

## The Headlines can get overwhelming...

### What can I do to help?

#### DO A MITZVAH!

Join "Team CBI" for Mitzvah Day, Sunday, November 1, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### Planned Activities:

Helping local elders or disabled with errands, rides, visits

- Make cards to cheer members of a senior center in Kfar Saba, Israel (kid-friendly, can be combined with other activities)
- Make a placemat to bring a smile to someone who receives Meals on Wheels (kid-friendly)
- Help create "tips for recycling" cards that enable us all to do the right thing more easily
- Plan a Celebration of Abraham interfaith program to be held at CBI
- Beautification of CBI grounds
- Plan a calendar of community service events in which we want "Team CBI" to participate
- Work at community garden at Dorothy Johnson Center (JTC teens and interested adults)

#### PLUS Everyone is invited to bring:

- Used books to sell and buy, to benefit Tikkun Olam projects
- "Brunch" snacks to share (coffee and tea will be provided)

If possible, please take a few minutes to sign up in advance: e-mail Tikkun Olam Chairperson, Phyllis Cullen, [pcul429@gmail.com](mailto:pcul429@gmail.com) OR phone her at: (530) 570-0784. Tell her who will participate and your top 2 project choices.

Or come on November 1 and we will find a project for you.

**Remember: IT'S A MITZVAH!**



## Mishpachah Shabbat November 6th

### New Schedule, Fiesta Dinner, and "Shabbaton Reunion" Slide Show

Mishpachah Shabbat in November will have a slightly different timetable. In response to feedback from congregants, we are going to try the following schedule:

- 5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat for Menchkins Families (with kids from infancy to kindergarten age), led by Rabbi Danan.
- 6 p.m. Shabbat Dinner served for all ages
- 7 p.m. Short Mishpachah Service, all are invited

Let's try this plan out and see if it makes it easier for families with young children to participate by having an earlier dinner hour.

Plus this month: Fiesta Dinner and "Shabbaton Reunion."

Some other exciting things are planned for our November 6th Mishpachah Shabbat. Our vegetarian Mexican fiesta dinner will be catered by La Comida. RSVP to the CBI office by Nov. 4th: 342-6146 or [admin@cbichico.org](mailto:admin@cbichico.org). Your contribution of \$10 per adult or \$18 per family will help to keep this program going.

After the service, we will have a "Shabbaton Reunion." If you made it to our Religious School Shabbaton retreat in September—or even if you didn't—stick around after our Mishpachah service for a fun slide show from the Shabbaton!

**CBI SILENT AUCTION IS COMING  
DECEMBER 5  
see page 3 for details**

## **November 13 – A Super Shabbat Evening Hillel Dinner at CBI, Shabbat Scholar Michael Leitner, Israeli Dance with the Bar-Gils**

Friday, November 13 at 6 p.m., Chico's Hillel college students are invited to CBI for a Shabbat dinner sponsored by the Hillel Board. CBI members are welcome to participate. A vegetarian chili and cornbread meal is planned. If you join us, please bring a salad or dessert to share.

That same evening at our 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service, Michael Leitner, CBI member and Professor of Recreation and Parks Management at Chico State, will speak on "Promoting Mideast Peace through Recreational Programs." The service will be followed by a fun evening of Israeli dancing led by Levi and Ayelet Bar-Gil from Israel. This program is made possible by a grant from the Stern Foundation.

## **November 20 – Hot Topics: Health Care Reform**

Kabbalat Shabbat on November 20, 7:30 p.m., will be followed by the first of two "Hot Topics" Panel discussions on "Jewish Values and Health Care Reform." Participants in the first panel, "Part I – Physicians Speak," are Dr. Steve Schwartz, Dr. Victor Mlotok, Dr. Phyllis Cullen, and Dr. Matthew Fine. Moderator will be Dr. Marv Megibow.

## **November 27 8 p.m. "Shabbat of Thanksgiving"**

The Kabbalat Shabbat on November 27 will begin at 8 p.m. instead of 7:30. We would like to check out if people prefer a later hour.

The theme of the evening will be "Giving Thanks." That evening, the entire Danan family will be in town and the Danans will provide the Oneg Shabbat for the one-year *yahrzeit* of Rabbi Danan's mother, Betty Hilton, of blessed memory.

