



News

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A nondenominational synagogue center serving the Jewish community in the greater Chico area

Simchat Torah Extravaganza!

Join us to Unroll the Entire Torah as a Community
Friday, October 9, 7 p.m.

Simchat Torah is the climax of all the fall holidays, as we complete our annual cycle of Torah readings and immediately begin again to the accompaniment of hakafot (Torah parades), flags, dances, music, refreshments and treats. This year our celebration will have several new features. Just as we all stood together at Sinai, we will all stand together to support the Torah as we unroll and reroll it. *We plan to unscroll and open the entire Torah scroll, so we need the entire congregation there to hold it up!* Festivities will be both indoors and out, and we will have “spirit leaders” leading us in song and dance, while our band plays klezmer and folk music. Kids will get sweet treats and we will have refreshments. Contact Kristy Bergson if you can make a dessert or a nosh, 228-5481 or kb.lu@yahoo.com.



Fall Festival Joy

Sukkot is the Torah's harvest festival, which we celebrate by making outdoor huts or booths (known as a *sukkah*, plural *sukkot*), in which to spend as much of the holiday as possible. We will have several fun holiday celebrations at CBI and at members' home sukkot. Thank you to Michael Mulcahy and helpers for making a new community sukkah this year for CBI.

Mishpachah Dinner in the Sukkah

Friday, October 2, 6 p.m. is our Mishpachah Shabbat and holiday service at CBI. Join us for a family-friendly service for all ages, followed by dinner in the congregational sukkah which will be catered by the Pita Pit. Thanks to a Community Development Grant from the Jewish Federation of the Greater Sacramento Region, there is no set charge for this dinner, but your donation of \$10 per adult or \$18 per family will help us to continue these Shabbat dinners. RSVP to the CBI office, 342-6146, admin@cbichico.org by Wednesday, September 30. On Saturday morning we will celebrate Shabbat and the Yom Tov (holy day) of Sukkot with a Torah service at 10 a.m. and Kiddush in the sukkah.

Home Sukkah Tour

Join us for the great tradition of our CBI Home Sukkah Tour on Sunday, October 4. Refreshments appropriate to the hour will be served at each home sukkah. The Tour schedule is as follows:

- 10 a.m. to noon: Breakfast in the Carter Family Sukkah, 809-0303.
- 12-2 p.m. Light lunch at the Halimi Sukkah, 345-9616.
- 2-4 p.m. Noshes at the Rappaport Sukkah, 345-9326. The Rappaports have a theme for their sukkah each year; this year's is stand-up comedy and everyone has to tell a Jewish joke.
- 4-6 p.m. Tea time at the Danan Sukkah, 343-6337.
- 6 p.m. All Religious School and Menchkins families are invited to join the Danans for a pizza dinner in their sukkah. RSVP to rabbi@cbichico.org or call 343-6337.

Holiday Thank-Yous

It takes a village (a shtetl?) to create our High Holy Day services and experiences, and we extend a hearty Todah Rabbah to the following hard working *mitzvah mensch* volunteers. This newsletter goes to press before Yom Kippur, so expect more thanks in the November newsletter.

All of our holiday soloists and readers: Avraham and Rabbi Julie Danan, Steve Schwartz, David Frankel, Keren Carter, Steve Margolin, Steve Naiman, Janice Gagerman, Andrea Lerner, Sam Edelman, Helene Ginsberg, Andrew Sabersky, Inge Schmidt and everyone else who sang, spoke, read or lead in Hebrew or English. A special thanks to Ruth Gordon for leading the children's services.

Keren Carter and all members of the Ritual Committee for the huge job of organizing all the aliyot and other participation, ritual objects and ceremonies.

Nitsa Schiffman for the flowers.

Marv and Bonnie Megibow for leading our Yom Kippur Forum, and to our dedicated Tikkun Olam team members for their Yom Kippur remarks, including Phyllis Cullen, Kristy Bergson, Loretta Steinke, Jeremy Miller, and Arielle Danan.

Our CBI musicians, including David Frankel, Michael Leitner, Scott Pressman, Harriet Spiegel, Victor Mlotok, Justin Bergson, Gabe Feldman-Franden, and Steve Margolin, who is also the leader of "Team Tekiah," our Shofar blowers.

Carol and Sam Edelman for sponsoring our Rosh Hashanah Kiddush, and to Loretta Steinke, Karen Sorsby, Marv and Bonnie Megibow, Keren Carter, Susan Archer, Karen Rogers, Nelda Jessee, and Mark and Carol Lewkowitz for helping Carol and Sam with the preparations and providing food.

