

## Kaitlyn Zeichick's Bat Mitzvah, January 9

I love writing and hope to become an author as well as many other things when I grow up. The reason that I started writing was because of how much I like reading. I want to open new worlds for people like authors have done for me. Many authors have inspired me. I refuse to choose a favorite author or book. It would just be too hard. I hope that someday I will publish a book. I enjoy writing scripts for family and friends up at the cabin. I like writing so much that my dad made me my own website with some of my stories on it. I have only written a few stories so far. The website is called [kzstories.pbwiki.com](http://kzstories.pbwiki.com).

Another thing that I like to do is to play soccer. I'm on a traveling soccer team and an indoor team. My dad was my coach when I was doing soccer with CARD. I hope to stick with this traveling team for a while because we work well together and the more time we spend together, the better we get.

I enjoy acting. I've been Gracie Shinn in *The Music Man*, a prince in *Aladdin*, the president's grandmother in *The Great Glass Elevator*, the huntswoman in *Snow White*, a swanee swan in *The Lorax*, Jojo in *Seussical The Musical: Jr.*, and the narrator in *Beauty and The Beast*.

## Tefillin Service January 7, 4 p.m.

What do Michal (daughter of King Saul), Rashi's daughters, and CBI Bat Mitzvah Kaitlyn Zeichick have in common? They are all women who have put on tefillin, a practice usually observed by men in Jewish tradition. Tefillin are worn on weekday mornings at prayer. In December, Avraham Danan helped the B'nai Mitzvah class wrap tefillin (leather boxes containing biblical verses) on their arms and at their forehead. Kaitlyn and her dad David



I hope to do more plays and someday steal the spotlight.

I also enjoy music. I started with piano and then moved on to singing, since I usually do musicals. Now I play guitar. I sing with the guitar and will hopefully play in a concert sometime soon.

Since my Bat Mitzvah is coming up soon, practicing for it has become my priority in life right now. It's getting closer and closer and closer. It's sneaking up on the day. Soon it's just going to jump out and be the day. I'll enjoy every second of it.

Please let the Zeichick family know if you are planning to attend the festivities around Kaitlyn's Bat Mitzvah – the Mischpachah Service and Dinner on Friday evening, January 8 or Kaitlyn's Bat Mitzvah on January 9. [BatMitzvah@Zeichick.com](mailto:BatMitzvah@Zeichick.com) or 899-9544.



Zeichick, the class's teacher, both enjoyed putting on tefillin and decided to have a tefillin service the Thursday before her Bat Mitzvah. It will take place 4 p.m. at CBI, during Thursday Religious School, after the Rabbi's Hebrew class. There will be a short afternoon service and Kaitlyn will read from the Torah.

RSVP to Rabbi Danan [rabbi@cbichico.org](mailto:rabbi@cbichico.org), 342-6146, if you would like to participate. Bring your tallit and tefillin if you have some and we will provide assistance in using them. (You may also come even if you don't plan to put on tefillin).

## Hanukkah Happiness!

By Kristy Bergson

Yasher koach to all who participated in our annual Hanukkah celebration!

This is a year of **first** for me, as a board member, a volunteer coordinator, and an attendee at our annual Hanukkah party! As one of the coordinators I knew nothing of this cherished event. I learned about my tasks from those who walked the path before me! These are the people to whom I would like to give credit for helping the night run smoothly: Terri Lind, Bonnie and John Mitchell, Jim and Nelda Jessee, Harvey and Lisa Rappaport, Rabbi



