which a congregation serves both as a house of worship and as a community center. Rabbi Julie Hilton Danan provides the inspirational leadership for our Jewish values: study, *Torah*; worship and practice, *Avodah*; social action, *Tikkun Olam*; acts of kindness, *Gemilut Hasadim*; and connection with the Jewish People, *Am Yisrael*.



Charles Danan practicing Shofar