Carol, in addition, for organizing our Break-the-fast, arranging childcare, buying supplies, and much more. To Donna Greenberg and all members of our Board for the

Week of Sukkot

Religious School will decorate the congregational sukkah on October 1 and enjoy snack time in the sukkah during the holiday week. The Sisterhood will have their annual Sukkah potluck in the congregational sukkah on Wednesday, October 7, at 6 p.m.



David Halimi and Steve Margolin blow the Shofar at Rosh Hashanah services. Photo by David Bermann

Erev Rosh Hashanah Kiddush, and to the Sisterhood for providing apples and honey, and to Kristy Bergson and her challah helpers: Jona Pressman, Keren Carter, Bonnie Mitchell, and Sheri Trimboli.

David Halimi, Jess Price, Rhonda Zisle, Ryan Carter, and all others who helped with arranging the room for the holidays. Thank you to Fran Halimi and to Jess Price for bringing us new chairs from Sacramento for the sanctuary! Thanks to the Halimis for making holiday ads and nametags and to Fran for making the Yizkor booklet. A big thank you to our Teens and Loretta Steinke for helping with the holiday clean-up.

Irv Schiffman, Dave Bermann, Stan Gottlieb and Sheri Trimboli for all their hard work on membership, fundraising and getting us started on a great New Year! To our administrative assistant Liz Bohn for all of her help.

The March 2010 Israel tour is on its way

We will spend two amazing weeks from March 12th to the 26th covering the country – from Metulla to Eilat, including ancient and modern history, wild flowers (it will be the height of the season), beautiful beaches and a lot more. We will be staying at 4- and 5-star hotels and a kibbutz guest house. This is a special tour for our community and there are a few openings still available! For information and a copy of the tour itinerary call Nitsa at 343-7108 or e-mail her at ischiffman@csuchico.edu.

From Our Rabbi: Big Tent Judaism

By Rabbi Dr. Julie Hilton Danan

You may have heard the joke about the man who wants to get into High Holiday services to talk to a friend, but has no ticket. After arguing for several minutes, the usher lets him in for a minute with the words, “But don’t let me catch you praying!” Unfortunately, this joke captures the exclusion that many have felt from Jewish life in the past. Historically, matters like finances, intermarriage, differences in ability, family type, ethnicity or lack of Jewish knowledge have all too often been seen as barriers to full participation in synagogue life. In today’s changing world, we cannot afford to exclude anyone. The time has come to “engage, support, and advocate for all who would cast their lot with the Jewish people.”

I have been getting involved in a movement to make Judaism more accessible and welcoming to all comers, known as the “Big Tent Judaism.” This group urges Jewish organizations to strive to grow in several major areas of Jewish outreach. First, welcome all newcomers. We are urged to welcome “everyone interested in finding Jewish meaning and community,” and also to “celebrate the diversity of today’s Jewish individuals and households.” CBI is Jewishly non-denominational, and we sincerely welcome members of all Jewish backgrounds, spiritual seekers and Jews-by-choice, interfaith families, diverse ethnicities, all family constellations, and gays and lesbians. I hope that my rabbinic attitudes and our communal commitments have proven this welcoming policy.

The Big Tent Judaism Coalition challenges us further, though. It urges us to make Jewish engagement easier for the unaffiliated by offering “free samples” of congregational activities. We do that with our free adult education classes and of course free participation at services, and our Menchkins program, which is open to both member and non-member families. But there is doubtless much more that we can begin to do in order to foster the goals of “deepening Jewish engagement” for all individuals and households, including those who are not yet affiliated. We can work on lowering barriers to participation (real and perceived), increasing points of access by going to where people are (instead of just waiting for them to come through our door), and enlisting our members to do serious outreach, among other goals.

We may perceive a conflict between our desire to do outreach to all Jews and seekers in our community, and our status as a membership organization that is largely



dependent on membership dues to pay our bills, and on members’ volunteer efforts to keep our synagogue running. Our mission statement can help to clarify matters:

“Congregation Beth Israel is a welcoming center for the enrichment of Jewish life in the North Valley. Our mission is to inspire, provide, and advance spiritual, cultural and educational opportunities for our diverse membership. We are a growing community dedicated to the Jewish values of study (Torah), worship and practice (Avodah), social action (Tikkun Olam), acts of kindness (Gemilut Hasadim), and connection with the Jewish People (Am Yisrael).”