Danan, our board members, the CBI Band for the wonderful music, and Irv Schiffman for emceeing! Renee Everett, Rob Merenbloom, David Green, Justin Bergson, Mike Richman, Michael Mulcahy and Ingeborg Johannsen also

generously dedicated their day to help set up, prep our delicious meal, cook and serve the food and were the last ones fed. Next year we will let them run through first! Speaking of food, the incredible salads were made by the Dakofs. What about all the teens who helped set up, baked yummy treats, and gave us something to spend our money on! The Haverot Sisterhood provided gifts for all the kids. Rhonda Zisle took care of PR for us. Thank you all! One more huge thank you — not only did our congregation come together to throw a successful party, members stayed and helped wash dishes, dry silverware

and clean up the tables. We left the Arc Pavilion with a holiday cheer at 8:30 p.m. because of the clean-up efforts of Tim Carter, Loretta Steinke, Russell Shapiro, David Zeichick and others. This was a true Jewish holiday filled with “We, ours, and us!” Thank you to all members of CBI for making this “first” experience for me enjoyable and memorable. I look forward to working with everyone again next year! Todah Rabbah!



### Hanukkah Celebration

Left: Emily Carter and Zia Miller

Upper Right: Hillel Members Lenny Stallman and Annalisa Corioso

Above: The Naiman Family

Photos by Terri Lind

## Mishpachah Shabbat January 8

Since there is no service on January 1st, the Mishpachah Shabbat has been moved to January 8th.

We will follow our customary schedule:

5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat

6 p.m. Kiddush and Dinner, followed by a family-friendly service.

This Mishpachah will be special in several ways. First, it will be part of Kaitlyn Zeichick’s Bat

Mitzvah Shabbat. The Zeichick family will host the dinner, catered by La Comida, and a dessert after the service. Kaitlyn will lead the service and invite the children to participate with her in a couple of prayers. Instead of a sermon or story, the B’nai Mitzvah class will present a humorous skit. RSVP to the Zeichick family if you plan to attend the Mishpachah dinner.

## From Our Rabbi – Tu Bishvat: A New Year for Trees and the Environment

By Rabbi Dr. Julie Hilton Danan

My children's friends have enjoyed celebrating Jewish holidays with them, and they are especially impressed that our religion has a holiday set aside exclusively to honor trees. Tu Bishvat, the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat, is a day on which we celebrate the "New Year of the Tree," by planting trees (both locally and in Israel) and eating tree fruits, especially those representative of the Land of Israel. The Kabbalists expanded this custom to include a "Tu Bishvat Seder" with fruits and nuts representing the four seasons and spiritual concepts. Tu Bishvat has a special relevance today in light of our growing concern for preserving our environment.

We will celebrate Tu Bishvat at CBI with an Oneg Shabbat on Friday, January 29th, the Eve of Tu Bishvat. Please bring a plate of tree fruits or nuts (fresh or dried) to share for a "mini-Seder" after our 7:30 p.m. service, which will feature readings about trees and nature. Since it is Shabbat Shira, the "Sabbath of Song," our CBI band will provide special music for our service. If you can help with this event, please contact me. It will not be a dinner, but it will be a lovely and festive celebration of music and of Tu Bishvat.

Also on the theme of Tu Bishvat, CBI has partnered with the Jewish Federation of Sacramento to bring Crane Culture Theater's performance of "The Never Ending Greenness" to Chico one Sunday this spring. This is a delightful and educational staging of a story about a child who makes a difference in his quest for restoring barren lands. The half-hour show features a cast of seven and integrates costumes, actors and artistic set, a storyteller, dancing, music and puppets. We plan to tie it in to a tree planting activity for families, so stay tuned for more details.

Finally, read on. Our Tikkun Olam/Social Action Committee has provided the second in a series of articles on how to live more gently on planet Earth.

–Rabbi Julie



### Q: WHAT ARE THE "THREE R'S"?

Hint, not reading, 'riting & 'rithmetic!

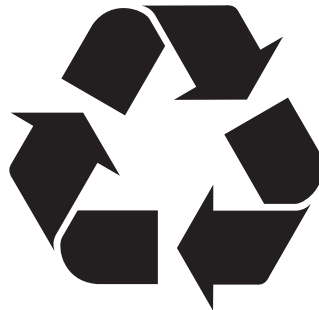
### A: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE.