Rabbi Danan would appreciate knowing how many people are coming to services that night in order to prepare: [rabbi@cbichico.org](mailto:rabbi@cbichico.org), or 342-6146, Ext. 4. There is no service on November 28. Enjoy the rest of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

## **November 12 Chico Area Interfaith Council Dinner Jewish Teens Serving, Raising Funds for Service Trip**

The Annual Dinner of the Chico Area Interfaith Council will take place on Thursday, November 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 667 East First Avenue. The speaker is Gerard Ungerman, a documentary filmmaker who has made a new film on the environment. He will speak on "Faith and Our Commitment to a Greener World."

A vegetarian dinner will be catered by Rabina Kahn. Our own "Jewish Teens of Chico" are working for tips at this event to raise funds for their service trip to Central America. Tickets are \$15 each (\$10 for limited income) and are available at the CBI office, 342-6146.

## **More Holiday Thank Yous**

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Today Rabbah to Scott Dakof for playing Kol Nidre on the Saxophone, to Keren Carter and the Religious School students for putting new tzitzit in all the tallitot, to Marshall Thompson and Harvey Rappaport for additional help with building and grounds.

A big thank you to Carol Edelman for organizing our Yom Kippur Break Fast and to all of the chefs and contributors to our wonderful Break Fast meal: Fran Halimi, Jim and Nelda Jessee, and Scott and Jona Pressman, Bev Paull, Nitsa Schiffman, Sam and Carol Edelman, Phyllis Cullen, Carol Passovoy, the Naiman family, the Diamond/Mulcahy family, the Rappaport family, the Carter family, the Trimboli family, the Zeichick family, Karen Rogers, Loretta Steinke, Madeline Holzman, Gabrielle Green, Laurie Feldman, and Rose Clark.

Thank you to Michael Mulcahy and Marshall Thompson for putting up the synagogue sukkah and to Jess and Renee Price, Avraham and Charles Danan, Andrew Sabersky and the Religious School students for their assistance. A big thanks to our Sukkah Tour hosts, the Carters, Halimis, Rappaports and Danans.

For Simchat Torah, we thank our band — David Frankel, Michael Leitner, Steve Margolin, Victor Mlotok and Gabe Feldman-Franden — for lovely music, and Kristy Bergson, Social-Cultural Chair, for providing delicious refreshments. Thanks to others who assisted with the festivities, including: Carol Edelman, Keren Carter, Avraham Danan, Mark Lewkowicz, Donna Greenberg, and Rhonda Zisle.

Thanks to everyone who wrote your dreams for CBI on our "Scroll of Dreams" during the holidays. Your comments have been recorded and shared with the CBI Board.

## **It Takes a Jewish Village to Keep a Temple Clean!**

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By Rhonda Zisle

We have been blessed with Rabbi Julie's leadership for 6 years now, Baruch Hashem! She has innovatively and creatively built us a "Jewish Community Center and Synagogue." We have many wonderful activities, events, and services, which give our Shul a lot of use! Presently we have janitorial service only once a week on Fridays, and I voluntarily spruce up on Tuesdays. Please "take ten" before leaving a major service, event, or festival activity, and help with clean-up. Ten minutes makes a difference! I do appreciate how many of you have step forward and give a little extra time to clean up before leaving — what a mitzvah! Thank you!

## From Our Rabbi – Simchat Torah: Seeing the Big Picture

By Rabbi Dr. Julie Hilton Danan

Simchat Torah is the crown and climax of our long fall holiday season, but as a service, it's always fairly complicated, semi-chaotic, and a lot of work for the leader. Therefore, I usually look toward it with a mix of excitement and trepidation. This year I finally decided (with the enthusiastic support of our Ritual Committee) to participate in a Jewish Renewal custom and unroll the entire (smaller) Torah scroll. I have to say that I was a little nervous as well as excited at this prospect. Tradition tells us in general to avoid touching the scroll (we must wash our hands afterwards) and to be very careful in handling it. And yet this is such a dramatic experience that more and more synagogues of different movements are doing it.