According to our mission statement we have a primary commitment to serving our members’ needs, and yet we have also committed to being a “welcoming center for the enrichment of Jewish life in the North Valley.” We also want to be a “growing community” and all of that requires doing outreach.

I don’t think that there needs to be a conflict between these two roles, as long as we are transparent about what it means to be a member. Membership is not simply a matter of a certain financial contribution, but it is a covenant, a commitment to support the Jewish community. Membership should not, we hope, be approached with a consumer mentality (How much do I need or get from the community at present?), but from a values mentality (How much does the continued presence of an active, full-service Jewish community in Chico and the North State mean to me?). Ours is a small Jewish community and every single person or family who chooses to make and honor that commitment has an impact. Membership in CBI is open to all Jewish individuals and households regardless of economic status. But we realize that in order to grow our community and to fulfill our mission, we also have to reach beyond our membership and help young families, interfaith families, secular Jews, unaffiliated Jews and those exploring the Jewish path to learn, grow and find their place in the community.

May this be a year in which we caringly nurture our inner circle of members, but also reach out to larger and larger circles: to open doors, enlarge our tent and reach out to the broader Jewish community and to all who wish to share the Jewish path.

Shanah Tovah u’Metukah (a good and sweet year),
Rabbi Julie Hilton Danan

Shabbat Scholars for October

Travelogue: Lithuania

Dr. Tom Resk will be our guest speaker after our Friday service at 7:30 p.m. on October 23. He will share pictures and memories of a recent trip to Lithuania, with a focus on Jewish sites. Tom is a forensic pathologist by profession, a local radio personality by avocation, and a friend of Rabbi Danan who has graciously offered to share these impressions of Jewish sites in his ancestral homeland.

Hot Topic: A Nuclear Iran

Dr. Sam Edelman, CBI member and Executive Director of Scholars for Peace in the Middle East, is our Shabbat Scholar on Friday, October 30, at our 7:30 p.m. service. Sam is currently organizing an international conference on Iran, to take place this November in Cleveland. The title of his talk at CBI is: "The Islamic Republic of Iran: An Analysis of Its Theocracy, Nationalism, and Assertion of Power."

Mark your calendars for upcoming Shabbats on the Hot Topic, "Is There Hope for Mideast Peace?"

- November 13: Michael Leitner on "Promoting Mideast Peace Through Recreational Programs," followed by a fun evening of Israeli dancing with Levi and Ayelet Bar-Gil.
- December 11: Irv Schiffman will give us insights into the spectrum of Israeli lobbies and interest groups in U.S. politics.

Menchkins: The Next Generation

Our first "class" of Menchkins has grown and moved on to Religious School. There are new babies and tots in the community, so we want to start a new Menchkins group this fall, for young Jewish families with children from birth to age 5. It will start with a playgroup and hopefully expand to include Tot Shabbat and other activities. To sign up, contact Lisa Rappaport, lisarappaport4@yahoo.com, 345-9326.

Mazal Tov

To Terri Lind on her engagement to Michael J. Richman. A May wedding is planned.

To Michael and Carol Passovoy on the July 24th birth of their granddaughter, Gillian Lena Passovoy.

To Liora Danan, daughter of Rabbi Julie and Avraham Danan, who has been awarded a Joseph Crapa (pronounced, "cray-pah") fellowship from the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, to study the use of public diplomacy tools to talk about religion and promote religious tolerance overseas. She will pursue this study in addition to her job at the UC Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation.

To Michaela Katz, belated congratulations on her graduation from Chico High. Michaela is attending Sacramento State.



Religious School Shabbaton Retreat

Mill Creek Resort, Zeichick Cabin, Sept. 4-6

Left: Group photo of many of the participants during Shabbat afternoon hike

Below: Children do nature art project using materials collected on hike



From the President

By Irv Schiffman

It was a real pleasure to experience the High Holy Day services in our own temple once again after holding them elsewhere for so many years. Of course, in Chico's early days, the Jews of the area held all their religious services in a variety of locations, particularly in downtown commercial buildings. In the 1920s, services were held in the Ostroski Building on Second and Main, a building owned by congregation member Samuel Ostroski. Later services were moved to an apartment complex under the tower in the Senator Theatre building. Organized religious services were suspended sometime in the 1940s and the ark and bimah were stored in a house owned by the Tochtermans on Flume Street. The Torah, which originally was given to the congregation by Mendel Tochterman's grandmother, was housed in a synagogue in San Francisco. It was returned to Chico in 1950s when services resumed, first in the main ballroom of the Hotel Oaks at Second and Salem Streets and then in the Unitarian Church on Filbert Avenue.