Did you know that:

... between 1960 and 2007 the amount of waste each person creates almost doubled from 2.7 to 4.6 pounds per day! Our landfills are filled to overflowing and it is getting more difficult to find room for the literal mountains of trash that are accumulating every year. We can stop this trend by preventing waste in the first place, and by reusing and recycling our possessions.

The best place to start is right at home. You can **reduce** the amount of materials you use and waste you produce, **reuse** products in new ways, and **recycle**. Start a compost pile to return organic materials to the earth and to improve the soil.

To reduce the amount of waste that households send to the local landfill, we must change the way we make decisions: purchasing decisions, household management decisions, and citizen action decisions.



Since packaging materials account for a major portion of the trash we generate, consider buying items in bulk or those with minimal packaging. Choose reusable items such as cloth or string grocery bags, rechargeable batteries, or a diaper service using cloth diapers. Reuse empty containers for other things or as space dividers.

Does your purchase have a long product life? Select well-made items that can be repaired if necessary and you will save money in the long run. Consider packaging carefully: buy in bulk or choose large containers; avoid blister packs and excess quantities of filler. Aim for minimum toxicity: choose the least hazardous cleaning supplies, paints, and other substances to avoid harming people, land, or the water supply.

These are just a few tips to get us started. **To save paper (and trees!), additional ideas, helpful links, and creative Tu Bishvat Resources will be posted on the CBI website: [www.cbichico.org](http://www.cbichico.org).**

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## Rabbi Danan Invited to Speak in Texas

Rabbi Dr. Danan has been invited to be the 2010 Wulfe Lecturer at Temple Beth-El, the large Reform congregation in San Antonio in which she grew up. On January 15th, Rabbi Danan will present a noon study program for San Antonio's rabbis at the Jewish Federation as well as a Friday night lecture sermon at the Temple — both based on her doctoral studies on the topic of "*Ruah ha-Kodesh*" (the Holy Spirit) in Jewish tradition. Rabbi Danan hopes to reprise her Texas talks at future CBI events!

Prior to her lectures in San Antonio, Rabbi Danan will attend the Ohalah Rabbinic Association annual conference in St. Louis, Missouri, from January 10-13.

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## Family Torah Service January 23

In addition to our monthly Mispachah Shabbats on Fridays, we have planned several Mishpachah Torah services during the year, in order to help young families become comfortable with Shabbat morning worship. The next one is January 23 at 10 a.m. The service will be geared to family participation and Torah learning. Religious School students will be invited to help lead some of the prayers (later in the year they will conduct the entire service themselves). Kiddush is sponsored by the Carter Family.

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## Shabbat Shirah: Sabbath of Song and Potluck Tu Bishvat Oneg

January 29–30 is Shabbat Shirah, the Sabbath of Song (so called because we chant the "Song of the Sea" from the book of Exodus). In honor of Shabbat Shirah, it is customary to devote a service to music and song. Our wonderful CBI band will accompany our service at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 29th with lively music.

Since it is also Tu Bishvat, the New Year of Trees, we will have a special Oneg Shabbat with a Tu Bishvat theme. Tu Bishvat readings will be incorporated into the service and then at the Oneg we will have a "mini" Tu Bishvat Seder as we bless the fruit and wine. Please bring a plate of fruit (fresh or dried) or tree nuts to share for the occasion.



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## CBI Receives Community Development Grant

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### Mark Your Calendar for May 2 Trip to Sacramento Festival

CBI has received a third Community Development Grant, in the amount of \$1,000 from the Jewish Federation of the Greater Sacramento Region. Our previous grants were for building sukkah kits and "Turning Friday Night into Shabbat." The purpose of the new grant is to assist our community in chartering a bus on May 2, 2010, to transport us Sacramento so that we can participate in the annual Jewish Heritage Festival at the state capitol.