I think that those who participated will agree that it was really worth it. It was breathtaking to see the entire Torah unrolled, held up by all the adults in the congregation (with the kids in the middle to make their annual children's aliyah). We started with Helene Ginsberg as anchor person in the middle and everyone made a huge circle with the children in the middle. My husband Avraham unrolled one side and Gabbai Mark Lewkowitz unrolled the other. Our past and current presidents, David Halimi and Irv Schiffman, held the *atzei chayyim* ("tree of life") rollers at the ends and made the last and first aliyahs of the year.

Our sanctuary proved too small to unroll the entire Torah in a circle and we had to go into the circle, which I later observed made it into kind of a heart shape. This is appropriated because the last and first letters in the Five Books of Moses are lamed and bet, spelling "lev" or "heart" in Hebrew. I pointed out some particular



Torah passages being supported by various congregants.

Seeing the entire Torah unrolled was like seeing a giant panorama of Jewish history across the centuries and generations. On a personal level, it took me back to a time shortly after my dear mother's passing last year, when grief opened my heart and mind to experience that which I can only describe as a panoramic vision of my life, with the lives of my ancestors and descendants stretching out around me. Unrolling the

Torah scroll was just that kind of awesome sensation of suddenly beholding the "big picture."

Several scholars have compared the five books of the Torah to the five seasons of our life: Genesis is childhood, Exodus is youth, Leviticus is young adulthood, Numbers is midlife and Deuteronomy is our elder years. We are usually concerned with the minutiae of life, focusing on the current "portion," "chapter" or even "verse" of life that engages us at the moment. When we unrolled the Torah, it reminded me to see the big picture, to honor the details but not get bogged down by them. (If you missed Simchat Torah this year, there is a short video taken by Harvey Rappaport on our website, [www.cbichico.org](http://www.cbichico.org))

Then we rolled up the Torah, took out the other scroll and made the seven hakafot (circuits) with the band playing, enjoyed refreshments and dancing. Each hakafah (circuit) has a theme and mood from Jewish mysticism, so that we can embody all the qualities we will need in the year ahead. I hope that in the course of the year, we will enjoy each day but also begin to look at the "big picture" for ourselves and to define the dreams that we hold for our community at Congregation Beth Israel.

**CBI SILENT AUCTION IS COMING DECEMBER 5 at 6:30 p.m.**

**OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!**

**Donate** what you can to the Auction to make it a huge success

**Obtain** donations from businesses that you patronize

**Auction** proceeds go to support our Religious School

**Drop-off** locations for quality items: Sierra Log Homes, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Monday–Friday 3650 Morrow Lane in Chico (behind Home Depot, across from Pay Less Lumber) or the Schiffman's home, 643 Crister Avenue

**Contact** person: Sheri Trimboli at 624-6123

## Religious School News

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By Carol Edelman

The best part of my job as school director is watching the kids in their classes and seeing them enjoy themselves as they interact with each other, munch on their snack (an important ritual each week!) and learn new things about Judaism. Thanks to our dedicated teachers and classroom aides, we keep the students very busy and constantly moving with our interactive curriculum. Monday night's B'nai Mitzvah class with David Zeichick is mastering the prayers we say each Friday night at services. This will help get them ready for their big day when they become B'nai Mitzvah, but even more important, this makes them active rather than passive participants in services. Ruth Gordon's class, with help from Charles Danan, is practicing Hebrew reading and getting better with each passing week, especially with the computer lab in the room and the new Hebrew books with DVDs that they enjoy using. They are also doing a unit about life-cycle events. The youngest of our students, with Lisa Rappaport and Charlette Naiman, are working hard on learning their Hebrew letters and vowels and, beginning after Simchat Torah with Bereshit, they've started learning Torah stories.

Many exciting things are planned for November and December. During the Friday evening Mishpachah Shabbat on November 6th we'll be treated with a delightful presentation by the students in Lisa's class and some prayer leading by the students in David's class. The evening will end with a fun slide show of the school Shabbaton at the Zeichick cabin. You don't want to miss any of this so please come and help us celebrate the accomplishments of our students. Thursday's classes will also be jam-packed with some exciting activities. The first half hour every Thursday is Rabbi Julie's interactive conversational Hebrew class. The students are learning