All that bouncing around led to a desire by Beth Israel members to have a home of their own and in 1969 the present building on Hemlock Street was bought. Small town Jewish congregations have historically purchased and converted existing buildings to synagogue use and the former Salvation Army warehouse seemed adequate for the thirty or so families that made up the congregation. Buying a building also meant for the first time having full control over the scheduling of prayer and other activities as well as symbolizing the permanence of the

congregation.

As we grew in membership and non-members joined us for High Holiday services, it became necessary to move those services to other locations. In 2001 we held services at Trinity United Methodist Church and then at the Masonic Family Center and finally at Bidwell Presbyterian Church. Not surprisingly, many members weren't too happy with these arrangements and last year it was decided to return to our own home for the High Holidays. A new seating arrangement was devised and all who came were seated.

But at the same time the High Holiday services remind us of the limits of the building that we purchased exactly forty years ago to accommodate some thirty families. We will be talking about this subject more in the coming year. Our former president, David Halimi, is heading up our building fund capital campaign that, we hope, will eventually provide the congregation with a facility appropriate to its membership and programs.

Of immediate concern, however, is the continued support and growth of our membership. It is, of course, the involvement and financial support of present and future members that allows CBI to survive and to serve the needs of our Jewish community. We ran a deficit last year that we hope not to repeat in this New Year. So please return your membership form and pledge as soon as possible and feel free to invite someone new to accompany you next time you come to a CBI service or celebration.

More Todah Rabbahs

The Zeichick family for hosting 37 people at their cabin in Mill Creek for the Religious School Shabbaton! To Carol Edelman for organizing the Shabbaton with them, and to Ruth Gordon and all the families for their assistance.

Bev Paull for hosting the Sisterhood 20th Anniversary Gala at her home.

For all the behind-the-scenes help recently at CBI: Michael Mulcahy for staining the front doors, and Nitsa Schiffman, Marshall Thompson, Loretta Steinke and John Poteet for their work on our garden. To Justin Bergson for website upgrades,

Dave Bermann for photography. To Loretta Steinke for her help with the Rubinoff B'nai Mitzvah and with supervising the youth group for clean up on Rosh Hashanah, and Rhonda Zisle for keeping our sanctuary sparkling. To Kristy Bergson, Loretta Steinke, and Deb Shapiro for visiting and assisting our elder members and others in need.

Jeremy Miller for serving another year as our Youth Group advisor, and to Amy Miller for her assistance.

Esplanade Cleaners for their complimentary cleaning of our Torah covers, tallitot and table covers.

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.)

What a wonderful and elegant evening our annual Sisterhood Membership Kick-off gala was on September 12th. All of the women were dressed in their best cocktail attire, the weather was perfect for those who sat outside and the food was exceptionally delicious — all homemade except for a few items. The board did an exceptional job organizing, planning, cooking, shopping, setting-up and cleaning up.

My biggest thank you goes to Bev Paull for opening her lovely home for extraordinary event, and all of her hard work setting up her house to accommodate the 25-plus women who attended. A special Todah Rabbah to Mike Paull for helping with last-minute errands. I consider Mike an honorary member! Haverot/Sisterhood celebrated in style our 20th Anniversary and in commemoration of this event specially designed lapel pins were given to those in attendance. If you could not make the event, are a Haverot/Sisterhood member and would like a pin, please let me know. I will have them when I am at CBI or at upcoming Haverot/Sisterhood events. Past Presidents were recognized during the party and each was given a white rose as a thank you.

Our next event will be the annual “Dinner in the Sukkah” where we will celebrate Sukkot under the stars. The date is Wednesday, October 7th at 6 pm. Dinner will be potluck and you are asked to bring a vegetarian (dairy is ok) dish or a dessert for all to share. Make enough for about 6-8 so we can taste a little of everything. We will dine and celebrate in and around the sukkah. Sisterhood provides the coffee, tea and lemonade. By the time you receive this newsletter you will have received an announcement about the upcoming event. Haverot/Sisterhood has pledged a commitment to reaching out and helping those less fortunate in the community, and has donated a variety of items to local charitable organizations. As in the past we are asking each of you who attend the Sukkot potluck to donate items to



Past presidents of Haverot Sisterhood receive a white rose.

the Torres Shelter, a local homeless shelter where they are in need of a variety of items. They can use adult clothing (gently used is ok), new underwear, flip flops, toiletries, twin size sheets, towels (used or torn is ok), paper products, VHS tapes (used is ok), nonperishable food, coffee, tea, etc. We ask that you bring an item or two, either used or new to the Sukkot celebration and the items will be delivered to the shelter. Thank you in advance for being part of this mitzvah. If you are planning to attend, we would appreciate an RSVP so we can know how many tables to set up! You may e-mail drg@mv.mv.com, or call me at 891-6439. We look forward to seeing many of you for an evening of fun, food, sharing and a sense of well being.