About four thousand individuals attend this annual event that highlights Israel and Jewish culture with music, food, and other activities. Mark your calendar now for a fun day celebrating our Jewish heritage!

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### Todah Rabbah –Thank you very much!

To those who led our successful Silent Auction, Chairperson Sheri Trimboli, president Irv Schiffman and Nitsa Schiffman, and Fran Halimi, and to our many helpers and donors.

To all the people who contributed to a fantastic and fun Hanukkah party.

Thank you to Irv Schiffman and Jed Wyrick for speaking at services and a class in December.

Thanks also to Karen Rogers, Helene Ginsberg and Steve Naiman for being in our second panel on "Jewish Values and Health Care Reform," and to Marv Megibow for serving again as our moderator.

Thank you to Helene Ginsberg and Andrew Sabersky for donating a new hot-water thermos to the CBI kitchen, for serving hot tea on Shabbat.

For assistance in solving various urgent technical and facilities issues at CBI: Michael Mulcahy, Marshall Thompson, Justin Bergson and Rob Greenberg.

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### Sisterhood Shabbat

January 22nd at 7:30 p.m. is our annual Sisterhood Shabbat. It is always special, heartfelt and meaningful when our Haverot Sisterhood members lead the service and share words of Torah, poetry and song. The Sisterhood will also sponsor a delicious Oneg Shabbat.

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### Guest Speaker at CBI February 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Effie Eitam, Israeli soldier and politician, is scheduled to come to Chico on Tuesday, February 9th. He'll be speaking at CBI at 7:30 p.m. His area of expertise is what is happening in Iran and what that means for Israel.

## From the President – Music and Discussions

By Irv Schiffman

Is there any other small congregation that has such a talented musical group as the CBI musicians who played at our Hanukkah party? Their playing of the traditional Hanukkah melodies and Israeli dance tunes helped make the Hanukkah party one of the best yet. The members – who can't seem to decide on a name for the group – have little time for practice yet amaze us each time by how good they sound. If you have seen them playing and want to associate the name with the instrument, they are:

Piano/guitar:	Michael Leitner
Acoustic Guitar:	David Frankel
Electric Guitar:	Scott Pressman
Violin:	Harriet Spiegel
Accordion:	Victor Mlotok
Saxophone/clarinet:	Steve Margolin
Drums:	Justin Bergson

Marshall Thompson sometimes sits in with his guitar and at the Hanukkah party Gabe Franden joined in with his hand drum. Recently, the band has been accompanied by three talented singers: Esther Hatkoff, the Director of Chico Hillel, Annalisa Corioso, a Hillel intern (who, unfortunately, is graduating and will be leaving Chico soon), and Hillel member Lenny Stallman. Avraham

Danan also sang a few songs with the band and many listeners hope that he will become the band's regular male vocalist.

At the last meeting of the CBI Executive Board, we took up the idea of having a separate evening for lectures or discussions, rather than having them solely as part of the Friday evening service. This is something we have done in the past and allows us to make fuller use of our facility besides providing additional time for the event. A separate evening may also encourage members and others to participate who don't ordinarily come to Friday services. The speaker list would include members of the community as well as guests from outside the area, recruited with the assistance of such organizations as the American-Israel Cooperative Enterprise (visiting Israeli professors), the Jewish National Fund Speakers Bureau and the Israeli Consulate. The board is interested in hearing the views of CBI members on this issue so please feel free to contact me or anyone else on the board with your views or suggestions.

And my personal thanks to all who made the Silent Auction and Hanukkah party such successes.

## Register Now for Camp Tawonga

Camp Tawonga's registration began December 15th. Program dates for 2010 are available online. Camp Tawonga is a Jewish, residential summer camp that is American Camping Association accredited, and has a staff/camper ratio of 1:1.5. Tawonga is located outside Yosemite National Park on 160 acres in national forest. It offers camp sessions, teen leadership, service learning, and adventure travel programs for 2nd through 12th graders and Weekend Programs for individuals, couples and families.

