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Sitting Down With the Zeichick Family

By Jim Jessee

What a simply delightful, fun, and highly conversational afternoon we had with the entire Zeichick family: David Ray, Kelly Quiggle, Kaitlyn Kelly, Joy Karissa, and Audrey Anna Zeichick. This was a lively group interview, and all five members of the family participated and well held their own. This is a family rich with traditions and heritage that they openly celebrate and share with their friends and neighbors. You immediately feel comfortable and at home in their nest of couches in which we gathered, surrounded by family heirlooms amid walls adorned beautifully with family photos and mementos. I found it exciting that all three daughters could comment at length on family traditions, and even the individual origins of their names, each with special meaning or allusion. Ask them sometime. They even know their “ex-stepcousins,” and are fortunate to know well very many of their “diverse” relatives.

David grew up in San Diego and had a non-traditional Jewish upbringing in Temple Emanuel that grew from a very small community synagogue with a few founding families to a very large one of several thousand during David’s years growing up there. Songwriter Debbie Freedman is a well regarded member of this congregation as well. David had to formally convert to Judaism before his *bar mitzvah*, because his mother (who was born Catholic and had raised them in a Jewish tradition) had not formally converted until shortly before his *bar mitzvah*.

Kelly grew up in Redding, although she had deep roots in Chico through her Ringel family relatives. Dave and Kelly met at UC Irvine in a computer science class, he a junior and she a freshman, and a romance blossomed. David went to Israel in his senior year, on the UC/CSU Program, whose director that year was Irv Schiffman. To say the least, it was a very memorable and meaningful year in David’s religious education and feelings. When the Zeichick family moved to



Chico in 2002, David reunited, unexpectedly, with Irv and Nitsa again at CBI.

Kelly understood how much Judaism meant to David: “So much that he was willing to go to Israel and leave me for a year.” While he was away in Israel for his senior year, she began her own study of Judaism with a rabbi. She said that it all just fit and was congruent with what she believed and felt. She chose

to convert and they married in a Jewish wedding in San Francisco. Kelly graduated from UC Irvine in Computer Science, but she had been involved in her mother’s computer consulting business since she was 12 years old, with her own clients and lots of experience. She has a very successful career at Wells Fargo, doing all manner of computer project management and consulting, and is now managing the fraud department of their home equity division. She is able to mostly work from home, although she must sequester herself most of the day to work away from the family, and does travel from time to time.

For that reason, David was a house husband during the early years of their family, and very much raised the three girls as they moved from place to place following Kelly’s career. That David and Kelly had each child in a different city and very different locales of California is testimony to their flexibility and fortitude. Part of their motivation for moving to Chico was to be nearer Kelly’s mother in Redding, so she could provide child care while David returned to school, getting his master’s degree in Computer Science at Chico State. David has been developing his own career at Chico State as both a teacher and

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staff member, and is now in computer security for the university.

David and Kelly are very much immersed in their daughters' lives, their schools, their sports, their music and dance lessons, their local theater activities (which are very extensive), and most importantly, their religious education. David has been involved as a teacher and, at times, director of CBI religious school for the last three years. They give their all to supporting each and every one of their children's activities. Nelda and I were exhausted to think about the pace of their lives. Each of the daughters spoke about their education, music, sports, and theater activities with wonderful enthusiasm. The children have been mostly involved in the Spanish Immersion Program and have chased it from Chapman, to Parkview, to Rosedale Schools. Kaitlyn, who is in the 7th grade, is now at a new Montessori K-8 School in Chico, along with a number of other CBI families.

We found many common experiences and connections between our lives that deepened our understanding of each other. David and I were both raised by our fathers, and well understand the role of a house-husband. I very much enjoyed their appreciation of history, even the history of their beautiful home, built in 1920. They described each family that had lived there, and we were surprised to learn that a colleague of mine, Jim Williams, lived there with his family from the 1950s to about 2000. The builder of the home, who lived there until the 1950, was George Peterson, known both for his Peterson Rose Garden in the middle of Chico State and for being one of the founders of Christian and Johnson in Chico. He is also one of Nelda's cousins.