vocabulary and already putting their new words into simple sentences. After the Hebrew lesson, we do some amazing activities for hands-on learning. With help from Jessica Rouman, we have arranged to partner with a religious school in Corona, near Long Beach. Our kids will be making a video in November to send to our "sister school" and we'll be watching the video that the kids from Congregation Beth Shalom send us. (We'll keep in touch with them during the year and in June we are planning a trip to Jewish L.A. that will include a stop in Corona.) We are also planning to learn a Chanukah rap and Chanukah songs that the kids will perform at CBI's annual Chanukah party. Another highlight of our Chanukah preparations is the huge electric menorah that the kids will be making and then taking home. These wooden menorahs with electric lights, a Dan Franden original design, are bigger and neater than any menorahs we've made before. You'll be able to use this huge menorah year after year either inside the house or outside as a display in your yard. Other fun activities are planned, including a dance hour on November 12th with Levi Bar-Gil. There is much to do between now and Chanukah, and we really encourage all of you to get your children involved in Thursday's interactive lessons that add so much to what we are doing in our Monday and Tuesday classes.



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## Jewish Teens of Chico News

We have a lot of events planned for the year, but if you have any new or better ideas speak up! Don't forget, we will need plenty of fundraising for our service trip to Guatemala next summer! Questions? Call Ryan Carter (925) 324-9931, or Charles Danan (530) 966-4982.

Here are some of our plans for the near future.

### JTC Calendar 2009-2010

- Friday October 30th – Shabbat Dinner and Pumpkin Carving

- Sunday November 1st – Mitzvah Day (JTC will be working together with other members of CBI)
- Thursday November 12th – Work at Interfaith Council dinner to raise money for service trip
- Saturday December 12th – White Elephant (gift exchange) Hanukkah Party (bring a \$10 gift)
- Friday December 25th – Chinese Shabbat Dinner

## From the President

By Irv Schiffman

While looking through my prayer book during a recent High Holidays service, I got to thinking about the various prayer books we have used at CBI since I first entered our newly purchased building on Hemlock Street in 1970. The shabbat and daily prayer book in use was *Ha-siddur Ha-shalem*, then probably the most popular Hebrew prayer book in America. It was a conservative siddur with the traditional Hebrew text, very literal translations and no transliterations; if you didn't know how to read Hebrew you were out of luck.

In the 1980's the CBI Board decided to replace *Ha-siddur Ha-shalem* with the Reform movement's *Gates of Prayer*. We were then thinking of joining the Reform movement so it seemed like the proper choice. *Gates of Prayer* was a groundbreaking publication of its time: it offered more Hebrew than the older Reform siddur, alternative versions of each service and, rather than literal translations of the Hebrew prayers, there were short paragraphs of flowing English. Many of the prayers were transliterated, but you had to go to the back of the book to find the transliterations. We also purchased the Reform movement's *Gates of Repentance* for the High Holidays.

Rabbi Yitzhak Nates, whom we hired in 2000, was from the progressive Reconstructionist movement and it was decided to replace the Reform movement prayer books with those published by the Reconstructionist Press. *Kol Haneshamah* ("The Whole Soul") is a

somewhat radical siddur. Unlike *Gates of Prayer* it is gender neutral and includes Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel and Leah along with the patriarchs in the Amidah. All the prayers are transliterated alongside the Hebrew and this has increased member participation in the singing and reciting of Hebrew passages. Along with expanded notes and commentary, the siddur includes a broad selection of meditations and poetic readings from both Jewish and non-Jewish sources. Since Rabbi Danan arrived in Chico, we have purchased and are using the *Kol Haneshamah: Prayer book for the Days of Awe* for the High Holidays.

Interestingly, there is presently a movement afoot called the Open Siddur Project that collects traditional and non-traditional Jewish prayers along with translations and commentary and places them on the Internet so that congregations can build customized prayer books. It is a work in progress that has, however, already started to ruffle the feathers of established prayer book publishers.



Speaking of prayers, there is none that I know of for a successful Silent Auction. Rather, success will depend upon the number of items we have to auction and the number of attendees who bid on them. Please contribute items to the auction and then come and have some fun as you sip wine and taste some delicious soups while looking for things to bid on.

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# DANCING FOR PEACE

A night of Israeli folk dancing, with free Israeli food:  
Come unite and promote peace through dance!

—FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC—

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9th**

**BMU Auditorium, 7:30–10 p.m.**

Questions? Contact Hillel at 879-0870 or ChicoHillel@gmail.com



CO-SPONSORED BY: Chico State Hillel/Jewish Student Union, Congregation Beth Israel of Chico, Multi-Cultural Affairs Council. WITH THE SUPPORT OF: Study Abroad/UNITE, RHAPS (RECR student majors club), PETE (Physical Education Teacher Education). Levi and Ayelet Bar-Gil will also lead dancing at the Shabbat service at CBI on November 13.

## 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*)

Fall is here and there is a chill in the air. Some rain has fallen and the leaves are changing into their beautiful fall colors. Don't you just love this time of the year! The High Holiday services were wonderful and I want to thank all of our Haverot/Sisterhood members who helped with many of the services during the High Holidays. Thank you Laurie Howard for the apples for the Rosh Hashanah Oneg and Nitsa Schiffman for the lovely flowers for all of the High Holiday services. The services were beautiful and I so enjoyed having them once again at our CBI home.

We had a wonderful turnout at the annual Sukkot potluck in the sukkah. The weather could not have been more perfect! The food was delicious and the camaraderie heartwarming. The new sukkah was quite cozy and lovingly decorated. Rabbi Julie led us in a participatory Sukkot program on happiness. Did you know that we are commanded to be happy during Sukkot? Thanks to all who participated with me in setting up this great event—Bev

Paull and Pam Dakof. Thank you, Peet's Coffee, for the donation of coffee and thank you, Pam, for arranging this and picking up the coffee. Thank you attendees for your donated items for the Torres Shelter. Thank you, Laurie Howard, for transporting all of the donations to the shelter. This was a delightfully successful evening.

Watch your e-mail or regular mail for our creative and fun program in November at “All Fired Up” in downtown Chico, scheduled for November 15th from 2-4 p.m. This should be a wildly fun afternoon getting our hands into clay and creating a masterpiece! Remember, Chanukah is coming soon and just think, you can create a unique one-of-a-kind gift for yourself or a loved one. I hope many of you can attend.

**Reminder:** if you have not mailed in your Sisterhood membership form, we hope you will do so soon, so that the roster can be finalized. We have so much fun, camaraderie and enrichment as a group, whether it's attending a movie, yelling MAHJ, serving food at the Bagel Brunch or reciting prayers at the Sisterhood Shabbat. I would love to have all of our women of CBI become a part of the 'Hood! Remember, without your support we cannot exist.

Shalom, Donna

### Sisterhood 2009-2010 Calendar

“All Fired Up” .....	November 15
Sisterhood Shabbat .....	January 22
Jewish Meditation .....	February TBA
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

### Anniversaries in November

David Frankel & Janice Gagerman.....	Nov. 14
Jess & Rene Price.....	Nov. 17
Michael & Pamela Dakof.....	Nov. 28
Helene Ginsberg & Andrew Sabersky.....	Nov. 28

### Birthdays in November

Zalthia Martin.....	Nov. 1
Hannah Puig.....	Nov. 1
Leanna Rawley .....	Nov. 1
Celeste Shapiro .....	Nov. 1
Lily Shapiro .....	Nov. 1
Jean A. Corwin.....	Nov. 7
Richard Rogers .....	Nov. 9
Rafael Frankel.....	Nov. 11

Al Abrams .....	Nov. 13
Charlette M. Naiman.....	Nov. 14
Chloe Pressman .....	Nov. 14
James W. Jessee.....	Nov. 16
Laurie Howard.....	Nov. 17
Michael Paull.....	Nov. 18
Charles Danan.....	Nov. 21
Jennah Stillman .....	Nov. 21
Jack Edelman.....	Nov. 22
Arielle Leitner.....	Nov. 23
Noah Thompson .....	Nov. 26
Bonnie L. Mitchell.....	Nov. 30
Elizabeth Sperber.....	Nov. 30

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## Donations

We would like to thank the following *nadvanim*.