More info: 415.543.2267, [www.tawonga.org](http://www.tawonga.org), or [info@tawonga.org](mailto:info@tawonga.org)

## Knitting News

We are starting the new year with congratulations to Loretta Steinke on the completion of her beautiful scarf — a gift for her granddaughter. If you desire a fun time with fellow knitters, join us on Monday mornings. For more information, call Debby Shapiro, 894-3024.



## Beginner Hebrew Class Begins February 4

Our annual ten-week course in Adult Beginner Hebrew starts February 4. It will be held each Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. through April 8. As a service to members, they pay only the \$18 book fee. Cost is \$75 for non-members, which includes the textbook, *Aleph Isn't Tough*. Keren Carter is the instructor.

Register with the CBI office, 342-6146, by January 15th to guarantee your place and book.



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## HaSifriyah & The Library Corner

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

—Sefer Hasidim

### CBI Reads!

By Wendy Diamond, CBI Library Chair

The CBI Book group is now mixing in memoirs and history, while maintaining our commitment to fiction about Jewish culture and tradition.



*The Wind of the Khazars* by Marek Halter.

The meeting will be on **Sunday, January 10 at 2 p.m.** – note the date change!

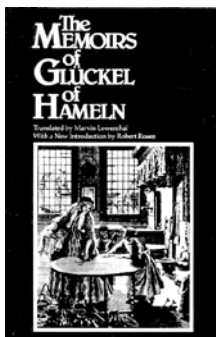
In the 10th century the Khazar kingdom grew and flourished, and then converted to Judaism. A thousand years later, the writer Marc Sofer is drawn into

investigating the fascinating enigma of the Khazars.

*Memoirs of Glückel of Hameln*  
(translation by Martin Lowenthal)

The meeting will be on **Sunday, March 7 at 2 p.m.**

Begun in 1690, this diary of a forty-four-year-old German Jewish widow, mother of fourteen children, tells how she guided the destinies of her children, how she engaged in trade, ran her own factory, and promoted the welfare of her family. Her memoir, a rare account of an ordinary woman, enlightens not only her children, for whom she wrote it, but all posterity about her life and community. Glückel speaks to us with determination and humor of war, plague, pirates, soldiers, the hysteria of the false messiah Sabbtai Zevi, murder, bankruptcy, wedding feasts, births, deaths, in fact, of all the human events that befell her during her lifetime.



Locations are announced via e-mail from Harriet Spiegel. If you want to be included in updates, contact her at [hspiegel@csuchico.edu](mailto:hspiegel@csuchico.edu).

Please know that you are very welcome to join us! We seek new members to enliven our discussions.



## Sisterhood/Haverot News

By Donna Greenberg

**Happy 2010** to all of my Haverot Sisters! I hope everyone had a wonderful Chanukah celebration, ate their share of latkes, and are having an enjoyable and exciting winter break. Although Sisterhood did not have a Chanukah party this year (we did not want to conflict with CBI's celebration) many of us enjoyed CBI's Chanukah Party that was held on December 13th. What fun we had —yummy latkes, salads and jelly donuts, good conversations and toe-tapping music! Sisterhood provided and distributed chocolate gelt and dreidels to all of the children who attended the Chanukah Party. I was delighted to see so many children having so much fun. Thank you, Fran Halimi, for organizing the goodies.

**Do not forget our annual Sisterhood Shabbat**, which will be on Friday evening, January 22. This evening has been celebrated for more than seven years, and every year it is inspiring and wonderful. The Sisterhood plans, officiates and participates in the entire Friday night service and every year it gets better and better. This year we will again have our Synagogue band and choir, so there will be plenty of music and singing. The Sisterhood will also provide the delicious food for the Oneg. If you are interested in participating in **any way** please Donna Greenberg at 891-6439 or [drg@mv.mv.com](mailto:drg@mv.mv.com). Even though the Sisterhood is conducting the service, **everyone is invited** — men, women and children — the more the merrier!