The warmth and welcoming atmosphere of the Zeichick home was evident in the stories the girls told about the friends and family who are very much in and out of their lives on a daily basis. Their home is a bit of a revolving door for their children's friends and neighbors. For example, one boy dropped in to borrow some Wii gaming equipment—just coming through, announcing his intent. During our visit, the girls served us all ice cream, and were the perfect hostesses. We know their beautiful pool and spa is a neighborhood attraction, too. And, as if sharing their home so generously is not enough, our congregation greatly benefits from the Zeichicks sharing their cabin at Mineral, California, for what may be becoming an annual tradition of the *Shabbaton*. Thank you David and Kelly, and please pace yourselves. Those beautiful daughters of yours are stellar, so you will have many star trails to follow and happy events yet to come.



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Adult Study Class on Jewish Symbols and Sources

The *Shabbat* morning adult study group led by Rabbi Danan begins on Saturday, October 2, just as we scroll the *Torah* to Genesis and begin a new year. It will be held most *Shabbat* mornings at 9 a.m. This year's topic is, "An Aleph-Bet of Jewish Symbols and Sources." We will read and discuss intriguing sources, *midrashim*, legends, and practices connected to Jewish spiritual concepts and symbols, and we'll discuss how these concepts may relate to our own personal paths. The class is free and open to all interested adults.

From Our Rabbi

by Rabbi Dr. Julie Hilton Danan

Our holidays at CBI were so beautiful this year, thanks to the many people who participated in making them special. Now is the time to actualize our good intentions for the year. As soon as *Yom Kippur* is over and we break the fast, it's traditional to go home and begin building a *sukkah*, so as to start the year off with a *mitzvah*.



Avraham was very grateful that we got to go the day after *Yom Kippur* and help the some CBI members put up their *mezuzot*.

Now the New Year has begun and hopefully we are all on the path to living a more “*lamed-vavnik*” way of life as described in my *Rosh Hashanah* sermon. What did you hear this year in the cry of the *shofar*? What are you called to do? If you took an envelope for *Mazon* or American Jewish World Service on *Yom Kippur*, think about what it was like to be hungry for just one day and then please send them a donation. Closer to home, our *Tikkun Olam*/ Social Action committee chaired by Phyllis Cullen is planning a “*Pikuach Nefesh*” (Save a Life) blood drive, a *mitzvah* day, and other activities. If you would like to join this committee and help them plan, contact Phyllis by phone at 895-0440 or via e-mail at pcul429@gmail.com.

On *Yom Kippur* morning, Keren Carter, Loretta Steinke, and I spoke about “How to be a *Mitzvah Mensch*.” See this newsletter for articles on upcoming *Hevra Kaddisha* (Jewish funeral society) meetings, or contact Keren Carter to get involved. You can call Keren at 809-0303 or e-mail her at kerenchaya@comcast.net. To join our Sunshine and *Mitzvoth* Committee, contact chairperson Sue Mintzes at 530-636-4244 or

sue_mintzes@hotmail.com. If you would like more specific ideas about how to be a good visitor, first “visit” this *Bikur Holim* website: <http://bikurcholimcc.org>, or call them at 212-632-4730 and ask them to send you information.

In my *Yom Kippur Kol Nidrei* sermon on “How to Really Support Israel,” I promised to share information about some organizations that do good work in Israel. Here are a few:

- Environment: American Friends of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel is their version of the Sierra Club, and the largest independent membership organization in Israel. The group is online at www.aspni.org, or you can call 800-411-0966 for more information.
- Religious pluralism: To learn more and support the growing Progressive (Reform) and *Masorati* (Conservative) movements in Israel, visit these websites: www.reform.org.il/Eng/Index.asp, or www.masorti.org.
- Dialogue: Israel Interfaith Encounter is one of my favorite groups. Their mission is to promote peace in the Middle East through interfaith dialogue and cross-cultural study. Get on their e-mail list and get ready to be amazed at how Jews, Christians, and Muslims are gathering for dialogue in Israel. Visit online at <http://interfaithencounter.wordpress.com>.
- And much more: To learn more about religious diversity, civil rights, women's rights, the environment, and other worthy causes in Israel (and perhaps to donate to their support), check into the New Israel Fund at www.nif.org, 330 Seventh Avenue, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10001-5010. You can call them at 212-613-4400.

Wishing us all many *mitzvah* opportunities as we embark on a new year!