Reminder: If you have not mailed in your Sisterhood membership form that includes selecting or suggesting an interest group, if so desired, please do so soon, so that the roster can be finalized. Contact Pam Dakof, 895-0164, or e-mail her at pamdakoff@comcast.net, if you are interested in any of the interest groups, or would like to start a new group. She will contact you if you expressed interest on your membership form. Interest groups are great fun and a wonderful way to get to know your fellow “Sisters.”

We have so much fun, camaraderie and enrichment as a group, whether it's attending a play, yelling MAHJ, serving food at the Bagel Brunch or spiritual growth at the Sisterhood Shabbat. We are especially interested in hearing from our younger women; you are our future. Ladies of CBI become a part of the 'Hood! Remember, without your support we cannot exist.

Haverot/Sisterhood continues to sponsor Onegs each month. Please sign up to help with this mitzvah. For more information contact me at 891-6439 or drg@mv.mv.com.

To a great year!

Sisterhood 2009-2010 Calendar

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| 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 |

Donations

We would like to thank the following *nadvanim*.

Building Fund – Fite Matching Fund

Derek & Magdalena Baum
Avraham Danan & Julie Hilton Danan

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Al & Sandy Abrams
Jason Becker
Katharine McAfee: In honor of the Rabbi's hospital visit to
Dr. Brahma D. Sharma

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Avraham Danan & Julie Hilton Danan
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*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.*



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

Condolences

We all mourn the passing of our friend and fellow congregant Polly Greenberg on Sunday, September 20. Our condolences to Robert and Donna and the whole Greenberg family.

Anniversaries in October

Eli & Joan Stern..... October 13
Greg Einhorn & Maureen Knowlton October 23
James & Nelda Jessee October 23

Birthdays in October

Everett Straus..... October 1
Naomi Straus October 1
Eitan Schiffman October 3
Harvey Rappaport..... October 5
Selda Arnoff..... October 7
Noah Stone..... October 8
Mendel Tochtermann October 9
Justin Bergson..... October 12
Ilana Meiri..... October 14
Kara Jolie Senseman October 14
Josie Sabersky..... October 21
Terri Lind October 22
Kelly Zeichick..... October 22
Ari G. Naiman October 25
Arron Rambach..... October 25
Scott Dakof October 28
Justin Halimi October 28
Pamela Dakof..... October 29
Earl W. Jessee..... October 31

Yahrzeits

Renee Arginteanu **October 2**
Remembered by Louis & Selda Arnoff
Fanny Hilton **October 3**
Remembered by Julie Hilton Danan and Avraham Danan
Jack Price **October 7**
Remembered by the Price Family
Robert Fishkin **October 8**
Remembered by Martha Fishkin
Sadelle Gagerman **October 9**
Remembered by David Frankel & Janice Gagerman
Jack Konigsberg **October 9**
Remembered by Robert & Donna Greenberg
Salvador Troncoso **October 9**
Remembered by Derek & Magdalena Baum
Sarah Ginsberg **October 19**
Remembered by Helene Ginsberg & Andrew Sabersky
Jenny Gottlieb **October 21**
Remembered by Stanley & Anne Gottlieb
Anita Cohen **October 25**
Remembered by Norman & Jean Corwin
Michael Gottlieb **October 26**
Remembered by Stanley & Anne Gottlieb

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 27 6:45 p.m. Kol Nidrei | 28 NO B'nai Mitzvah Class 10 a.m. Yom Kippur Services Begin 7:35 p.m. Shofar and Break-the-Fast | 29 3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg | 30 | 1 3:30 p.m. Religious School 5:15 p.m. Exploring Judaism 5:30 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Class | 2 6 p.m. Mishpachah Shabbat & Sukkot Service | 3 9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service |
| 4 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Home Sukkah Tour | 5 7 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Class | 6 3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg | 7 6 p.m. Sisterhood Potluck in CBI Sukkah | 8 3:30 p.m. Religious School 5:15 p.m. Exploring Judaism 5:30 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Class | 9 7 p.m. Simchat Torah Celebration | 10 9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service |
| 11 | 12 7 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Class | 13 3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg | 14 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class | 15 3:30 p.m. Religious School 5:15 p.m. Exploring Judaism 5:30 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Class | 16 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services | 17 9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service |
| 18 | 19 7 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Class | 20 3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg | 21 11 a.m. Sages' Brunch 7 p.m. CBI Board Meeting | 22 3:30 p.m. Religious School 5:15 p.m. Exploring Judaism 5:30 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Class | 23 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services Guest speaker Tom Resk | 24 9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service |
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Shabbat and Holiday Services for October