**Friendships are an important part of life.** Although it may seem early, please think about becoming a member of the Sisterhood/Haverot Board. Become an active member of Haverot/Sisterhood and get involved. For more information contact me, Donna Greenberg (891-6439 or [drg@mv.mv.com](mailto:drg@mv.mv.com)).

I look forward to seeing you at the Sisterhood Shabbat on January 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Shalom, Donna

### Sisterhood 2010 Calendar

<b>Sisterhood Shabbat</b> .....	<b>January 22</b>
<b>Jewish Meditation</b> .....	<b>March TBA</b>
<b>Bagel Brunch</b> .....	<b>April 25</b>
<b>End of the year Brunch</b> .....	<b>June 13</b>

### 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

## Silent Auction 2009 – A Huge Success!

By Sheri Trimboli, Event Chair

On a cold December evening at CBI, our Annual Silent Auction was held. Although the forecast said “challenging times with economic obstacles,” **our Auction raised more than \$7,000** for the Religious School Program. What a Mitzvah we have given to our children, our children’s children and their children! I was led by the expertise of past auction officiosos Fran Halimi, Irv and Nitsa Schiffman. Karen Rogers was the “Queen of Donations;” I can assure you most business owners in Chico know her name. There were a large array of services, products and chotchkies to select from with wonderful homemade soups and wines to sip during the shopping extravaganza. With President Irv Schiffman as the emcee, it was fun ‘til the end!

Ed Abramson	Judith Krenn
Ron Becker	Sara & Michael Leitner
Dave Berman	Carol & Mark
Julie Brasch	Lewkowicz
Keren & Tim Carter	Renee & Steve Margolin
Rose & Joe Clark	Michelle & Ari Mich
Phyllis Cullen	Bonnie & John Mitchell
Rabbi Julie & Avraham Danan	Wendy Diamond & Michael Mulcahy
Carol & Sam Edelman	Maria & Steve Naiman
Isabel & Matthew Fine	Carol Passovoy
Laurie Feldman & Dan Franden	Bev & Mike Paull
Mike Fishkin	Renee & Jess Price
Marsha & Robert Glussman	Dawn & Aaron Rambach
Anne & Stan Gottlieb	Lisa & Harvey Rappaport
Gabrielle & David Green	Leanna & George Rawley
Donna & Robert Greenberg	Richman Family
Jim Gregg	Karen & Rick Rogers
Bebe Halimi	Charles ‘Chuck’ Ross
Fran & David Halimi	First Lady Nitsa & President Irv Schiffman
Haverot-Sisterhood	Inge Schmidt
Alexandra Heffner	Barbara & Rafi Segal
Laurie Howard	Debra Shapiro
Jim & Nelda Jessee	Russell Shapiro
Ingeborg Johannsen	Aneta Stevens
Sharon Kaplan	Nancy Evens & Peter Straus
Maureen Knowlton & Greg Einhorn	Scott Sullwold
	Helen Ginsberg & Andrew Sabersky

There were so many people that showed up to help — this was a true community event! I would love to name individuals, but there was so much input throughout the event that I don’t want to leave anyone out. It warmed my heart to see such a high level of support that I *almost* wanted to chair this event again. However, with the talent shown, I have a new list of mitzvah-worthy names to give the CBI board. You *know* who you are! Wait for the call. Once again, thank you for all your hard work. This success could not be achieved without each of us in our great community.