Interfaith Council Dinner

The Chico Area Interfaith Council holds its annual dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, October 28, at First Christian Church, 295 Washington Avenue. The speaker is Pastor Greg Cootsana of Bidwell Presbyterian Church, author of *Say Yes to No*. A suggested donation of \$10 includes a scrumptious vegetarian dinner. Tickets can be purchased from the CBI office. Call 342-6146 or e-mail admin@cbichico.org for more information.

Travel Tales Featured at October Services

CBI members had some very interesting experiences this summer and we will hear about some of them at

Kabbalat Shabbat services on October 8 and October 15 at 7:30 p.m.

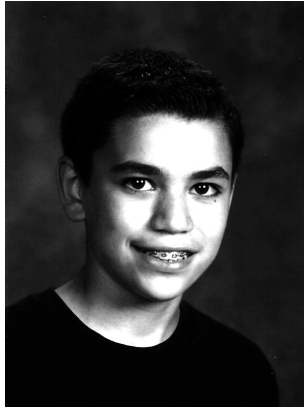
On Friday, October 8, we will have an Israel Trip Sharing *Shabbat* from members of the congregation who journeyed to Israel this summer. We'll hear from Wendy Diamond, who participated in a Faculty Fellowship Summer Institute in Israel, as well as from newlyweds Mike and Terri Richman, who went to Israel on their honeymoon. *Oneg Shabbat* is sponsored by Sisterhood/*Haverot*.

On Friday, October 15, members of JTC (Jewish Teens of Chico) who participated in the summer service-learning trip to Belize will do a presentation about their trip during and after services (when they will show photos). *Oneg* will be sponsored by the JTC and their families.

My Bar Mitzvah

By Ari Naiman

My name is Ari Naiman. I'm 12 years old and a seventh grader at Chico Junior High School. I will be having my *bar mitzvah* on Saturday October 23, 2010, and I've been training for it for quite some time. When I'm not reviewing the *Shabbat* prayer songs for Friday and Saturday services and my *Torah* portion, I'm usually kicking around a soccer ball. I love playing soccer and have been doing it since I was four. I played on the Chico Youth Soccer League (CYSL) for nine seasons and on two Chico traveling teams for two straight years before this past year. I also enjoy camping and attended Camp Tawonga for the past two years except for this past summer because I dedicated my time to studying for my *bar mitzvah*.



I have two sisters: Charlette is my older sister and Isabella is my younger sister. I also have a wild two-year-old dog named Zack. Coincidentally, my *mitzvah* project was volunteering at the Butte Humane Society taking care of dogs. There were more things that I could not do due to my Bar Mitzvah training this summer, such as playing soccer on the traveling league. However, I think it is important to dedicate time to my *bar mitzvah* training because it brings me closer to the religion. Having a *bar mitzvah* is hard, but after you finish something like your *Torah* portion, *Haftorah*, or your speech, it feels really good.

Carol Edelman, my exceptional *bar mitzvah* tutor, told our family about *Yad Vashem's* Twinning Program, where you choose a young Holocaust victim who was unable to have a *bar* or *bat mitzvah* to remember and honor when you have your *bar* or *bat mitzvah*. My grandparents, Mollie and Charles Naiman, survived the Holocaust so this has a special meaning for my family and especially for me. There are so many children in their files to choose from, but I am proud to share my big day with David Zelcer, who was a victim of the Nazis. I am memorializing a young boy that didn't have the opportunity that I have so we will celebrate our *bar mitzvahs* together. I've learned a great deal about the Holocaust through researching the Twinning Program and I am honored to be taking part in this important project.

Please join me and my family on Saturday October 23, 2010, at 10 a.m., when I am called to the *Torah* in celebration of my *bar mitzvah*. You can let my family know if you are planning to attend by e-mailing us at marianaiman@sbcglobal.net or calling (530) 899-9225.

Tefillin Service October 19

In keeping with Jewish tradition, Ari Naiman will be putting on Tefillin for the first time in preparation of his Bar Mitzvah. There will be a short afternoon service and Ari will read from the Torah.

RSVP to Rabbi Danan rabi@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 on putting on tefillin). The Tefillin Service will take place at CBI during Religious School at 4:45PM on Tuesday, October 19 so that students and parents can easily attend. Please accompany Ari and his family in celebrating this ancient and important tradition.