CBI celebrates Kabbalat Shabbat on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. (Usually First Friday Mishpachah Service at 6 p.m.) 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.

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| Friday, October 2 Light Candles at 6:31 p.m. | 6 p.m. | Mishpachah Shabbat & Dinner in the Sukkah. Dinner catered by Pita Pit. RSVP to CBI office. |
| Saturday, October 3 | 9 a.m. 10 a.m. | Adult Study Class Shabbat & Yom Tov Service for Sukkot Kiddush provided by Carol Wong & Judith Krenn in honor of their anniversary. |
| Friday, October 9 Light Candles at 6:20 p.m. | Note Time Change: 7 p.m. | Simchat Torah at CBI! Unroll and Reroll the entire Torah. Live music! Parade, Dance & Celebrate! Treats for all the kids. Oneg provided by Social/Cultural Committee. |
| Saturday, October 10 | 9 a.m. 10 a.m. | Adult Study Class Shabbat & Yom Tov Torah Service for Shemini Atzeret. Yizkor will be recited. Kiddush provided by Susan Archer. |
| Friday, October 16 Light Candles at 6:09 p.m. | 7:30 p.m. | Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg sponsored by Kristy Bergson in honor of Justin's birthday. |
| Saturday, October 17 | 9 a.m. 10 a.m. | Adult Study Class Torah Service led by Rabbi Danan Parashat: Beresheet Kiddush provided by the Rappaport Family in honor of Harvey's Birthday. |
| Friday, October 23 Light Candles at 6 p.m. | 7:30 p.m. | Kabbalat Shabbat led by Rabbi Danan. Guest Speaker Tom Resk presents on "Jewish Lithuania Today" Oneg sponsored by the Sisterhood |
| Saturday, October 24 | 9 a.m. 10 a.m. | Adult Study Class Torah Service led by Rabbi Danan. Parashat: Noach Kiddush sponsored by the Naimans in honor of all the fall birthdays in their family. |
| Friday October 30 Light Candles at 5:50 p.m. | 7:30 p.m. | Kabbalat Shabbat led by Rabbi Danan Shabbat Scholar Sam Edelman speaks on Iran. Oneg sponsored by the Knowlton-Einhorn family in honor of their anniversary |
| Saturday, October 31 | 9 a.m. 10 a.m. | Adult Study Class Torah Service led by Rabbi Danan Parashat: Lech Lecha Kiddush sponsored by Keren Carter in honor of her CBI Friends. |

Thanks to everybody who sponsored an Oneg or Kiddush in September: the Gottliebs, the Sisterhood, the Edelmanns, the Danans, the Lewkowicz family, and Loretta Steinke.

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.

2009-2010 CBI Board


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HaSifriyah The Library Corner

“Books are made for use, not to be hidden away.” 
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CBI Reads!

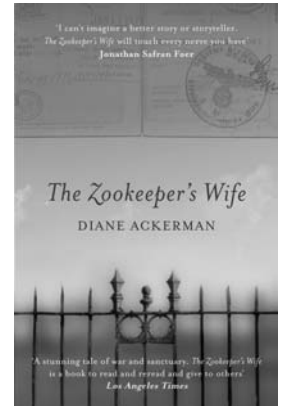
By Wendy Diamond, CBI Library Chair

The next meeting of the Book Group will be on **Sunday, November 1 at 2 pm.**

Our selection is *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman.

Although we usually read fiction, we are making an exception for this remarkable true story by an excellent writer.

You are welcome to join us! 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.



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| October 2 | Mishpachah Shabbat & Dinner in Sukkah |
| October 4 | Family Sukkah Tour |
| October 7 | Sisterhood Potluck in Sukkah |
| October 9 | Simchat Torah Celebration |
| October 23 | Guest Speaker, Dr. Tom Resk |
| October 30 | Shabbat Scholar, Dr. Sam Edelman |

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*.



Blessing the Challah at
Rosh Hashanah