The following is a listing of the many members and friends who deserve our thanks for the goods or services they donated:

Sheri & Larry Trimboli	Holbrook’s
Andrea Lerner & Marshall Thompson	Hotel Diamond
Peter Wolk	In-Motion Fitness
<b>Please patronize the following retailers that donated goods or services for our successful Auction:</b>	Little Red Hen Gift Shop
Dan Alexander, Esq.	M Creations
Beatniks	Magnolia Gift & Garden
Bidwell Perk	Miller Glass
Bird In Hand	Mission Linens
Brooklyn Bridge Bagels	Mountain Thyme Photography
Cali Phone Gear-Chico Mall	Northern Star Mills
Chico’s Auto Master	Peet’s Coffee & Tea
Chico Beauty College	Phoenix Gift Shop
Chico Express Cleaners	The Pita Pit
Chico Florist	The Plant Barn
Cotton Party	The Poison Apple Salon
Crush	Powell’s Sweet Shoppe
Derm Bar	Pullins’ Cyclery
Diamond W	Raley’s
Envee Hair Studio	Ricardo’s Restaurant
5th Street Clothing	River Partners
Face	Selpada Jewelry
The Flower Market	Sierra Log Homes
	Sierra Nevada Brewery
	S & S Produce
	Trader Joe’s
	Zucchini & Vine



If anyone was left out, please e-mail me. I will ensure that recognition will be received in a future newsletter.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	30	31	1 7:30 p.m. NO Service	2 NO Adult Study  10 a.m. Torah Service
3	4 5:30 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Class	5 3:30 p.m. Religious School  6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	6 7 p.m. Sisterhood Meeting	7 3:30 p.m. Religious School Enrichment  4 p.m. Tefillin Service  5:15 p.m. Exploring Judaism	8 5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat  6 p.m. Mishpachah Dinner & Service	9 NO Adult Study  10 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Kaitlyn Zeichick
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17	18 5:30 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Class	19 3:30 p.m. Religious School  6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	20 11 a.m. Sages' Brunch	21 3:30 p.m. Religious School Enrichment  5:15 p.m. Exploring Judaism	22 7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Shabbat	23 9 a.m. Adult Study Resumes  10 a.m. Torah Service
24	25 5:30 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Class	26 3:30 p.m. Religious School  6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	27 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class	28 3:30 p.m. Religious School Enrichment	29 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Shirah/Musical Shabbat & Tu Bishvat Oneg	30 9 a.m. Adult Study  10 a.m. Torah Service
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## Shabbat Services for January

CBI celebrates Kabbalat Shabbat on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. (Usually first Friday is an early Mishpachah Service, **this month it is on the second Friday of the month**) 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, January 1</b> <b>Light Candles at 4:35 p.m.</b>	<b>NO Service</b>	<b>NO Service</b>
<b>Saturday, January 2</b>	10 a.m.	Torah Service led by Keren Carter and Kaitlyn Zeichick Parashat: Veyechi <b>Torah Reading by Steve Margolin</b> Kiddush is sponsored by Ingeborg Johannsen
<b>Friday, January 8</b> <b>Light Candles at 4:42 p.m.</b>	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.  6:45 p.m. (approx.)	Tot Shabbat Kiddush and Shabbat Dinner from La Comida, sponsored by the Zeichick family (RSVP to them) <b>Mishpachah Service</b> led by Kaitlyn Zeichick including a skit by the B'nai Mitzvah Class and Dessert
<b>Saturday, January 9</b>	10 a.m.	<b>Bat Mitzvah of Kaitlyn Zeichick</b> Parashat Shemot Kiddush luncheon sponsored by the Zeichicks at the Chico Women's Club (RSVP to the Zeichicks)
<b>Friday, January 15</b> <b>Light Candles at 4:49 p.m.</b>	7:30 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat led by Keren Carter Oneg sponsored by the Sisterhood
<b>Saturday, January 16</b>	<b>NO Service</b>	<b>NO Service</b>
<b>Friday, January 22</b> <b>Light Candles at 4:57 p.m.</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>Sisterhood Shabbat</b> Haverot Sisterhood will lead service and sponsor the Oneg Shabbat.
<b>Saturday, January 23</b>	9 a.m. 10 a.m.	<b>Adult Study on the "Prophets" resumes</b> <b>Family Torah Service</b> with participation by the Religious School Kiddush sponsored by the Carters in honor of Keren's birthday
<b>Friday, January 29</b> <b>Light Candles at 5:05 p.m.</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>Shabbat Shirah, "Sabbath of Song" featuring the CBI Band.</b> <b>POTLUCK Tu Bishvat Oneg:</b> Bring a plate of fruit or tree nuts to share for a Tu Bishvat "Mini-Seder."
<b>Saturday, January 30</b>	9 a.m. 10 a.m.	Adult Class Torah Service Parashat Beshallah <b>Torah Reading by Emily Levine</b> Shabbat Shirah Kiddush sponsored by the Millers in honor of Amy's birthday.