Religious School News

By Carol Edelman

The weeks are passing by so quickly at religious school, and we are busy in all of our classes. We continue to study Hebrew, ethics, holidays, and history in our weekly sessions. In addition, there are several special activities planned for October. On Friday, October 1, during the *Simchat Torah* service, Rabbi Julie welcomed and inducted our newest and youngest students, Max Carden, Isabella Naiman, and Lucas Zukrow, into the religious school. That same night, we not only unrolled the big *Torah*, but the *bet* class's completed *Torah* was also unveiled. The students in Lisa's class are excited about what they've accomplished and happy to share their *Torah* with us. The scroll that they've completed represents a year of intensive *Torah* study, not just hearing the stories but talking about the portions, studying the lessons embedded in these stories, and discovering why they are important today. On Tuesday, October 19, many of the classes at the school will participate with Ari Naiman as he puts on *tefillin* and reads his *Torah* portion, all in preparation for his *bar mitzvah* on the following weekend. On Sunday, October 24, from 8 a.m. until noon, we will have a religious school fundraising yard sale. The Shapiro/Fisher family has volunteered their front yard for this big bucks moneymaker for the school. We'll be contacting parents soon about donating items for sale and working at the yard sale that morning. One last event in the works for the beginning of December is something that hopefully can become an annual tradition: the *mishpachah* service that month will be led completely by the students in the *B'nai Mitzvah* class. Adam Tabrizi, their teacher, will be contacting parents about being part of the service, too. This joint student/parent service will include some *Hanukkah* flair (because *Hanukkah* is early this year). Audience involvement is something we are looking forward to and we want you to be there to join in. Plan to join the celebration on December 3 for a delicious dinner and a delightful service.

From the President

By Irv Schiffman

I think that we are all pleased with the way our High Holy Days services were organized and carried out. Once again Rabbi Julie and Avraham provided excellent spiritual and cantorial leadership, and our Ritual Committee chair, Keren Carter, made sure that many of our members had the opportunity to participate in the services. The three *shofar* blowers were in excellent breath and ended *Yom Kippur* with a long and loud *T'key'ah Gdolah*. Our *Erev Rosh Hashanah oneg*, catered by the CBI Board, was celebrated as we huddled together near the classrooms under dripping rainclouds, but our *Yom Kippur* break-fast meal took place on our spacious temple patio while enjoying a perfect fall-like evening. Thanks go to Carol Edelman for organizing that delicious event and to the many congregants who provided the food and helped with the setup and the cleanup. And thanks to David Zeichick, our High Holy Days *macher* who oversaw the various material and technical elements of the observances.

In the *shabbat* between *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*, I gave a talk on a subject that is of increased interest in both Israel and the world: Is a two-state solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict no longer feasible and, if so, should Israel become a bi-national state? Most Palestinians and many on the Israeli left argue that there are now too many Israeli settlements in the West Bank for a viable, contiguous Palestinian state to arise there. Surprisingly, some Israelis on the

right, such as former defense minister Moshe Arens and *Knesset* speaker Reuven Rivlin, also call for a single state west of the Jordan River. Arens and Rivlin seem to believe that, without Gaza, and not counting those Palestinians who might choose to return to the single state, the Jews of Israel would still be able to maintain a majority of the vote and thus remain the dominant force.

There are, of course, many questions to be answered regarding both a single-state and a two-state solution to the Middle East conflict, and you can read my full take on the subject which our webmaster Justin is posting on the CBI website along with the Rabbi's sermons (www.cbichico.org/links).

Nitsa and I are off to Washington D.C. this month to attend the wedding of our daughter Tamar. She will be married under a *huppah* made by Nitsa, the same one that our son was married under in Israel. Tamar and her fiancé Jonathan are members of Adas Israel, the largest Conservative synagogue in Washington, where they attended High Holy Day services. During her high school years in Chico, Tamar was one of our religious school teachers and prepared several of her students for their *bat mitvahs*. In Washington Tamar works for a non-profit called Pact that carries out institution building programs in developing countries. She is also president of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Washington D.C.