### Building Fund

Derek & Magdalena Baum  
Irv & Nitsa Schiffman

### High Holy Day Donation

Lisa Benaron  
Andrew Condey  
Todd Kluger  
Vicky Tarazon

### General Donations

Robert Alon  
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Bob & Sue Cottrell: Chai Donation  
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Ingeborg Johannsen  
Michael & Carol Passovoy  
Michael & Beverly Paull  
Carolyn Sanger  
Irv & Nitsa Schiffman  
Marc & Heidi Siegall  
Josh Stillman: In honor of Mirra's Bat Mitzvah  
Karen Stillman: In memory of Bernadette Webb  
Bruce & Rosemary Yurman  
Kathy Zeichick & Sue Pfluecke

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Al & Sandy Abrams  
Stanley & Anne Gottlieb: In memory of Shifra Chaikoff's Yahrzeit  
Marvin & Bonnie Megibow: In memory of Ann & Lou Megibow

Erik Pressman: In honor of Yom Kippur

Jeff & Sharon Sloan

### Religious School Fund

Louis & Selda Arnoff

### Yizkor

Al & Sandy Abrams  
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Mary Bassow  
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Michael & Pamela Dakof  
Helene Ginsberg & Andrew Sabersky  
Stanley & Anne Gottlieb  
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Michael & Sara Leitner  
Ruth & Bernard Marcus  
Jeremy & Amy Miller  
Michael & Carol Passovoy  
Harvey & Lisa Rappaport  
Shane & Karen Rubinoff  
Deborah Shapiro

### Tree of Life

Darryl & Sheri Kushner:  
In honor of Vivian Gall  
(mother of Sheri Kushner)

### Gert Lenner Fund

Matthew & Isabel Fine: In honor of Casey & Ryan Rubinoff's B'nai Mitzvah

*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.



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## Welcome New CBI Member Families

We extend a hearty CBI welcome to our new members: Michael and Jennifer Carden and their children Emma, Max, and Dylan, Richard and Lisa Gitelson, Bunny (Jennifer) Keterman and Gregory Beengin.

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### Tseitchem L'shalom (Happy Trails)

We wish the best to David and Delores Becker on their move to San Louis Obispo.

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### Refuah Shlemah

The Congregation wishes a speedy and complete recovery to Bert Schapelhouman.

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### Condolences

We extend our condolences to Deborah Shapiro on the recent passings of her sister, Elise Arden and her sister-in-law, Mary Schwartz.

*May their memories be a blessing.*

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### Yahrzeits

**Dan Kass** .....November 1  
Remembered by Shirley Puritz

**Arnold Bermann**.....November 2  
Remembered by Dave Bermann

**Sophie Bassow** .....November 3  
Remembered by Mary Bassow

**Pauline Arnoff**.....November 8  
Remembered by Louis & Selda Arnoff

**Everet Straus**.....November 12  
Remembered by Peter Straus & Nancy Evens

**Ida Lindheim**.....November 13  
Remembered by Julie & Avraham Danan

**Eleanor Zacharin** .....November 13  
Remembered by Dennis & Eddi Deromedi

**Marcia Hochstader**.....November 18  
Remembered by David Frankel & Janice Gagerman

**Isidore Altman**.....November 25  
Remembered by Michael Mulcahy & Wendy Diamond

**Michael Avery**.....November 27  
Remembered by Loretta Steinke

**Betty Hilton** .....November 27  
Remembered by Julie & Avraham Danan

**Leatrice Joy Fine**.....November 29  
Remembered by Matthew & Isabel Fine

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10 a.m. Mitzvah Day 2 p.m. Book Club	2 7 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Class	3 3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	4	5 3:30 p.m. Religious School 5:15 p.m. Exploring Judaism	6 5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat 6 p.m. Mishpachah Dinner & Service	7 9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service
8	9 7 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Class	10 3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	11	12 3:30 p.m. Religious School 5:15 p.m. Exploring Judaism	13 6 p.m. Hillel Dinner 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	14 9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service
15 2 p.m. Sisterhood ALL FIRED UP	16 7 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Class	17 3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	18 11 a.m. Sages' Brunch 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 7 p.m. Executive Board	19 3:30 p.m. Religious School 5:15 p.m. Exploring Judaism	20 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	21 9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service
22	23 NO B'nai Mitzvah Class	24 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg No Religious School	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving No Religious School	27 8 p.m. Shabbat Services. Note time Change	28 NO Adult Study NO Service
29	30 7 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Class	1 3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	2	3 3:30 p.m. Religious School 5:15 p.m. Exploring Judaism	4 5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat 6 p.m. Mishpachah Dinner & Service	5 9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service 6:30 p.m. Silent Auction

## Shabbat Services for November

CBI celebrates Kabbalat Shabbat on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. (First Friday is an early Mishpachah Service) often accompanied by instrumental music. An Oneg Shabbat follows. Shabbat Saturday programs start with a class for adults. The morning service generally begins 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.