Thanks to everybody who sponsored an Oneg or Kiddush in December: the Mitchells, the Sisterhood, Victor Mlotok, Loretta Steinke, and the Danans for sponsoring an Oneg and hosting a Shabbat potluck at their home.

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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*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.*

### Refuah Shelemah

We wish a complete and speedy recovery to Helen  
Edelman, Betty Jo Senseman, and Marilynn Belmonte.

### Condolences

We extend our condolences to our members who  
have recently lost loved ones.

To Bunny Ketterman on the passing of her cousin,  
Brandi Guerra.

To Renee Everett on the passing of her brother-in-  
law, Steven Sirmer.

*May their memories be a blessing.*

### Yahrzeits

**Lynne Dafner** ..... **January 1**  
Remembered by Karen & Richard Rogers

**Herbert Mintzes** ..... **January 7**  
Remembered by Joel & Susan Mintzes

**Eve Millar** ..... **January 8**  
Remembered by Michael & Wendy Diamond Mulcahy

**Sydney Goringer-Lemmon** ..... **January 9**  
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Remembered by Jeremy & Amy Miller

**Lillian Leitner** ..... **January 31**  
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## Mazal Tov

Congratulations to Liora Danan, daughter of Rabbi  
Julie and Avraham Danan, for being named a Truman  
Fellow. The one-year Truman Security Fellowship  
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early promise to become our country's future progressive  
leadership.

Further congratulations to Hillel Intern Annalisa  
Corioso on her graduation from Chico State. We will  
miss you here at CBI!

### Birthdays in January

Julian Schwartz ..... January 4  
David Frankel ..... January 7  
Mark Levine ..... January 9  
Kaitlyn Zeichick ..... January 9  
Lilia Diaz ..... January 11  
Mirra Stillman ..... January 11  
Leah Lewkowicz ..... January 17  
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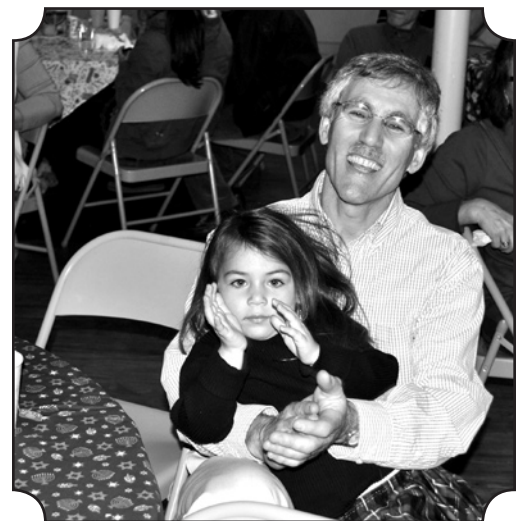
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January 8	Mishpachah Shabbat
January 9	Kaitlyn Zeichick's Bat Mitzvah
January 22	Sisterhood Shabbat
January 29-30	Musical Service and Tu Bishvat Oneg
February 4	Beginner Hebrew Class Starts

**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*.



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