Yom Kippur Break-Fast

By Carol Edelman

Wonderful services, a beautiful evening (no rain as originally forecast, thank goodness), a welcoming patio with beautiful lights and candles, and delicious food—all of this got our New Year off to a rousing start. This happened because of the efforts of so many people. Thanks to Laurie Howard, Loretta Steinke, Renee Everett, Maria Naiman, Tim Carter, Robin Black, and Fran Halimi for generously giving their time in the hot kitchen to plate and set out the many dishes. Thanks also to those who brought an abundance of food for our delicious first meal after the *Yom Kippur* fast. Main course items were furnished by the Jessees, Renee Everett, the Naimans, the Edelmanns, the Pressmans, the Greenbergs, the Greens, the Carters, David Bermann, the Schiffmans, the Diamond/Mulcahys, Laurie Howard, the Cullens, the Gottliebs, and Steve Schuman. Our dessert table was overflowing with delicious sweets and fruit furnished by the Levines, the Zukrows, Linda Clark-Borre, the Lewkowiczs, Dan Franden, Madelyn Holzman, the Rogers, Loretta Steinke, the Megibows,

the Trimbolis, the Clarks, the Zeichicks, the Ginsberg/Saberskys, Robin Black, the Rappaports, and the Rubinoffs. Many, many people stayed to clean up; all of you earned significant "*mitzvah mensch*" points for pitching in at the late hour after such a long day. *Todah rabah* to everyone for your part in the break-fast kitchen and contributing so much to our community.

Editor's note: We couldn't let this article go to press without expressing a big, special thank you to Carol Edelman herself for her work as chairperson and coordinator of CBI's break-fast kitchen on Yom Kippur. Toda rabah, Carol!

CBI Silent Auction Date Moved

Due to scheduling issues, the CBI Silent Auction has been moved to February 5, 2011. For details, contact Fundraising Chair Karen Rogers at 343-7570, or via e-mail: kipppharma@yahoo.com.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 Sukkah Tour	27	28 3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	29 Eve of Shemini Atzeret Light Holiday Candles	30 4:30 p.m. Exploring Judaism Class	1 6:30 p.m. Religious School's Bet Class will unroll their completed Model Torah 7 p.m. Simchat Torah	2 9 a.m. Adult Study begins 10 a.m. Torah Service
3 1 – 4 p.m. Interfaith Picnic, 5 Mile	4 7 p.m. Ishmael Khaldi speaks at Chico State	5 3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	6	7 4:30 p.m. Exploring Judaism Class 6:30 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew	8 7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat	9 9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service
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17	18	19 3:30 p.m. Religious School 4:45 p.m. Tefillin Service for Ari Naiman 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	20 11 a.m. Sages' Brunch at Country Waffle on Cohasset 7 p.m. Full Board Meeting	21 4:30 p.m. Exploring Judaism Class 6:30 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew	22 7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat	23 10 a.m. Ari Naiman's Bar Mitzvah NO Adult Study
24 11:30 a.m. Hevra Kaddisha meeting	25	26 3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	27 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class	28 6:30 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew 6:30 p.m. Interfaith Council Dinner, First Christian Church	29 NO Service	30 NO Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service
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Shabbat Services for October

CBI celebrates *Kabbalat Shabbat* on Fridays at 7:30 p.m., often accompanied by instrumental music. (Beginning November 5, the first Friday will be a *Mishpachah Shabbat* at 6 p.m.) An *Oneg Shabbat* follows. *Shabbat* Saturday morning services generally begin with a brief guided meditation. The first hour of the service consists of prayer; the second hour is a *Torah* reading and a *Torah* study. About noon we have a *kiddush* and socialize over a light lunch.