<b>Friday, November 6</b> <b>Light Candles at 4:42 p.m.</b>	5:30 p.m. 6 p.m.  <b>7 p.m.</b>	Tot Shabbat for Menchkins Families Mishpachah Dinner for everyone, catered by La Comida. <b>Shabbat Service</b> and slide show
<b>Saturday, November 7</b>	9 a.m. 10 a.m.	Adult Study Class Torah Service Parashat: Vayera Kiddush sponsored by the Jessees
<b>Friday, November 13</b> <b>Light Candles at 4:36 p.m.</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b> <b>7:30 p.m.</b> <b>8:15 p.m.</b>	Hillel and Hillel Board Dinner <b>Shabbat Service</b> , remarks by Michael Leitner Israeli Dance with the Bar-Gils Oneg sponsored by the Sisterhood.
<b>Saturday, November 14</b>	9 a.m. 10 a.m.	Adult Study Class Torah Service Parashat: Chaye Sarah Kiddush provided by the Franden-Feldmans.
<b>Friday, November 20</b> <b>Light Candles at 4:30 p.m.</b>	7:30 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat followed by a discussion on "Jewish Values & Health Care Reform," with panelists: Dr. Steve Schwartz, Dr. Victor Mlotok, Dr. Phyllis Cullen, and Dr. Matthew Fine. Moderated by Dr. Marv Megibow. Oneg sponsored by the Ginsberg-Saberskys in honor of their anniversary.
<b>Saturday, November 21</b>	9 a.m. 10 a.m.	Adult Study Class Torah Service led by Rabbi Danan Parashat: Toldot Kiddush provided by the Zisle Family.
<b>Friday, November 27</b> <b>Light Candles at 4:27 p.m.</b>	<b>Note Time Change:</b> <b>8 p.m.</b>	Kabbalat Shabbat Thanksgiving Theme Oneg is sponsored by the Danan family, in memory of Betty Hilton on her first Yahrzeit.
<b>Saturday, November 28</b>		NO SERVICE. Enjoy the holiday weekend.

Thanks to everybody who sponsored an Oneg or Kiddush in October: Carol Wong & Judith Krenn, The Social & Cultural Committee, the Bergsons, the Rappaports, the Sisterhood, the Naimans and the Knowlton-Einhorns.

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.

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*Thank you to Dr. Carol Edelman and Dr. Marv Megibow for arranging and coordinating this important visit to combat hatred and prejudice.*

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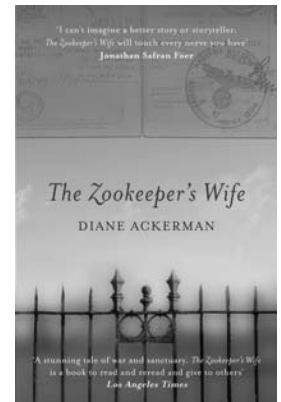
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### CBI Reads!

The Book Group will meet on **Sunday, November 1 at 2 p.m.** at the Jessee’s house. This month we will be reading *The Zookeeper’s Wife* by **Diane Ackerman**, a remarkable true story which takes place in Poland during World War II. After their Warsaw Zoo was bombed, Polish zookeepers Jan and Antonina Zabinski managed to save over three hundred people from the Nazis by hiding refugees in and around the zoo.



Please join us—we appreciate new voices and viewpoints in our discussions. For information on locations and updates of future meetings, contact Harriet Spiegel, [hspiegel@csuchico.edu](mailto:hspiegel@csuchico.edu).

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<b>Nov. 6</b>	Mishpachah Shabbat
<b>Nov. 12</b>	Chico Area Interfaith Council Dinner
<b>Nov. 13</b>	Shabbat Service and Israeli Dancing
<b>Nov. 20</b>	Hot Topics: Health Care Reform
<b>Dec. 5</b>	Silent Auction

**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*.



Simchat Torah  
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