Friday, October 1 Light Candles at 6:33p.m..	7 p.m. (note time change) (Come at 6:30p.m. to see Bet Class unroll their entire Model Torah.)	Simchat Torah Super Celebration! Parade with the Torahs, wave flags, celebrate Consecration for our youngest students. We will also unroll the entire torah scroll! Live music by the CBI band. Refreshments provided by the Consecration Families and the Social/Cultural Committee.
Saturday, October 2	9a.m. 10a.m.	Adult Study Class resumes. Topic: "An Aleph-Bet of Jewish Symbols and Sources." Torah Service led by Rabbi Danan <i>Parashat: Beresheet</i> <i>Kiddush</i> sponsored by the Mitchells
Friday, October 8 Light Candles at 6:22p.m.	7:30 p.m.	<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Israel Focus: Sharing about recent trips to Israel. Oneg provided by the Sisterhood/Haverot
Saturday, October 9	9a.m. 10a.m.	Adult Study Torah Service led by Rabbi Danan <i>Parashat: Noach (Shabbat Rosh Hodesh).</i> Story Time for PJ Library/Menchkin families! Bring a favorite pair of stuffed animals. Keren Carter reads Torah <i>Kiddush</i> sponsored by the Mintzes
Friday, October 15 Light Candles at 6:11p.m.	7:30p.m.	<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> JTC will give a presentation during and after service on their trip to Belize. <i>Oneg</i> sponsored by JTC
Saturday, October 16	9a.m. 10a.m.	Adult Study Class Torah Service led by Rabbi Danan <i>Parashat: Lech Lecha</i> <i>Kiddush</i> sponsored by the Jessees
Friday, October 22 Light Candles at 6:01p.m.	7:30p.m.	<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service led by Ari Naiman. <i>Oneg</i> sponsored by the Naiman family
Saturday, October 23	10a.m.	Ari Naiman's Bar <i>Mitzvah</i> <i>Parashat: Vayera</i> <i>Kiddush</i> luncheon at Canyon Oaks Country Club. RSVP to the Naimans.
Friday, October 29 Light Candles at 5:52p.m.	NO Service	NO Service. Enjoy <i>Shabbat</i> at home.
Saturday, October 30	10a.m.	No Adult Study Class Torah Service led by Keren Carter <i>Parashat: Chaye Sarah</i> Steve Margolin chants Torah and Keren Carter will chant <i>Haftarah</i> <i>Kiddush</i> sponsored by Robin Black in memory of her mother Anna Kahn

Thanks to the Corwins, the Mitchells, Sharon Kaplan, Rabbi Danan, the Carters, everyone who contributed to break-fast on *Yom Kippur*, and the *Kiddush* Committee for sponsoring onegs and *Kiddush* in September.

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**. You can either bring your own treats (most helpful), or make a donation of \$25 (Saturday kiddush, \$50). Call the CBI office for more information. 342-6146. **We hope that each CBI household will contribute at least one kiddush or oneg in the course of this year!**

Toda Rabah—Thank You

It takes a village to run our Days of Awe services and programs! *Todah rabah* to our overall holiday coordinators: Ritual Chair Keren Carter for coordinating the ritual aspects of the holidays, including the *aliyot*, honors, and ritual objects; and to our first High Holy Day *Macher*, David Zeichick, for overseeing the many non-ritual aspects of the holidays.

To Keren Carter and Avraham Danan, who prepared a new High Holy Day supplement, which was donated by the Danan family in honor of all our wonderful volunteers at CBI.

To the Building and Grounds Committee, and especially to Michael Mulcahy, the Halimis, the Carters, and Rhonda Zisle for preparation and set up of the room for the High Holy Days.

To Nitsa Schiffman for the beautiful flowers.

To Michael Mulcahy, Avraham Danan, Tim Carter, and Jess Price for their hard work in setting up our *sukkah* and *schach* (leaves), and to the Religious School for the decorations.

To the CBI Board for sponsoring the *Erev Rosh Hashanah kiddush*, coordinated by Donna Greenberg.

To Sisterhood/*Haverot* for the apples and honey.

To Kristy Bergson and all our bakers for the round *challahs*, and a special thanks to Kristy, our Social/Cultural Chair, for all her hard work on *Erev Rosh Hashanah* and *Simchat Torah*.

To John and Bonnie Mitchell for donating the wine for the holidays, and for coordinating the *Rosh Hashanah kiddushes* with the entire *Kiddush* Committee.

To Loretta Steinke and Helene Ginsberg for organizing the *Tashlich* picnic.

To Carol Edelman, again, for chairing and organizing the delicious *Yom Kippur* break-fast.

To everyone who participated in leading services, including Rabbi Danan, Avraham Danan, Steve Schwartz, Keren Carter, David Frankel, Steve Margolin, and all our many readers and song leaders.

To our children's service leaders, Ruth Gordon and Adam Tabrizi.

To our speakers at services in addition to the Rabbi: Irv Schiffman, Liora Danan, Keren Carter, Loretta Steinke, and *Yom Kippur* Forum leaders Marv and Bonnie Megibow, and Bob Trausch.

To our wonderful band, including David Frankel, Michael Leitner, Harriet Spiegel, Scott Pressman, Victor Mlotok, Justin Bergson, and Gabe Feldman-Franden, and to Scott Dakof and Kevin Jevin for playing Bruch's *Kol Nidrei* so beautifully.

To "Team *Tekiah*," our outstanding *shofar* blowers: Steve Margolin, David Halimi, and Sam Edelman.

To JTC for providing childcare, coordinated by Carol Edelman and set up by Steve Naiman and the Religious School committee. Another big thanks to both of them for

leading songs, too!

To Dave Bermann, Vice-President and membership chair, who coordinated our ushers and welcome materials, and to all our board members who served as ushers.

To Fran Halimi for making name tags and the *Yizkor* booklets.

To our many devoted members who pitched in after each service or meal to help with clean up.

To Kim Felix and our friends at the LDS Church for their kind contribution of a basket of fruit and other goodies for our break-fast meal.

Remember, even Moses wasn't perfect, and neither are we. If we left someone off this list, please inform us so that we can thank them in the next newsletter!

Exploring Judaism Updates

The Exploring Judaism class on Thursdays has been moved to 4:30–5:30 p.m. This course is free and taught by Rabbi Danan for anyone who is interest in learning more about Judaism and Jewish practice, or considering becoming Jewish. Class continues through January. For a full schedule, see Rabbi Danan.

Interfaith Council Resolution

Rabbi Danan participated actively in the promotion of this resolution by the Chico Area Interfaith Council on *Erev Rosh Hashanah*. She addressed this topic during Rosh Hashanah services. The Interfaith Picnic will be held on Oct. 3.

The resolution reads:

"Representatives of CAIC member congregations gathered on September 8, 2010, call on all CAIC congregations and other faith communities to find ways of addressing the rising language of religious intolerance in our nation and our communities. We note with regret that the controversy surrounding the mosque in New York City, and media coverage of a small church's plans for "Koran burning," have led to anti-Muslim sentiments in some communities. We call upon our own community members to respond differently, to use this time as an opportunity to learn more about our Muslim neighbors and to build stronger relations of respect and cooperation. We believe that an attack against one faith is an attack against all faiths.

"We propose that the final week of September—from September 24 through October 3—be taken as a special time of education and reflection in our faith communities. Sermons, religious education sessions, and gatherings for discussion and fellowship might address our need for mutual understanding and respect among religions, and the importance of affirming all faiths in our town and nation. Specifically, we encourage education around the Muslim tradition and the undertaking of actions to increase understanding and build mutual regard among us. We encourage all community members to join in the interfaith picnic October 3, from 1–4 p.m. at Five Mile Recreation Area, in celebration of the pluralism that enriches our town and region."

Sisterhood/Haverot News

By Donna Greenberg

What a wonderful and elegant evening we had at our annual Sisterhood/Haverot membership kickoff dinner in the *sukkah* on September 23! The food was fabulous as always and the Rabbi provided a meaningful activity for all of us. Thanks for all who helped with the set up and clean up, and to Pam Dakof for ordering and picking up the coffee. Also, thank you all for providing items to be used by the Torres Shelter and the homeless community that they help—what a wonderful *mitzvah*!

I want to also offer a big thank you to the many Sisterhood/Haverot members who helped with the High Holy Day services, and especially to Nitsa Schiffman who provided and arranged elegant flowers arrangements for all of the services—*todah rabah*.

All of the women of CBI should have received 2010–2011 membership packets in the mail last month. Thank you to those who have returned them in a timely manner either by mail or at the *Sukkot* kickoff. If you are still thinking about becoming a member, it is not too late. Please renew or become a first-time member so you can begin to enjoy and partake in all of our wonderful programs. And if you think that Sisterhood/Haverot is just for “older” women, you could not be more wrong. Whether you’re a Mom, single, married, widowed, divorced, young, middle-aged, or a senior, Sisterhood/Haverot always has something for everyone. Not only do we help with our CBI family, but we also help out in the community. Just recently, Sisterhood/Haverot presented a \$3,000 check to CBI to help with the new building campaign. Remember, our goal is to meet the needs of our women where one can discuss issues and find moral support, friendship, laughter, food, and drink throughout the year. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 891-6439, or e-mail me at drg@mv.mv.com.

Soon you will be receiving an announcement of our first (and hopefully first of many) “Women’s issues” afternoon. Mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon, November 14 at the home of Sue Mintzes. Here we will discuss what is important to you in an open, informal, and non-threatening environment. Topics of discussion can include work and family balance, everyday stress, childcare issues, teenagers, health and diet, menopause, etc.

Sisterhood/Haverot will continue our tradition of sponsoring the Friday night *onegs* on the second Friday of the month. All I ask is for members to help each month with set up, food preparation, and clean up. We are in need of *oneg* helpers on October 8. You will be reimbursed up to \$30, so please let me know by phone or e-mail if you help out (especially if October is your birthday month).

I’m looking forward to another great year!

Sisterhood 2010-2011 Calendar

Women’s Issues.....	November 14
Sisterhood <i>Shabbat</i>	January 21, 2011
21 st Anniversary Party.....	February 2011
Meditation.....	April 2011
Bagel Brunch.....	May 2011
End of the year brunch	June 2011

Sisterhood Board

President:.....	Donna Greenberg
Treasurer	Kristy Bergson
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Members at Large:	Loretta Steinke and Terri Richman

Ishmael Khaldi: A Bedouin Muslim-Israeli’s Message of Peace

Ishamel Khaldi, author of *A Shepherd’s Journey*, will be giving a talk on Israel’s current state of affairs and Middle East peace negotiations at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 4 in Ayres 120 on the Chico State campus. Khaldi is an Israeli Bedouin who holds a master’s degree in Political Science from Tel Aviv University. He has served in Israel’s Defense Ministry, in the Israeli Police Force, and as a political analyst for the Israeli Defense Forces. Khaldi has also worked for the American Embassy. He is the former deputy Israeli consul in San Francisco and is now an advisor in the Israeli foreign ministry. This event is sponsored by Chico State Hillel with support from CAMERA (the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America). CAMERA is a media-monitoring, research and membership organization dedicated to promoting accurate and balanced coverage of Israel and the Middle East.

Tehillim Teaching and Training for Shomrim

Hevra Kaddisha Policy Meeting

If you’re interested in being a watcher (*shomer/shomeret*) and reciting psalms (*tehillim*) for the deceased before a funeral, then you are invited to attend a *tehillim* workshop on Wednesday, October 13, at 5:30 p.m. at CBI.

We will also have the first policy meeting our new *Hevra Kaddisha* group on Sunday, October 24 at 11:30 a.m. at CBI. We will be formulating policies and procedures for our new group of holy friends that care for the dead while giving comfort to the living.

If you have any questions, please contact Keren Carter, Ritual Chair, by calling 809-0303 or via e-mail at KerenChaya@comcast.net. Be sure to contact Keren if you’re planning to attend the *Hevra Kaddisha* group in particular so that we know how much coffee to make. A light lunch will be provided.

Mazal Tov

To Jean and Norman Corwin on the birth of Jean's great-grandson Erez Gordon Tubman on September 7 in Ashkelon, Israel, to Annie Gordon Tubman and Shimron Tubman.

Anniversaries

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

Birthdays

Everett Straus Oct 1
Naomi Straus Oct 1
Eitan Schiffman..... Oct 3
Harvey Rappaport..... Oct 5

Selda Arnoff Oct 7
Noah Stone..... Oct 8
Mendel Tochterman Oct 9
Justin Bergson Oct 12
Kara Jolie Senseman Oct 14
Josie Sabersky Oct 21
Terri Richman Oct 22
Kelly Zeichick Oct 22
Ari G. Naiman Oct 25
Arron Rambach Oct 25
Justin Halimi Oct 28
Pamela Dakof..... Oct 29
Earl W. Jessee..... Oct 31

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We would like to thank the following members and friends for their generosity:

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Condolences

The congregation extends sincere condolences to Robin Black on the passing of her mother, Anna Kahn. May her memory be a blessing.

The congregation also offers its sincere condolences to Donna Greenberg on the passing of her brother-in-law, Baruch Vaismarder.

Get-Well Wishes

Due to privacy and timing issues, we are no longer regularly printing get-well messages in the newsletter. Please notify the rabbi if someone is ill, so that we can visit them, send a card, or include them in the *Mi Sheberach* prayer as appropriate.

Yahrzeits

Jack PriceOctober 7
Remembered by the Price Family

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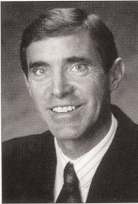
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October 1	Simchat Torah Extravaganza
Oct. 2	Adult Study Resumes
Oct. 3	Interfaith Picnic
Oct. 4	Ishmael Khaldi speaks at Chico State
Oct. 28	Interfaith Council Dinner

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. 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*.



Sukkah Tour at the Miller home